

THE EVENING NEWS.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

.....Mr. James Anthony, died at apoplexy, to-day, at San Francisco.

.....The bark *Windward* wrecked in Puget Sound.

.....A portion of the cable between Portland and Seattle broken.

.....It is said that Austrian occupation of Bosnia has been determined upon.

.....The sessions of the Congress of the U. S. were resumed to-day, for synopses of proceedings, see Telegrams.

.....An old and respected citizen of Hamilton, Canada, was murdered to-day.

.....The report on the burning of the City of Waco has been sent in Washington.

.....The suits of H. C. Brown at the Brooklyn Eagle, and Bowen vs. McDermott, have been discontinued.

.....There is a pending ministerial crisis at Paris.

.....André's Turkish political note has been sent to London, Paris and Rome.

.....Plymouth Church pews sold for \$30,000.

.....Another of Thompson's weapons has been discovered - nothing dangerous.

.....A new, short and easy route from the Missouri to the Black Hills has been discovered.

.....A fatal boiler explosion at Fort Scott, Kansas.

.....Stagnation is reported in the Russian grain trade. Bankruptcy at Odessa.

.....The Khedive of Egypt has accepted the resignation of his minister of foreign affairs.

.....The appointment of Lord Lytton as Viceroy of India is confirmed.

.....Spain thinks complications between her and America would have important consequences for Europe.

.....Gambetta is a candidate for the French Assembly.

.....M. Outrey has gone to Egypt on a special mission.

.....M. Jules De Mohl is dead.

.....Spain has settled the plan of a campaign against the Carlists.

.....Intercollegiate literary contest in New York.

.....A conspiracy has been discovered in Belgrade.

.....There is a bitter feeling in Vienna on Hungarian affairs.

.....Germany favors the American Cuban propositions.

.....France desires to act with England upon the Egyptian question.

.....China desires the handing over of the assassins of Margary to the Imperial commission.

THE DIVORCE MANIA.

A California paper, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, recently discussed the question whether "we" were a Christian nation, and rather thought "we" were, or that "we" were either Christian or nothing. The same paper now turns round, but not ostensibly, and argues in favor of the divorce mania. "We" are a Christian nation, and that answer is a statement of the divorce business of San Francisco for the last year, which stands by the by, it considers "a sad commentary on the morality of our people, and strongly suggestive of defects in the once sacred institution of marriage."

In San Francisco the divorces are one to three and a half of the marriages. In 1875, licenses for the marriage of 2,292 couples were issued in that city. Of these, 1,000 were dissolved, and 1,292 divorces obtained.

This divorce mania is said to be a speciality of it, and grows rich upon it. There are hired witnesses in order for any case, sharp practice and trickery of various kinds are common, and much of the proceedings is conducted in secrecy.

Considering that the author of Christianity allowed divorce only for fornication or adultery, this divorcing nation must be truly "Christian."

By Telegraph.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

PER TELEGRAPH UNION WIRE LINE.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Communications from Secretary of War, etc.

WASHINGTON, 5.—After prayer, the Rev. Joseph C. Brown, of Illinois, and the reading of the journal of Dec. 24th, the Senate proceeded to receive a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting the report of the chief of engineers in regard to the amounts appropriated for the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi river, Fort Jackson and Fort St. Philip, ordered printed and to lie on the table, and a communication from the Secretary of War renewing the recommendation that the military reservations at Camp Critchfield and Camp Grant, A. T., be transferred to the Interior Department for disposal under the public land laws, ordered printed and to lie on the table.

Coupling presented a petition of citizens of New York City, asking the passage of an amendment to the Constitution of the U. S., providing for the appropriation of money for any religious sect; referred to the judiciary committee.

Memorials Presented.

In the Senate, Mr. Caldwell presented the copy of a memorial from various officers and soldiers of the American ships which were destroyed by the *Shenandoah*, stating that they have been absent from the country, and asking that the Alabama Court be extended; referred to the judiciary committee.

Michigan, of Oregon, presented a memorial from the Portland

gon, Board of Trade, for an appropriation for the construction of a canal around the straits of Columbia, referred to the committee on commerce.

Bargain introduced a bill to grant the right of way for railroad purposes through the S. S. reservation at El Paso, Cal.; referred to the committee on military affairs.

More Financial Legislation, etc.

Morrill, of Vt., introduced a bill to further provide for the redemption of U. S. legal tender notes in gold, ordered printed and to lie on the table.

Morrill said he introduced his bill on his own responsibility. He presumed no senator here desired to repeat the act of last session to provide for the redemption of legal tender notes in gold.

The bill introduced by Morrill, to provide for the redemption of legal tender notes in gold, was read twice, and the second reading ordered.

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session the committee adjourned till to-morrow without final action. An expression of opinion was also given by Mr. Caldwell, who stated whether or not the Senate has a legal right to elect a presiding officer at the present time.

Nominations Suggested, etc.

Senator Sargent, yesterday, requested the President to nominate the following nominations:—H. G. Rollins, to succeed Stratton as Surveyor General for California; W. R. Wheaton, of San Francisco, formerly city assessor, to succeed Rollins as Surveyor General for California.

Rollins, of the San Francisco land district. These nominations will probably be sent to the Senate to-morrow.

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received a number of letters threatening his life.