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CONGRESS.

The Eight-hour Law—Irrigation of Indian Reservations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Speaker Crisp called the House to order today. A resolution was adopted directing the committee on labor to investigate the continuance of the eight-hour law and its enforcement; to decide by what methods and to what extent the law has been evaded; what complaints have been reported to the department of the practical enforcement of the law; whether any contract labor is employed by the United States or by contractors or sub-contractors in the erection, alteration or repair of public works under the pretext of contract labor is being furnished to any department of the government.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the Indian appropriation bill.

Smith (Arizona) offered an amendment to the clause appropriating $50,000 for the purpose of irrigating Indian reservations, by providing that this sum should be deducted from the appropriations made for the support of the civilized tribes of Indians in the Indian Territory. He referred to what he characterized as a "scandalous attempt" made upon certain members because by the same it proper to criticise the Indian bill. It had been charged in the senate that members had been using Chinese laborers. He was not by a long shot; but he was opposed to the system of contract labor. He would not say he had a word from such a source. He opposed the system of contract labor on Indian lands because it was a violation of the contract system. He believed the system was a violation. He believed the amendment for the present.

Goodlow (W. Va.) whose name was mentioned in Superintendent Peck's letter, declared that he never had been approached, directly or indirectly, by any of the Indians, by any Catholic, Indians him to criticise the Catholic chair. He believed the school should be allowed to proceed to the end of the fiscal year of 1892 and the adoption of the eight-hour clause in the bill the committee rose.

At motion of Bryan (Neb.), the rule was suspended to the extent that the bill will be non-concurred in and a conference committee ordered.

The House then adjourned and the announcement that a meeting of the democratic members would be held tomorrow evening.

THE SENATE.

The Senate passed the bill to protect trade-marks of the Worlds Fair commission for exhibiting works protected by American patents and to be marks.

A resolution was agreed to calling on the President for information as to the proceedings to arrange for reciprocal trade with Canada.

Senator Sanders, referring to what is known as the "green goods" venture, said that there is no law on the subject look to such, that citizens and introduced three, with a letter from the chief of the secret service division of the treasury department, bitterly denounced. Wheeling and resolutions were referred to the committee of such workers. But there is though they represent the Modoc tribe, they only a small part of the duty home work.

The remainder of morning the senate, the morning, the bill making the "third Monday in February a legal holiday for receiving and the counting votes—all those in favor of the bill say aye, and here the ayes of a boomkeeper's throat.—Harper's Bazar.

Order of the Social Dance.

Married in white, you have chosen all right.

Married in gray, you will go far away.

Married in black, you will wear jewels of lack.

Married in red, you will wish yourself dead.

Married in green, ashamed to be seen.

Married in blue, he will always be true.

Married in yellow, jealousy will be your fellow.

Married in brown, you will live out of town.

Married in pink, your spirits will sink.—Old Rhyme.

How to Sharpen a Carving Knife.

A carving knife needs to have a different kind of an edge from a razor. The steel which answers for sharpening a razor blade and fine is very well to give a smooth, but much is the edge but an ordinary steel will not do. Carving knives should always be sharpened on the most useful implement server can keep at hand. One or two rules of such edge of a knife which is up might be of use to some. Place the knife horizontally from the steel and the knife is in order to do most excellent execution.—New York Telegram.

Sentenced to Get Married.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 24.—A man about 35 years of age sentenced at the Mt. James today to marry Miss H. Upman of Philadelphia. To reporters he stated that he was endeavoring to get married. He said he was a native of Poland, and a cousin. He had been in America eight years, part of which time he attended an Eastern college, and later he was a member of a church in California. He would prefer to marry into either the Harrison or Washburne families, but intended to stick to the Upman girl unless he got her father. He had proposed to Frances Blythe of California, but refused of getting married, answer, the Chinese consul made him apologize under penalty of arrest. He said he was now going to college at Greenville to study engineering to qualify for a Finnish missionary work.

The Presidential Question.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The presidential question still continues the topic of discussion at the National capital, and various opinions are expressed as to the effect the final declaration of the Albany convention for Cleveland will have. Chairman Springer of the ways and means committee, who claims to have been unauthorized, declares for another. If Cleveland's nomination is to be presented to the National Democratic convention, it must be presented by the new State. I always have been a strong admirer of Cleveland, and still retain much confidence in his ability and his devotion to the principles of the Democratic party. These friends of his in New York who propose to hold another convention and send another set of delegates to the National convention are doing him a great injustice. The Democratic party is earnestly endeavoring to reinstate itself in power. This can only be done by united and harmonious action. The voters will flock to the side of the Democratic banner.

Springer further said that, in view of the disorders in the State of New York, it may be found necessary for the democracy of the other States to select a Presidential candidate elsewhere. In case of such a contingency of Illinois will undoubtedly present the name of John M. Palmer.

Fitch's Insanity.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The court sitting to try the case of Edward M. Fitch was resumed today with testimony as to his insanity. The friends of Fitch claim that the proof of insanity is overwhelming.

Fast Transatlantic Time.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The steamship of the steamer "Majestic," which arrived today, in relation to distance, she had ever recorded. The same date miles in five days, twenty hours, twenty-five minutes. The would make but time on the shortest route, five days, fifteen hours, 31 minutes, the Fabian ever made. Her average speed on this trip was 22.31 knots per hour.

Convention Appealed.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The police have discovered a large quantity of dynamite and other explosives, with arms and infernal machines, in houses occupied by anarchists, and a number of them have been arrested, among whom was a Spaniard. The police place some reliance in the report that the arms are intended to blow up the Spanish embassy here, and consequently have placed a close guard about the building.

Time for Fifteen Minutes.

Prohibitionist Dunning, Kansas, recently polled some hundred votes among a population of 1,500 people. The prohibitionists in Kansas have a law which provides that the minutes for the purpose of nominating candidates for office. The minutes of the meeting held in Dunning were signed by the chairman and secretary