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## CONGRESSIONAL.

### SENATE.

The President sent to the Senate to-day the following nominations: Edwin M. McCook, of Colorado, to be Governor of Colorado; John W. Jenkins, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Colorado; T. B. Searight to be Surveyor General of Colorado; Albert G. Colemell, of Ohio, to be consul at Anconia.

### HOUSE.

Mills introduced a bill for the removal of all troops in the Southern States to the western country, as a protection against Indians.

### AMERICAN

NEW YORK, 26.—A suit has been begun against the official bond of ex-postmaster Jones of this city, on the ground that the late postmaster is responsible for the alleged defalcation of more than a hundred thousand dollars by John W. Norton, ex-superintendent of the money order department.

The confectionary manufactory of R. S. Gilbert & Co., Washington street, was burned this evening; loss \$70,000. The pattern shop of the Quintard Iron Works was burned to-night; loss \$75,000.

The President to-day issued an executive order providing for a commission of one from each executive department, one from the Smithsonian Institute, and one from the department of agriculture, to prepare and arrange a collection of such articles from each department for exhibition at the Philadelphia Centennial Celebration as will illustrate the functions and administrative facilities of the government in time of peace, and its resources as a war power.

The Supreme Court will take a recess from Friday next until the 2nd of March.

LOWELL, Mass., 26.—The citizens of Chelmsford report a shock of earthquake, which shook the buildings, yesterday noon, causing considerable alarm.

Judge Sawyer, of the U. S. Circuit Court, has decided that the assessments levied against the Central Pacific Railroad Co., for taxes, in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Placer and Nevada counties were irregular and, for that reason, void. The irregularity consisted in lumping the lands, roads and rolling stock together for valuation, instead of assessing them separately.

The health of the king of the Sandwich Islands is reported to be much improved. The approaching elections create much interest. Mr. Wideman has tendered his resignation as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court. An alliance for the King is generally talked of.

WASHINGTON, 27.—The House committee on the judiciary have under consideration General Butler's resolution, instructing it to enquire and report whether the courts of the U. S. have adequate jurisdiction and authority to prevent and punish the improper use of the flag and national character of the United States on board merchant vessels upon the high seas or in foreign ports, providing for the seizure of vessels so offending, and for the punishment of persons who fraudulently issue marine papers.

NEW YORK, 27.—The former cook of the Stiner family, four members of which were burned to death with their house two weeks ago, has been arrested pending the inquest of the coroner; silver plate was known to be in the house, and it and jewelry belonging to the dead cannot be found since the fire, and robbery and murder are now insinuated in connection with the terrible affair.

Charles Bradlaugh has written a letter concerning the prospects of the radicals in the coming general election in England. He says it is probable that there will be more conservatives elected and fewer whigs, but the conservatives are alive and promise some very radical measures in order to get returned. The next Parliament will show a sturdy radical band, and for the first time in English history, the working men will probably be represented in the House of Commons; they have at least three efficient candidates, McDonald, Burt and Crawford. The radical party is growing, and I believe this party, which mustered a gallant little band even in the Par-

liament just slaughtered, will be strengthened so materially in the Parliament about to be elected, that it will not only be strong enough to prevent the conservatives from retaining office for any longer term, even supposing they should win it, but will be able so materially to modify the liberal programme that Whigism of the Granville type might as well perform *hari kari*.

CHICAGO, 27.—A Washington special to the *Inter-Ocean* says the House committee on banking and currency have come to very important conclusions. The committee at first decided against Kelly's bill, and against abolishing the national banking system. Having settled these questions, the committee then framed a bill, of which the following are the leading features:—first, that the restriction of the total amount of bank circulation shall be repealed, which is equivalent to authorizing free banking under the provisions of the present law, except as modified by the committee's bills; second, that the requirement that the banks shall keep a reserve of greenbacks in their vaults to redeem their notes, shall be repealed, and that instead thereof, every bank shall deposit in the Treasury greenbacks amounting to five per cent of its circulation as a fund for the redemption of its notes, and shall keep this reserve good; third, that the banks shall not be allowed to pay or receive interest on deposits with each other; fourth, that country banks shall be required to keep their deposit reserves at home; fifth, that gold banks shall be allowed to issue notes to the amount of eighty per cent only of their bonds, instead of ninety as at present. It is understood that only three members of the committee voted against reporting the bill combining these provisions. They were Hawley, Phelps and Mitchell. The committee subsequently agreed to report adversely upon the postal savings bank bill, but in order to give the friends of the measure an opportunity to advocate it in the House, it was arranged that the bill, with the adverse report, should be put on the calendar for discussion in a committee of the whole.

BOSTON, 26.—Prof. J. F. Holton, one of the leading botanists of the country, died suddenly at his residence at Everett, yesterday.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., 26.—An incendiary fire at Helena, Ark., yesterday, destroyed seven buildings, four of them stores; loss \$70,000, no insurance.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., 26.—It is stated that the physicians of the principal cities of the U. S. have combined to secure the bodies of the Siamese Twins for autopsy, at any price.

TORONTO, 27.—John Livingstone, brother of Dr. Livingstone, and residing at Listowell, says the last letter which reached his friends in England from my brother, was dated, Aug., '72; from Unyanyembe, on the evening of his leaving for the interior.

NEW YORK, 27.—A petition numerously signed by prominent bankers and merchants of this city, and to be presented to Congress tomorrow, says any additional issue of paper money, either directly by the government, or indirectly by the national banks by authority of the government, would be injurious to the interests of the Union.

A. W. Muerer, sexton of Trinity church, was arrested to-day and held to bail for alleged complicity in a number of thefts by one McKee, of Brooklyn. The stolen property is said to have been found in the church.

BOSTON.—Wyman has concluded the autopsy of Prof. Agassiz, and reports that the cause of his death was disease and obstruction of the arteries of the brain. The greatest weight of the brain is estimated at 56.5 averdupois ounces.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 27.—The House committee on appropriations to-day perfected the bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury until otherwise provided by law, to make no payments out of the unexpended balance of appropriations heretofore made for the purpose of sites and for the erection of public buildings by the supervising architect of the treasury department for any of the following purposes and objects—to pay for any site or extension of site purchased which has not been executed or proceedings for condemnation which are not completed; to pay for any work or materials for the erection of any building upon which

work is not already begun or contracted for; to pay for the sale or demolition of any building or any site where work has not been commenced. Until provided for by law, the Secretary shall make no contracts for the purchase of any new site, nor for material or labor on any building not actually commenced. All sums heretofore appropriated for buildings, to purchase sites, etc., which are made unwarrantable by this act are covered into the treasury. The Secretary is authorized and directed to suspend work on any building already commenced, whenever in his judgment such suspension can be made consistently with public interest.

A full cabinet meeting this afternoon discussed in all its phases the subject of the President sending a special message to Congress regarding affairs in Louisiana, and it is understood that the conclusion reached was, that there has been no such change in affairs in that State within the past year as to require any special communication to Congress.

The committee of ways and means to-day, by an almost unanimous vote, disagreed to Kelly's bill for convertible bonds. It will be presented in the House, however.

In the Senate, Cameron, from the committee on foreign relations reported back the bill to pay the French spoliation claims.

OSWEGO, N. Y.—There is the most extensive flood known for twenty years in the Oswego river. At Fulton the lower portion of the village was completely submerged on Monday night, thirty families were driven from their homes, and many more this morning have been carried in boats from the second stories of their houses, while in other places men are seen wading waist deep with the female members of their household on their backs. The damage to property is great.

CINCINNATI, 27.—Judge Waite to-day resigned the presidency of the Ohio Constitutional convention in a brief but graceful speech, after which a recess of ten minutes was taken to allow the members individually to take leave of him, and a committee was appointed to draft an appropriate resolution.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—The house to-day, after a spirited debate, defeated the bill to allow women to be elected to office under the school laws, by a vote of 30 yeas to 75 nays.

CHICAGO, 28.—A Washington special to the *Inter-Ocean* says the nomination of E. M. McCook, as governor of Colorado, was on the motion of the President alone, and the place was not sought by the general.

General Sheridan was before the House Indian committee yesterday, and recommended a line of government telegraph through the Indian country, between the white settlements, as a means of safety.

NEW YORK, 28.—St. Bridget's Church, opposite Tompkins Square, was fired in two places yesterday. The pastor, Rev. Father Mooney, does not believe the incendiaries were the enemies of the church, but that their misguided aim was to secure employment, knowing that a large congregation would be tolerably sure to rebuild it at once.

The Brooklyn Presbytery pronounces worthy of grave disapprobation the act of two Presbyterian churches in permitting the Rev. Sarah Simley to preach to promiscuous congregations at Cincinnati and at Aurora, Ind.

It is reported that seven persons are lying at the point of death from having eaten fresh pork with trichinea in it. Two weeks ago Mrs. Henry Trayner had two hogs killed for family use, and a few days ago, after eating of the meat, Mrs. Trayner and one of the children were attacked with what appeared to be typhoid fever. Mrs. Benter, the wife of a German mechanic, visited her and, with two children, partook of the meat, and in a few days they were attacked with the same symptoms, which attracted the attention of a physician, and on examining the meat it was found to be literally alive with trichinea. At this time Mrs. Trayner and three children and Mrs. Benter and two children are not expected to live.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., 28.—Judge Thompson was arguing a case in the Supreme Court, having been speaking only a few minutes when he suddenly dropped, and in five minutes was dead.

To-morrow Dr. Panceast and sev-

eral other leading physicians of this city will leave for Mount Airy, N. C., to make an examination of the remains of the Siamese twins; complete arrangements have been made for an autopsy.

DENVER, Col., 28.—Intense excitement has prevailed throughout the city and Territory since the receipt of the news of the removal of Gov. Elbert, the secretary and surveyor-general, and there seems to be bitter opposition to the confirmation of McCook as governor. A request to retain Elbert, signed by all but two of the republican members of the legislature, was forwarded to-day to President Grant. An impression prevails among non-politicians that the nomination of an outside party for Governor would meet with less opposition.

CINCINNATI, 28.—Rufus King, of Cincinnati, was elected president of the Constitutional Convention to-day.

NEW YORK, 28.—Police Superintendent Matsell reiterates the belief that the fire in St. Bridget's church was the work of communists, and he thinks that similar attempts are probable; he thinks there can be no doubt that a commune is thoroughly organized in this city. Threats against churches and school houses, and especially against all Roman Catholic institutions, have been frequently made since the Tompkins Square riot. He says that on the day of the riot many of the so-called working men who passed St. Joseph's hospital looked up and shook their fists at the building, uttering threats. One of the rioters, who had his head cut by a policeman's club, was tenderly cared for in the hospital, yet went away cursing the attendants. The superintendent says especial watch has been kept lately over churches and school houses, and the watch will be maintained. It is understood that particular pains have been taken to guard every church in the south precinct.

Charles Bradlaugh sailed for England to-day; he intends to contest the coming election for parliament for Northampton.

Efforts are making to have a meeting for to-morrow night, called by freethinkers. Circulars, printed in German, are being freely distributed, saying—"You all remember the disgraceful occurrence on Tompkins Square, which must convince all of us that our fundamental rights are exposed to wilful violation by the executive authorities. Whatever your views of the recent attempted working men's demonstration in Tompkins Square may be, it is your duty, in the interest of the freedom of the country, to protest earnestly against the violation of one of our first fundamental rights; for what once has been tried against one class of citizens might soon be repeated against another class. A mass meeting will furnish an opportunity to raise the voice of public indignation."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., 29.—A supposed incendiary fire, early this morning, entirely destroyed the New Olympic Varieties Theatre, formerly the National Hall, Market Street, below Thirteenth; the loss is heavy. Two firemen were killed and several severely injured by falling walls. A carpenter shop in the rear of the Theatre was demolished by falling walls, but no other adjacent property was damaged except by water.

The loss by the fire is estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. The insurance on the Olympic Theatre is \$48,000.

BRANTFORD, Ont., 28.—The jam in Grand river, last night, caused an inundation of the houses on the flats, the occupants narrowly escaping by boats and rafts; considerable damage was done to property.

SAN FRANCISCO, 29.—C. W. Brooks, the Japanese consul of this place, has received a dispatch that on the evening of the 14th of January, Minister Iwakura was attacked by assassins while returning from the palace of the Mikado, and was slightly wounded.

Dispatches from Arizona state that much damage has been done by floods in many portions of the Territory. The Indians generally are quiet, but General Crook keeps them under strict military surveillance.

### FOREIGN.

HAGUE, 26.—Despatches from Penang announce that the Dutch forces have captured Kratan, the principal stronghold of the Acheenese, with small loss.

LONDON, 26.—Disraeli has issued an address to his constituents in

Buckinghamshire, asking for re-election to Parliament, in which he says it is not necessary to consider whether the dissolution of Parliament was resorted to to avoid the humiliating confession that the Premier had violated a constitutional law, by persisting for several months in the occupation of a seat to which he was no longer entitled, or whether it was to evade the day of reckoning for a war conducted without communication with Parliament. It suffices to point out that if the unprecedented course of summoning and subsequently dissolving parliament could be justified, there is no reason why it was not adopted six weeks earlier. The Premier has addressed a prolific narrative to his constituents, in which I find nothing definite regarding the policy of the government, except that it intends to apply the large surplus to the remission of taxation, which would be the course of any party or any ministry. What is remarkable is the disquieting information that this surplus must be made adequate by an adjustment which must make an increase in the existing taxes. The principal measures of relief promised by Gladstone, the diminution of local taxation and the abolition of the income tax, are measures which the Conservative party has always favored, and the Premier and his friends have opposed. I will support all measures for the improvement of the condition of the people, but this end cannot be attained by incessant harassing legislation. The English are governed by custom as well as by laws, and they dislike unnecessary interference by the meddling of the administration. It would have been better for the country if, during the last five years, the foreign policy of the government had been more energetic, and its domestic policy a little less set. By an act of folly and grievance rarely equalled the government has relinquished the treaty granting the freedom of the Straits of Malacca to our commerce, and has involved us in the Ashantee war. Honor requires a vigorous prosecution of the latter, but it will be the duty of Parliament hereafter to inquire into the origin of this costly and destructive contest. The argument for the extension of household suffrage to counties is fallacious, and no one has argued more strongly against the contemplated assimilation of the franchise than the premier. Such a measure will involve the disfranchisement of smaller boroughs. The impending elections are the most important for the future of the kingdom. Though there is reason to hope that the premier is not at present opposed to the national institution, yet his adherents include assailants of the monarchy, those opposed to the independence of the House of Lords, and some of his partisans even urge the disestablishment of the English church. His most trusted colleagues openly concur in the desire to thrust religion from national education. There are solemn issues now claiming decision. When Europe is more deeply stirred than since the Reformation, when civil and religious liberty mainly depend upon the strength and stability of England, I ask for re-election to resist the impairment of her strength and to support her imperial sway.

The Queen held a Council at Osborne to-day, and issued a proclamation ordering the dissolution of the present parliament.

The petition against Attorney-General James, for bribery in the election at Taunton, has been dismissed with costs.

The death of Dr. Livingstone took place in June last; i. e. had been travelling over a partially submerged country, and after wading four days through the water he was seized by the illness of which he died.

The writs of election for the new House of Commons were promulgated last night; orders were also sent to Edinburgh for the election of the sixteen peers representing Scotland in the Upper House.

Nolan, secretary of the Irish Amnesty Association, announces his intention of contesting the election of Gladstone in Greenwich.

LONDON, 27.—At a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society last night, several members expressed doubts as to the truth of the report of Livingstone's death. Mr. Kirk said that when he left Zanzibar in September, rumors of a similar character were current, and he thought that the news, if true,