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**XLVIII. CONGRESS.**  
**SENATE.**  
WASHINGTON, 5.—Morgan presented a petition from the State Board of Silk Culture of California, praying Congress to take the necessary steps to protect the culture. The petitioners state they do not ask any protection on raw material, but on the finished product. They claim mechanical appliances to improve the manufacture of silk have been invented, and manufacturers could compete with foreign manufacturers, whose crude appliances had been but little improved.

Plumb's motion to recommit the bill to the committee was withdrawn, and the amendments offered early in the debate in the House were adopted.

Hoar then moved a third amendment providing that no State should receive the benefit of the fund that did not distribute all the school funds equally for all children, without regard to race or color. Agreed to.

Hoar's amendment was then read making the first year's appropriation seven millions, the second year's ten millions, the third year's fifteen millions, and then decreasing at the rate of two millions annually till the eighth year.

Morgan admonished Hoar to keep the bill up to the maximum amount possible, otherwise he would weaken his bill and lose the support of the Republicans. He committed the senators on the democratic side of the chamber to a bill that did

Hoar said he did not base his support of the measure on the general welfare clause in the Constitution, nor did he go into any subtle refinement as to the distinction between land grants and money grants. "I think," said Hoar, "it's a better thing to try the experiment whether by educating the black man, he can be made fit for American citizenship, than, without trying that experiment, to cheat him out of his vote." Replying to the remark by Morgan, that he was sorry that the thought had not occurred to the Senator before he enfranchised the

be drawn into recrimination in regard to past history, recent or remote.

After further debate as to the time which should be allowed for consideration of the measure before bringing it to a vote, it was finally agreed that the bill should be disposed of before the adjournment on Monday, debate in the Senate the day to be under the five minutes rule.

**Executive session. Adjourned.**

Cullom introduced a bill to reimburse the several States for interest paid on the war loans.

The education bill was taken up, and

position to the bill.

**HOUSE.**

WASHINGTON, 5.—Goff from the committee on naval affairs reported back the resolution requesting the Secretaries of the Navy and War to report on the feasibility and expediency of constructing an interior coast line water way for the Atlantic and Gulf seaboard. Adjourned.

At the morning hour being dispensed with, the House went into committee of the whole. Boyle in the chair, on the agricultural appropriation bill.

among them one increasing by \$5,000 the appropriation for the distribution of seeds, plants, etc., and then the committee having risen, the bill passed. The House next took up for consideration the bill forfeiting the acreage of Central-Asian grant, and after a long debate without final action, the matter went over.

The Senate amendments were considered in the House bill making a felony for a person falsely and fraudulently to assume or pretend to be a public officer or employee, acting under authority of the United States or any department thereof.

The bill laid before the House for consideration by the Attorney General

an estimate of the deficiencies in the appropriations for the United States courts, amounting to \$875,000. Referred. Adjourned.

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## AMERICAN.

**Forest Fires, Railroad Wrecks, Floods, etc.**

GALVESTON, 5.—News Fort Worth special: The west bound Texas Pacific passenger was derailed 11 miles west of Bald, early this morning. The

down a 14 foot embankment, making a fearful wreck. Seven were killed and 23 persons were injured, six very seriously. A special train with Bureau of Forestry men and the Texas State militia at Fort Worth have been dispatched to the scene. The wounded will be brought to Fort Worth this morning. It required eight hours to clear the track.

Columbia, S. C., 5.—Forest fires have occurred in several sections of the State this week, caused by farmers burning brush to clear planting grounds. Three miles east of Killians station

The fires swept away the houses, and barns and 100,000 lbs. of hay. The dam was broken and the water continued until the Waters river was reached, a distance of 3 miles. Jones & Killian lost their mill and 400 barrels of rosin. Many persons doubtless are homeless. Communication with the devastated district is very difficult.

Charleston advices report as follows: In Allen County the damage was slight. In Chesterfield County the boggy swamp is reported on fire and numerous buildings and outbuildings were destroyed. Forest fires are in Berkeley County. And sev-

burned. Fire is reported from several other counties, but not of a serious character.

Raleigh, N. C., 5.—Reports of damage by forest fires continue. In Johnston County a fresh fire broke out, destroying a great quantity of timber, as well as several dwellings. The people are greatly alarmed, and they labor unceasingly night and day, combating the flames.

Along the line of the Carolina Central Railroad the woods are burning for a distance of 60 miles.

In Moore, Robeson, Johnson, Cur-

ties, the bulk of the damage is done. A number of people are homeless. Nearly all the saw mills in some sections are burned, as well as churches and dwellings. Turpentine orchards from 5,000 to 10,000 trees each are burned, almost ruining the owners. The fire is a heavy blow to the lumber industry in that part of the State. Three boys, driving across the railroad track this afternoon, were struck by an engine and instantly killed. The bodies were horribly mangled. They were all the sons of well known citizens.

**Robbers and Rioters.**  
 RISING SUN, Ind., 5.—Two masked men went to the house of John Smith, living in this vicinity, last night, and beat him insensible. They then ransacked the house for a large sum. Smith is reported to have secreted \$100. Failing to find the money, they lit a fire and avenged Smith, who had recovered consciousness, back and forth.

Pittsburg, 5.—A dispatch from Cumberland, Md., says that a wife and child came off at Hyndman, Pa., near the Maryland State line, at an early hour this morning, between a Hungarian named Neckvest, formerly of St. Louis, and an unknown alleged to be Valerius.

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