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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 20.—At the expiration of the morning hour consideration was resumed of the Pacific railroad sinking fund bill, and Mitchell spoke in favor of the bill reported by the committee on railroads, claiming that it was in the interest of peace and it would terminate the contest, as it recognized the fact that a prolongation of the controversy would result in loss to the government.

Mitchell quoted at great length from judicial decisions as to the power of Congress, and referring to the clause of the bill of the judiciary committee declaring that it should constitute the net earnings, said it was indefensible in law and opposed to reason. This question was now pending in the courts, and Congress had no right to make any declaration declaring what should constitute the net earnings in advance of any decision. He argued that the government had no sovereignty in the matter. When the government made a contract with its citizens, it divested itself of its sovereignty and stood upon the same footing as its citizens.

Thurman said he did not propose to discuss the bill further now, but at the proper time he would endeavor to show the Senate that the bill of the committee on railroads was a new subsidy to these companies nearly equal to the bond subsidy already granted. He thought it would be better for government to lose all due from these companies to give up the right to alter, amend or repeal their charters, as the bill of the railroad committee proposed to do.

Teller took the floor to speak upon the bill, but, before commencing his argument, it was agreed that the bill should be laid over till to-morrow, with the understanding that it be unfinished business at the morning hour.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the House bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on the public lands and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes, the pending question being on the amendment of Beck to the amendment of the committee on appropriations, forbidding any charge for wood or timber cut on the public lands in the territories of the United States for the use of actual settlers in the Territories, and to provide that the timber should not be exported from the territory where it grew.

Beck modified his amendment so as to provide that in the event of the timber being so exported from the territory it should be liable to seizure by the United States authority wherever found.

Pending discussion, Conover submitted the following:

Resolved, That the President is hereby requested to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible, etc., such information as the government has received respecting the terms and conditions under which the surrender of the Cuban insurgents has been made, together with such other information in his possession respecting the future policy of Spain in the government of the island of Cuba.

He asked for the immediate consideration of the resolution, but objection was made, and it was laid over. Adjourned.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 20.—Under the call for reports, the bill from the printing committee, providing that in letting advertising of mail contracts, notices shall be published in a brief form in one or more papers in each State interested, and that all the details shall be furnished by the second assistant postmaster general on application, was reported.

Hale offered an amendment, forbidding sub-letting under penalty of a termination of contract.

Money advocated this, and said a contractor had testified before the postal committee that he had four contracts. For one he received $45,000, and sublet it, paying only $15,000. Thus were the people robbed.

Hale's amendment was adopted and the bill passed.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the deficiency bill.

The question being regarding the pay for some laborers in New York and other navy yards, Cox and Foster indulged in considerable badinage, in which the latter accused Cox of inconsistency in claiming to be the leader in the House, and yet of responsible wise appropriations were not made, and said he did not speak out manfully for his friends, the laborers, as Chittenden did in the committee, but made demagogue speeches on the floor and in the *Record*.

Whitthorne intimated that the contractors who might be Cox' constituents got the money destined for the laborers. The money appropriated had been misappplied.

Cox defended himself against all these charges.

O'Neill complained that the agitation of the money and tariff questions had done more than anything else to injure the industries of the country, restrict investment and cause capital to lie idle.

Wright said it was a part of wisdom to let the tariff alone.

Sayler—The new tariff increases the revenue.

Wright intimated that the House would probably table the new bill, and O'Neill applauded the sentiment.

Fort offered an amendment making it unlawful for the Secretary of the Treasury to destroy or retire more United States [illegible] notes. Ruled out of order.

The committee rose and the House passed the bill.

The District of Columbia government question was considered, without action.

Ellis offered the usual resolutions on the death of J. E. Leonard and will call them up April 6th. Adjourned.

EASTERN.

The Stock Market.

NEW YORK, 20.—In Wall Street to-day stocks were buoyant, the general range of prices being at the highest quotations of the year. The entire list was stronger, and even coal shares participated in the improvement. A dispatch announcing that the Iowa state Senate had passed the House bill repealing the Granger laws caused an immediate advance in Granger shares and affected favorably the whole list.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, 21.—The wool market remains in the same depressed condition as previously noticed, the demand being only to meet the immediate wants of manufacturers, who are indifferent about future supplies. Fleece wools are very depressed, with scarcely an inquiry for this description, and the prices rule quite nominal. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces are quoted at 42 @ 43, and Wisconsin, New York and New Hampshire at 38 @ 40 for medium and X; low and coarse are selling at 34 @ 36; combing and delaine fleeces are quiet at 40 @ 45 for coarse and, 47 @ 50 for medium and fine. California wool is steady, prices ranging from 14 @ 20 for fall and 20 @ 30 for spring. Desirable lots of fall are scarce and in demand. Sales of super and X pulled at 30 @ 45.

Proposed Abolition of U. S. Surveyor General's Offices.

WASHINGTON, 20.—Page has arranged to be heard by the House public lands committee next Saturday, in opposition to the proposed abolition of United States Surveyor General's offices throughout the country. The bill which embodies this proposition, together with the various changes in the present system of surveying the public lands is strongly urged by the commissioners of the general land office, and is believed to have considerable prospect of passage. Professors Powell and Hayden will be heard by the committee in advocacy of reporting it favorably.

The Montana Timber Question.

Nolan, agent of the interior department in Montana, writes to Secretary Schurz that despite the reports which have gone out in the interest of the timber depredators cordwood is now sold lower than ever before in the territory. None but a few rich sawmill men have suffered by the efforts of government to stop the depredations. Since the stoppage of these speculations by the dollar tax, small dealers have kept up the supplies with the wood from the dry and fallen timber which have heretofore rotted.

Secretary Sherman's Financial Statements.

Secretary Sherman's statements before the finance committee yesterday are published. The chairman said he wanted to ask some questions, as did other members. The first was: "Should the resumption act, in your opinion, be repealed?" The Secretary replied: "That question is very general, and it is rather a legislative than an executive question but I have no objection to answering. I think the resumption act ought not to be repealed; that it was a declaration of public policy; commenced with the act of 1862; repealed by Congress several times, notably in 1868, notably again in 1869, and again by the passage of the resumption act; that we would, as soon as practicable, redeem any United States notes which were presented for redemption in gold and silver coin. That is the declared public policy of this country and it ought to be adhered to, and I am fully convinced we are able to do what we have so often promised to do and ought to do. Beside this, several States have, by their legislation, indicated a purpose to conform their laws to ours. The whole country has settled down to the conviction that we can resume, and that business has adapted itself and contracts have been made with that view. So far as any suffering from resumption or the preparation for resumption is concerned, we have already suffered, and now to go backwards would be only to invite suffering again. It strikes me, therefore, that it is better to go ahead, and that to retrace the policy of resumption now would separate the metals from our currency, and we would have to go through the same trouble again. It would be an evidence of national weakness. The struggle between metallic money as the basis of paper money and irredeemable paper money must be made some time, and I think we had better complete it now. Therefore, I say, in regard to your question, although it is a legislative question for you gentlemen to answer, and not for me, I think we ought to adhere to the policy of resumption and complete it."

The Chairman—"Do you think resumption is practicable under the present law? You have partially anticipated that question, but still I ask it."

Secretary Sherman—"That is a question very much of figures, and supposing that I would have to answer, I have brought quite a number of documents here which I will give you. When the resumption act was passed, gold was 10; now it is nominal. The Treasury Department yesterday gave these accurate figures at my request. There is in the Treasury of gold coin $117,000,000; gold bullion, $10,000,000; total, over $125,000,000, less this amount to the credit of the disbursing officers and outstanding checks, $93,000,000. Gold certificates actually outstanding, $44,000; called bonds and interest, $3,000,000; interest due, $5,000,000; total, $23,000,000; available gold coin and bullion, $97,072,340; available gold and silver, $71,770,292."

Bayard asked where the government gets gold bullion, and Sherman said: "We buy or receive it on deposit or melt foreign coins into bullion, and coin it as needed. We receive it like gold coin. Then there are coin certificates outstanding, $44,000,000, for gold deposited by banks and individuals, also called bonds and interest nearly $18,000,000, also interest due and unpaid $5,000,000; that makes about $63,000,000 gold subject to demand, or about half the supply on hand, leaving the available gold coin and bullion, against which there is no demand, liability $69,072,340. Then there is of silver fractional coin $8,000,000, and silver bullion $3,000,000.

The Secretary stated that these figures were made at the first of the month, and have no thousand that the available gold and silver is now $72,000,000.

He objected to the idea that the bonds that are due and not presented, and unpaid interest, are left in the Treasury for many years. Therefore, in a business point, there are about $30,000,000 available for resumption, although only $72,000,000 in actual fact.

Sharp Practice.

DEADWOOD, D. T. 20.—Pennington Ring, Sheriff Caldwell and a posse entered Custer City from Hayward, last night, for the purpose of arresting Dr. D. W. Flick, for being an accomplice to the purloining of county records on the 13th ultimo. Caldwell, armed with two six-shooters and a knife, this morning went to Flick's house, knocked at the door and was politely invited inside by the doctor. He entered, and before he could make a movement, Flick had a revolver at his head and ordered him to throw up his hands. Caldwell complied with the demand, when Flick disarmed him and sent him back to Hayward.

WESTERN.

The Trade Dollar Coinage—Distinguished Arrivals.

SAN FRANCISCO, 20.—The Chamber of Commerce held a meeting, this afternoon, to consider the question of the trade dollar coinage. A resolution was adopted that the Chamber consider it unwise and inexpedient to cease the coinage of trade dollars, and directing the President of the Chamber to communicate the resolutions to the California delegation in Congress, and urge that they use their influence to defeat the measure. Attention was called to the provision in the new silver bill which makes all silver certificates issued redeemable in New York, except those issued in San Francisco. A resolution was adopted premising that this discrimination will work great injury to the interest of this coast, by confining our certificates to local circulation and asking the congressional delegation to secure a modification of that clause of the bill.

The steamer *St. Paul* arrived to-day, from Honolulu, bringing as passengers John C. Dominis, Governor of Oahu, Princess Liliiokalani, heir apparent to the Hawaiian throne, and William F. Allen, collector general of customs at Honolulu.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Thessaly Investments.

LONDON, 20.—A dispatch from Athens reports that Hobart Pasha, having agreed not to bombard the villages on the coast of Thessaly, the insurgent leaders have concentrated to enter into negotiations with him at Volo to-day, on condition that their official status be recognized. It is reported Hobart Pasha offered the insurgents autonomy.

NOTICE.

IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there will be a meeting of the land holders of Holden Irrigation District, situate in Millard County, U. T., held in the schoolhouse in the town of Holden, Monday, April 1st, 1878, at 2 p. m., of said day, at which the report of the Trustees will be presented, and the said land-holders will vote yea or no on the following questions:

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