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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Sherman presented a memorial from members elected to the Mississippi Legislature, alleging that the constitution of that State was adopted by a majority of legal voters, and praying Congress to recognize it as the constitution of Mississippi and to put the government in operation. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Morgan presented a memorial from William E. Dodge, Horace Greeley and others, praying Congress to appoint a special committee to investigate the naturalization and election frauds. Re-

ferred.

Morton introduced a bill to provide for the redemption of greenbacks and fractional currency in coin. The first section prohibits sales of gold by the Treasury, and directs all gold, not required for the payment of the interest of the public debt, to be reserved and set apart for the redemption of United States notes. Section second directs the Secretary of the Treasury, after July 1st, '71, to pay all notes presented for redemption. Section third provides that after January 1st, '72, the national banks must redeem their notes in coin, and shall retain in their vaults all the coin received by them as interest on stocks after January 1st, 1870. Section fourth directs the banks to replace their reserve of legal tender notes with coin, and requires the banks to hold the reserve of coin as now required by law. and to hold a reserve of legal tender notes. Section five anthorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to cancel all the notes redeemed under the provisions of this act, to the extent of his judgment, necessary for the proper limitation of the currency. Section six requires that after January 1st, '72, greenbacks shall cease to be legal tenders, but shall be receivable for government dues as now provided. Section seven authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to sell bonds of the United States, due in thirty years, redeemable after ten years, bearing seven per cent. interest, the principal and interest payable in gold, to the amount necessary to carry into operation the provisions of the second section. A number of other bills were intro-

duced, amongst them, were one by Williams, to establish a uniform rule of naturalization; one by Wilson, to fix the number of Judges of the Supreme Court and to change the judicial circuits; one by Pomeroy, to create a department of Indian affairs; one by Cole, for legalizing coin contracts; and one by Conkling, to repeal the act fixing the time of the regular meetings of Congress.

Cattellintroduced a resolution censuring the President for the views in his Message in relation to the national debt. OME WEN'SE, After a brief debate, it was referred to the committee on finance.

> The Senate agreed to the House resolution to adjourn from the 21st instant, to January 5th. Adjourned.

Washington .- The President sent to the Senate the nomination of Alex. Cummings, as Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Henry A. Smythe, Minister to Russia, and W. J. Collen, as Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Idaho and Montana.

Sumner, from the committee on foreign relations, reported a joint resolution, tendering sympathy to the people of Spain.

Cattell, from the committee on finance, reported a resolution disapproving and condemning that portion of the President's Message relating to the liquidation of the national debt. Mc-Creery objected to its consideration and the resolution went over.

Williams' bill, for repealing the prohibition on the organization of the militia in the rebel States, was taken up, and gave rise to considerable debate. Wilson, Fessenden, and Conkling speaking in favor, and Hendrick's against.

Edmunds moved to amend by continuing the prohibition in Virginia, Mississippi and Texas. The bill was further debated by Rice, Sawyer and Warner in favor, and Buckalow and Davis in opposition. Edmund's amendment was finally adopted and the bill passed. Adjourned.

After disposing of considerable miscellaneous business, the House went into a committee of the whole, and proceeded to consider the tariff bill. Brooks took the floor, being entitled to it when the bill was up at the last session, and proceeded to declare that corrupt means had been used by the iron and steel men to carry the election in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Maine. Brooks spoke in the same connection of Wm. E. Dodge, and the means by which he obtained Brooks' seat in Congress, when the speaker stated that he was anable to see the pertinency of his remarks. Brooks then applied himself to the regular discussion of the tariff bill, after which the committee rose.

Immediately after, Moorhead moved again to go into committee, which was agreed to, when the House devoted its attention to that portion of the bill relating to the duties on copper. Several amendments were offered, but were not disposed of, when the House adjourned.

Sherman, from the finance committee reported back the House bill for fixing the duties on coffee, also a resolution concerning the payment of the public debt, deel ring that neither the public policy nor the good faith of the nation will allow the redemption if the 5-20 bonds till the United States shall perform the primary duty of paying its notes in coin or equivalent thereto, and that measures for specie resumption should be adopted as early as practicable. This resolution was laid on the table to be called up at an early day. Sherman also reported back, without amendment, the resolution introduced by Edmunds, in Nov. 1867, pledging the faith of the nation to the payment of the public debt in coin.

Williams offered a resolution instructing the judiciary committe to inquire into the practicability and expediency of some immediate legislation to prevent the discharge of persons convicted of erime by an extraordinary decision of the District Judge in Virginia. After some discussion the word "extraordinary" was struck out, as, perhaps, a reflection on Judge Underwood. The resolution was then adopted.

Cenness moved to take up the bill providing that there shall be no reduction in the pay of the government workmen, on account of the reduction in the hours of labor. The motion was lest, 22 to 38. Morton took the floor, and made an

elaborate speech in defense of his bill for

the resumption of specie payments. The Senate next took up the resolution expressing their disapproval of the President's financial views, which was discussed at considerable length, but without reaching a vote. Anjourned.

HOUSE.

A number of bills and resolutions were introduced, including one by Garfield, to legalise gold contracts.

Bromall moved for a suspension of the rules to enable him to introduce a preamble and resolution, protesting against the sentiments of the President's message in reference to the payment of the public debt, and declaring that all forms and degrees of repudiation of the national debt are odious to the American people, and under no eircumstances will their representatives consent to offer to a public creditor a less amount of money than Government contracted to pay. The rules were suspended and the resolution adopted, 154 to 6.

A resolution was adopted, appointing a special committee of seven to investigate the election frauds at New York.

Butler introduced a bill to enforce the laws of the United States in the State of Georgia.

The rules were suspended, and a bill to provide for the construction of a ship canal around Niagara was made a special order for the second Wednesday in January.

Hunter offered a resolution directing the Secretary of State to inform the House whether any commissioner had been recently sent as a representative from this country to Spain, and for what purpose; adopted. The House adjourned.

Julian, from the committee on public lands reported back the Senate bill granting lands to California to construct a railroad and telegraph from Vallejo to Humbolt, ordered printed and recommitted.

A resolution was adopted providing that the members should proceed to draw lots for new seats, which occupied considerable time and occasioned much merriment.

Paine, from the committee on reconstruction, reported a bill to repeal the act prohibiting organizations in the rebel States, so far as applies to North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida and Louisiana.

Eldridge inquired why Georgia was left out.

Paine replied it was because there was no inquiry going on before Congress in relation to the condition of that State, and it was questionable whether this bill should extend to Georgia or no. The bill passed.

A bill was also passed, extending the time fixed in the internal revenue law