

THE AGONY HAS ENDED

CLOSING HOURS OF THE FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

The usual scene in the House and the Senate—the great stir and bustle by which the House and Senate adjourned for the session.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The president, accompanied by Secretaries Foraker, Burk and Wamsamker and Attorney General Miller, arrived at the capitol shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, and went immediately to the president's rooms, where he commenced to examine and attach his signature to various measures demanding attention.

The hall of the house was the scene of a confusion. There was an unusually large attendance of members, but many were unable to get into the assembly. There was a great roar on the floor and a tumultuous roar of conversation, demands for recognition, and to adjournments to "sit down," but in vain.

It was somewhere in the neighborhood of 11:30 when a solid and somewhat somber looking man, dressed in a dark suit, entered the lobby and proceeded to the senate lobby and into the president's room.

THE SENATE'S LAST STEAL

Larceny From Father Time by Father Bassett.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—At the midnight session of the senate, a bill for the reorganization of the army was reported and the report provided merely for a change of organization, and did not increase the army by one man.

When the doors were reopened the clerks of the house appeared and announced that the house had adjourned for the session.

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THE DOCK LINE BILL

Pictures of the Ice Gorge in the River to Be Used to Defeat the Measure.

Several photographers were seen yesterday at the river at different points yesterday and the rumor was current that at least one set of photographs would be circulated among the members of the legislature.

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He Must Pay for Failure to Do Jury Duty.

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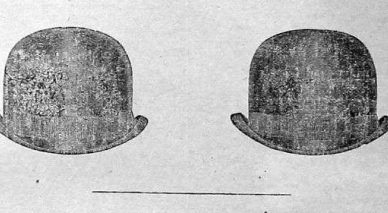
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THE SPRING DERBY.

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The above cuts are those of the most popular Shaped Derbys for the Spring of 1901. The 'YOUNMAN', 'MILLER' and 'OUTFITTER' We have them in all heights as follows: 5 1/4, 5 3/4, 5 1/2 and 6 inches, with the brims varying from 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 inches.

The brim has a close round curl which makes it a particularly 'nobby' hat for young men. We have them in 4 grades at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 each. These are only a few of the shapes we show. Remember

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THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

Miracles.
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Will go further than this by saying: It is a direct denial of the universality of natural law and consequently an insult upon the intelligence of every educated man and woman.
You have a good deal to say about "What is God's grace?" Does it come to you in the solid, liquid or gaseous form? With which one of your five senses do you detect its presence? Is it a genuine material existence, or is it mere hallucination? Will you, as a preacher and priest, work your dupes?

In your article of February 23 you say: "Why you should deal so largely in balderdash about spooks, hobgoblins and ghosts is an unanswerable question."
I am a member of the church, and my philosophy there is no room for such phantoms. I content myself with asking questions of those who, like myself, pretend to deal in them but thus far I have been unable to get the slightest information on the subject.
Is there not as much evidence to prove the existence of spooks and ghosts as there is to prove the existence of spirits? What other purpose has the inventor of the spirit rattle, the spirit cabinet, spirit craft and mediumship to rob mankind and frighten weaklings to talk to me about my soul or spirit, I suspicion him of having my eye on my pocket.

Your charge that I worship an electric God will say: I know no God, neither do I worship any deity. I know of no man who would worship anything which he had an adequate understanding of. I am not a worshiper of anything. I do not believe that God would require it; the Jewish God—Jehovah—was never worshipped by any man but by the Jews. God would despise it.
The "spirit of God" is just as much a material and comprehensible principle of philosophy as my God, electricity and infinitesimally more so. Now, developments in either, true or not, if it is true you will be able to bring me a solid, foot, plant, sound or anything else that will give me a definite method of measuring it, and I will pay you for it. I am a mechanic and I will pay you for it. I am a mechanic and I will pay you for it. I am a mechanic and I will pay you for it.

Some of the passengers on the street cars were swearing in seven different languages, which drew the attention of bystanders were being hit by a crowd of the city before they went to work again. It took ten minutes for that horse, untangled and five minutes more to harness him up again, and then it took the street car drivers five minutes to get their horses out of the harness.
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A Vexatious Phenomenon.
Capt. Carrio, of the British ship Wayfarer, which arrived in Oakland, Cal., a few days ago, 154 days from Antwerp, reports that during the voyage that horse, untangled and five minutes more to harness him up again, and then it took the street car drivers five minutes to get their horses out of the harness.
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RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

Part Text of the Bill Adopted by ANTI-SLAVE LEGISLATION.
There has been considerable said in the press of the question concerning the railroad legislation inaugurated by the Farmers' and Merchants' Association of the state legislature. The resolutions adopted by the state senate, which was the first step in the direction of legislation on this subject, recite the grievances of the farmers of the state, from an Alliance standpoint, against the railroad companies, and it is further declared that it is impossible to determine the legislation necessary to correct the evils named without more knowledge of the exact condition of the railroads. Following are the resolutions:

Resolved, first, That the state board of railroad commissioners be and they are hereby directed to collect full and complete information concerning the railroads.
Resolved, second, That the actual cost of construction and length in miles of each of the several railroads in the state, together with the amount of right-of-way, depot grounds, etc.
Resolved, third, That the actual cost of operation of each of the several railroads in the state, together with the amount of right-of-way, depot grounds, etc.
Resolved, fourth, That the number of persons employed in their offices, depot stations, shops and on their lines, together with the amount paid them per year, together with all other operating expenses, such as fuel, oil, and repairs, and any expenses incident to the conduct of their business.

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The Original Interview.
By the local of James Keith, modern journalism has lost one of its pioneers. Mr. Redpath used to claim that the practice of interviewing many years ago, "he remarked to me a few weeks ago, "in the columns of the Boston Advertiser. My first interview was with a farmer, and my plan was immediately initiated by Editor Dana, of the Sun, who the day after my interview sent out a corps of writers to interview the leading men of the day on various topics. In my career since that time I have written hundreds of interviews, and I have learned from them a few lessons which have been of use to me.

In the first place, my experience has taught me that it is impossible for an interviewer to report the exact words of the person whom he is interviewing. He is obliged by the condition under which he works to misrepresent, or rather to fall into inaccuracies, verbal or otherwise, with regard to what has been said to him. Consequently, whenever a representative of the press comes into my office, and I have been interviewed many times, I always insist upon writing out the interview in my own hand, and I am thus sure of being reported correctly.

Mr. Redpath's career is an illustration of the fine training which journalism gives to one who after practicing it for some years, together with the success of his success as a magazine editor was doubtless due to his experience as a newspaper writer. Mr. Redpath was Allen Thornbury Rice's right hand man during the period when Rice was lifting up The North American, and it is a comparative obscurity into which it had fallen to renewed success, and to his ability much of the present popularity of the reviewer line. It is now that Mr. Redpath wrote me, if not all, of the articles which appeared over Rice's name, for though he has never furnished the ideas he was more than a penman.—New York Telegram.

A Broken Bank's Rare Experience.
In 1877 the Third National Bank of Chicago failed for nearly \$1,000,000. It had a capital stock of \$700,000, and a surplus on hand, amounting to \$200,000, went to its creditors. J. Irving Pearce was president of the failed bank. Huntington W. Wells, of the Chicago Commercial and Financial Institution, and had had the management of its assets since that time. The stockholders were informed that the bank was worthless. Some sold their holdings for a song and others kept what they had because nobody would buy it. A meeting of those who held stock was recently, at which the receiver announced that he had been offered \$1,000,000 for real estate near Jackson park, at the time of the wreck of the bank.

This sale will be made unless a higher price is bid, and the money is to be divided among the stockholders. The defunct bank was also the owner of considerable real estate in the town of Cicero, which could not have been sold at the time of the wreck of the bank. It is now worth \$150 or \$200 an acre, and is now worth \$2,000 or \$4,000 an acre, and which is being sold to the highest bidder. If any other owners in the country has a bank which failed and went out of active existence fourteen years ago, but is worth more now than it was at the highest price of its property, let the facts be reported.—Chicago Journal.

Modern Heroes.
Those pessimistic folk who can see nothing heroic in the spirit or people of our age are respectfully requested to give a moment's attention to the case of Israel Joseph, a real estate broker, who was killed by a press in the city of Chicago. The other day, at the crowded corner of Broadway and Vesey streets, two little girls were about to be run down by a horse and carriage. Israel Joseph sprang from the sidewalk, seized the animals by the bits and held them back until the girls were out of the way.

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Mr. Gould's Sentimental Orator.
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All goods have been marked down. Read the following prices:
Carpet Slippers 9 cents
Children's Shoes at 21
Children's Shoes at 29
Children's Shoes at 48
Ladies Dongola Shoes at 75
Ladies Crese Kid Shoes at \$1.00
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