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SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 19.—Conkling submitted a resolution directing the Secretary of the Interior to inform the Senate respecting the execution of the law for taking census, as regards the superintendents, enumerators, special agents to enumerate Indians, experts, clerks, male and females, messengers, laborers, etc., employed taking the census, together with the rate of compensation allowed each class; also information as to the buildings rented and the amount of rental, the expenses for stationery, printing, etc., and the number of [illegible] with the aggregate monthly outlay therefore. Tabled and ordered printed.

On motion of Williams, his bill to prevent the introduction and dissemination of epizootic or communicable diseases of domestic animals in the United States, was taken up for the purpose of allowing him to address the Senate in explanation of its provisions.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 19.—After a short personal explanation by Price the funding bill came up as unfinished business.

Gillett made the point that Newberry had stated he had gone to the national bank of which he was a director, to inquire how he should vote, and had no right to vote on this question. He made the point as a matter of duty. The debate developed the fact that this was really a national bank bill.

Newberry was glad the point had been raised, as it involved not only this vote, but every vote on every question. Under Gillett's construction, no man who had used tobacco could vote on the proposition to take the tax off tobacco. No rule could deprive any member of his vote.

Weaver said he would broaden the point so as to include ever member who held bank stock.

Haskell suggested, including greenbackers, who were all interested in keeping up the national bank agitation.

The chair overruled the point on the ground that there was no precedent for depriving a member of the right to represent his constituancy. He did not believe the House had that right.

Gillett appealed and by a vote of 22 to 34, the appeal was tabled.

The amendments made by committee of the whole on the funding bill were then considered. The 3 per cent. rate was agreed to—149 to 104. The amendment making the bonds 5.10 bonds was agreed to; also for making the rate on certificates 3 per cent. and making them 1.10 certificates. The yeas and nays were ordered on an amendment instructing the secretary to pay on bonds accruing this year, all the silver dollars and all the gold over $50,000,000 now in the treasury for redemption purposes. The amendment was rejected—140 to 111, and was stricken from the bill. The amendment as to the cost of the bonds, was agreed to—151 to 103.

Carlisle's substitute for the fifth section, making 3 per cent. the only bond receivable as security for the national bank circulation, was agreed to—127 to 119.

The House passed the funding bill—yeas 135, nays 124.

Adjourned.

AMERICAN.

THE FUNDING BILL.

WASHINGTON, 19.—The following is the full text of the funding bill, as passed by the House to-day:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That all existing provisions of law authorizing the refunding of the national debt shall apply to any bonds of the United States bearing a higher rate of interest than 4½ per cent. per annum, which may hereafter become redeemable, provided, that in lieu of the bonds authorized to be issued by the act of July 14, 1870, entitled "An Act to authorize the refunding of the national debt," and acts amendatory thereto, and the certificates authorized by act of July 29th, 1879, entitled "An Act to authorize the issue of certificates of deposits in aid of the refunding of the public debt," the secretary of the treasury is hereby authorized to issue bonds in the amount of not exceeding $400,000,000, which shall bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after five years and payable ten years from the date of issue; and also certificates in the amount of $300,000,000, in denominations of $10, $20 and $50 either registered, or coupon, bearing interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after one year and payable in ten years from the date of issuance. The bonds and certificates shall be in all other respects of like character and subject to the same provisions as the bonds authorized to be issued by the act of July 14, 1870, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt," and acts amendatory thereof; providing that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize an increase of the public debt, and provided further, that interest upon the 6 per cent. bonds, hereby authorized to be refunded, shall cease at the expiration of 30 days after notice that the same have been designated by the Secretary of the Treasury for redemption.

Sec. 2.—The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized in the process of refunding the national debt, to exchange, at not less than par, any of the bonds of the United States outstanding and uncalled, bearing a higher rate of interest than 4½ per cent. per annum, and on bonds so redeemed the Secretary of the Treasury may allow the holders the difference between the interest on such bonds from the date of exchange to the time of their maturity and interest for a like period on the bonds or certificates issued; but none of the provisions of this act shall apply to the redemption or exchange of any bonds issued to the Pacific Railway Companies, and bonds so received and exchanged in pursuance of the provisions of this act shall be cancelled and destroyed.

Sec. 3.—Authority to issue bonds and certificates to an amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this act is hereby granted, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to make suitable rules and regulations to carry this act into effect; provided, that the expenses of preparing, issuing, advertising and disposing of bond and certificates authorized to be issued shall not exceed one-fourth of 1 per cent.

Sec. 4.—That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, if in his opinion it shall become necessary, to use not exceeding $50,000,000 of the standard gold and silver coin in the Treasury in the redemption of 5 and 6 per cent. bonds of the United States authorized to be refunded by the provisions of this act; and he may, at any time, apply the surplus money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, or so much thereof as he may consider proper, to the purchase or the redemption of United States bonds or certificates; provided, that the bonds and certificates so purchased or refunded shall constitute no part of the sinking fund, but shall be cancelled.

[illegible] bonds authorized by the first section of this act shall be the only bonds received as security for the national bank circulation or as security for safe keeping and prompt payment of the public money deposited with such banks; but when any such bonds deposited for the purpose aforesaid shall be designated for the purchase or redemption by the Secretary of the Treasury, banking associations depositing the same have the right to substitute other issues of bonds of the United States in lieu thereof; provided, that no bond upon which interest has ceased shall be accepted or shall be continued on deposit as security for circulation or for the safe keeping of the public money; and in case bonds so deposited shall not be withdrawn, as provided by law, within 30 days after interest has ceased thereon, the banking association depositing the same shall be subject to liabilities and proceedings on the part of the comptroller, provided for in section 5,234 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and provided, further, that section 4 of the act of June 20th, 1874, entitled "An act fixing the amount of the United States notes," providing for a redistribution of the national bank currency, and for other purposes, be and the same is hereby repealed, and 5,159 and 5,160 of the Revised Statutes of the United States be and the same are hereby re-enacted.

Sec. 6.—That this act shall be known as "The funding act of 1881," and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

The Vote on the Measure—Other Matters.

WASHINGTON, 19.—An analysis of the vote on the passage of the funding bill to-day, shows that the House divided substantially on party lines, their being only seven republicans recorded in the affirmative, and only ten democrats in the negative. The republicans who separated from their party friends on this question, are Kelly and Smith, of Pennsylvania; Ketcham, of New York; Marsh, of Illinois; Russell, of North Carolina; Updegraff, of Louisiana, and Washburne, of Minnesota.

The Pacific Coast representatives were all present, Berry and Whitaker voting for the bill, and Davis, Page, Pacheco and Daggett against it. The republican opposition was based upon a belief that the bill providing for three per cent. short time bond and certificates is impracticable for refunding purposes, except in so far as it provides for compulsory use of three per cent. bonds on a basis for national bank circulation, and that this requirement is unjust and dangerous by threatening the stability of the present volume of currency. Undoubtedly most of the members who voted for the bill believed it a practicable and wise measure, but many votes were given for it, only because of a confident expectation that the Senate will amend the bill, either by increasing the rate of interest or lengthening the duration of the bonds.

The House committee on foreign affairs gave a hearing to-day on the bill to amend an act relative to the awards of the Mexican commission. Ex-postmaster General Cresswell, appeared for the La Abra Silver Mining Company, and Judge Warden represented the claim of Benjamin Weil. A somewhat threatening colloquy took place between the opposing counsel upon the issue of the fact making it necessary for the intervention of the chairman with a proposition to dismiss. A hearing of the order was not restored. Adjourned till Thursday.

The special committee to investigate the alleged abuse of the franking privilege during the late Presidential campaign to-day examined several witnesses. Details are withheld from the press.

The Census Committee of the House referred to the sub-committee the apportionment bills introduced by Representatives Springer and Cox.

The Postoffice Committee of the House did not meet to-day, but at the regular meeting of the committee to-morrow will enter upon the investigation of the subject matter contained in the telegraph resolutions introduced into the House on Monday.

The inter-ocean canal committee, to-day, heard the conclusion of the statement by S. L. Phelps, representing the Nicaragua Canal Company. A private session was afterwards held for the purpose of discussing the proposition to grant a charter for Ead's ship railway across the Isthmus. Generally members of the committee took part in the discussion. Representative Frye and others advocated the scheme as the most feasible and practicable one now under consideration.

Business Transactions.

NEW YORK, 19.—To-morrow's *Public* will show the course of business transactions for the week as displayed in the clearing house returns at various cities, together with comparisons for the corresponding week last year. It seems that New York has gained 49.7 per cent., Boston 13.8, Philadelphia 4.10, Chicago 40.4, Cincinnati 33, St. Louis 1.1, Baltimore 8.5, San Francisco 13.1, Louisville 20.3, Milwaukee 12.2, Pittsburg 8.2, Providence 4.1, Indianapolis 24.8, Kansas City 19.8, Hartford 26.5, Lowell 18.1. Only three small towns show losses, as follows: Cleveland 6.3, New Haven 3.8 and Syracuse 6.5. New York's great increase is attributed to stock speculations, which has been beyond all precedent. The exchanges at some cities elsewhere, but at New York of no value as an indication of the general condition of business. The *Public* comments as follows: outside of the Stock Exchange, there was a large and satisfactory business, with some symptoms of an attack of the speculative fever, but the advance in commodities has not been important, nor has the excitement by general bad weather, ice in the rivers, and the almost impassable condition of the streets interfered greatly with the movement of merchandise, but the preparations for the spring trade are of unusual magnitude, and the prevailing feeling is confident. The general volume of business is fairly indicated by the exchanges outside of New York. The contrast with last year is particularly encouraging because, 1st, speculation in produce and merchandise is now confined within very moderate limits; 2d, because the average of prices is lower than it was one year ago, and now enough to invite foreign buyers as strongly as the prices of January, 1880, invited foreign sellers; and, 3d, because the imperatively regular increase of changes of nearly all cities, notwithstanding low prices, shows that an speculative fever, [illegible] quantity of products is being [illegible] speculative [illegible].

Wealthy Jews.

The *Telegram* this evening says: The Russian Jews in this city reflect the sentiments of their class throughout the United States by indignantly denouncing the action taken yesterday in Chicago by the Grand Lodge of the Northwest Independent Order of Bral Britti, which voted not to grant a charter to the Russian Jews in division No. 6, for the organization of a Lodge in that city. The Russian Polish Jews based their application for a special charter on the ground that they were formed into a religious association, distinct from Bavarian, Prussian, Polish or Austrian Polish Jews, and their claim has been carefully considered by the leading officers of the Order throughout the country. Had the Grand Lodge of the Northwest granted the charter asked for, a similar application would have been made to a corresponding body in this city, where of 80,000 Israelites, 10,000 are Russians.

More Stock.

At a meeting of the directors of the Union Pacific, on Wednesday, it was unanimously agreed to increase the capital stock $10,000,000, to be offered to stockholders of record on February 6, at par, in a proportion of one share of the new to five of the old. The object is to raise money for extensions and increasing the facilities required by the growing business of the road.

British Storm—General Skobeloff Again.

LONDON, 19.—A dispatch says: Numerous wrecks, attended with loss of life, are reported around the coast. In several instances on the east coast the storm was so violent it was impossible to render help to the crews. The severe weather continues, but the storm has abated. In London the street traffic is paralyzed, snow drifts in some cases being five feet high. It has again commenced snowing this morning, and reports from all parts of the country indicate that the storm is the severest within the memory of living persons. Railway traffic and telegraphic communication are almost suspended throughout the kingdom, and interruption has extended to the continent. Seven vessels are ashore at Yarmouth, and it is feared 50 persons have been drowned there.

Dover, 19.—Admiralty Pier and other portions of the sea front have been severly damaged by the high seas and furious gales.

The safety is announced of the crew of the life boat which capsized yesterday in an attempt to rescue the crews of vessels ashore outside the Harwich Harbor.

A terrible gale and snow storm, yesterday, raged over nearly the whole United Kingdom, causing great damage to property and involving the loss of several lives.

Gen. Skobeloff telegraphs, under date of the 15th, that on the night of the 11th and 12th an immense force of Turcomans made a sortie upon the front flanks in the siege works and another body simultaneously attacked the camp in both flanks and rear. A hand-to-hand fight ensued, which lasted until midnight. The Turcomans were ultimately repulsed from the camp and from the front and right flank of the siege works, but on the left flank they captured a redoubt from the company of trans-Caspian troops, who lost their commander and 39 men killed and four wounded. The Turcomans here captured two mountain guns, all the gunners being captured at their posts. The Russian reserve recaptured the redoubt and one of the guns, but the Turcomans dragged away the other gun, which, however, had been previously rendered useless. The enemy retreated with great loss to within a short distance of the fortress. The total Russian loss was one officer and 52 men killed, five officers and 93 men wounded. The siege works were completed during the night. The Russian mortars threw shells into the interior place next day and the Russians' camp advanced to the first parallel. The siege is still progressing.

Senatorial.

OMAHA, 19.—In the United States senatorial contest now in progress in the legislature at Lincoln, Senator Paddock leads all competitors, the third ballot to-day giving him 40 votes, 58 votes being necessary to elect. It is thought that he will have great difficulty to pull through, as there is a strong field against him. Gen. Van Mysk received 14, Judge Dundy 11, Judge Post 8, Judge Mason 9, Judge Weaver 15, and the rest were scattering. There is strong talk of the opposition to Paddock combining on Governor Nance, who, in that event, will very likely be elected. Paddock's friends are making great efforts in his behalf.

Trenton, 19.—The senatorial contest to nominate a United States senator was held to-night. General Sewell was nominated on the 12th ballot. Two ballots were declared irregular during the proceedings, more than 49 votes, the whole number being cast. Tremendous excitement and confusion prevailed. Sewell's opponents were Robeson, Halsey, Harper, Dudley and Hobart. Sewell received 27 votes on the last ballot.

Nashville, 29.—The fifth and last ballot stood: Bailey 21, Maynard 32, Bate 24; rest 1 to 6 for various candidates.

Swift Justice.

CHARLESTON, 19.—Bessie Wirts, daughter of Wm. Wirts, of Prosperity, was brutally outraged on Monday evening by two negroes, Spearman and Fair, and then murdered. The negroes were arrested and confined. Last night a mob took them out of jail and shot Spearman dead. Fair escaped, but being subsequently captured, was hanged to-day near Prosperity by a mixed crowd. Miss Wirts was 22 years of age, beautiful and estimable.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Five hundred volunteers have left Capetown for Basutoland.

Greece is pleased over the refusal of the Porte to arbitration.

A large number of striking Lancashire, England, miners have returned to work.

In a fight at Basutoland on the 14th inst., 950 Burgers deserted Carrington.

It is thought the Senate will change the funding bill by increasing the rate of interest or duration of the bonds.

At the conclusion of the Currans speech in the trial of traversers, on Wednesday, the applause was loud and prolonged.

A number of the original papers of Benjamin Franklin, on state that Congress owes him $620,000.

If the home-rulers persist in obstructing the coercion bill, government will ask Parliament to take the matter in its own hands.

The marriage of Baroness Burdett-Coutts to Ashmead Bartlett, will take place next week at her own residence by special license.

Seventeen vessels were ashore near Cardiff, on Wednesday. It was feared they might go to pieces. Some of the crews deserted the vessels.

It is said Gould now owns a controlling interest of the Western Union Telegraph stock, and the consolidation of several large companies is expected.

The House public lands committee has authorized Berry to introduce and recommend for passage a bill intended to settle the swamp land titles in California.

The marriage of Leopold De Rothschild, the youngest son of Baron Lionel De Rothschild, and Miss Peugia, of Trieste, took place on Wednesday, at London.

Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C.,
January 12th, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

Congress, which has exclusive jurisdiction of the District of Columbia, is discussing in several matters, provisions for a kind of tyranny over the people that would hardly be tolerated in any other portion of the world. One proposition is that policemen may, at any time of the night or day, without warrant or notice, enter any room in any house for the purpose of ascertaining if the supply of water from the pipes is shut off. Another authorizes the arrest and confinement, without trial, of any person soliciting alms. The existing provisions of law on these subjects are the same as in other cities. The proposed laws, sought to be passed without any local demand for them, show how far some generally reasonable and just men will go when legislating for others than the people of their own State or locality. Happily there is not much chance that these bills will pass without modification.

It is the opinion of Vice-President Wheeler, than whom no cooler or better informed man is in the city, that the Republicans will organize the Senate. He expressly disclaims any knowledge of the course to be taken by Senator Mahone, and it puzzles the Democratic senators to find where their presiding officer gets his figures.

When Secretary Sherman was yesterday informed of his nomination as Republican candidate for Senator, he said that if elected and his life was spared so long, he should remain a Senator for six years. He treated the story that he was not to take his seat as Senator, but was to become Secretary or the Treasury and make room for Foster, with good natured contempt, saying that his first information on the subject was received from persons who knew nothing of his intentions and probably very little about Ohio politics.

Representative Converse, chairman of the special committee to investigate the alleged improper franking of documents during the late campaign, says the committee will meet with open doors, take all the evidence that it can get, and make report as early as possible without regard to parties or persons implicated.

It is thought the Senate will amend the Indian appropriation bill, passed by the House yesterday, by adding a provision for the board of Indian Commissioners. Last year, as now, the House bill failed at first to provide for the board, but subsequently agreed to a Senate amendment on the subject. There is a great diversity of opinion here, where most of the business of the board is carried on, as to the value of its services.

Capt. Eads, now in this city, will probably not press at this session his request for a government guarantee of the interest on his marine railway bonds. He was present yesterday before the House foreign affairs committee during the discussion of Representative Crapo's resolution that the construction of a canal across the Isthmus of Darien under charter from a European government is hostile to the established policy of the United States, etc. He will remain here several days before going to New York.

KNOX.

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January 16, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

The health of the people over here is good. We are having a very hard winter, Stock are beginning to die on the range.

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