

Presented a memorial from a committee representing the Pennsylvania legislature and the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, giving reason why the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the adoption of the constitution should be held at Philadelphia, on July 14th, 1878. Referred to the committee on foreign relations.

The Senate took up the House resolution for the joint ocean cable company; after a brief discussion went into executive session, and soon after adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.

The House passed the Senate bill, authorizing the increase of the issue of five per cent. bonds to five hundred million dollars, with an amendment that the total issue shall not be increased.

Dwight introduced a bill to establish the salaries of officers of the Treasury Department; referred to the committee on appropriations.

The House then, at 1:40 o'clock, went into committee of the whole, and resumed consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

Porter asked leave to offer a resolution directing the committee on military affairs to inquire what legislation was necessary to prevent cadet Smith, of West Point Military Academy, from being ill treated and persecuted on account of color. "Let him behave himself," Connor objected.

WASHINGTON.

General Sigel Declines.—Nomination of Admiral Porter.

A letter has been received from General Sigel, withdrawing his acceptance of the appointment of Secretary to the commissioners to San Domingo, on the ground that it is said that he is not sufficiently versed in the Spanish language, as required by the joint resolutions. The third commissioner had not, at noon to-day, been appointed.

The Senate held an executive session yesterday, lasting over an hour, for the consideration of the nomination of Admiral Porter, and is now in session and the same old arguments for and against his confirmation, have been made by his friends and opponents. Morton, Nye, Abbott, and others, adhered to the confirmation as an act of justice to a brave officer, holding, if the President could afford to nominate him, personal considerations ought not to influence members. Towards the close of the session the question was raised, that if the Senate failed to confirm, Porter would be out of service, as he had been constitutionally appointed, and his previous commission, as Vice-Admiral, had been vacated by the appointment of Rowan. This was a new view of the case, and was discussed by the best lawyers of the Senate. It is clear that the affirmative side of the question is the right one, as Rowan has been appointed for Vice-Admiral, and if he be confirmed, Porter's old position, before the case of Porter should be acted on, and Porter should be subsequently rejected, he could not go back to his former rank, which had been constitutionally filled by Rowan. He would thus be out of service. This view of the case will operate in Porter's favor, as the Senators are not disposed to legislate him out of office. Were it not for this question, he would be rejected by a large vote. When the subject had been discussed for some time, Porter's friends suggested an adjournment; but this his opponents refused until a vote was taken, and his friends, by a small majority, carried their point. It is understood the vote will be taken to-day, and the opinion is general that he will be confirmed by a small majority.

Rumor copies the name of Frederick Douglas with the San Domingo Commission.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, 13.—The California Pacific Railroad Company, whose lines commence at Vallejo, running north, elected the strongest and most responsible board of directors ever chosen on this coast, consisting of Ed. M. Green, Linden Julius May, Rudolph Luleck, Frankfort, N. K. Jemup, N. Y., Col. John P. Jackson, Eugene L. Sullivan, F. D. Atherton, Parrott, M. S. Latta, San Francisco. The Company declare their intention to push the work on all the branches and the main line, and not to sell out or be absorbed in any rival organization. The financial condition is unexpectedly good and the business of the road satisfactory. Extensive improvements are to be made at Vallejo, by the company.

NEW YORK.

The San Domingo Affair.—NEW YORK, 13.—Yesterday afternoon the official board of officers inspected the frigate Tennessee, which will carry the San Domingo Commission, and pronounced her properly fitted out and equipped for sea. It will require six or eight days for the Tennessee to sail from New York to San Domingo under favorable circumstances. As now contemplated the ship will sail from here with the commissioners on Monday next, and make a straight water for the island. The commission is expected from Washington on Sunday morning, and will be on board before two o'clock in the afternoon. The ship will undoubtedly drop down

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to the anchorage off Ellis Island to-day, and take her powder on board. Stocks are very steady and strong; Governments are strong and about a quarter higher than at the close last night.

The board of underwriters, at a meeting to-day, unanimously agreed to the necessity of urging such a course of action as will force Congress to realize, that the American people wish their representatives to pass the Alabama claims bill pending in the House, and make individual losses to citizens in time of war a national matter.

ALBANY.—There is reason to believe that the express robbery was committed by a man named John J. Pitkins. A reward of \$5,500 is offered for his arrest.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

A great battle.

BORDEAUX, 13.—A general battle was fought, on the 11th, under the walls of Lemans. The Germans attacked the French army of the Loire, along the whole line. General Journeburg, who commanded the right wing of the French, held his position on the right bank of the Houlain and general Colored, on the left and centre, fought desperately for six hours. The French maintained most of their positions. The Prussian forces engaged were estimated at 18,000. The extent of the French loss is unknown, but is serious.

PRUSSIA.

German Army Numbers One Million.

BERLIN, 12.—The reinforcements now on their way to join the German armies in France, and those in readiness to go, number 300,000 men; thus raising the German force to one million.

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