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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 26.—Chaffee, from the committee on public lands, reported a substitute for the Senate bill authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada and the territories to sell and remove timber on the public domain for mining and domestic purposes. Placed on the calendar.

The Senate bill authorizing the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota, to the village of Sioux Falls, was taken up and discussed and passed.

Consideration was then resumed of unfinished business, the long bond bill.

Blaine moved that the interest be 4 per cent. instead of 3.65. Adopted by a rising vote—32 yeas, 7 nays.

After a long debate the bill was amended and passed, without roll call.

On motion of Sargent, the joint resolution recently submitted by him in regard to Chinese immigration was taken up, so as to be unfinished business to-morrow, when he will address the Senate in regard thereto.

After executive session the Senate adjourned.

WASHINGTON, 7.—The House bill for the relief of Wm. A. Hammond, late Surgeon General of the army, was called up and discussed until the expiration of the morning hour and then laid aside.

House introduced a bill relating to cable telegraphy. Referred.

Hamlin called up the House bill to suspend the revised statutes regarding the guano islands.

Sargent called up his joint resolution in regard to Chinese immigration and made a speech thereon.

After Sargent's speech, he moved the joint resolution be referred to the foreign relations committee, but at the request of Booth withdrew it, that his colleague might address the Senate next week.

Adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 6.—The fortification appropriation bill, considered yesterday in committee of the whole, was passed.

The Speaker called the committees for reports.

WASHINGTON, 7.—Luttrell offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a copy of the report of the special agent charged with the examination of charges against Samuel McCulloch, superintendent of public buildings at San Francisco. Adopted.

Hartridge, from the judiciary committee reported back the bill removing the political disabilities of Robert H. Chilton of Georgia. Passed.

The Speaker then called the committees for reports.

McMahon reported a resolution authorizing the committee on rules to employ seven experts to be assigned by the Speaker to such committees of investigation as may seem proper.

Springer offered a substitute authorizing the committee on expenditures in the several departments of Government to employ each a clerk or expert, pending investigations, and also authorizing the committee on postoffices and post roads to employ two experts. The substitute was adopted, yeas 133, nays 104.

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

The amendment increasing the number of temporary clerks in the Treasury department caused a discussion as to the relative economy of the republican and democratic houses.

Foster said that two sessions of the democratic House had failed to investigate the bureau of engraving and printing, while the present Secretary of the Treasury, one of the best administrative officers the country ever had, reduced its expenses over \$600,000, and saved \$1 million from the appropriations of last Congress.

The amendment was rejected.

The amendment by Baker, requiring a distribution of clerkships *pro rata* among the States and Territories, was ruled out.

Cox asserted that the last Congress had saved \$40,000,000 despite the republican opposition, while Foster claimed that the real reduction over the deficiency, was only \$12,000,000.

Randall said that Cox gave exactly the correct figures and said the treasury had credited the House with the reduction and had warned them to keep on in that direction.

Some further discussion occurred on this point.

Page, Patterson and Hooker discussed the item of \$20,000 for clerks to investigate fraudulent land entries and trespasses on public lands.

Finally the committee arose and the bill was reported and passed. It appropriates \$6,500 for temporary treasury clerks, \$20,000 for the investigation of land trespasses, and a few other sums. Adjourned.

AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, 6.—The Senate committee of Indian affairs to-day agreed to report favorably the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians of Colorado. The negotiations in question are for the consolidation of all the lands in one agency, to be located on or near White River, and for the extinguishment of the right of the Ute Indians to the southern portion of their reservation in Colorado.

The Senate committee of Indian Affairs has agreed to report favorably the House resolution for the relief of Catherine and Sophia Germaine, two white children captured in Kansas by the Cheyenne Indians, while en route from Georgia to Colorado.

The following circular, relative to the purchase of silver bullion, was issued this afternoon:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Office of Director of Mint,

Washington, 6.

Notice is hereby given that the Treasury Department is prepared to receive, at all times, offers in writing, or by telegraph, for the sale of silver bullion in quantities of not less than 10,000 ounces, deliverable at the mints of the United States at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Carson. All offers will be addressed to the director of the mint, Washington, D. C., and will state the quantity, price per ounce, 1,000 fine, and when the delivery will be made if the order is accepted. The value of the silver purchased will be determined by the mint assay, until further notice, payment will be made in gold or silver coin of full legal tender. Where bullion is offered and purchased which is of a character requiring parting or refining, the seller will pay the usual mint charges.

(Signed), H. R. LINDERMAN,
Director of Mint.

(Approved), JOHN SHERMAN,
Secretary of Treasury.

BOSTON, 6.—Wool is very dull, and the feeling for all kinds and prices still rather unsettled, with little or no prospects at present of any favorable change. Fine fleeces are quite neglected, and sales can only be made at concessions. Transactions include Ohio and Pennsylvania at 42 @ 44 for all grades from medium to XXX. New York, Michigan and Wisconsin at 37½ @ 42, and combing and delaine selections at 44 @ 50 for coarse and fine. California wool is in moderate demand at 15 @ 25 for fall and 18 @ 32 for spring. Super and X pulled wool sells slowly at 30 @ 45.

NEW YORK, 7.—The *Public* says the clearing house returns from 21 leading cities of the United States, for the month ending March 2nd, as compared with the corresponding month of last year, show a loss of 18 3-10 per cent.

The jury in the suit of S. V. White, to recover \$41,000 on a due bill given by Daniel Drew, failed to agree, and, under instructions of the court, awarded Mrs. Drew \$24,000, the difference running on a transaction in the North-western shares between the parties.

NEMPIS, 7.—The Anchor Line steamer *City of Chester*, was burned at the elevator, here, at 2:30 this morning. Two lives were lost. The boat and cargo are a total loss. She was owned by the Memphis and St. Louis Packet Company, and was valued at \$40,000.

NEW ORLEANS, 7.—The propeller *Hope* was run down and sunk by the steamboat *Tela*, yesterday evening. Paul St. Pierre and his wife and two children were drowned, being in the cabin of the propeller.

CHICAGO, 7.—The *Inter Ocean's* Washington special says: There is no news of Anderson's pardon. His friends have lost all hope. Two cabinet officers have said that, within a week, they have positive information, that Nicholls would

grant a pardon, and cannot explain the failure. Nicholls might grant a reprieve and prevent Anderson from being taken to Baton Rouge penitentiary, allowing him to remain in jail.

BALTIMORE, 7.—The trestle platform used in building the new iron bridge over the Potomac, at Rowell's Bend, gave way, yesterday, precipitating 13 men, at work, into the river, a distance of 50 feet. Three men were killed outright and the remainder seriously injured.

WASHINGTON, 7.

The House committee on education and labor agreed to report favorably on a joint resolution restoring the eight-hour law, and providing that the same be recognized as a day's labor throughout the government service.

NEW YORK, 7.—The steamer *Bolivia* arrived to-day, and reports that she sighted the ship *Berthot* of Portland in distress. She sent a life-boat and found that Captain Hill and three of his crew had been washed overboard on the previous day during a heavy gale. The mate and one seaman were injured. She also sent an officer and two seamen to navigate the vessel.

WASHINGTON, 7.—After full consideration and consultation with members of both houses of Congress, the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the first silver dollar to be issued will be used only in exchange at par for gold coin, or for the purchase of silver bullion at the market price. He does not feel at liberty to use them to pay for current expenses until the amount coined is sufficient to furnish all alike without discrimination. Therefore, they will at present be used for the purchase of silver bullion at market rates. The silver certificates will soon be ready for issue and are of the form of bank notes, engraved in the best manner and printed on bank note fibre paper.

In response to a recent resolution of the House, inquiring as to the sale of United States bonds for outstanding legal tender notes of the United States at par, the Secretary of the Treasury, to-day, sent a communication to the House, in which he says: "All bonds disposed of by me have been sold for par value in coin."

Representative Carlisle's bill to prescribe the time for the payment of the tax on distilled spirits was before the committee on ways and means to-day, and was by them altered into a joint resolution. Representative Sayler was unanimously instructed to report it to the House on the first opportunity. It has the approval of the committee of internal revenue.

The Secretary of the Interior, to-day, sent to the House a communication recommending an appropriation of \$15,000, to be expended in carrying out the intention of the act of March 1st, 1872, relative to the setting apart of a tract of land near the headwaters of the Yellowstone River as a public park, to be under the exclusive control of the Secretary of the Interior, who shall make such remunerations as he shall deem proper for the preservation of all timber, mineral deposits, natural curiosities and wonders within the park and their retention in their natural condition.

Sargent's speech on the Chinese question, to-day, occupied about two hours in its delivery, and, notwithstanding its great length, was listened to with interest by a considerable number of the most prominent senators. His object was to place in a compact documentary form and argument which should sufficiently cover the whole subject as if it were a new question and at the same time furnish a complete refutation of Kennedy's recently published arguments and in similar plausible misrepresentations of the Pacific coast sentiment. Another useful purpose effected by this speech was to embalm in the *Congressional Record*, for future reference, all the citations of legal decisions, etc., heretofore printed together only in newspaper or pamphlet form, demonstrating the constitutional power of Congress to legislate in conflict with the provisions of treaties, and the propriety of adopting this course whenever in its wisdom it believes that the national interests demand such action.

CHICAGO, 7.—The National Dairy Association is holding a convention here, with delegations representing 27 States and Territories. There are delegates from Nevada, California, Utah and Oregon, and great enthusiasm is evident. Boston

sends a delegation of 74 prominent merchants, and other eastern cities are striving for the trade which, according to statistics, is growing to enormous dimensions. The session will end to-morrow.

The *Times'* Washington special says: Besides carrying the American flag, James Gordon Bennett asked government to furnish his Arctic ship *Pandora* with a few competent officers and men, and to grant it other privileges, to all of which the committee on commerce lent an acquiescent ear to-day.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says: The Louisiana legislature, having adjourned to-night without action on the Anderson case, disapproves at least two members of the cabinet, who had positive assurance from New Orleans that Anderson would be pardoned. Some think the State Supreme Court will order his release, which prospect prevented Nicholls from interposing and thereby rendering himself unpopular.

CLEVELAND, 7.—A fire, supposed to be caused by spontaneous combustion, broke out this evening in the block on St. Clair street, occupied by Miller Bros. chemical paint factory, and Edward Genee, manufacturer of sewing machine cabinets. The fire was confined to the third and fourth stories. Genee's loss in stock and machinery \$30,000; building \$30,000, covered by insurance principally in New York companies.

NEW ORLEANS 7.—Gov. Nicholls has convened the legislature in extra session for fifteen days, specifying the matters that were for consideration, including the revenue and appropriation bills. The extra session will cost the State \$75,000.

NEW YORK, 8.—The *World* has the following: A private telegram, received in this city on Wednesday night, said a disastrous fire occurred in Panama on that day. It was reported that the fire started in F. C. Harburger's drug store, under the Grand Central Hotel, in the Plaza Grande, and that a store in the farthest corner of Commercial Dock had been burned. This would indicate that the Grand Central Hotel and Commercial Block were destroyed. These buildings included the quarters of the employees of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., and the Panama Railroad Co., with their families. The building was built by Geo. Law upon the site of the Grand Hotel previous to the fire in 1874, upon ground leased upon a long term from Bishop, representative of the Roman Catholic Church. The Grand Hotel, which is one of the finest upon the Pacific coast outside of San Francisco, was built after the fire in 1874 upon the site of the square directly opposite its former site, where the Commercial Block stood.

A later account states that the fire destroyed three blocks of the principal part of the city. The total loss is \$500,000. Partially insured.

SPARTANBURG, Pa., 8.—Fire here damaged and destroyed property to the extent of \$100,000, half insured. W. M. Jacobs, in whose store the fire originated, is strongly suspected of incendiarism, and he is with the police to prevent threatened lynching. Not a business house remains, and 20 families are homeless.

SAN FRANCISCO, 8.—A Victoria dispatch says the wreck of the steamer *Cordelia*, of San Francisco, has drifted ashore on the west coast of the island. The machinery is not to be found, and it is supposed, from the appearance of the wreck, that the vessel must have capsized in crossing the bar of Coquille River, to which port she runs from San Francisco, and that the machinery dropped out. No bodies were found on board.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., 8.—A violent snow storm, accompanied by a north-east wind, set in at 11 o'clock last night, and still continues. It extends eastward as far as Julesburg, and westward to Rawlins. Passenger train No. 3 is side-tracked at Antelope, and No. 4 at Laramie.

All the freights are tied up. Nothing will move until the storm abates, when snow plows and all available motive power will proceed in both directions.

The emigrant train, due here to-day, is snowed in on the main track between Bushnell and Pine Bluffs. The snow sheds west can scarcely be distinguished from drifts, which are even with their roofs. The wind is now 52 miles per hour.

WASHINGTON, 8.—Communications from American type founders protesting against a certain petition

for the abolition of the tariff duty on type, considering it as scandalously false, as containing statements many of which are utterly void of truth, and is in the interest of foreign type founders and their products; referred.

NEW YORK, 8.—The New York button Company has failed; liabilities \$100,000; actual assets about \$50,000, in stock, machinery, etc.

Augustus M. Turney, the defaulting paying paying-teller of the Bank of North America, has been released on criminal indictments against him on \$10,000 bail.

ALBANY, N. Y., 8.—William Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and John J. Bureau, were before the committee of legislature, to-day, and made an argument opposing the removal of the telegraph poles in cities.

SAN FRANCISCO, 9.—Of the proposition to reopen the Santillan claim, the *Chronicle*, this morning, says the Philadelphia Land Association never paid value for the land. They bought the stock on speculation. They did it with their eyes open, knowing that the claim was a fraud, and they ought not to profit by it. There cannot, by any possibility, be a single innocent purchaser, and to give public lands away to such schemers as these stockholders are, is trifling with the public interests. Government ought to relieve those whom it has wronged, and to be able to do so it ought to be very sure that the claimant has at least some equity in his case before it votes away its substance. Santillan has neither the right nor equity, and impudent beggars should be turned away.

The Senate has finally passed Dean's water bill, directing the water commissioner to purchase, subject to the approval of the voters of San Francisco, Lake Merced, at a price not exceeding \$2,200,000; the Spring Valley Water Company's property and franchises at a valuation not exceeding \$12,000,000; the San Mateo Water Company's property and franchises at a price not exceeding \$1,000,000, the city to issue six per cent. bonds, payable in 30 years, for the purchase of the property.

BOSTON, 9.—Wool is very dull, prices continue low and unsatisfactory, with no prospect of immediate improvement. Manufacturers are very indifferent about purchasing owing to the dull trade for goods. Fine fleeces are about as depressed as previously noticed. Sales of the week: 80,000 lbs. of Ohio and Pennsylvania, mostly at 42½ @ 43. These quotations may now be considered fair quotation for medium X and XX and above. Other transactions include Michigan and Wisconsin, X 38 @ 40. Heavy New York 34. Combing 48. Oregon 17 @ 30, scoured 33 1-3 @ 30. Pulled wools steady, but in moderate demand, with sales for the week 122,000 lbs. at 31 @ 48 for super and X. Combing pulled is inquired for, with sales at 42½ @ 45. Very choice Maine and eastern supers still go up to 45, but the principal sales of good super and X are 35 @ 40. A fair business is doing in California wool. About half the sales of which are of this description, at 14 @ 26 for fall, and 20 @ 33 1-3 for spring. The total sales of domestic wool for the week are 805,700 lbs.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., 9.—The storm, exceeding in violence and duration any previous season, set in at 11 p. m. on the 7th inst., continuing without abatement until noon to-day, the wind ranging in velocity from 50 to 64 miles per hour, carrying snow with it, and drifting in banks 10 to 15 feet high in the city. So far, only one roof has given way. It extended from Bitter Creek on the west to Julesburg on the east. A great number of the cuts are level full of snow, and all the trains on the Union Pacific, Denver Pacific and Colorado Central are either side-tracked or snowed in. The plows stationed here have been shovelled out, and to-morrow morning, if the storm, which has not wholly ceased east, does not increase, they will be vigorously manipulated. Passenger trains No. 3 of the 8th and 9th are laying at North Platte, No. 4 of the 8th at Bitter Creek, No. 4 of the 9th at Green River. Freight train No. 6 is reported snowed in at Separation, and the emigrant west-bound of yesterday near Bushnell. The Denver Pacific train is side-tracked at Carr, and the Colorado Central between Collins and Loveland. There is no reliable evidence of individuals having been lost in the snow in this vicinity, though there