

THE BEE.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

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The expected happened when by an unanimous vote the democratic members of the Kentucky legislature selected ex-Speaker Carlisle to succeed the late Senator Beck. It is seldom so high an honor is conferred on a man under such circumstances as existed in this particular case, but Mr. Carlisle's services in behalf of his party fully entitle him to such recognition. It is also a high compliment to the ex-Speaker that the most forcible argument that could be used against him was the fact that his elevation to the Senate would deprive the House democrats of a leader whose ability was conceded on every hand. Mr. Carlisle's Congressional career has been marked by a spirit of fairness to his political opponents which has won for him the highest regard beyond the lines of his party. In fact this one trait was the only thing which could be urged against his efficiency as a leader on the floor of the House. His overshadowing spirit of fairness rendered him less aggressive than was sometimes necessary for successful leadership. The dignity of the Senate will no doubt be more suitable to Mr. Carlisle's tastes than the turmoil of the House, and will strengthen the democratic minority in the upper branch of Congress. There will now be an interesting contest on the democratic side as to who shall wear the discarded mantle of the ex-Speaker. There is no Samuel J. Randall or no Samuel Sullivan Cox to turn to. The democratic minority must exploit in an untried field and make a selection, but the opportunities for success are, however, almost unlimited.

Mr. McKinley has to hold a pretty tight rein to keep some of the members of the majority from kicking over the traces and smashing the dashboard of his tariff cart. The republican members of the ways and means committee held court in the private consulting room Saturday and heard a number of republican members who want certain things in the bill different from what they are. At one time the room was crowded with members. Half a dozen or more different subjects were discussed but the committee did not commit themselves to any new proposition. There are a large number of republicans in the House who have amendments to offer and are clamoring for more time for the consideration of the bill by sections. The committee will not grant this extension, however, and Mr. McKinley says that the vote on the bill and amendment will be taken on Wednesday, as provided by the new rule. ex-Speaker Carlisle is expected to make his last effort in the House on next Wednesday, closing the debate for the democrats. He will have but five minutes under the rules, but if he arrives in time unanimous consent will be asked that he be allowed to speak without limit. It is hardly possible that any member would object to this, in view of the uniform courtesy shown to everyone by Speaker Carlisle when presiding over the House.

The House committee on claims under consideration the Roach claim against the Government growing out of the building of the Dolphin. The matter has become a party issue in the committee, the democrats endeavoring to defeat it as a vindication of ex-Secretary Whitney, while the republicans have accepted the issue as a political one and are on the Roach side of the issue. So far the democrats have been more alert and attentive and have kept the hands of the majority tied. This is the only claim that the committee on rule will give a special order, and the democrats are greatly amused over the tie-up they have accomplished in the claims committee.

Will the Senate ever adopt the previous question? This query has been made many times and has usually been answered in the negative. The Senate is a body which is sometimes, with all its dignity, more partisan than the House. But as regards the privileges of its individual members it is disposed to subordinate party advantage to personal consideration. The Senate will probably maintain free-and-easy debate and let election and other party measures take care of themselves.

Senator John James Ingalls says the Decalogue and the Golden Rule have no place in politics, and First Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson declares that this Government should be wholly political, business principles having no place in it. According to the combined logic of these two distinguished republicans therefore, there should be neither morals nor method in the administration of the public affairs of this Republic.

Senator Sherman does not want any free coinage in his and says he will vote by himself first. It is not likely, however, that he will be permitted to flock by himself on the negative of this question.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Paris police are keeping a close watch on foreign Anarchists.

The London News says Stanley will be married in Westminster Abbey.

The Senate of Toronto University has adopted a law curriculum for 1892-5.

Contractor Whelan states that he has been "bled" to the extent of \$100,000 by the needy politicians at Quebec.

In the House of Representatives recently Mr. McKinley moved the previous question on the Tariff Bill, and the measure was shoved through its final stages on a party vote.

Col. Gzowski has been made a K. C. M. G. Other Queen's Birthday honors include knighthood for Judge Johnston of Montreal, and a C. M. G. for Mr. Griffin, ex-Deputy Postmaster General.

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