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THE CLOSING HOURS.

The Wind-Up of the House of Representatives.

TOLD BY A "NEWS" CONTRIBUTOR.

Any Amount of Fun, Frolic, Mirth and Also, "On Which the Democrats Joined."

Speaker Denny is an old and good friend of mine, and before it was his late I thought I would drop into the House of Representatives and see how he handled himself and those he presided over. It was just between times of presentation that the call was made; he had but recently been presented with a gold-headed cane by the Democratic members and was shortly to receive a good warm at the hands of the Republicans, so there most undoubtedly be a good opportunity to see how things went when there were no side issues on, so to speak.

There was a quorum present, notwithstanding the Democrats, and Mr. Denny was in the chair. The clerk was reading off something at a pace which I was unable to follow and suggest that he must be getting paid by the folio instead of by the day as is usually the case. It was from the Senate and was voted on immediately, everybody, including the Democrats, voting "aye."

Pretty soon a Republican of Cane Creek arose and said—"Mr. Speaker, I move you, sir, to all the honorable gentlemen from Ashley Fork, Mr. Green, be appointed state superintendent of Sunday schools."

"Second the motion," came from the Democratic side.

Another member from Cow Hollow, I think, chipped in—"I move that nominations do now close."

"All in favor, say aye," said the speaker and the ayes, which included the Democrats, fled it.

Mr. Green arose to return thanks to the members, including the Democrats, for the unexpected honor, when a paper ball as big as a baking powder hanged him in the face and he sat down with his speech unborn.

Whereat everybody, including the Democrats, laughed most heartily.

The speaker was about to remonstrate against such conduct and arose for that purpose when the skin of a hot tamale grease his track now head and he sat down, calling on the sergeant-at-arms to enforce order, which that official proceeded to do, when a report of the committee on education which cost the State $1.75 to print fired a sudden sizzling piece against his clean white shirt front, so torturing around to see who the fiend was, inside of paper missiles hastily improvised which had come and had his unprotected head sent off to withdraw his left, amid applause from the members, in which the Democrats joined.

Things commenced to be frisky. While the elder rivet was inserting a word in the right place, a bribe of Dr. Condon's Cuban resolution struck the clerk's pen and disconnected the ink to almost every piece in the sheet but where it was wanted. It became so warm that the speaker vacated the chair and sought the anteroom; just as he stepped down to go out, a wad composed of copies of the bill to give a bounty for the production of pinery pine in Cedar Valley passed him behind the ear and he stood not on the order of his going, but got, while the chamber was filled with shouts of merriment, in which the Democrats contributed their share.

Somebody hung Mr. Monson's hat on a stonecutter and he became the target for a good deal of miscellaneous ingratiation, until the sergeant-at-arms raised his baton in deprecation, saying that the incident must be responsible if nothing else was; whereat the chancellor was given a rest and the office resumed the bombardment instead. He soon withdrew to join the speaker, who was spattered as the last of his coat-tail emerged through the door, the Democrats joining in.

Dr. Condon occupied a seat in the center of the chamber, and like my native state Missouri, sat in the mire and six-shooters from both sides, which necessarily involved the Democrats. An amendment to the Constitution providing to repeal the woman suffrage clause, whacked him over the left eye, and while trying to move his assailant, was saluted on the right eye with the double-up copy of a house bill which had never before been delivered. Thicker and faster the pelets fell through the air, the incendiaries were in complete possession, and with the unseen aid of Old Nick were making the most of it. It became really, because the ammunition was exhausted. Whereupon the speaker and sergeant at arms returned to their seats as though nothing had occurred, the president of the senate to a place, the senator thanks all concerned—including the Democrats—and I walked out into the cute air.

EDGAR CARLOS.

Utah Weather Bulletin.

Weekly crop bulletin, J. H. Smith, director, Salt Lake City. The weekly crop bulletin for week ending Monday, April 6, 1896, is as follows:

The weather during the past week was comparatively mild with considerably less than the usual amount of moisture, which was greatly delivered throughout the extreme portion of the State. This means a scarcity of water for irrigating purposes during the coming summer. The first half of March was generally cold and more or less stormy; the latter half was moderately mild and pleasant until the 30th, when stormy conditions prevailed over the greater part of the State, and a cold wave followed by a cold wave on the 31st, causing considerable damage to fruit trees, early grain and lettuce in the central and southern counties.

During the latter part of the past week the weather was very favorable for farm work which was pushed vigorously in all sections where the soil was in condition to be worked.

The small grain is about all in and coming up in the central and southern counties. Spring sowing is now in progress, and fast coming in full progress. Lettuce is coming on fine and plants starting nicely. J. H. SMITH, Sec'y. Director.

Better Bread.

To the Editor:

In your HIGH-WEEKLY NEWS of March 27 I read an editorial on this subject, which led me back to the 60's as to the way the commercial bakers made their bread in the south of Scotland. Flour at that time was mixed into three grades and sold to the bakers as flour, seconds, thirds, and fourth bran. What we call as fine bread was composed of the whitest, or starch of the wheat. The brown bread was made up though from a portion of the flour thus spoken from a mixture of the seconds and thirds, thus giving the consumers the whole substance of the wheat and from two to three cents less on the unpopular loaf. Graham bread was composed of cuttings of woody fibre and being indigestible, degraded the whole mass and is all one as food in any form.

If our commercial and domestic bakers wish to make healthy loaves, we want graham, bread, in the shape of sponge with fine flour and dough up with what Americans call the middlings, which lies nearest the husk, containing the gluten, the tonic and muscle-forming principle of the grain. A great many bakers here somewhere throw a scoopful or two of clean bran in their fine flour sponge, and call it graham bread, or brown, or something else. Which wheat meal might be twisted were it not for the fact that a few minutes make wheat meal out of the poorest kind of wheat they have.

I also see a clipping from the Bakers Helper of Chicago, on The Cost of Baker's Bread.

Quite a controversy was precipitated lately by a "Belfast Man" writing to a Chicago paper to inquire why it is that in Belfast a quart grand loaf of bread can be bought for ten cents, while a new pound loaf costs five or six cents in Chicago. The special point made was that the Belfast bread was largely made from flour imported from this country. It certainly was a pertinent inquiry. Why bread costs 100 per cent more in Chicago than Belfast, that now comes a Chicago baker, and replies that wages in Belfast for bakers are $5.50 per week, with from twelve to fourteen hours' work, while here $18.00 a week and ten hours' work are in vogue; therefore all Chicago bread is made from high grade flour, enriched with either milk, butter or lard, or all three; while all sales here are made through grocers, the cost from sale bread being borne by the baker. On this the American Miller remarks as follows: "Of course, the cost of production is greater here than abroad, though a variety of reasons; but one point omitted which is quite worthy of note, is that people generally in this country insist on having a small loaf. The average baker could not sell four-pound loaves, no matter how good the quality. With characteristic wisdom here the American would rather pay twenty cents for a small loaf than one price for a big loaf, so that he can always have fresh bread. We seem to be concerned that way. The baker only meets the popular demand and if he keeps a harvest of stubble, people who want fresh bread and will not do like a own baking, must expect to pay the piper."

Respectfully, A. CROLL.

A Night Walk in Louisiana.

WASHINGTON PARISH, LA., March 15, 1896.

To the Editor:

Since returning from conference, which was held in New Orleans, the great metropolis of the South, Elder C. A. Matthews of Arizona and myself have been traveling among the good people of Washington parish, La. Elders Lovell and Matthews opened this parish last fall, and received excellent treatment. In general the good people of Louisiana are becoming better acquainted with their neighbors in Utah. We find some who are anxious to become acquainted with the principles we are disseminating, which we hope will result in the obedience of some of Jesus, of "peace on earth and good will to all men." Yet in this age as well as in all other ages of the world, we find some who oppose, who seem to have that same spirit of persecution which has followed the Gospel wherever and whenever it has been preached. But we hope by the spirit of love and charity to "follow them a more excellent way." In taking this consideration the great war that has been waged against the servants of God and the kingdom from the beginning, we are not surprised at the opposition we at times have to contend with. In some portions of this country the name Mormon seems to arouse the suspicion of some who have been so informed and misled, by hypocritical demagogues, who, for their crimes and errors, have resorted to all kinds of worldliness to stay the progress of that which endangers their crimes and reveals their false position in the world. Some religious teachers have tried hard to destroy our power and influence by speaking all manner of evil against us wrongly and giving us a bad name in general. It would be well for them to take the advice that Gamaliel the Pharisee gave to the chief priests of his day, "Let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men it will come to nought, but if it be of God you cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found to fight against God." On the contrary, they feel disposed to treat us as the Quaker did his dog, "I wouldn't kill him, but I will give him a bad name that others might kill him!" So he indulged him by imparting him of his ears and tail, kicked him out on the street and yelled "mad dog, mad dog!" The result in the dog's case was fatal. But in the case of the servants of God today the tables are generally turned; we allow them plenty to talk, they tangle themselves up and the result is their fall.

A short time ago, being in a thinly settled and strange neighborhood, we met a stout fellow in Rodney's wagon to speak the truth, the worst being from one I: two miles apart. The one was supposed to be the western boundary, the other, the eastern. Again we felt a crushing, and it was not long until the mantle of darkness had surrounded us. At times we could hear by each wheel we felt off in the right of the road. Hungry and tired, we drew up in front. The voice of my companion broke the silence of the night with the usual "hello," but no response came from within. Again my companion let out another tremendous "hello!" which echoed through the wood like the roar of cannon. The only sound that came from the lonely retreat was the howl of a frightened kitten. Coming to the conclusion that the occupier of the cabin where either dead to the world until morning or were off visiting some neighbor, we turned away to depart and followed a cow road which led we knew not whither. About this time we greeted the sight of a light much on-low light beams down from twelve through the trees, which we added as it came forward with more crinkling of the cow road and the direction in which it led. And to add to our melancholy we found the road winding through a dismal swamp. Great ground owls were hooting from which an odor arose that is very materious. The soil is rich and productive and gives an excellent growth to the cypress, oak, magnolia, hickory, pine, sycamore, and a spontaneous growth of underbrush with a variety of vines that, entwining themselves among the trees, twenty feet apart, presented present a frightful sight to the passer-by, especially at night. Nevertheless we again pressing forward, making earnest and always on the road home for the purpose of jumping them, but our means of flight being limited we sometimes came down with a splash; continuing on picking our way over the massive pieces, stepping on rods, in mud holes, walking logs and poles, until at length with a sigh of relief we emerged from the swamp and ascended a small hill, at the top of which the roads forked. The ringing of a cowbell directed us to the right, and we soon saw the glimmer of a light in the distance. We approached the house, the watch dog announcing our arrival. A lady came out, and with the usual good nature of a Southerner said, "Come in, gentlemen." We thanked with the request, and as it was quite late we immediately went to bed and were also late in arrival. Good night!

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