

The Northville Record.

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THE CONGRESSIONAL SWINDLE.

Although late in speaking of it, yet are we none the less earnest in our denunciation of the vote of the Forty-second Congress by which \$5,000 a piece was taken by each member in addition to his regular salary and mileage already drawn from the national treasury. No vote in any way to indicate the already existing extremely large salaries was bad enough; but to vote that the increase should be retro-active (of covering the past two years for which they had already received pay) was cowardly in the extreme. But what makes the still more heinous is the meanness by which it was tacked on to a necessary appropriation till when there was only one more day left for the passage of the same. Not a man who supported the measure and voted for its passage but ought to be disbarred from all offices of public trust. Not a man of them ought ever to receive the suffrage of the people for any public office.

There were and are competent men enough in the country glad to receive the offices at the old salaries or even below those rates. Indeed the pay allowed before was so high that no persons (as has been fully proved by this very self-same Congress) willingly pay large sums of money, in the shape of bonuses, fees, donations, etc., to receive election. And not a man of that but was willing, and expected, when elected, to labor for the pay then given. If any one of them were not, then he had ought to say so, and let his opponent or some one else be elected.

Neither of the political parties represented can claim me to, if any, pre-eminence on the score of honesty.

The figures are as follows: In the House we find that of those who voted for the measure there were 31 Republicans and 15 Democrats who voted in all; and 20 Republicans and 7 Democrats who, in not being re-elected, decided to further their interests before retiring to private life. Two of these latter—one of each party—were from Michigan. There were in all who voted for the measure 51 Republicans and 48 Democrats; and 1 who voted against against it 60 Republicans and 37 Democrats. In the Senate there were 22 Republicans and 14 Democrats who voted for it; and 22 Republicans and 5 Democrats who voted against the measure. Of those who voted for it, 6 Republicans and 4 Democrats cease their terms in office.

The act in question gives to the President double the amount of his previous salary; largely increases the salaries of all the Cabinet and Departmental officers at Washington; and in lieu of mileage, stationery, and all other perquisites, raises the salaries of members of Congress to \$7,500 per annum. All of the "Pacific Slope" members, although they voted against the bill, yet are entitled to no particular credit on that account; for, their pay and emoluments being heretofore greater than the present increased salary, personal interest would naturally forbid their voting for a measure which would take money from their own pockets. And although only a bare majority in Congress voted for it, yet we think the entire Congress is to blame; for, may we not believe that, were it necessary, others also would have voted for it; or were it not necessary, that some of those who voted for it, would not have done so?

The average length of the sessions of Congress is about 100 days in each year; and \$7,500 will give each member about \$75 per day while in actual session; or about \$24 per day the year round, inclosing about 100 days of labor and 212 days of idleness.

The indignation of the people at this atrocious swindle is spontaneous and universal. The press of both parties and of no party generally denounce it. The Michigan Legislature on the 18th, by a vote of 26 to 1 in the Senate and unanimously 79 to 0 in the House, passed resolutions of censure on those who voted for the *graft*. The Legislatures of other States also have passed resolutions of censure on the business.

Straw has been elected Governor of New Hampshire. His opponent did not worth a straw to him.

STATE NEWS.

PERSONAL.

The Orchard Lake Hotel has been leased by Matt M. Disney.

J. W. Fitzgerald, publisher of the *Clevesing Times*, has been appointed post road agent over the J. L. & S. railroad from Jackson to Rosedale.

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A lad, C. H. Tooley, of Genoa, Livingston County, fell from a scaffold in his father's barn a few days since, and sustained the fracture of a leg.

S. K. Jones, of Brighton, Livingston County, while going to his store, on the morning of the 11th inst., slipped upon an icy walk and fell heavily, sustaining the fracture of an arm and shoulder.

E. Chapman of Battle Creek is shipping wagons to California.

A train of iron-ore was recently shipped direct from Marquette to Columbus, Ohio.

The new bridge over the Huron at Ypsilanti is completed, and is a handsome and durable structure.

A Soo-gang Chinese, largely interested in saw-mills, is negotiating with the San Francisco Chinese Labor Exchange for 15 Chinese.

The C. & C. S. railroad company are sinking a shaft on Stony Island in the Detroit river, to test the practicability of tunneling the river at that point.

The last rail has been laid on the Detroit & Bay City railroad; and regular trains begin running about the latter day.

Petrol, Hillside & Indiana and Wayne Junction & Saginaw and Detroit, Tel. Silver & Logansport railroads have been named and called and named the Petrol, Tel. Wayne & Logansport. The new company will now, and oppose the U. P. Co. of real. F. B. Moore is chairman; and G. L. Quirk of Ypsilanti, Vice-President exco-ecutive.

The long Manistee and Muskegon are in full flight, a branch of Muskegon. The weather is favorable and they will undoubtedly get out in a few days.

Michigan is the best country to live in, except between the lakes, and the light house keepers are the best experts there.

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—*GENERAL ITEMS.*

Almanacs were first published in

1471.

Some men are so absorbed in reli-

gion that they forget to pay their debts.

Mrs. Partridge says she never had

the small-pox—not she. She was

inoculated years ago by an amateur.

Sam is the first tramp mentioned

in history; he went to and fro through

the earth looking for a job.

The office of the Sheriff of Corinth,

Miss., was riddled of 21,000 by band-

its Tuesday night, who knew open-

the safe.

A case of death in England by the

inhalation of nitrous oxide gas re-

ported in the *Leicester*. The victim

was a lady, thirty-eight years of age.

At Charlotte, Iowa, Tuesday a man

attempted to cross a creek with a team

and wagon, in which were five per-

sons. The wagon was swept away

by the current into deep water, and

all but one person in the wagon drown-

ed.

Boston is getting over its fear of

Marsden roofs, provided they are

fire-proof. Prominent architects of

that city advocate this style of roof

on account of its picturesqueness;

and it is probable that the burnt dis-

trict when rebuilt will be topped with

as many Marsden roofs as before the

fire.

The body of a young girl that was

"snatched" from a grave yard at

Oswego, Mich., lately, was discovered

by the town authorities on the dis-

secting table of the homeopathic col-

lege at Detroit, where it was being

made the subject of an anatomical ex-

amination by several women students.

The serious charge is brought up

against a San Francisco schoolmaster

that he carries his lunch with a pocket-

knife and eats jelly with his fingers.

The people want to know if a man

is fit to be principal of a grammar

school.

For sale—a good watch. Enquire at this office.—*Bethel Journal*.

Thus it is ever. If a poor editor goes by dint of hard labor and strict economy, ever acquire anything worth keeping, he is soon obliged to part with it in order to pay his board-bill. What a hidden significance there is in that short, simple sentence. What a story of endurance and paid subscriptions. But we draw the curtain.—*Times*, Waupaca, Wis.

An Akron, Ohio, cat, relying upon his nine lives to save him, allowed his tail to swell, his spine to curve, and with the "dagger of hell" emanating from his jaws, waded into a buzz saw in full motion. The cat was never seen again, but the boss sawyer, who always runs with his mouth open while at work, remarked to his assistant that he could taste sausages meat and middle strings in the air that day.

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Will you print? We are anxious to

have your name on our list.

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Since the close of our last letter

fill the bill, I will not say more.

It is good to be patient.

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