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## FROM WASHINGTON.

### The First Session of the Fifty-Fourth Congress.

Summary of Daily Proceedings in the Senate and House—Important Measures Under Consideration by Our Lawmakers.

Washington, Dec. 12.—In the senate yesterday Senator Cockrell presented the memorial of the Kansas City board of trade asking congress to grant belligerent rights to Cuba. Senator Hill offered his resolution of last session for the amendment of the rules, by providing for cloture and the counting of quorums.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Bills were introduced in the senate yesterday to increase all pensions 25 per cent, and to establish a school of forestry in connection with the department of agriculture. A resolution was passed calling upon the secretary of agriculture for information as to whether he had expended all or any part of the last appropriation for the purchase and distribution of seeds. Adjourned to the 16th.

Washington, Dec. 17.—In the senate yesterday petitions were presented for a restoration of the wool schedule of the McKinley tariff act, and for one cent letter postage. Bills were introduced to exclude aliens from public employment; to protect public forest reservations; and for a railroad bridge across the Detroit river at Detroit.

## THE HOUSE.

Bills Introduced and Petitions and Resolutions Presented.

Washington, Dec. 13.—In the house yesterday ex-Speaker Grow (rep., Pa.) spoke on the portion of the president's message referring to the tariff and said that the new law up to December 1 had produced a deficiency of \$131,000,000, while, under protective measures, from 1880 to 1893, the revenues had exceeded the expenditures by \$1,310,000,000. Among the bills introduced were the following:

Providing that national banks now organized or hereafter organized shall be entitled to receive, under the law of 1883, from the controller of the currency, circulating notes equal in amount to 100 per cent. of the current market, not exceeding 50 per cent. of the United States bonds they have deposited. The tax to be paid on circulating notes is fixed at one-eighth of one per cent. each half year; authorizing postmasters to redeem unused postage stamps at a reduction of 50 per cent. of their face value; reducing to one cent per pound the rate of postage on second-class mail matter delivered by carriers, newspapers excepted; reducing to one cent per pound the postage on books transmitted by mail; extending the free delivery system to places of 500 inhabitants; making mailable matter of the third class consist of all matter now embraced in the third and fourth classes and fixing the rate at one cent for each two ounces; appropriating \$50,000 for a statue of the late Maj. Gen. George G. Meade, in Washington; restoring the rates of duty imposed by the McKinley law on importations of wool and manufactures thereof; for a popular loan by the issue of three per cent. bonds, redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after ten years from issue; providing that from and after March 1, 1896, all duties on imports shall be paid in gold coin.

Washington, Dec. 17.—In the house yesterday Mr. Flynn (O. T.) severely arraigned Secretary Smith for the delay in the appointment of the allotting agents to allot lands to the Wichita Indians. A bill was introduced to reenact the provisions of the McKinley tariff law that cover agricultural products and provisions, wool and manufactures of wool, and silk and silk goods.

## TO SAVE THEIR LIVES.

Armenians Renounce Christianity in Order to Live.

London, Dec. 16.—Advice from the interior show that forced conversions from Christianity to Mohammedanism are occurring everywhere. Women and children whose husbands and fathers have been killed and whose homes have been destroyed have, rather than lead a life of vagabondage, accepted Islamism, whereupon they were housed and fed by Turks. The sincerity of these conversions may be judged from what has occurred in Kaisarea. In this place many women whose protectors had fallen in the massacres were offered their choice between embracing the tenets of the Koran or being either hanged to pieces or meeting the worse fate of being kidnapped. Ostensibly the women accepted Islamism, and thus rendered their lives, and perhaps their honor, secure.

Another Million.  
Chicago, Dec. 16.—Chicago University is the recipient of another \$1,000,000 gift, the donor being Miss Helen Culver, of this city. The conditions of the gift are that it shall be devoted to the increase and spread of knowledge within the field of the biological science. One-half of the sum donated may be used for the purchase of land and for the erection and equipment of buildings.

Civil-Service Reform League.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The Civil Service Reform League yesterday reflected all its present list of officers, Carl Schurz being president, approved the budget of the finance committee for the expenditure of \$4,500 during the ensuing year and adjourned.

Twenty-One Graves Robbed.  
Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.—Fierce excitement prevails here over the report just received that out of 30 graves examined in the Rochester and Catholic cemeteries 21 were found empty.

A New Counterfeit.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The secret service officials have discovered a new counterfeit \$20 United States note of the series of 1880, with the portrait of Hamilton poorly engraved.

## FOR A BIG BRIDGE.

Bill for a Structure to Span the Detroit River—Will Cost \$4,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Senator McMillan has introduced a bill authorizing the Michigan Central Bridge company to construct a railroad bridge across the Detroit river at Detroit. The bill provides that the bridge shall be made with three unbroken spans between the bulkhead lines on the two sides of the river. The length of the main channel-span is to be not less than 1,100 feet in the clear. Only two piers are allowed inside the bulkheads, and they are placed by the secretary of war. It is specifically provided that the bridge shall not materially obstruct navigation.

President Ledyard, of the Michigan Central admitted his company was back of the movement for a bridge. It had long been desirous of doing away with its slow and expensive car ferries, and now only awaited the consent of congress to go ahead with the work. The cost of the bridge will aggregate \$4,000,000 with approaches, and the building will be engineered by Gen. Field, of east-lever bridge fame. Late marine interests are opposed to the construction of the proposed bridge, but according to plans there will be practically no interference with navigation. The bridge company has also taken steps to secure permission for the construction of the bridge from the dominion parliament.

## ILLITERACY IN MICHIGAN.

Statistics of Persons Who Can Neither Read Nor Write.

Lansing, Dec. 16.—The state census bulletin, covering the subject of illiteracy in the state, has been issued. In view of the opportunities for acquiring an education which the state affords its citizens the showing made by the bulletin is in many respects startling. The total number of illiterate persons 10 years old and over in the state is returned at 95,937, of whom 70,772 can neither read nor write, and 24,265 can read but cannot write. The number of illiterate persons aged ten and over returned at the United States census of 1890 is 95,914, at the state census of 1884, 111,213, and at the United States census of 1880 there were 47,112 persons returned as unable to read, and 63,723 as unable to write.

The number of illiterate persons in the state, as shown by the present census, is 87 less than returned in 1890, and 16,176 less than returned in 1884. The number returned in 1884 was 47,490 more than returned in 1880. Of the total number aged ten and over returned in the present census as unable to read or write 24,660 are native and 46,112 foreign born. Of the native 13,280 had native parents, 6,983 foreign born parents, and 2,508 one parent native and the other foreign born. The parent nativity of 1,889 is not returned.

## PREACHER AS BARBER.

Rev. Mr. Ford, of St. Louis, Appeals to the Tonsorial Craft.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—Rev. M. H. Ford, pastor of the Methodist church, who during the past year has preached to firemen, veterans of the war, and blacksmiths, and had his church decorated with the utensils of their various employments Sunday night varied his novelty by preaching to barbers. The church walls were hung with towels, razors, scissors, brushes, combs, strops, bottles and washes, while a barber's chair and a large mirror adorned the pulpit. The sermon was directed especially to barbers, and lessons on various views of life were illustrated with the tonsorial implements. A crowded audience was present.

## PUT OUT THE FIRE.

Conductor Stops His Train and Saves a Family.

Detroit, Dec. 17.—Conductor Pierce, of train No. 349 on the Chicago & Grand Trunk railway, telegraphed Superintendent Atwater that while his train was running near Marcellus the crew discovered a farmer's house on fire. The train was stopped immediately and several members of the crew ran to the house, kicked in the doors and rescued the suffocating family and helped them to extinguish the fire.

## Holds the Law Constitutional.

Lansing, Dec. 14.—In the case of Eaton vs. German, of Freeport, the supreme court held for the constitutionality of the law which provides that in an action where the county is a party residents are competent jurors. The fact that gasoline was temporarily stored in the building by workmen and used by them for burning off paint was held to be no violation of the provisions of the policy.

## Not Guilty of Wife Murder.

Benton Harbor, Dec. 14.—Charles Olmstead, of Stevensville, who has been confined in jail three weeks for alleged wife murder, has been set at liberty, the doctors of Rush medical college finding no poison in the stomach sent them for examination. Olmstead now threatens to prosecute several people of his neighborhood, including his father-in-law, for alleged spite work.

## Death of Col. Van Young.

Grand Rapids, Dec. 13.—Col. Van E. Young, for 25 years a resident of this city, and once superintendent of the city police, died Thursday, aged 73 years. He commanded the 14th Wisconsin infantry at Shiloh and was an ex-member of the Wisconsin legislature.

## State Poultry Show.

Concord, Dec. 13.—The premium list of the fourth annual meeting of the Michigan State Poultry association at Jackson, January 7 to 11, is being mailed to chicken fanciers.

## THE TREASURY.

Secretary Carlisle Submits His Annual Report.

The President's Financial Plan Is Endorsed—Treasury Notes Should Be Retired—Authority to Issue Bonds Asked For.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The return of the president to Washington has released the report of Secretary Carlisle, which was sent to congress Monday.

It shows that the revenues of the government from all sources during the fiscal year 1894 amounting to \$299,372,202. The expenditures during the same period aggregated \$33,178,425, leaving a deficit for the year of \$42,806,223. As compared with the fiscal year 1893 the receipts for 1894 increased \$17,706,705, although there was a decrease of \$3,526,861 in the ordinary expenditures, which is largely accounted for by a reduction of \$11,134,050 on sugar bounties. The secretary for the current fiscal year are estimated upon the basis of existing laws at \$51,507,497, and the expenditures at \$48,807,497, which will leave a deficit of \$17,600,000.

For the coming fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, the secretary estimates the receipts at \$44,788,120, and the expenditures at \$47,824,132, or an estimated surplus of \$3,036,012. The secretary states briefly the assumptions, which seem to be justified, upon the basis now established, and upon which the progress now being made toward the restoration of our usual state of prosperity will continue without serious interruption. It is estimated that there will be a surplus of nearly \$10,000,000 during the fiscal year 1897.

"During the fiscal years 1894 and '95 the ordinary expenditures of the government have been decreased by four per cent. bonds as fully carried out by the syndicate to whom the contract was given and that the beneficial effects of this transaction were felt immediately not only in this country but in every other having commercial or financial relations with our people." But he says the safety of the existing situation is constantly menaced and further progress toward a complete restoration of confidence and prosperity is seriously impeded by the defects in our currency laws and the doubt and uncertainty still prevailing in the public mind, especially abroad, concerning the future monetary policy of the government. These difficulties he proposes to remove by the retirement of the greenbacks and the extension of the national bank system as indicated in the president's message. His convention that surplus revenue would extricate the country from its difficulties and states:

"No surplus revenue, however large could extricate us from our present difficulties or give assurance of safety in the future unless it should be required to be paid in gold under a system which would exempt the government from the obligation to furnish the gold when demanded to be used in making the payments, and it is scarcely necessary to suggest that such a system is impossible as long as the United States notes and treasury notes are kept in circulation and are convertible into gold by the government itself on presentation."

Asks Authority to Issue Bonds.  
As a temporary remedy for existing conditions he suggests that authorization be given to the secretary of the treasury "to issue from time to time bonds payable in gold, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum and having a long time to run, and to exchange the bonds for United States notes and treasury notes upon such terms as may be most advantageous to the government, or to sell them abroad for gold whenever, in his judgment, it is advisable to do so and use the gold thus obtained in redeeming the outstanding notes."

The secretary also favors the passage of a law allowing national banks to establish branches in small towns. The secretary in closing his report says that it is not probable any plan for the permanent retirement of United States notes and treasury notes will be adopted that will not require considerable time for its complete execution, and he therefore urges upon congress the propriety of prohibiting any future issues of such notes or of national bank notes of less denominations than ten dollars, thus making room in the circulation for silver coins and silver certificates of small denominations. This, he says, would increase their use among the people and prevent their frequent return to and accumulation in the treasury.

Retired Officer Dead.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—Brevet Brig. Gen. W. B. Royall, U. S. A., retired, died at his residence in this city Friday, aged 70 years. He was born in Virginia in 1823, and served with distinction in the Mexican and civil wars.

Imprisoned in Siberia.  
San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Five seafaring men of this city and ten other Americans were sentenced to life imprisonment in the Saghalin prison by the Russian authorities for prohibitory fishing in Siberian waters.

Earnings of the Racers.  
Chicago, Dec. 16.—Figures on the racing season of 1895 in the United States, carefully compiled, show that \$2,826,949 has been earned by horses placed in the 7,262 events decided during the year.

Five Killed at a Crossing.  
Greenville, O., Dec. 14.—Oliver Hammond, his wife and three children were instantly killed at a crossing on the Dayton & Union railroad, seven miles from this city.

Philadelphians Must Walk.  
Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—All the street car lines in this city are tied up by a strike of the employes for shorter hours and the privilege of belonging to a union.

Down an Embankment.  
Cohocton, N. Y., Dec. 17.—A fast express on the Erie railway went down an embankment near here and five persons were seriously injured.

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CHAIRMAN CHOSEN.

Republicans in Caucus Make the Following Selections for the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The republican committee to fill the committees of the senate completed its labors Monday night and directed a call for a caucus to issue for to-day immediately upon the adjournment of the senate. When this caucus convenes Senator Mitchell, chairman of the committee, will submit and the caucus will approve the following list of chairmen, which, it will be seen, takes care of every republican and populist member of the senate:

Agriculture, Proctor (Vt.); appropriations, Allison (Ia.); contingent expenses, Jones (pop. Nev.); census, Chandler (N. H.); civil service and retrenchment, Pritchard (N. C.); claims, Teller (Col.); coast defenses, Squire (Wash.); commerce, Frye (Me.); District of Columbia, McMillan (Mich.); education and labor, Shoup (Ia.); enrolled bills, Sewell (N. J.); to examine the several branches of the civil service, Peffer (pop. Kan.); finance, Morrill (Vt.); fisheries, Perkins (Cal.); foreign relations, Sherman (O.); immigration, Lodge (Mass.); improvements of the Mississippi river, Nelson (Minn.); Indian affairs, Pettigrew (S. D.); Indian depredations, Wilson (Wash.); interstate commerce, Callom (Ill.); irrigation, Warren (Wyo.); judiciary, Hoar (Mass.); library, Hansbrough (N. D.); manufactures, Wetmore (R. I.); military affairs, Hawley (Conn.); mines and mining, Stewart (pop. Nev.); naval affairs, Cameron (Pa.); organization and expenditures in the executive departments, Butler (pop. N. C.); Pacific railroads, Gear (Ia.); patents, Platt (Conn.); pensions, Gallinger (N. H.); post offices and post roads, Westcott (Col.); printing, Hale (Me.); privileges and elections, Mitchell (Ore.); public buildings and grounds, Quay (Pa.); public lands, Dubois (Ia.); railroads, Clark (Wyo.); relations with Canada, Carter (Mont.); revision of the laws, Burrows (Mich.); rules, Aldrich (R. I.); territories, Davis (Minn.); transportation and routes to the seaboard, McBidwell (Ore.); to establish the University of the United States, Kyle (pop. S. C.); international expositions, Thurston (Wash.); to investigate the geological survey, Elkins (W. Va.); national banks, Mantle (Mont.); forest reservations, Allen (pop. Neb.); to investigate trespassers on the Indian lands, Baker (Kan.).

## PAID THE PENALTY.

Two Men Hanged for Taking the Lives of Others.

Payette, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Jim Nichols (colored) was hanged here yesterday for the murder of Henry Carr during a game of craps at Eagle, W. Va., August 31.

Carson City, Col., Dec. 14.—Abe Taylor was hanged here yesterday for the murder of City Marshal Emerson, of Alamosa, about two years ago, while the latter was trying to arrest him for theft.

## Patriotic Council Platform.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The national council of patriotic organizations in session here adopted a platform of principles as follows:

Demanding that stringent laws be enacted by congress to restrict immigration; that no public funds be appropriated for any sectarian purposes, and endorsing the proposed 18th amendment to the constitution; that no state shall grant the right of suffrage to any person not a citizen of the United States; demanding that all property, public property alone excepted, be subject to equal taxation.

## Nicaragua Minister Recalled.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The diplomatic representation of Nicaragua has been discontinued for the first time in many years, and, as a measure of economy, no legation will be maintained at Washington. The action is a matter of importance to officials here, owing to the importance of some of the questions, notably the canal, in which the United States and Nicaragua are mutually interested.

## Tailors Locked Out.

New York, Dec. 17.—Over 15,000 tailors in this city, Brooklyn and Jersey City were locked out by their employers.

Christmas and New Years Excursion Rates via Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway.

The Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway, and Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon Railway, will make cheap excursion rates to all points and via all lines in Michigan, east, west, north and south, also to points in Canada west of and including Toronto, Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

Tickets will be sold for Christmas on December 24th and 25th, valid to return to January 2nd, 1896, and New Years tickets will be sold December 31st and January 1st valid to return to January 2nd 1896.

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Everett Denim, Blue,	9c	Mens Heavy Underwear	29c

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8 lb. Rolled Oats 25c	1 Doz. Pickles 8c
5 lb. Ginger Snaps 25c	1 qt. Sweet Pickles 30c
6 lb. Raisins 25c	28 bars Acme Soap \$1.00
1 lb. Calumet Baking Powder (Good as Royal) 25c	
1 lb. Japan Tea 25c	28 bars Jaxon Soap \$1.00
1 lb. Best Japan Tea 40c	1 doz. Boxes Matches 15c
3 1/4 lb. Sear's Lunch Crax 25c	6 lb. Bulk Starch 25c
1 lb. Elegant Coffee 25c	4 packages Corn Starch 25c
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Good Bleached Cotton.....	5	Heavy Fancy Stripe Ticking.....	14	All other Bed Blankets in proportion.....	
Yard Wide Bleached Cotton.....	4 1/2	Good Denims.....	7 1/2	Our noted 8c Batts going at.....	6 1/2
Good 4-4 Bleached Cotton.....	5	Extra Heavy Denims.....	9	Our Elegant 10c Batts going at.....	8 1/2
Blackstone Bleached Cotton.....	6 1/2	Everett Denims, Blue and Brown.....	12	Our Superb 12 1/2c Batts going at.....	10
Lonsdale Bleached Cotton.....	7 1/2	Common Check Shirting.....	3 1/2	36 inch All Wool Dress Flannel.....	25
Fruit of the Loom Bleached Cotton.....	7 1/2	Extra Heavy Shirting.....	8	46 inch All Wool Dress Flannel.....	39
4-4 Cambric.....	8 1/2	Heaviest Fleeced Shirting.....	10	54 inch All Wool Dress Goods.....	49
Lonsdale Cambric [Best Quality].....	9 1/2	Cotton Crash.....	3 1/2	34 inch Cashmere.....	14
Good Apron Check Gingham.....	4	All Linen Crash.....	4	36 inch Cashmere.....	19
Best Apron Check Gingham.....	5	Good Linen Crash.....	6 1/2	52 inch All Wool Serge.....	54
Good Dress Gingham.....	6	Extra Heavy Linen Crash.....	7 1/2	All other Dress Goods in proportion.....	
Best Dress Gingham.....	8	Very Best Linen Crash.....	8 1/2	Coats Cotton Thread.....	3
Light Print.....	3 1/2	Fancy Toweling.....	9 1/2	Richardson 50 yd. Silk Thread.....	3
Dark Apron Prints.....	4	Checked Toweling.....	10	Richardson 100 yd. Silk Thread.....	6
Best Dress Prints.....	5	Outing Flannel.....	5	Velveteen Dress Binding, 4 yd.....	9
Indigo Prints.....	5	Good Quality Outing Flannel.....	6	Dress Stays per set.....	8
Best Dress Cambrics.....	4 1/2	Heavy Outing Flannel.....	7	Table Oil Cloth, per yard.....	16
Good Silesias.....	10	Extra Heavy Outing Flannel.....	8	Ladies' Wool Hose.....	13
Fancy Silesias.....	12	Fancy Outing Flannel.....	9 1/2	Ladies' All Wool Hose.....	21
Good Canvas.....	9	Good Cotton Bed Blankets 10-4, per pair.....	42	Ladies' Extra Heavy All Wool Hose.....	31
Best Linen Canvas.....	12	Examine our 48c Bed Blanket.....	21	Men's Cashmere Hose per pair.....	13
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