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CONGRESSIONAL

SENATE.

Wilson, from the committee of conference on the West Point appropriation bill, made a report which was adopted, striking out the clause for the appointment of two Senators and three Representatives on the board of visitors.

Sumner, from the committee on foreign affairs, reported a joint resolution authorizing the payment of the full salary of Hovey, Minister to Peru; passed.

A joint resolution for the relief of Commander Bissell was passed.

Several miscellaneous bills were introduced and referred.

Scott, from the naval committee, gave notice that the following resolution had been adopted: That in the judgement of the committee Congress ought not to entertain the applications of officers for their restoration to the naval service, who have been dismissed by sentence of a court martial, unless such restoration be recommended by the Executive Department.

Sherman asked that an order be made with a view to disposing of the Mississippi bill, at three o'clock, and unless the bill was speedily disposed of he would move to lay it over and ask for an order to take up other business, demanding prompt consideration. Cameron and others objected to the proposed order and the matter was informally laid aside for the bill amending the naturalization laws. Sherman said that in his opinion a change was demanded, not in the principles of the law respecting naturalization, but in the administration of the law so as to provide safeguards against fraud, but at the same time to facilitate access to naturalization by well disposed persons. Such was the object of the bill. The bill was then taken up and discussed by Fowler, Savage, Drake, Sumner, Warren, Cameron and Trumbull.

The Senate proceeded to vote on Willey's amendment to repeal the conditions of the Virginia bill, which was defeated 23 to 36. A vote was then taken on the amendment of the Senate committee to strike out all conditions and to simply declare that the State was entitled to admission; rejected 27 to 32. The bill was then passed by a party vote; yeas 50, nays 11.

Adjourned.

Sumner said he had received a telegram from the Governor of Nebraska, announcing the ratification of the 15th Amendment, with only five dissenting votes.

Sherman presented a petition from many thousand citizens of Connecticut for the recognition of Cuban independence.

Wilson introduced a bill to make the importation of emigrants under labor contracts unlawful.

Howard introduced a bill granting land to aid the construction of the Dal-lata and North Western railroad.

Conkling introduced a bill directing the Postmaster General to make a contract with the North American steam navigation company at New York, for the transportation of mails between New York and Antwerp or Bremen, touching at Plymouth; terms, for fifteen years, the steamers to be exempt from State or federal taxation.

On motion of Sherman the funding bill was taken up and made the special order for Wednesday next.

On motion of Sumner the bill creating the office of solicitor for the State department was taken up. Trumbull said the question suggested by the bill was whether we are to have a law department in each department of the government, and consequently a variety of discussions upon every question proffered, such officers to be subject to one head. The bill was amended so as to provide for an examiner of claims instead of a solicitor, and passed.

Morrill, of Maine, introduced a bill relative to appropriations, directing the estimates and appropriations to be made through the Secretary of the Treasury, and prescribing the methods of keeping the accounts of the appropriations.

The bill to promote an international exhibition at Washington next year was debated by Hamlin, Patterson, Nye and Sherman in its favor, and by Thurman, Morrill, of Vermont, Stewart and Schurz, in opposition. Thurman said that upon the pretext of making the exhibition a credit to the nation, the government would be obliged to

shoulder the bulk of the expenses, and he regarded the whole thing as a humbug. With a view to saving time he moved to postpone the bill indefinitely. Hamlin said that the wealthy men of Washington stated that they could make the project a success without further charge to the Government than specified in the bill. Without disposing of the bill the Senate went into executive session and then adjourned.

HOUSE.

A bill to prevent and punish polygamy in Utah was considered. Cullom spoke in explanation and advocacy of the bill. He read a letter which he had just received from a gentleman of character in an official position in Utah, stating that unless some such bill were passed every man not a Mormon would have to leave the Territory, and that very soon, or place himself where he will inevitably be murdered. He thought only a few companies of soldiers would be necessary to enforce this law in Utah. It was only necessary to give the courts power to enforce convictions for the violation of the law to show that the government meant business, and did not mean to temporize any longer with that iniquity. When the morning hour expired the bill went over.

Lynch, from the select committee on the navigation interests, reported two bills for the relief of commerce, which were ordered printed and made a special order for the third Tuesday in March.

The House went into a committee of the whole on the legislative appropriation bill. The discussion of the court of claims' items occupied an hour and a half. All the proposed amendments were rejected. The amendment relative to secretaries to the President was discussed for over an hour and finally rejected.

Kelsey denounced the second assistant Secretary of State as having been at heart, though not in action, a malignant rebel during the war and said that his wife and family were out-and-out secessionists and that his house had been made a rendezvous for rebels. Jenckes denied the assertion in the most positive terms.

Farnsworth denounced the extravagance of the supervising architect of the Treasury, Mullett.

Butler, of Mass., defended Mullett. The committee rose when Beck, from the committee of conference on the West Point appropriation bill, made a report, which was agreed to.

Logan asked leave to introduce and have passed a bill for an appropriation of three thousand dollars for the expenses of witnesses with regard to the sale of cadetships.

Schofield objected and the House adjourned.

GENERAL

SAN FRANCISCO, 16.—Major Howison, Deputy State Comptroller for eight years, died suddenly yesterday.

CHICAGO 17.—The Tribune's Washington special thinks the tariff bill is certain to be defeated; it doesn't suit anybody, even the high tariff men being dissatisfied with it. The revenue tariff men are talking of a short bill, changing and reducing the rates of some articles; but the present indications are that nothing whatever will be done with the tariff this session.

The Senate judiciary committee find much trouble in settling the Georgia case. They have not yet arrived at any conclusion, and a considerable difference of opinion exists in the committee; they are almost unanimous, however, in their disapproval of General Terry's course in holding a military inquiry as to the eligibility of the members of the legislature. The President and cabinet have repeatedly sanctioned General Terry's proceedings and probably they will be also sanctioned by Congress. The committee desire to get through the reconstruction business as soon as possible, and they will probably report a bill for the restoration of the State with the present legislature. The committee are investigating the sale of cadetships and have convicted D. N. Ritters, a member of the present Congress from Pennsylvania, of selling a cadetship for \$850; this makes three against whom evidence has been developed. The committee will strongly urge the expulsion of the members convicted.

The Senate committee on Indian affairs have agreed to recommend the Government to purchase the Osage Indian lands for two millions, with the privilege to all present settlers to buy, not exceeding 160 acres, at a dollar and a quarter per acre.

The House thus far have disposed of only two contested election cases; They have twenty-three more on hand.

A special from New York says the capital stock has been subscribed for a new mining paper; several Wall street men are interested in it, and intend to make it their financial organ.

A mother and her child were found dead by a person, in a house in the West division of this city yesterday; the father and another child were suffering, apparently from the effects of poison; but the man's condition is suspicious. The case is so strange that he will be held for examination. Although the woman and child were sleeping in the same bed with the husband he pretended to know nothing about the matter except that they died at four o'clock in the morning. He gave no alarm and called for no assistance.

The Tribune's Atlanta special says the Democrats have raised heavy subscriptions to send to Bryant at Washington, to prevent the seating of Republican Senators.

The Tribune's Austin, Texas, special says that Gen. Reynolds publishes a card positively declining to be a candidate for Senator.

Rev. J. B. Lemon, one of the oldest citizens of Illinois, the only surviving member of the Constitutional convention of 1818, died in St. Clair County, a few days ago, aged 80.

CHICAGO.—A Washington special says the assessor of Internal Revenue from Salt Lake city, reports that Brigham Young insolently refused to make out returns of the revenue of the Church, which property he holds as trustee; the assessor thereupon proceeded to assess the Church at about sixty thousand dollars, for tithes amounting to nearly two millions. He says that many Mormons tell him these figures are not more than reasonable. He believes the Church leaders will evade the collection of these taxes unless the government is firm in its purpose. The officers of the Revenue Bureau here have been to General Sherman, who says that he will furnish all the force needed to enforce the laws.

PHILADELPHIA.—A fire this morning totally destroyed the extensive woolen mills of John P. Briner, on Hamilton street; the mills extended over the whole block between twenty-third and twenty-fourth streets, and were valued at seven hundred thousand dollars, and the stock on hand at seventy-five thousand dollars. Seven hundred hands were employed. The total insurance of the mills, machinery and stock was about four hundred and fifty thousand. The origin of the fire was thought to be from the explosion of a boiler, and was said to be attended with loss of life, but this is now denied.

NEW YORK.—At a meeting of the Board of Education yesterday, a letter was received from the trustees of the Seventh Ward, recommending the Anglo-Irish language to be taught in the public schools; the letter was referred to the committee on studies.

Over six thousand emigrants have arrived here since January 1st.

A pneumatic railway tunnel has been excavated to a point half way between Murray and Barclay streets.

ST. LOUIS, 17.—A boiler at the Union railway car works, in the extreme lower part of the city, exploded with terrific force at about 2 o'clock, killing four men and injuring several others.

HAVANA.—Seward and party have sailed for Baltimore.

Hugh Johnson, attacked in company with Greenwald, is out of danger; Foster is also improving, and his physicians think he will recover.

WASHINGTON.—The committee on ways and means have resolved, eight to one, to reduce the internal revenue bill by thirty millions. The President and the Administration favor the reduction of the tariff twenty millions.

The House committee on commerce have agreed to report Judd's bill making Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis original ports of entry and delivery, and have added Evansville, Ind., Milwaukee and Buffalo to the list.

The returns to the department of agriculture, during January, indicate a decrease in the average of wheat in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York and New England; in California it is nearly the same as last year. Kansas, Arkansas and West Virginia have increased; in other States there is little difference.

Company K, of the fourth U. S. cavalry, which has been on duty here a long while, has been ordered to join its regiment in the department of the Platte.

LOUISVILLE.—Chas. D. Kirk, the well-

known editor, fell dead in the street, of hemorrhage of the lungs, aged 47.

FORT MONROE.—The success of the recent experiments with the double-shotted projectiles is only partial; Col. Blainer, an ordnance officer, does not endorse the opinion of the inventor.

CINCINNATI.—Steps are being taken to hold a great exposition of manufactures and products in this city next fall; the project will probably be carried out. It is intended to make this the greatest exhibition ever held in the West.

CHICAGO.—At the annual meeting of the Woolen Manufacturers' Association of the West and South, in this city yesterday, it was agreed to hold an exposition of woolen manufacturers and textile fabrics, on Tuesday, August 2nd, the place to be selected by the executive committee. St. Louis offers strong inducements. Resolutions were adopted favoring the continuance of the present tariff on woolen goods, though several prominent manufacturers pronounced in favor of free trade.

The jewelry store of J. P. Perro, No. 122 State Street, was robbed of about seven thousand dollars' worth of jewelry last evening, at seven o'clock, during the absence of the proprietor at supper; it is one of the most thronged thoroughfares in the city. The gas was left burning brightly in the store; the blinds were up, which rendered the interior visible to all passers. The proprietor was absent about an hour, and upon returning found that all the doors were locked and everything in order, but the contents of the show case were entirely cleared out.

Washington specials say that Secretary Boutwell declares himself emphatically opposed to the reduction of \$30,000,000 of internal taxation; he is exceedingly anxious to have Sherman's funding bill passed as soon as possible, believing that five hundred or six hundred millions can then be taken from the internal taxation.

Admiral Farragut is quite ill and fears are entertained of his recovery.

The members of Congress thus far implicated in the sale of cadetships are Collis, of Ala., Pettis, of Pennsylvania, Wittemore, of S. C. and Sypher, of La.

MEMPHIS.—A few days since, a party of masked men, near Collierville, Tennessee, surrounded and fired a volley into the house of a negro, wounding his wife and himself. They then set fire to the house with the intention to burn him and family; but they were rescued. There is no clue as to who the perpetrators are.

The cold weather it is feared will destroy the fruit crop.

NEW YORK.—A post-mortem examination was held yesterday on the body of Margaret Sheridan, murdered on Wednesday night by her husband; Powers, her paramour, the only witness of the murder, has been arrested. The husband is calm and collected.

Henry Sweetzer, one of the most versatile and best known of the younger members of the press of New York, died suddenly to-day in his thirty-third year. He was formerly one of the publishers of the Round Table, but was latterly connected with the World.

Brick Pomeroy was arrested at Pen-yan last night for libel; he was bailed out.

A number of Southerners, who went to Brazil after the close of the rebellion, have petitioned the Government to send a ship to bring them home. It is said that the colonies are in a very destitute condition.

The funeral of Westly Harper was attended by a vast number of prominent citizens; the New York and Brooklyn publishing trade was largely represented. All the Harpers' employees were present. Six clergymen participated in the ceremonies.

The master mechanics and builders, of Brooklyn, to-day, appointed a committee to call a public meeting to consider the subject of the more summary treatment of offenders than now dealt out by the law.

Incendiary fires are so frequent in West Hoboken that the citizens have organized a committee of safety, to be detailed for duty in squads for the protection of their property.

Jas. Welsh has been sentenced to ten years in the State Prison for his recent unsuccessful attempt to murder his sister.

SAN FRANCISCO, 17.—A sharp shock of earthquake was felt at 12-13 p.m. to-day; its duration was several seconds; its direction was south-east and north-west. It caused a general panic. The shock was felt at Sacramento, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Oakland and other places. It caused the hotels and pub-