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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Ingalls introduced a bill to incorporate the Colorado Canal Irrigation and Land Co.; referred. It proposes to grant twenty sections of the public lands per mile, to aid in the construction of an irrigating canal from the South Platte River in Colorado, into the State of Kansas, as far as may be desired by the company.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, 21.—In the House, Poland, from the judiciary committee, reported a bill authorizing the legislatures of the several organized territories, except Utah, at each regular session, to make an assignment of the judges to hold courts in the districts; and when legislatures fail to do so, then the judges of such Territory shall make the assignment, to continue in force until the close of the next regular session of the legislature; but there the governor shall make the assignment of judges. The bill passed.

Petitions were presented by Boutwell, Sherman, Fenton, Ramsey, Wright, Chandler, Anthony and others, from the women of various parts of the country, asking for legislation conferring upon them the right to vote. Referred.

The President has approved the bill repealing the salary bill of March 3d, '73, except as it increases the salaries of the President and Justices of the Supreme Court, thus restoring the compensation of members of Congress and others to the former rates.

In the House, to-day, Wilson of Indiana, moved to suspend the rules and adopt the following resolutions:

Whereas, by reason of the present monetary stringency and the insufficiency in the amount of the circulating medium, the industry and commercial affairs of the country have been greatly depressed, and

Whereas, by reason of such stringency the revenues of the government have been largely diminished, in consequence whereof Congress has been asked to increase the taxation to the amount of forty-two million dollars, and

Whereas, before the recent panic the revenues were ample enough to meet the current expenses of the government, therefore

Resolved, that instead of levying additional taxes, the true policy lies in the enactment of such laws as will relieve such stringency and supply the means necessary to the business wants of the country, by increasing the circulating medium, thereby relieving business and increasing the revenue, and thus avoiding the necessity of increasing the present rates of taxation or duties or the imposition of additional taxes or duties.

Resolved, that the committee

on banking and currency be instructed to prepare and report to the House, without delay, a bill for the purpose in the first resolution expressed, and that the committee have leave to report at any time.

A vote was then taken, which resulted in yeas 135, nays 98, less than two-thirds in the affirmative.

AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, 19.—The nomination of Morrison R. Waite, for Chief Justice, appeared to be a surprise, but the nomination was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and will doubtless be confirmed to-morrow, as all parties appear to agree that it is a fit one. Mr. Waite is fifty-eight years of age, is son of the late Chief Justice Waite of Connecticut, a lawyer of thirty-eight years standing, was one of the council of the United States at the Geneva arbitration. He has been a resident of Toledo since '38, is at present President of the Ohio constitutional convention. Just a year ago he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States on motion of Caleb Cushing.

The House military committee will determine, to-morrow, whether they will proceed with the case of Gen. Howard, or recommend that the subject be transferred to a military committee of inquiry; the committee is about equally divided on the propositions.

TOLEDO, 19.—The nomination of M. R. Waite, for Chief Justice of the U. S., creates great satisfaction here among all parties.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., 19.—The miners are rapidly organizing in all sections of the country under the National Association; a meeting was held at Plymouth this evening for the above purpose. The streets of that borough are thronged with idle men and boys, and such is the case in every village and city in the mining sections.

AUSTIN, Texas, 19.—The offices of governor, secretary of State, and attorney general were surrendered to-day by the officers, and Governor Coke and the newly elected officers took possession; the other offices will be similarly surrendered as soon as the new incumbents have qualified.

ALBANY, N. Y., 19.—Ex-Senator Graham, convicted of the embezzlement of the funds of the Walkill National Bank, of which he was president, arrived at the penitentiary to-day, so enfeebled that he was placed in the hospital.

NEW YORK, 19.—Stocks advanced at the close of business to-day, under reports of a heavy increase in the earnings of the western roads in the first two weeks in January, and the tendency to construe the vote in the house on Wilson's inflation resolutions, as favorable to an increase in the volume of the currency, notwithstanding the failure of the two-thirds vote necessary to its adoption.

Mayor Havemeyer's message shows the city debt to be \$106,371,953, being an increase since '71 of nine millions. The amount of bonds issued by the present comptroller for various purposes is \$42,000,000. The expenditure of maintaining the government in 1871 was \$26,000,000, in '72, \$31,000,000, in '73, \$32,000,000.

CINCINNATI, 19.—The news of the nomination of Judge Waite, president of the Ohio Constitutional Convention, as Chief Justice of the United States, created immense enthusiasm among its members, and when one of them read the dispatch announcing the fact, there was a storm of applause, the nomination being not only unsought, but the Judge had forbidden his friends to present his name for the place.

A special to the Enquirer from Charleston, W. Va., reports a great fire in that city, commencing at three this morning in Egan's block, which destroyed in three hours all the houses on the square between Capital and Virginia streets, except the Kanawha Valley bank and the Masonic and Courier buildings; the loss is estimated at \$100,000, insurance about \$35,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, 19.—There was another slight shock of earthquake to-day.

This afternoon a terrible tragedy

occurred at a house on Commercial St. A man, whose name cannot yet be learned, entered the hotel and murdered a young woman named Annie Towes with a razor, after a desperate struggle, and then killed himself with the same weapon. It is believed that he was her husband.

The name of the man who committed murder and suicide this afternoon is Randolph Mitchell, his victim was his wife, Annie Mitchell, who ran away from him in Wisconsin recently, and came here. He followed, and when she refused to live with him again he killed her and himself.

CHICAGO, 20.—Between three and four o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the Union Central depot building, occupied by the Michigan and Illinois Central and the C. B. and Q. R. R., at the foot of Lake street, and in a short time it made such progress as to defy the fire department, and the building was entirely consumed. The baggage in the C. B. and Q. baggage room was nearly all lost, only a few pieces being saved and taken to the freight depot across the street. The baggage in the other room at the south end of the depot was saved, the fire being put out before it reached that far; some of it was, however, removed to a place of safety. Nothing was saved from any of the offices in connection with the depot, all being swallowed in the common destruction. The tracks were filled with cars, most of which were saved, but the men were unable to remove a number, and they were burned. The Michigan Central R. R. lost three passenger coaches and two Pullman sleepers; the C. B. & Q. lost three coaches, including one Pullman sleeper; the Illinois Central lost four coaches, partly burned; the Cincinnati air line lost one coach. The loss is estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000, insurance unknown. The depot was frame and was put up after the great fire for temporary use.

While this fire was in progress and claimed the attention of the fire department the bell sounded again, and the announcement was made that a large stone front block on State, between Van Buren and Harrison Sts., was also on fire. It was near twenty minutes before the engine reached the ground, and the flames had made such progress that five buildings, from No. 294 to 302, inclusive, were consumed.

NEW YORK, 20.—A special from Richmond makes the announcement of the sudden death of the celebrated Siamese twins, on Saturday morning the 17th, at their residence at Mount Airey, Surrey County, N. C. Chang was partially paralyzed last fall since which time he had been fretful and very much debilitated, and strongly addicted to drinking liquor as a means of alleviating his sufferings. He had been quite feeble for several days, so much so as to confine the brothers to bed. On Friday night Chang became worse and expired suddenly about four o'clock on Saturday morning. Eng became so terribly shocked that he raved wildly for awhile. This attack was followed by what seemed to be a deadly stupor, and in about two hours from the death of Chang, Eng breathed his last. The wives and families of the twins are in the deepest grief, the children, many of whom are deaf mutes, expressing their sorrow in the most pitiful manner.

Foreign papers contain a long story of a strange and disastrous accident in the Port of Bastia, Corsica. The steamer Zeonane was entering the port on her return from Leghorn, when by a false turn the helm she was driven against the sea wall or wharf; although a number of vessels near by hastened to her assistance, she sank so rapidly that nineteen persons were drowned, including the captain and chief engineer. The greater part of those who perished were Corsican laborers returning from Leghorn.

In the theatre at Uim, Germany, during a performance, one of twenty-four petroleum lamps attached to a chandelier suspended from the ceiling exploded, and a shower of

fire fell upon the audience, whose dresses were ignited. About twenty women were severely, and some seriously burned, one, at least, fatally.

Private advices from England, received by Greek merchants in this city, state that the famine in Bengal is assuming increased importance, and is engaging the earnest attention of the leading men in financial and commercial circles in London; there seems to be no doubt that England will be called upon for large quantities of food to feed her famishing population in India.

WASHINGTON, January, 20.—It is understood that in a brief executive session, held this p. m., the Judiciary Committee reported favorably on the nomination of Waite for Chief Justice, and that it was laid over one day under a motion to go into executive session made by Edmunds, chairman of the committee.

BENNINGTON, Vt., 20.—The knitting mill of H. E. Bradford was burned this afternoon. The fire was caused by a leak in a gasoline pipe. The gas ignited from the boiler, and, exploding, demolished the adjoining sewing room. Nine women at work there were instantly killed or burned to death in the fire which followed, and many more thus injured, some shockingly. The card and sheeting rooms were saved. The loss is about \$100,000, partially insured.

WASHINGTON, 20.—The committee on post offices and post roads will report a bill partially restoring the franking privilege; the same committee have decided that the free letter delivery by carriers shall not extend to cities of less than 20,000 population.

The Postmaster-General, in reply to the resolution of the Senate in regard to the franking privilege, etc., submits some statistics going to show the saving effected by the abolition of that privilege, and argues that it have at least a fair trial before repealed. In case of the return to the distribution of garden seeds and public documents, he recommends their transportation as freight in freight cars; he also recommends the free transportation of weekly papers, in counties where published.

The committee of ways and means have agreed to present the question of the right of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue the forty-four million reserve to the House, and have it settled there; they will, however, present a resolution fixing the limit of the legal tender circulation at four hundred millions, which will prevent the return to the treasury of any of the forty-four millions already re-issued.

OMAHA, 20.—An unknown man, supposed to be insane, jumped from this morning's train on the St. Joseph road, near Bigelow; the train backed up, and the man was found insensible, with his head crushed; he had a ticket for San Francisco and seventy-five dollars in money, but no papers on his person.

PORTLAND, Me., 20.—The eastern railroad bridge, at Biddeford, was burned to-day; loss \$70,000.

NEW YORK, 20.—A large number of men were discharged from the navy yard to-day, and more will be discharged on Saturday.

James Sullivan, independent Democrat, was elected State Senator to-day, in place of Harry Genet.

MEMPHIS, 20.—The Supreme Court of Mississippi have unanimously decided the late State election constitutional; Governor Ames will be inaugurated to-day.

ST. LOUIS, 20.—A petition has been introduced in the Missouri legislature for the removal of Judge Primm, of the Criminal court of this city, for alleged immoral and corrupt practices; a resolution was also introduced requiring the Missouri representatives and senators to vote for any measure for the expansion of the currency.

CHICAGO, 21.—The house military committee have agreed by a vote of seven to four to report a joint resolution requesting the President to convene a court of inquiry of five officers to examine the charges made by the Secretary of

War against General Howard, and they also adopted an amendment, offered by Gunckle of Ohio, instructing the court to report their opinion as well upon the moral as upon the technical and legal responsibility for such offenses, if any, as may be discovered.

BENNINGTON, Vt., 21.—An investigation to-day into the cause of the explosion last night at the knitting mill here, does not show carelessness; all the wounded but one will recover. Nine dead bodies have been identified.

MONTREAL, 21.—J. G. Faulkner, cashier for John Redpath & Son, has absconded, it is said with about \$400,000 of his employers' and customers' money.

WASHINGTON, 21.—The Senate was in executive session an hour and a half this afternoon, engaged in the consideration of the nomination of Morrison Waite for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Senators Edmunds, Sherman, and Thurman spoke in favor of confirmation, eulogizing the nominee's integrity, fine legal attainments, and suitable temperament for a judge. Sumner expressed his gratification at hearing such favorable reports of Waite from those who knew him better than he did. No remarks were made in opposition to the nomination and the vote on confirmation was unanimous, sixty-three in the affirmative. Absent or not voting, seven, Ames, Dennis, Dorsey, Hamilton, of Indiana, Sprague, Sumner, and Windom. The President was, this evening, officially advised of the action of the Senate, and will immediately inform Waite of his appointment.

NEW YORK, 22.—A cable dispatch states that the Samana Bay Co., has negotiated, in London, a loan for five millions of dollars, and as part of the negotiation the company agree to take up the Hartmount bonds, which had been repudiated by the Baez government.

A call for a council of the Congregational churches as authorized in an emergency, by Dr. Buddington's church, to advise on the whole subject involved in the recent correspondence by the churches of which the Rev. Storrs, Buddington and Beecher are the respective pastors.

A Havana dispatch says that according to Spanish official reports of the engagement at Los Melouse, near Camagary, 650 troops under Colonel Espanda met 1,800 insurgents, and after a severe fight of six hours and a half the Spaniards retreated, having four officers and fifty privates wounded, Espanda having his nose shot off. Private Cuban advices say that Espanda had 1,200 men, only 250 of whom escaped death, wounds or capture.

BUFFALO, 22.—The weather and high water caused the ice in the Buffalo river to move about eleven this morning, piling it up in such force against the Pontoon bridge over Ohio street, as to carry that structure, in its course, sweeping ten first class vessels down the stream, piling them in one mass against the Michigan street bridge; the bowsprits of the vessels in their rapid course carried away the lower part of Plympton's elevator and inflicted serious damage to the city and Niagara elevators, and completely demolished the sheds of the N. Y. Central R. R. Co.; the loss is estimated at a million dollars. The Michigan St. bridge still holds the accumulated mass, but should it give way there is no calculating the damage to vessels and property below. The water is now running into the lake through the Hamburg canal. The greatest excitement prevails.

FOREIGN.

PANAMA, 9.—The trouble expected to arise in the Central American States has, in a measure, blown over, chiefly owing to the intervention of Williamson, U. S. minister, who has been able to persuade the several presidents to submit the question in dispute to a meeting to be called of all the presidents of the five states.

LONDON, 19.—Sir Montague Cholmondeley, member of Parliament for North Lincolnshire, is dead.

Gladstone is confined to his residence by indisposition.