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## CONGRESSIONAL.

**The Work on the Nicaragua Canal Progressing—Senator Sherman Says.**

HOW THE SILVER QUESTION SHOULD BE PUT.

**The Free Wool Bill in the House.—Other Business Transacted.**

By Telegraph to the News.

### CONGRESS.

**Important Subjects Discussed by the Senate.**

WASHINGTON, March 31.—In the Senate this morning, nothing of a distinct character proposed to the committee on foreign relations, touching the Nicaragua canal, Senator Sherman, chairman of the committee, stated that work was progressing favorably under the private corporation, and that Congress could do nothing whatever beside in that a bill was now before the committee on commerce, providing for certain aid to the work by a sub-committee.

Senator Morgan presented resolutions directing the finance committee to inquire into the causes of the depression in agriculture and business and the effect of the silver act of 1890, and announced that he would call them up for discussion tomorrow, regardless of the feelings of the Democratic pro-Lincoln nominee. Senator Morgan's object is to present his views on silver, which he could not under the rule, when Senator Stewart calls up his silver bill Monday.

After the reading of Senator Morgan's resolution and an explanation by that Senator Sherman said that if the silver question was to be projected into the Senate during the present condition of public business, it should be done on some business proposition, on some idea that had been considered and discussed by the people, and on complex resolutions involving every variety of theory and fact and every subject in the whole range of financial legislation. He hoped, therefore, that the Senate from Alabama would not in the form of a bill some proposition to declare the Senate in act upon something that would give relief to the people of the United States.

Senator Morgan replied, and as allusion by him to the effect of silver legislation on the Democratic contests for the Presidential nomination drew from Senator Teller the suggestion, "And some on our side," Senator Morgan, after discussing the subject further, stated that the resolutions should go over until tomorrow. They were laid on the table accordingly.

Soon after Senators Teller and Wolcott were sent in sugar conference with members of the House, as if to inform him he would not be without support when the resolutions came up.

The Senate rejected, 28 to 24, the amendment to strike out of the Indian appropriation bill the provision to assign army officers to duties as Indian agents.

This vote leaves the proposition incorporated in the bill providing for the assignment of army officers to special duties. The Senators who voted to strike it out were Allison, Call, Casey, Colquitt, Cullom, Dawes, Dolph, Davis, Gorman, Hawkins, Higgins, Hoar, Jones (Arkansas), Jones (Nevada), Morgan, Paddock, Palmer, Perkins, Pettigrew, Platt, Power, Ransom, Sanders, Shoup, Stewart, Stockbridge, Teller, Warren, Wilson.

A journal.

THE SUGAR.

After routine business, the House went into committee of the whole on the free wool bill.

Deuster (Penn.) spoke against the bill.

Wheeler (Ala.) denounced the McKinley act and favored the pending measure.

Moore, Johnson (D.) Stockdale (Miss.) Kyle (Miss.) Norton (Mo.) and Hunt (Mich.) spoke in favor of the measure.

Herman (Oregon) opposed it.

The debate was without incident, except for a demonstration early in the afternoon when Governor McKinley appeared in the House and was warmly greeted by his old colleagues.

The committee of the House took a recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

At the evening session of the House only a few members were present, and after a couple of speeches it adjourned.

**The Bodies Viveudi.**

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Negotiations for a renewal of the modus vivendi are progressing favorably, with every indication of a speedy agreement. The British minister visited the White House this morning at the invitation of the President, and had an hour's conversation with the President and Blaine in regard to the subject.

**A Train Held Up.**

BIRMINGHAM, March 31.—A passenger train on the Pacific road was held up by robbers ten miles south of here this morning on a long bridge. The robbers fired into the cars to awaken the passengers. They also shot and wounded the postal clerk and flagman. They robbed the postal clerk of the registered letters to the amount of $6000. The express car was unmolested. They are being pursued with bloodhounds.

**The Sugar Trust.**

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—Since the sugar trust a few days since acquired control of all the refineries in the country steps have been taken to arrest the threatened monopoly. Efforts were made at both Philadelphia independent refinery on the Delaware River near the Spreckels refinery, but projections have not had with much success. They have therefore sought relief in the preparation of a bill for the repeal of the duty of half a cent per pound on the refined grades of sugar, which, they claim, serves only the purpose of allowing the trust to control absolutely the entire refining trade of the country. A draft of the bill, it is understood, is already prepared by Samuel Gustave Thompson, a friend of ex-President Cleveland, and this has given rise to the impression that the bill is favored by Cleveland, with the idea of forcing the Republican party into the attitude of defending a monopoly, if they hold the purse.

Since the combination has acquired control of the refineries, the price of refined sugars has advanced half a cent per pound. Two sugar refineries, from the fact that there is but one buyer—the trust.

**Freeing a Death.**

PARIS, March 31.—A Rio dispatch says: A result is feared. All the troops here and at Bernambuco are confined to the barracks. The police have been ordered to suppress the expected disturbances.

**A Threatened Strike.**

WICHITA, Kans., March 31.—The telegraph operators of the St. Louis and San Francisco road demand the reinstatement of one of their number discharged, and pledge themselves to strike tomorrow, if he is not reinstated.

**Excursion Rates Demoralizing Southern Travel.**

TOPEKA, March 31.—A special from Ottawa, Kansas, reports are in circulation that the Santa Fe has issued instructions to scalper agents to forward no more scalper tickets to Hot Springs, Ark. It is not true that the collector at Victoria has been authorized to refuse clearances. Collector Milne has simply been told to notify the owners, in clearing for Sorting ses, that they on at their own risk, and in the event the modus vivendi should be agreed upon, they will be required to strictly observe its provisions.

**The Mahone.**

When a leaf has gone and the forlorn and he begins the list of people, the boys, mother is left to weep and look into the fire. One of them not so many days ago was a prime in the public conversation, a man with a wonderful weapon with very little hope in his face.

"I expected this from the first," said the to the reporter, yesterday, at his home in Lynchburg, "and I was told that he said, 'It was best to be, brotherly, desired of him father to see. I have been all through this with the old soldier and he is fine." When Mahone was here I proposed that the time might be spared long. It was not heard. He will have to go the left and come on to the Indian." It isn't very remarkable, and I know such but one of scores in our affairs."

As late like the season was scattered and of this year's crop of the gentlemen of the and note and see tables were with for the youth. If you think you can be a fool time some chile any, notice the ten years ago, by this counsel.—Louisville Journal.

**Mrs. Gabrielle Greeley Clemmis.**

Mrs. Clemmis is a woman of medium height, she has dark brown hair, eyes which it is hard to tell just what color they are, for they change with her mood and at other moments look as if, that in a tender mood they look a melting brown. The mouth is firm and sweet, and the point of her chin is well cut. Mrs. Clemmis is very good looking. Not only is Mrs. Clemmis a remarkably business woman, but she is a good one, and a charm of manner which causes all who may meet her, so full is it of cordial warmth and graceful vivacity. She is delightful in conversation, and, what is often more valuable, a sympathetic listener, for having the tender heart of her father she feels with the great throng of those "waiting humanity can be alive to use."—Frances E. Smith in Ladies Home Journal.

**A Woman Worth Her Weight in Gold.**

At Anderson Pass, in Northern California, there is old woman of sixty years, who, in her early years, was a Spanish beauty, and played upon her charms to her chagrin. Her brothers, John Garcia, fell in love with her and the corresponding affection. Soon after the pass was closed by a heavy snowfall. Gates offered our guide to give us such a ride to the church if the Reverend Father would tie the knot. This done, we, was consented to, but, the Reverend Father insisted that if Garcia would give the girls weight in gold they should be married and will. He agreed, and never was greater for price paid for his wife.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Beware of Vaccine.**

Ladies should be careful how they use vaccine on the face, for the result of a vaccination on the face has induced the suspicion that a permanent scar of it will even now be given on almost any part of the face. There have been numerous cases of infection from the use of the virus of late on the upper lip and chin by using vaccine to drive away pimples. Like some other medicines, vaccine has done good to others at all its properties being not known, but the fact that it will induce a growth of hair if persistently used seems to be fully well settled.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**The Women of Holmesby.**

The women of Holmesby, having for many generations been entrusted with the care and performance of the land labor of the country, have, for the weaker sex, an every-day physique, which realizes than to her husband, and, in consequence, as well as if not better than the men, and this no doubt was the inspiration father to the women which gave the Holmesby Corps. As Captain Bonnie noted, the women are generally tall, muscular and broad and the men "scrawny, full bearded, and inclined to be rheumatic looking."—Dublin Leader's Geographical Magazine.

**A Simple Apple Dessert.**

A simple apple dessert is made as follows: Boil half a pound of fine sugar in a little water for ten minutes, then add a pound of apples peeled and cored and cut into quarters. Let it boil a minute or two longer, and then add a dessertspoonful of lemon juice. Stir lightly till soft and free from lumps, then continue stirring, allowing it to boil for ten minutes quickly till it thickens. Pour it into a mould, and when it is cold turn out and serve with whipped cream or custard sauce.—New York Times.

**Several Uses of Salt.**

Two teaspoonfuls of salt to half a pint of tepid water is an excellent stimulant for a dose of ipecac. Sprinkling of the feet and limbs can be cured by taking night cap of strong tea with salt and water as hot as can be borne. When taken out, rub the feet briskly with a coarse towel. Salt and water is one of the best of remedies for sore eyes, and if applied to fine will scatter the inflammation.—Philadelphia Journal.

**Cure When Lighting a Lamp.**

When a lamp is lighted it should not at once be turned up to the full height. Wait until the chimney is heated. Brittle shades are often cracked or broken by lighting the lot through not cooled. Also, from when lighting a lamp, be careful that the chimney is not perfectly straight and does not touch the shade at any point. The shade should be placed on the chimney so as to be lighted, that it may last good while.—Hall's Journal of Health.

## TERRIBLE CYCLONE.

**The Most Destructive Storm Ever Known in Nebraska Strikes Nelson City.**

HOUSES TOTALLY OR PARTLY DESTROYED.

**Two Men Reported Killed.—The Town of Nelson Badly Wrecked.**

By Telegraph to the News.

### NELSON IN NEBRASKA.

**A Destructive Cyclone Visits the State.**

OMAHA, Neb., March 31.—A special to the Bee from Nelson, Neb., says: A terrible cyclone struck Nelson this evening. It came from the southwest and could be seen at least ten minutes before it struck the town. It was preceded by a terrific hailstorm, lasting several minutes, after which came the storm, which proved the worst and most destructive that ever visited this section of Nebraska. Three houses struck the town with terrific force and it took all their contents and scattered them for miles. The damages have been estimated at $100,000. The First National bank was unroofed, the Opera House block was unroofed and badly damaged; the Union block was unroofed and the southwest end torn out; the Arlington Hotel was unroofed, the new addition being blown away and almost destroyed; the Presbyterian Church was badly wrecked, and a large number of residences nothing wrecked, nothing be left except the cellars and foundations. One-half of a house, belonging to Henry L. Pope, was carried along in the storm and was found with an eighth of a mile, with its contents, and Mrs. Pope and two children. Fortunately, however, the family escaped unhurt.

Miss Mary Brigham, assistant principal of the Nelson high school, is the only one who has been seriously hurt, having a leg and several ribs broken. Mrs. John Eaton was also seriously injured. Most of the buildings were insured, and the loss will be borne by insurance companies. Nothing is yet learned as to the damage in the surrounding country.

**TWO MEN KILLED.**

LINCOLN, Neb., March 31.—An unconfirmed report has reached the city that a cyclone struck the town of Newman, wrecking it badly. Edgar, to the west, is also said to be damaged. The detail was blown down and two men killed. The wires are down, and it is impossible to get anything from that section. The storm evidently traveled in a northerly direction.

Special from Wahoo and Norfolk both of Colfax county, report that the latter of towns being blown down, but no serious damage resulted. In this locality the wind has blown a gale all the afternoon and evening, followed by a heavy rain.

**THE PENSION OFFICE.**

**The Investigation Takes a Political Turn.**

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The pension office investigation took a distinctly political cast this afternoon, Tuesday pursuing his searching inquiry for a long time. He asked if the bureau had not been used for political purposes. The commissioner said he never wrote a letter to the medical board or the board of examiners regarding the personnel of any political party. He had found the examiners using their places to aid the Democratic party in which cases he had sent them to other duty. He denies it a point to know their politics. He denied more appointments were made in doubtful districts just before election than at other times, but that more pensions were granted in districts where votes were needed than where there was no such need.

He admitted, if the office did not adjudicate claims most rapidly in close congressional districts. Raum denied this emphatically.

He was asked to know how it was that, in States where there was a democratic majority, it was exceedingly difficult to get a call for a status blank, while it was easy to get them in Indiana. The commissioner replied that the calls averaged about a thousand a day this season, and bitterly had he been accused of not sending out enough. He had supposed that not more than 25 per cent could be answered, without stopping the deciding of claims. Had he not so supposed the pensioners, he would probably have issued 15,000 less calls than last year.

Enoch asked if the real reason why the commissioner had turned over $5,000,000 to the treasury last month was not because the treasury had been reduced to financial straits. Raum said that he had never reported at the close of the fiscal year, but, as he couldn't see them next year, he called on the secretary of the treasury and informed him that he expected to turn $5,000,000. The secretary said that he would be glad if it were done, and the commissioners gave the necessary directions.

**Two Women Found Murdered.**

HOUSTON, Tex., March 31.—Mrs. Anna C. Shaw and her sister, Mrs. Edward Mullins, were found dead in their house this morning. Their throats having been cut from ear to ear with a razor. Walter Shaw, a son of the first-named lady, a young lawyer, who has been dissipated for some time, is missing, and is suspected to have committed the horrible crime. A man was early this morning seen to jump in the river, and it is thought that this was Shaw. If he has not suicided, he will be lynched when caught. The condition of the premises indicated that the purpose of the murder was robbery.

Later—Young Shaw was arrested this evening at Galveston in an intoxicated condition.

**Oregon Prohibitionists Convention.**

PORTLAND, Or., March 31.—The Prohibition State Convention met today and nominated two congressmen, judge of the supreme court, Presidential electors and delegates to the National Convention. It adopted a platform denouncing the importation of the liquor traffic favoring the election of President Vice-President and Senators by direct vote of the people, and woman suffrage; declares that the existing medical law rightly exempt all gold, silver and paper, as all legal tender, that duties levied on imports should not exceed the necessary expense of the government, economically administered.

**Blanchard's Adjutant General.**

WASHINGTON, March 31.—General Hughey, commanding the department of Texas, reports to General Schofield, regarding Captain Beatty, that the charges against him are in connection with the Garza complaint are referred to Mackenzie, who, though residing in Texas, claims allegiance to the United States. They are now being prosecuted by the civil authorities for a violation of the neutrality law. Schofield has recommended that no action be taken by the military authorities until the civil proceedings are concluded.

**The People's Party Representative.**

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The People's party representative made an attempt this morning to carry out the threat he made a few days ago, that some time ago by Mr. Wilson (Ind.) which has never been repeated or by the judiciary committee. Meanwhile Wilson and others were unable to gain recognition, but at any rate, they will appear from day to day and may force action of some kind on the bill.

**WOMEN'S CLOSE IN THE NIGHT.**

**Possible Results of an Extremely Cold and Social Departure.**

In Indianapolis there are forty women who, if they do as they have done and as they have a look under her and is on her way to the dark, immediately on arising in and of course, the dark, and the dark, and the dark, and