RULES OF CONGRESS.

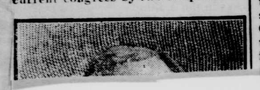
Present House Will Cease to Exist on March 4 Next.

Senate, However, Is a Continuous Body—An Explanation of the Meaning of "Short" and "Long" Sessions.

The session of congress now in progress is a continuation of the session which convened a year ago and adjourned early in July last. These two sessions taken together will comprise the Fifty-seventh congress. Each congress is made up of these two sessions, the first or "long" session, the second or "short" session, and they cover the two years for which each member of the lower house is elected. In addition to these two sessions, there is occasionally an "extra" session, when in the judgment of the president such a programme is necessary. The last "extra" session was called by President McKinley in the spring of 1897, shortly after he had come into office, for the purpose of enacting tariff legislation. There is a possibility that President Roosevelt may call one next spring to consider the trust question, if there is no time between now and the 4th of March to carry out the trust recommendations of his message.

The first or "long" session of each congress has no fixed day for adjournment; it may sit straight away from the first Monday in December, when every session begins, to the first Monday in the December following, although such a thing has never been done. In 1892 the "long" session, which convened in December, 1891, sat all through the summer and until the middle days of October. The session which began December 1 will terminate by statute on the 4th of next March, and it takes up the work of the session which adjourned in July, the same as if the recess had been for only a day instead of for five months.

By multiplying the number of the current congress by two the public is



measure has failed to travel it successfully. Many bills of merit, which got through one house or the other during the session which adjourned in July, will come up in the present "short" session. Some of them will probably pass, notably the department of commerce bill. Others, such as the shipping subsidy bill, which passed the senate early last winter, will be brought up and a hard fight will be made on them, with the chances in favor of defeat.

Oldest Magistrate in the U. S.

It is probable that the oldest magistrate in the United States is Thomas Poe, justice of the peace in Rushville, Ind., who is now in his 93d year. He has held the office since 1854, and for the last 40 years has occupied the same room. At the last election he was chosen to serve another term of four years.

Hint for Aged Gentlemen.

Ex-Senator Jewett, of St. Louis, who is 94, says that a man should quit work at the age of 90, and have a good time.

Algeria Palms.

The inter-tribal fighting in Algeria respecting palm trees involves property of considerable value. There are in the oases about a million and a half palm trees, of which about three-fourths belong to the Mzabites, or aboriginal inhabitants, and the other one-fourth to the Arabs, who have taken to the sword with a view to short methods of inverting the proportions. Their depredations have caused damage to the extent of $100,000, besides the bloodshed resulting from the Mzabites defending their property.

Good Health or No Marrying.

The first government to recommend that good health should be a prerequisite to the securing of a marriage license is that of Spain, whose minister of justice has just made the suggestion. Unfortunately the diseases most inimical to the marriage relation are not noticeable to the untrained eye and often baffle the diagnostic powers of the most astute physician during their interval of latency.

TREE DRIES UP SPRINGS.

The Eucalyptus Has Most Energetic Absorptive Power in Some Localities.

At a recent meeting of the National Agricultural society (of France) M. Lamey reported that the eucalyptus is a dangerous tree in the neighborhood of springs, which it dries up rapidly, reports Cosmos. "I have seen," said he, "a eucalyptus whose roots had penetrated into the pipe of a sink. The fountain that supplied the house had been destroyed by the roots of a neighboring eucalyptus tree, which it was necessary to cut down.

"At the forestry station of St. Ferdinand, built near a spring that issues from a natural grotto, the roots of the eucalyptus trees planted above have penetrated the fissures in the rock and have completely covered the interior of the grotto with a thick velvety layer formed by an innumerable quantity of tiny rootlets, short and tufted, similar to those by which the ivy clings to walls.

"Owing to their energetic absorptive power these rootlets, greedy for water, had also invaded and choked the conduits, so that the outflow from the spring was greatly reduced. We may say, then, that although certain species of eucalyptus are valuable aids in drying marshy land, it is prudent to keep from planting them in the neighborhood of springs used for domestic purposes or irrigation."

A DIPLOMATIC BURGLAR.

Caught at His Work His Presence of Mind Secured Him Freedom from Arrest.

According to the London Telegraph, recently one of the youngest actresses of Paris received the visit of an able burglar in evening dress, who suddenly appeared in her rooms on the Boulevard de Port Royal without knocking at her door or being announced by her servant. The actress was preparing to retire for the night when she heard strange noises in the drawing-room. Going in there she found herself face to face with a tall, dark man in evening dress and soft slippers, who appeared to be about 40 years old. As he actress entered the stranger dropped on one knee and made a declaration of love. He said that he had watched her on the stage with admiration, that he had tried to see her at the theater, and, having failed to do so, he resolved to enter her residence, even at the risk of being taken for a burglar. The actress was much annoyed, but, believing the man's story, she allowed him to go away without raising any alarm. The stranger disappeared quickly when the door was opened for him, and the actress subsequently found that before she had heard his footsteps in her salon he had broken open a Louis Quinze table there and abstracted from the drawers a large amount of money and some jewels.

FAMOUS FIRE HORSE.

Aurora (Ill.) Department Has "Silver King," a Beauty, But a Man-Killer.

During the recent convention of the Illinois State Firemen's association at Aurora Silver King, the most beautiful and the most vicious fire horse in the state, attracted wide attention from the visiting firemen, reports the Chicago Chronicle. Silver King is one of the horses that draws the hook and ladder truck at engine house No. 1, and he has a bad record. It is said he killed a man when he was a colt and maimed another one for life a few years ago. The city came into possession of him through a ruse. The owner doped him and brought him around to show him off. He seemed as docile as a kitten, and as he was a big fellow and as handsome as a picture he was purchased. The next day it developed that he was vicious and no one could come near him. Finally Sam De Frates took charge of the animal. He began to treat him kindly and soon had him tamed down. He can now do anything he pleases with the animal, but no one else dares go near his stall. He is a dappled gray, with mane and tail as white as silver. He is about eight years old and enjoys nothing better than making a run to a fire.

Just a Reminder.

Tom (angrily)—I leave you to-night forever!

Gladys—All right, dear, but remember that I have an engagement for tomorrow night.—Town Topics.

Practical View of It.

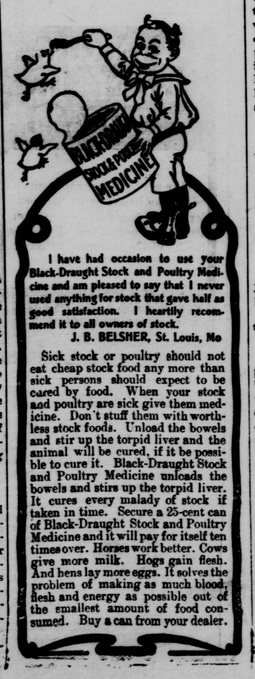
"The spirit moves me!" exclaimed the poet.

"Well," said a friend, "that's cheaper than paying house rent."—Atlanta Constitution.

A Mystery.

Customer—Are you sure this fish is fresh?

Waiter—I don't know, sir. I've only been here three days.—Town Topics.



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LOOKS LIKE A CAGE.

Pulpit Used by Whitefield in His Travels from Home.

Famous Relic Is Now Preserved in New York City—Its Authenticity Established by Indisputable Evidence.

Visitors at the rooms of the American Tract society in Nassau street, New York, lately have been confronted by a queer sort of wooden cage on stilt-like legs. Those who looked twice saw tacked on it this sign: "George Whitefield's Pulpit."

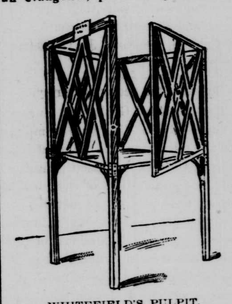
This pulpit, says the New York Sun, is one of the most highly prized relics of the American Tract society. For years it has not been put on anything like public view, but it has been kept none the less carefully on that account.

The frame of the pulpit is about six feet high, with the floor of the pulpit about three feet from the ground. The wood is said to be black walnut, but age and successive coats of paint, stain and varnish have done much to hide its identity.

The most striking feature of the pulpit is the number of hasps, hooks and hinges which bind its frame. Those who have charge of the relic are quick to call attention to this fact and to offer the explanation that the pulpit is of the folding variety. It was constructed in that way so that it could easily be carried in a wagon or even by a strong man.

The identity of the pulpit as Whitefield's is not questioned by those who now have it, although they have no available data concerning its movements after Whitefield died in 1770. Rev. Dr. Charles S. Robinson, the famous hymn writer, who died only a few years ago, said that it was "well authenticated as Whitefield's traveling pulpit—that which he carried with him and from which he was wont to address the thousands that flocked to hear his voice."

Whitefield's preaching in England as an evangelist, particularly after his



WHITEFIELD'S PULPIT.
(Now in Possession of the American Tract Society, New York.)

dispute with Wesley, brought to him larger audiences than he got over in the colonies in America, and it is thought that he did not bring the traveling pulpit here. At any rate, according to the testimony of the oldest living officer of the American Tract society, the pulpit was presented to the society some time before 1830 by a man who picked it up while traveling in England.

It has been exhibited only a few times in this country, once at the Centennial exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876 and again at the world's fair at Chicago in 1893.

Whitefield came to America seven times in all, his death occurring on his seventh visit, while he was at Newburyport, Mass. The first time he came here he went to Georgia at the request of the Wesleys. On his other visits he preached mainly in the New England colonies, where, on several occasions, he was not allowed to use regularly assigned pulpits because their occupants looked with extreme disfavor on his evangelical ideas. This fact has led to the belief that perhaps he did bring his own pulpit here.

All of the historians agree as to the power of Whitefield's voice. It seems not unlikely that he was accustomed to emphasize his utterances by pounding the frail structure of his pulpit, for it now bears traces of having been used vigorously. The wood has been cracked and chipped off around the fastenings of the upper railing, as if some heavy hand had once marked the time of his creed upon it.

British Take Three Islands.

According to advices received from Sydney, H. M. S. Sparrow has returned from a protracted cruise through the South sea group. During the cruise the warship's officers annexed Suwarrow, Ysabel and Choiseul islands for Great Britain. At Malieta island, five villages of the natives were shelled to punish the islanders for having killed a Fijian woman because she embraced Christianity. With a view to impressing the natives with the seriousness of the crime committed by them, and of warning them against a recurrence of such acts, the Sparrow visited five places in the island of Malieta, namely Auki, Siv, Uras, Kwai, and Port Diamond, and at each place the villages were shelled and partially destroyed.

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"That's all right, mamma. Neither does he approve of you."—Life.

Sentiment and Business.

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"Young man, that was sentiment; this is business."—Tit-Bits.

Heartless Relatives.

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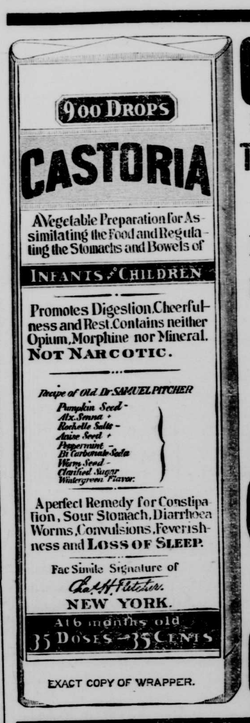
Mistress—The idea! How is the poor invalid to know that all her friends are anxious about her, if her heartless relatives have muffled the door-bell?—N. Y. Weekly.



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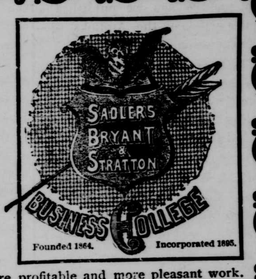

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