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FORTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

SENATE.
WASHINGTON, 28.—At the close of the morning hour, the Senate took up the bill from the committee on judiciary to prevent collecting from or paying to each other money for political purposes.

Beck offered his substitute, containing some general provisions, but prohibiting government officers and employees from contributing for political purposes to any body.

Edwards opposed it as an interference with personal rights, and beyond the power of Congress.

Beck said the committee bill is no improvement on the useless law of 1876. The bill then passed, all amendments being voted down.

On motion of Hays the bankruptcy bill was set down for consideration, the 10th of January.

Sherman called up the bonded whisky bill.

Several opposed.

By a vote of 22 to 21 the Senate took up the bill for the relief of Fitz-John Porter.

All the republicans but Sewell, Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and Miller, of California, voted in the negative. The following is the vote in detail:

Yeas—Brown, Cal.; Cameron, of Pennsylvania; Coke, Davis, of West Virginia; Grant, of Georgia; Jackson, Johnston, Jones, of Florida; McPherson, Miller, of California; Morgan, Pendleton, Pugh, Sewell, Slater, Vance, Voorhees—21.

Nays—Aldrich, Anthony, Cameron, of Wisconsin; Chittenden, Conger, Davis, of Illinois; Edmunds, Frey, Harrison, Hawley, Hill, Hoar, Kellogg, of California; Logan, McMillan, Platt, Rollins, Van Wyck, Windom—21.

Logan proposed his friends should speak to-day, and said he would occupy two or three hours in opposition.

Conger protested against any arrangement for the final disposal of the bill. It should be first considered by the full Senate.

The conclusion of the military board composed of Generals Schofield, Terry and Getty were read.

Sewell supported Porter's record in a speech covering Porter's record during the war. The following were the chief points made: At the opening of the war he was sent to Galveston, where the enemy threatened to take his steamer with specie on board, but he threatened to sink the vessel.

He relieved Pensacola and saved 700 men of Gen. Twiggs' command; helped organize the Pennsylvania troops, saved Missouri to the Union, and kept the rebels from Harrison's landing to Yorktown. Ordered to join the army of Virginia by way of Aquia Creek, he heard of Lee's movement northward, and he rushed to the front, and pushed to the relief of Pope four days sooner than orders required.

Sewell argued that such an energetic and skillful officer could not within the next few days have been guilty of that which Porter was charged.

In changing the time for the forward movement under Pope's order Porter exercised the discretion of a division commander. Porter's ground that this order to attack at 4:30 p. m. reached him about sunset, with Longstreet in his front and night falling. Pope did wisely to countermand the order to attack.

Nobody denied that Porter fought the second battle of Bull Run, his corps being practically the only one engaged. The rebels failed owing to the non-concentration of troops under Pope. It was only as a result of popular outcry after Bull Run that charges by Pope were made against Porter, and the military board, consisting of Schofield, Terry and Getty, however, decided that he was not only a gallant, but that his conduct on that occasion saved the Army of the Potomac at the battle of Bull Run, and knew that the judgment of the military board was correct.

At the conclusion of Sewell's remarks the Senate held an executive session and adjourned.

with the corresponding period last year. The decrease is owing to the agitation of the question of taxation.

The proceeds of the recent sale of articles accounted for at the department office amounted to \$4,477, which sum has been deposited in the Treasury, to the credit of the Post Office Department.

Judge Lawrence has decided that the direct tax act of July, 1892, does not, without a separate appropriation act, authorize the payment of money to the States or the Government.

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Stockbridge has resigned.

California representatives are making an argument to the ways and means committee on the tariff quicksilver on the free list, as the tariff commission proposed.

Roosevelt maintains that California produces one-half of the quicksilver used in the world, and that Rothchild controls all the quicksilver mines in Austria and Spain, and would, if quicksilver should be put upon the free list, ruin an American industry.

Admiral Ammen and Captain Merry, representing the commercial organizations of the Pacific slope, had an interview with the President this morning in relation to the bill to incorporate the Nicaragua canal.

President McKinley has decided to appoint the President of the passage of the bill was earnestly desired by all the people of the Pacific slope.

He said that the people of that section were producers, and in order to dispose of their wares, cheap freight was indispensable.

He submitted figures showing the cost of shipments from the Pacific coast, and urged the President to use his influence to secure the passage of the bill.

The President replied that he was in favor of establishing inter-oceanic communication across the isthmus, and would do all that lay in his power in his legitimate sphere to aid in the passage of the bill.

It is said that the Secretary of State will use his influence to pass the bill.

The speaker's speech is unabated, though more in the nature of a plea than a demand. He is gaining every day, and is said to be parading the chairmanship.

Carlisle is the most dignified of the contestants, but though his record is good it would count in a fight like this.

His friends are high. Southern members said the fact that Carlisle is a Southern man handicaps him, for the democrats must concede to the still existing sentiment in the North.

Postmaster General Howe today addressed a communication to Senator Allison, chairman of the Senate appropriation committee, calling his attention to the fact that the Government is now paying \$100,000 a year to the Canadian border forward their goods to Canada and have them sent through the mails to persons in the United States.

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late collector of back taxes, under indictment for malfeasance, confessed to the mayor and city attorney he used funds of the city both while tax collector and back tax collector.

He claims he divided with George Levy late deputy assessor, but ex-orates auditor Phil. Hinkle.

Chicago, 28.—Jas. Parry, bookkeeper for Beveridge & Dewey, private bankers, was arrested to-night and held in \$5,000 bail, on a charge of forgery to the extent of \$15,000 by a system of fraudulent checks, in collusion with his partner in a large saloon.

The senior member of the firm is ex-Governor of Illinois.

G. M. Stillman, manager of the freight and transportation department of the First & Bradley Manufacturing Co., has been missing some days. The firm claims he has absconded, and the partial examination of his books shows the embezzlement of \$500, accomplished by collecting all sums in the way of rebate for overcharges by the railroads.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., 28.—The following are the particulars of the tragedy at Lebanon, Ark., yesterday. Two brothers, Dave and Henry Ballard, had a gambling saloon in town, and Thos. Jacobway, desiring to establish a school, undertook to compel them to close by instituting legal proceedings. The Ballard brothers refused to close, and the school was not opened.

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ment, orders were made which embody the result of recent hearings in the case of Hatch & Williams against the company. Application for injunctions against further transfer of any of the company's shares and the payment of any and all dividends, was denied as to all the features of their several applications, except as to the payment of the dividend of 12 per cent. lately declared.

This dividend, the court held, could be lawfully paid upon all except \$15,000,000 of the stock which had been distributed to old stockholders.

When the company's representation that the innumerable transfers and retransfers of the stock had been largely illegitimate from the balance, the court considered, upon filing a bond equal in amount to 15 per cent upon the \$15,000,000, conditioned that the court of appeals should finally hold the \$15,000,000 of stock was illegal or valid, the treasury of the company should be made whole, the company should be at liberty to pay the dividend upon this \$15,000,000.

The Indian War.

ST. LOUIS, 27.—The latest from Indian Territory says: The Cherokee party in the fight Sunday last had seven men killed, and it is thought the Sploches band lost as many more. Sploches and band have gone on to the Cherokee Nation, but he is expected to return again and keep up the disturbance.

Reinforcements are hastening to Okmulgee to protect the Capitol. Captain Baker, with a detachment of United States troops, is also there, and soldiers have been ordered to Eufaula, where there is considerable excitement, and many of the women and children have been sent away for safety.

War of Races.

LOTTE ROCK, Ark., 28.—A special from Hope reports considerable alarm prevailing over a reported uprising of blacks, who threaten to burn the town. The streets are patrolled by a sheriff's posse.

St. John's, N. B., 28.—The World says all the republican Senators except Don Cameron and Miller of California voted against taking up the bill for the relief of Fitz-John Porter.

It is said that the bill will be taken up on Monday next, on the basis of opposition to the bill left, this sign of a disposition to make an act of justice a party question and set aside justice as long as possible is bad for the republican Senators.

FOREIGN.

British Relief.

Gladstone has had a slight attack of indigestion.

Cardinal Newman has recovered. Parliament is summoned to meet February 10th.

Mr. Moberly ship Undine captured eight slave ships on the east coast of Africa.

The recent rainfall caused floods in the midland counties, and great numbers of sheep and cattle were drowned.

By that falling chimney at Bradford thirty-six persons are known to be killed, and 50 others injured, mostly women and children. Owing to the amount of debris, the exact number of killed cannot be learned for two or three days. The total damage estimated at over \$200,000. About 3,000 persons are thrown out of work. Eight mills having fine connections with the fallen chimney are brought to a standstill.

Sydney, N. S. W., 28.—The steamer New Zealand was wrecked in the Clarence River on the 24th. The passengers and crew were lost.

The construction of a railway across Australia, from Brisbane to Port Darwin, is decided upon.

Geneva, 28.—Rains flooded St. Ursanne and several towns in the valley. Dams are inundated, and the Jura & Bern railway seriously damaged.

Paris, 28.—The Rhine & Moselle's physicians at his condition, and four physicians are in consultation concerning an abscess in his stomach, to secure an external discharge. The ailment is inflammation of the cellular membrane enclosing the cocoon of the intestines. Such inflammation results in phlegm, which unless it resolves naturally will make lasting necessary.

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