

## CONGRESS AT WORK.

### BOTH HOUSES BUSY WITH THE SILVER QUESTION.

**No Decisive Action Taken in the Senate as Yet.**—The Wilson bill debate in the Lower House—Numerous bills for and against repeal of the Sherman act introduced.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The senate spent only three hours in session today, but that time was well filled up. Mr. Vest's bill appropriating \$300,000 for a site and building in Washington to be known as the "hall of records" was passed. Then the bill to increase the circulation of national banks was taken up and postponed. After that there were two speeches delivered, one by Mr. Berry in favor of bimetalism and one by Mr. Gallinger against "stiff legislation before 1897."

The debate in the house today was characterized by the ebb and flow of eloquence and by the presence and absence of interest. It was started by Mr. McCall (Rep., Mass.) in favor of the repeal of the purchasing clauses of the Sherman bill, and was closed by Mr. Moses (Dem., Ga.) in opposition thereto.

Sandwiched between these two speeches were remarks by Messrs. Combs (Dem., N. Y.), Bryan (Dem., Neb.) and Henderson (Rep., Ia.) The first-named made an address from a business standpoint in favor of the repeal of the Sherman law.

Mr. Bryan made the speech of the day on bimetalism. Mr. Henderson spoke against free coinage.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—No business of importance was transacted in the senate today. Some time was spent in discussing the Lee Mantle case, and it was finally agreed to bring the matter to a vote on Monday. The joint resolution for the payment of mileage for the present session was passed and the senate adjourned as a mark of respect to Representative Chipman, whose death at Detroit was announced.

The time of the house was taken up with argument on the Wilson bill, but three speeches being made. Daniel (N. Y.) spoke in favor of unconditional repeal. Cooper (Dem., Fla.), a new member, advocated free coinage of silver and repeal of the Sherman act. Goldzier (Dem., Ill.) closed the debate in the same line, and then the house adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late J. Logan Chipman.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The finance committee presented a bill for the repeal of the Sherman act and for the maintenance of the parity between gold and silver. The minority of the committee presented a substitute fixing the ratio at 20 to 1. The bill to allow national banks to increase their circulation up to the par value of their bonds on deposit occupied the most of the session. The senate adjourned until Monday.

In the house the Wilson bill debate was continued. Representative Sibley (Dem., Pa.) making the star speech of the day in favor of bimetalism.

Mr. Everett of Massachusetts also attracted attention in a speech favoring a gold standard.

Messrs. Haines (Dem., N. Y.) and English (Dem., N. J.) also spoke in favor of repealing the Sherman act. A night session was held.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The Wilson bill debate was continued in the house today, Mr. McCreary (Dem., Ky.) making the most notable speech in favor of repeal. It was followed by Livingston (Dem., Ga.) in the same line.

A night session was held in which Mr. Curtis (Rep., Kan.) favored the Wilson bill. Broderick (Rep., Kan.) followed on the same lines, and Clark (Dem., Mo.) advocated free coinage of silver.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The veteran senator from Vermont, Mr. Morrill, occupied the attention of the senate today with an argument in support of the bill discontinuing the purchase of silver bullion. The bill was then laid aside and the case of the senatorship from Montana was taken up. Two speeches were made against the claim of Mr. Lee Mantle.

The first was made by Mr. Vance (Dem., N. C.), the other by Mr. George (Dem., Miss.). The vote from the resolution to seat Mr. Mantle was postponed until Wednesday at 5 p. m.

The bill to aid the mid-winter international exposition at San Francisco was passed.

The senate adjourned at 4.10 p. m. In the house the Wilson bill debate was continued, no phenomenal speeches were made and not much interest was shown.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—In the senate Mr. Voorhees made an address on the bill introduced by him last Friday to discontinue the purchase of silver bullion. The debate was taken up by other members and then laid aside and the bank bill taken up. After various other business of minor importance had been transacted the senate adjourned.

The silver debate was continued in the house until 10 o'clock tonight. Many spirited addresses were made for and against repeal of the Sherman act. The free silver advocates are making a stubborn fight. Hereafter the house will meet at 10 a. m.

**Elders Expel General Hamilton.**  
NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The elders of the Second Reformed church of Tarrytown have expelled General Alexander Hamilton from the church. On July 2 the general was summoned to appear before them. Charges were forwarded to the general, but he paid no attention to them other than to send a denial. He was expelled for "family desertion and non-support, excessive use of whiskey and habitual use of profane language."

**Treasurer McCurtain Falls.**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 23.—Reliable news has just reached here that Treasurer McCurtain has failed, and the payment of the lease district money to the Choctaw Indians will have to stop. No reason is given for his failure. McCurtain had over \$1,000,000 of money due the Choctaws in his possession, and his bond is only \$30,000.

**Democratic State Committee.**  
NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Edward Murphy, Jr., has called the Democratic state committee to meet at the Hoffman house, in this city, on Saturday next at 10 a. m. It will be the first gathering of the committee since the last presidential election and it promises to be a very interesting one.

**Hot Field Is Small.**  
CANANAH, N. Y., Aug. 17.—The earliest varieties of hops in this state will be picked next week. The yield is about one half the average. The quality is excellent, the berries having done little or no damage. The present price for good hops is around 21 cents per pound.

## CROSSING HORROR.

Five Persons Instantly Killed by a Train at Le Roy.

LE ROY, N. Y., Aug. 21.—An accident occurred here on the Lehigh Valley railroad crossing on State street in which five persons were instantly killed.

The names of the victims are: L. J. Boyce, Mrs. L. J. Boyce, Miss Ola Boyce, Miss Nancy Wicks, Miss Emma Bowden.

The first four persons are residents of Le Roy. Miss Bowden was visiting the Boyces, who comprise one of the richest and most prominent families in Genesee county.

The Boyce house is three miles from the village of Le Roy. The family were on their way to church driving a spirited team. As they neared the Lehigh track the eastbound freight loomed into view, Mr. Boyce did not see it until he was too close to turn around. All were mangled beyond recognition except for their clothing. Miss Bowce was decapitated.

**Fell Through a Bridge.**  
RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 17.—An accident occurred at the County line trestle, just east of Milton, by which two passenger coaches and a sleeper were precipitated into the creek below, a distance of 60 feet, killing seven persons outright and wounding a number of others.

The train was the regular train bound for Portsmouth. After passing through Milton and going over the trestle the engine, Peyton Tunstall, who says he was running at the rate of 10 miles an hour, felt the bridge give way. He threw open the throttle and the engine and tender and a boxcar got safely over, but the passenger car was too late and the span went down under its weight, the second passenger car and the sleeper following.

**Another Crossing Accident.**  
SYRACUSE, Aug. 21.—While returning from a fishing excursion, August Kaesten and John Frey, both of this city, were struck by a home, Watertown and Ogdensburg train near Woodard Station and instantly killed.

## PEOPLES' PARTY CONVENTION.

Candidates For State Offices Chosen by the Delegates.

SYLVAN BEACH, N. Y., Aug. 21.—The state convention of the People's party got down to business this morning. Farmer L. E. Dean of Honeyoye Falls was made permanent chairman and W. J. Gene secretary. The report of the committee on credentials showed that 133 delegates were present.

The following were chosen to represent the People's party on the state ticket: Secretary of state, James Wright of Elmira; comptroller, D. M. S. Fero of Glens Falls; treasurer, F. H. Purdy of Bluff Falls, Yates county; attorney general, Thaddeus B. Wakeman of New York; engineer and surveyor, J. Averit Webster of New York; judge of court of appeals, Laurence J. McParlin of Lockport.

## The Crop Situation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The American Agriculturalist in its annual review of the crop situation and of the agricultural year today says: "The harvest of 1893 in the United States is in many respects similar to that of three years ago, but with every prospect that home consumption and an increased foreign demand will so advance values as to yield as large a net return to farmers as on the average of recent years." The magazine makes a distinctly encouraging exhibit in spite of the prevailing gloom, though admitting that the financial stringency may interfere with the early movement of crops and have a temporarily restrictive influence on prices.

## O'Ferrall Nominated.

RICHMOND, Aug. 18.—When the Democratic convention reassembled last night John H. Ryan of Loudon presented the report of the committee on credentials, which was unanimously adopted. On the roll call on nomination for governor the vote was: Whole number cast, 1,665, of which O'Ferrall received 1,148, Tyler, 360; Buford, 159. Necessary to a choice, 833. The nomination of O'Ferrall was made unanimous. R. C. Kent of Wythe was nominated for lieutenant governor by acclamation.

## General Roberts Honored.

BOSTON, Aug. 18.—At the session of the Union Veterans' union General John H. Roberts of Chelsea, past commander of Massachusetts Union Veterans, was unanimously chosen commander-in-chief, and General George Oaks of New York was elected deputy commander-in-chief without opposition.

## Armour Reduces Wages.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 21.—The employees of several of the departments in Armour's big packing house here received notice that until further notice their wages would be 10 per cent less than heretofore, would not take the deduction. Two hundred and fifty men will strike.

## Rioting in Paris.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—French and Italian workmen fought in Aigues-Mortes, department of Gard, yesterday. The fight began in the street at noon and was carried on intermittently for nearly two hours. Ten men were killed and 20 more were wounded severely.

## An Appeal to the Farmer.

SYLVAN BEACH, Aug. 21.—The delegates and speakers to the Farmers' Alliance and People's party state convention have issued an appeal to the farmers for help for the unemployed of the big cities and denouncing the capitalists and politicians.

## Twenty-Two Pensioners Dropped.

MARION, Ind., Aug. 21.—Twenty-two pensioners at the Soldiers' home have been notified that their pensions have been suspended. More than 100 at that institution have been dropped from the pension rolls under the present administration.

## Fired Buildings For Fun.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 19.—Raymond McGinn, a 73-year-old boy, has been arrested and charged with being the cause of the numerous fires in this city. He said he did it for fun to see the engines out.

## Pension Decision.

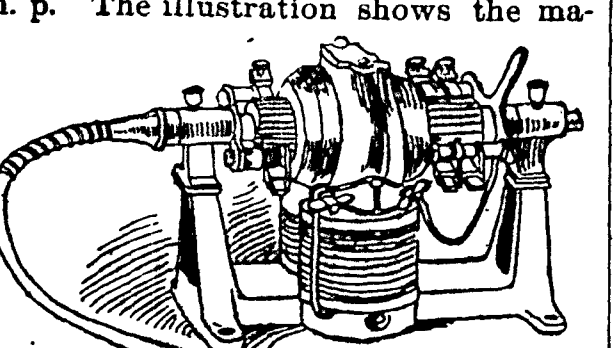
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Assistant Secretary Reynolds, in a decision held that attorneys in pension cases would hereafter be allowed a fee of \$2 in increase claims under the act of June 27, 1890.

## Dr. Gallagher Not Released.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Home Secretary Asquith states that Dr. Gallagher has not been released and the government has no intention of releasing him.

## A Continuous Current Transformer.

A most little known in the accompanying illustration. It is a diminutive motor transformer constructed in the usual way with two separate windings and two commutators upon its armature. One of the windings is for an electromotive force of 150 volts, while the other is designed for only four volts. The machine has been built to order for a doctor in New York City, who desired to use it for a variety of purposes and in a number of different ways, sometimes connecting the 150 volt terminals to the lighting circuit and utilizing in whatever way he pleased the low voltage current developed at the other terminals, and at other times driving the machine as a motor from a battery current connecting the high voltage terminals to a local lighting circuit. The speed of the machine is about 1,800 revolutions, and its rated capacity about one-sixth h. p. The illustration shows the machine.



CROCKER-WHEELER CONTINUOUS CURRENT TRANSFORMER.

chined with a dentist's drill connected in its armature shaft by a flexible coupling.

## Synchronous Motors.

Great stress has often been laid on the idea that a very excellent quality of synchronous alternating motors lies in the fact that their speed must of necessity be exactly the same as that of the generator. While such a quality is undoubtedly a good one, it should also be remembered that it is attended by a serious disadvantage which constructors should bear in mind in designing the machinery for such systems. The fact is well known that if overloaded too much, such motors come to a dead standstill; this, makers say, is not serious because if well constructed a motor should be able to stand an overloading of 100 per cent before the speed falls. According to a competent authority, there is another feature, however, which he claims is a great source of trouble in existing plants. He claims that the speed of the engine varies, say it diminishes momentarily, then that of the generator will fall and as it rises again a moment later the motor, if it has a heavy armature, will not be able to follow as quickly as necessary, thus throwing the two out of synchronism. He claims that much of the trouble experienced with synchronous systems in use is due to this cause. In order to avoid this it appears that the fly-wheel action of the armature of the generator should be as great as possible and that of the motor as small as possible, so that the former will tend to maintain an even speed and the latter will tend to respond quickly to any changes should they occur.—Electricity.

## In an Electric Workshop.

The introduction of the two and three phase alternating current systems has shown the need of some practical instrument or device for measuring the difference between the phases of two or three alternating currents, known as the angle of lag. Although this may be measured or calculated by various methods which are more or less complicated, usually more, there is always room for simple workshop methods and devices, which, though they may be crude, are nevertheless often more satisfactory because they are simple and may be put into the hands of workmen. Such a device for indicating when the phases are at 90 degrees from each other is described by Horry and is worth the attention of practical workers in this field. It consists simply of two electromagnets, one in each circuit; when each pole attracts each of the two equally, the difference of phase is 90 degrees. This is such a simple device that it may be constructed in any workshop at an exceedingly small cost, and will doubtless prove very useful in both workshop and laboratory.—Electricity.

## Long Life of an Incandescent Lamp.

Mr. H. J. Wells, superintendent of the Osceola Light Company, Osceola, Pa., reports that a Sawyer-Man lamp on one of the circuits of that company has just closed a remarkable record. The lamp in question was constructed for an electromotive force of 110 volts and was run as nearly as possible at that voltage. Its normal brilliancy was 32 c. p. The lamp was placed in circuit Feb. 22, 1899, and remained in service with an average of eight and one-half hours per day until March 5, 1899.

## The Drooping Sleeve Fur.

More and more is the fullness of sleeves drawn out in the width below the shoulders. Some of the draperies on half or quite long sleeves for dressy uses are most elegantly arranged; yet one is struck by the oddity of huge puffs falling from the lengthened shoulder seams, letting the top of the puff down upon the arm. Anyone with an eye to graceful outlines, when beholding this low drooping puff, is seized with an almost irresistible desire to take hold of it and hoist it back into its familiar place. The effect of the much lengthened shoulder seam after years of beholding the finger-length out is neither tast nor pretty. On the contrary, it is extremely unattractive. Upon nearly all sleeves the drapery forms either one great puff, a slashed and puffed Queen Anne shape, or a graceful jabot arrangement from shoulder to elbow. The newest puff is the Queen Isabella, which droops from the shoulder in a full pear shape, the widest part of the puff being where it terminates just above the elbow.

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## The Late Mme. Grey.

In unexpected turns of the wheel of fortune, elevating the unknown to places of power and dethroning the mighty without warning France leads the nations, not excepting America, where the grandson of the millionaire may black boots for the grandson of the crossing sweeper. The installation of the late Mme. Grey in the Elysee is a happy instance. She was the daughter of a tanner, and earned her living in Paris as a bonnet maker. When she married her whole fortune was less than \$500; at her death she leaves something like a quarter of a million to her daughter. She did not invent an accessory with her promotion, nor assume fine airs, with her rich gowns. Her manners were characterized by simplicity, her accounts were carefully audited to the smallest detail, and she set her face against court etiquette.

## First Lady of France.

Mme. Carnot, wife of the President of the French republic, is a brunette, with dark blue eyes, a pale complexion, delicately molded features, and hair as black as glass, set in a black satin. Her expression is at once intellectual and charming, says a writer in the Ladies' Home Journal. Outside her official duties, which are many, Mme. Carnot leads a very quiet and domestic life. The ordering and superintending of her toilet absorbs a good deal of her time and is really one of her official duties, the dress of the wife of the ruler of state exercising a widespread influence over the commercial interests of France. Then she is interested in a number of charities and drops in from time to time to see how her proteges are progressing.

## Mrs. Sewall in New York.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall, the president of the national council of women and chairman of the World's Congress of representative women, is in New York stirring up enthusiasm. She wants money and she wants appreciation from New York women. She is likely to get both. One thing Mrs. Sewall excels in, and that is her all time pleasantness of manner and calmness of spirit. No matter how much the women about her may quarrel and quirk, she remains true to the salient point—her mission. She is at present the guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Grannis, editor of the Christian Union, at her home on East Twenty-second street. She has been visiting Dr. Clement Lozier, the president of Sorosis.

## Even the Mob Respected Her.

Mrs. Perrin, the oldest member of the Daughters of the Revolution, who died recently in New York, was a descendant of Admiral Coligny the celebrated French Huguenot, and her grandfather was General Falconer, one of Washington's aide-de-camps. At the time of the draft riots in New York City, Mrs. Perrin lived on West Forty-seventh street, and a mob surrounded the house, threatening to burn it down. She went out on the front steps and made a speech so fearless and so patriotic that the brutalized crowd was moved to some sentiment of manhood, and, after loudly cheering her, went on their destructive way leaving her home unharmed.

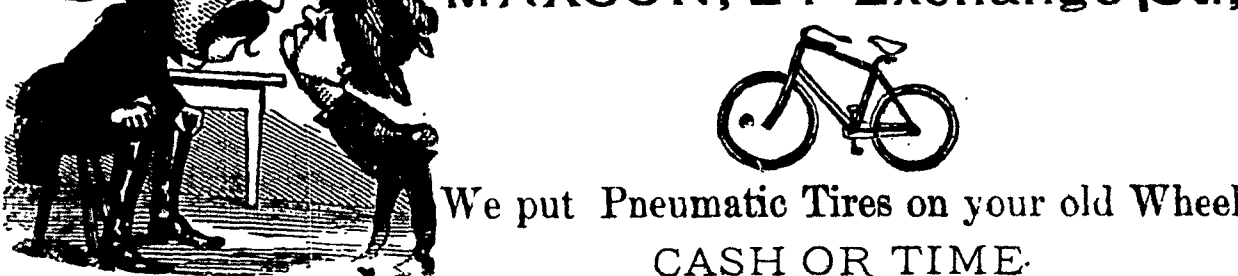
## About Women.

Mrs. Anna Polter, independent candidate for mayor of Kansas City, has refused a Republican endorsement. She is a woman of much decision of character and has some wealth. At present she is building a house and her workmen say that she shows much executive ability.

The wife of Senator White of California, is sometimes spoken of as a "Spanish beauty," and her dark hair and eyes and rich complexion seem to justify such a suspicion. But in the interests of accuracy a Washington paper declares that she was born in North Carolina and had a French father and Irish mother. She was educated in Philadelphia, but went to California while a young woman.

While an Andover student was sketching the Phelps homestead not long ago, a lady who was walking near him paused and pleasantly referred to his task. He replied with enthusiasm and explained that with his mother at home he had read all of Miss Phelps' writings and was anxious to get a picture of that author's place of residence. The lady smiled and made him a little bow. "I am much obliged to your mother," she said amiably. "Will you tell her so from Elizabeth Phelps Ward?"

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