

four, when Cole reported the entire bill to the House. All the amendments were agreed to in a bulk except that for the appropriation of ninety-one thousand for the mint at Carson city, Nevada, and the appropriation for the bureau of education, on which separate votes were asked, but without disposing of them the House adjourned.

#### GENERAL

CHICAGO, 23.—The *Tribune* Washington special says that the House military committee was in session all day on the cadetship inquiry. Pettis, on the last House, appeared by a friend, but wanted to see if he could succeed in breaking the force of the evidence against him. Landon the missing witness, returned voluntarily to the city, and appeared before the committee. He testified that he inserted the advertisement which appeared in the New York papers and which led to the inquiry of the House, but he said that he did it of his own notion, with no regard to any party. He appears to have been actively engaged in a sort of broker's business in cadetships. In the case of Goladay's appointment to the committee has evidence that the sum of two thousand dollars was paid in connection with the transaction; but there is nothing to show that Goladay was in any sense implicated in the matter. There is a great deal of anxiety among those implicated, as every body understands that, if judgment be executed against Whittemore, Logan will report against the others at once.

General Walker, Superintendent of the census, has made a careful examination of the census law, and comes to the conclusion that some minor changes in it are both advisable and necessary. A draft of a short bill, with a letter explaining it, was sent to Secretary Cox; it was by him warmly endorsed and sent to Congress. The original returns, made by enumerators of the census, go to the Secretary of each commonwealth, and the practice heretofore has been to send one copy to the census office and one to the county clerk's office. General Walker holds that the last named copy is wholly needless, and he recommends its abolishment as a saving to the treasury of nearly one-third, in the cost of paper for returns, and of one hundred thousand dollars in writing. Schedules are now returnable by the middle of November; but Walker advises legislation requiring the return of schedules of population and mortality by the middle of August, so that, if necessary, they can be used in making up the basis of representation for the next Congress. Penalties are now imposed on persons who refuse to answer some questions in the schedules, and he recommends that these be extended to all of them. He strongly urges that the appointment of enumerators and assistant marshals should be subject to the revision of the Secretary of the Interior, to the end that a good class of men may be secured, especially in the South, where it is expected that the demoralization consequent on the war will render it difficult, in any event, to get correct returns.

The *Tribune's* New York special says that a number of ex-confederates who have returned home from their voluntary exile in Brazil, tell touching stories of their sufferings there. They say they are glad to be back under the old flag.

The *World* having reasserted that Greeley sought refuge under the table and windows of a restaurant during the July riots, the *Tribune* pronounces the author as a liar, a graceless, shameless, villainous and detestable liar.

NEW YORK.—The Erie Railroad company enjoined at the suit of the preferred stock holders, from recognizing certificates bearing the tax stamp of the English speculators, who have leagued themselves with the Ramsey, Eaton, and Vanderbilt party for the purpose of putting the line under the control of the New York Central.

A post office porter, named L. Murray, was held for examination in the United States commissioner's office yesterday, charged with embezzling numerous money letters. He admitted the accusation.

The *Tribune's* correspondence says that the Costa Rican government has annulled the contract made with an American Company for the construction of a railroad across that country to the Pacific coast, the terms not having been complied with by the incorporators, who are principally New York men, General John C. Fremont having been President of the Company.

A large quantity of specie is being shipped hence to Europe.

The screw frigate *Colorado* has received most of her complement of men;

there are now on board 5,800 seamen which number has to be supplemented by the marine guard, about fifty men. When the *Colorado* is ready for sea, there will be nearly 7,000 souls aboard.

NEW YORK, 23, 10 a.m.—Minister Burlingame died yesterday at St. Petersburg.

SAN FRANCISCO, 22.—Washington's birthday was celebrated here enthusiastically. Business was suspended and there was a parade of the military. Public and private buildings were decorated with bunting.

The chief feature, however, was a grand musical festival in aid of the Mercantile Library Association, which commenced to-day at the Merchants' Pavilion to be continued for several days. The city is crowded with people from the interior to participate in the event. The States of Nevada and Oregon both contribute their quota of singers and musicians. The immense building was full to overflowing and the streets in its vicinity were crowded with people unable to obtain admittance. The entertainment passed off with general satisfaction. About fifteen hundred voices were in this grand chorus, with two hundred instruments, a big drum, big organ, thirty anvils and electrical guns, closing the grand anthem "America." The audience wild with delight, arose to their feet, cheering and waving handkerchiefs.

The United States steamer *Saginan* sailed for Midway Island to-day. Her officers will superintend the removing of the obstructions at the entrance to the harbor of the island. A coaling station for Government and China steamers will be established there.

Heavy rain storm to-night.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to prevent and punish polygamy in Utah. Fitch, while favoring the suppression of polygamy, opposed the bill, because it would lead, temporarily, at least, to the destruction of the overland mail route, and be productive of war, which, while it would eventually result in the extermination of the Mormons, would cost millions of treasure and thousands of lives; and the suppression of polygamy would, in his judgment, be purchased at too great a cost.

Sargent also opposed the bill on similar grounds. The morning hour having expired the bill went over.

NEW YORK.—A special Albany dispatch says that among the bills introduced into the Assembly last evening was one to re-organize the Erie Railroad Company. This bill was drawn by the Counsel of the Erie Co., and is designed to forestall the action about to be taken by the English stock and bond holders, and to put Fisk, Gould and Co. in full possession of the road for all time to come. The intention is to buy the bill through the Legislature, as was done with the Erie legislation two years ago, and marketable members and lobbyists are in high glee at the prospect of the distribution of another half million of Erie money.

Officials of the Inman Co. still entertain hope of the safety of the *City of Boston*.

Rumors were circulated at Jersey City, yesterday, that some notable changes were taking place among the Erie officials. Intimations have been given from the headquarters of the company on Twenty-third street, showing that the resignation of Rucker is being considered, and leading to the belief, also, that other sweeping changes are to be made.

In the latter part of August next the third visit is to be made to this country by professional English cricketers, who are represented to be far superior to the eleven that have preceded them here. These men, according to their agent in this city, are not coming here upon a venture, but have been pledged a large sum of money, a portion of which is to be paid them before they leave England. Twelve men will be brought on, and among them Captain E. Wilsheer, the same who accompanied the late eleven.

CHICAGO.—Washington specials are mainly devoted to an account of the proceedings in the Whittemore expulsion case in the House. Yesterday's *Tribune* dispatch says it is reported that the delay asked by Whittemore till to-day, was for the purpose of getting his resignation before the House and thus escape its sentence, and that the story excites indignation, as Logan allowed the case to go over without a vote, after the previous question had been ordered, at the special request of Whittemore on the ground that he desired to say something further in self defence. The same dispatch says that all the members who are somewhat implicated in the cadet business voted for a delay. Butler did not vote on any questions following. The affirmative vote on the

resolution of postponement was: Arnell, Ayers, Banks, Bennett, Benton, Bales, Baker, Buck, Buckley, Burdett, Coke, Cressna, Churchill, Clark, Coburn, Covode, Dockery, Dyer, Golladay, Hayes, Jencks, Jones, N. C., Julian, Kelly, Kelsey, Maynard, McCormick, Higby, Orth, Phelps, Platt, Poland, Root, Sargent, Sheldon, Taffe, Twitchell, Van Horn, Vanwyck.

The *Tribune's* New York dispatch says several prominent financiers went to Washington to-night to consult with the members of Congress about the funding bill and other financial matters. It is understood they will urge a new law at four and a half per cent interest. The bear party has full control of the gold market and it is generally expected to further decline.

WASHINGTON.—Previous to signing the Mississippi bill, the resignation of Gen. Ames as Lieut. Col. U. S. A., his lineal rank, was received and accepted.

The name of nearly every member of the Virginia legislature has been obtained to an application to the House of Representatives, for the admission of Segar to his seat as Congressman at large from Virginia.

While Whittemore was defending himself, the Speaker interrupted him to read a communication from Whittemore, inclosing his resignation to the Governor of South Carolina, and a telegram accepting the same.

ST. LOUIS.—Lord Granville has written to the Lieut. Governor, announcing the intention of the Imperial government to withdraw the troops in garrison in Newfoundland, and says in future the province will have to rely on its own protection, or such as it may obtain from the Dominion of Canada, if it joins the Confederation.

NEW YORK.—To-day is marked as an important era in the national credit. The 1881 bonds or long sixes, sold at a hundred and seventeen and seven-eighths to eighteen; at the same time gold was these figures. The bonds thus being paid in gold.

Judge Ingraham sentenced two murderers to-day; John Reynolds to be hung on the 8th proximo, with the remark that there was not the slightest excuse for the murder he had committed. Michael Mead, arraigned for the murder of his mother, by kicking her to death, was condemned to seven years' hard labor in the penitentiary.

ST. LOUIS.—The State Senate yesterday, passed a constitutional amendment extending the suffrage to negroes, and restoring the franchise to the rebels, by a vote of 25 to 5. The amendment is to be submitted to the people at the next election. The Senate also elected Miss Nellie Raymond, of St. Louis, as engrossing clerk.

DENVER, 24.—A terrible murder was committed yesterday afternoon, at Burlington, near this city. Kinney, a well-known citizen, and John H. Wells were returning from Big Thompson, when they overtook Bill Dubois, about twenty miles from Burlington. After a few words of conversation, Dubois drew a revolver and fired several shots, killing Kinney instantly. The murderer escaped to the mountains, but the citizens have gone in pursuit. Dubois is a bad character. He was arrested recently for robbing the mails near that place.

SANTA FE.—The *Post's* Le Gissala correspondent reports that Col. Bernard, with a detachment of 1st and 8th U. S. cavalry had a series of running fights with the Indians in the Dragon mountains, in Arizona, on Jan. 29th. Thirteen Indians were killed and two taken prisoners. The Indian camp and a large amount of material were destroyed. The bar of gold, which Col. J. C. Stone had with him when he was killed at the time the mail was robbed, was found in their camp.

ERIE, PA., 24.—The Erie fire boys are caught at last. At the hearing this morning Edward Finch, one of the parties arrested, confessed his guilt, and implicated Peter Loier and Phillip Metz, who are also under arrest. The parties are all in jail awaiting trial.

AUGUSTA, ME.—The Senate passed, to be engrossed, a resolution to pay all contracts made prior to Feb. 25th, 1862, in gold.

NASHVILLE.—The Senate has concurred in the House resolution rejecting the 15th Amendment.

MEMPHIS.—A boiler exploded at a saw mill near Evansville and instantly killed four men.

A fearful accident occurred on the Mississippi Central Railroad, near Oxford, yesterday afternoon: A train ran through some trestle work and smashed the baggage, express and four passenger cars; at the last accounts twelve dead bodies had been taken from the wreck. The treasurer of the company and his son were both fatally injured.

RICHMOND.—John A. Gleason, the ex-Federal General of Fenian notoriety, was brought here to-night from West Virginia, on a requisition from Gov. Walker, charged with obtaining money by representing himself to be a revenue officer of York county in this State.

WASHINGTON.—The President has signed the Mississippi bill.

Prominent friends of Cuba state that an anonymous note has been received by acting Consul Gen. Hall recently, warning him that he is in danger of assassination. It could not, it is said, have originated from a Cuban source as none but Spaniards have been engaged in the assaults on citizens of the United States.

The court of claims has rendered judgment in the case of Bernsheimer Bros., of New York, for a hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars against the U. S. for the proceeds of cotton taken at Savannah. It is the largest judgment that has ever been awarded by that court.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 24.—President Orton, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, made argument before the Senate postal committee, to-day, in opposition to the Hubbard bill. He gave statistics to show that the telegraphic rates of this country are less per mile than those of Europe, and that the telegraph is more used here in proportion to the population than in Europe. He opposed the bill because it would not protect the public against monopoly, since it would be easy for the Western Union Telegraph Company to take possession of the organization. He said the receipts of that company last year were six and a half millions; the expenses were four and a half millions. The same amount of business would, under the Hubbard bill, produce less than two millions, one million short of what his company paid for salaries. An increase of fifty per cent. in the volume of business would still leave it deficit more than a million. He concluded by submitting a proposition that the company be released from all taxes, which would allow them to make an average reduction of one-seventh of the present rates of tariff; and give them a free right of way along the railroads, as proposed in Hubbard's bill, which would allow a reduction of another seventh; then let Congress provide for a commission to appraise the cash value of the property and franchises of the company, on which sum they shall be entitled to a percentage per annum; and the company will surrender to the Post-office Department the right to fix the tariffs.

The committee on military affairs were engaged to-day in investigating the case of Representative Golladay, who is charged with selling a cadetship.

BOSTON.—John Ward and wife were suffocated last night by the fumes from a charcoal fire in their bed-room.

CINCINNATI.—John F. Clareman, one of the proprietors of *Volk's Freund*, and for sixteen years connected with that paper, died suddenly last night, aged 62. He was a prominent and excellent German citizen.

The Minnesota Senate yesterday, by a vote of 12 to 9, passed the House bill to provide for the submission of an amendment to the Constitution, allowing women the suffrage. The bill provides for the taking in separate boxes the votes of women. The Governor will probably sign the bill.

PORT HENRY, N. Y.—A portion of the Roofed Bed mines fell in yesterday, crushing two miners under three hundred tons of ore.

NEW YORK.—The messenger of the State Bank of New Brunswick, N. J., was robbed while in the Currency Department of the Sub-Treasury, to-day, of seven thousand dollars in bonds and a thousand dollars in currency.

The Tammany Theatre collapsed yesterday; the managers are out of town, the company unpaid and the doors closed. This makes the third *fiasco* in the amusement business this week.

Orders have been received from the minister of marine, requiring the return to the peninsula of the Spanish men-of-war now here. They are to return in February, as the Delametre gunboats will render the presence of those large vessels unnecessary in Cuban waters.

It is said the officers of the Brooklyn navy yard have invited Captain Commerell and the officers of the *Monarch* to a grand ball and supper, to be given within the precincts of the Brooklyn navy yard; and that they have accepted it.

The gunboat *Yantic* left the navy yard yesterday to take in her powder at the battery and to go from there to the West Indies, on an expedition to take soundings between the different Islands for the purpose of laying a cable.