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SENATE.

Numerous petitions were presented from individuals for the removal of political disabilities; and one by Stewart from the western miners, asking for protection against railroad corporations, which are claiming their lands by virtue of alleged Congressional grants.

Sherman presented a communication, enclosing the opinion of the Attorney General, with regard to expended balances.

Cole presented a bill, encouraging the development of the mineral wealth of the United States, and the incorporating of the United States mineral school and metallurgical academy; referred to the committee on education and labor.

Corbett, from the committee on commerce, reported and asked present consideration of a bill to incorporate the Japan Steam Navigation Co. The bill provides for no subsidy, but simply the organization of the company.

Morril, of Vermont, offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing inquiry by the finance committee as to the expediency of imposing a tax of one dollar upon each application for an official position, having a salary of not less than \$1,000, and the same upon each signature made to the President or made to be presented to any of the executive departments, and where the salary is of \$1,000 an additional tax of fifty cents.

On motion of Sherman, the Senate took up and passed the bill amendatory of the funding act of last session, authorizing an increase of the issue of five per cent. bonds, from two hundred millions to five hundred millions, and making the interest on the same payable quarterly.

Sumner's resolution, calling for information upon the San Domingo matter, was adopted without objection.

HOUSE.

The bill reported by Morrill before the holidays, to provide for celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of American independence, by holding an international exhibition in Philadelphia, in 1876, came up as the first business in order, in the morning hour.

Sargent protested against burdening the States treasury for any such purpose as an international exposition.

On vote it appeared there was no quorum present.

Burke, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, gave notice that the committee would ask the House to consider the San Domingo resolutions, on Monday next.

Mr. Sargent reported the annual Indian appropriation bill, which was made the special order for Wednesday next. It appropriates nearly two millions less than the act of last year.

Several bills were introduced and referred; one by Smith, of Oregon, for the removal of the obstructions in the navigation of the Colorado river.

Wood asked leave to offer a resolution, calling upon the President for information regarding San Domingo. Orth objected to the resolution. Banks asked to have the Senate joint resolution regarding the same subject, which was still on the Speaker's table, referred to the committee on foreign affairs. Wood objected. Fitch gave notice of amendments to the Senate joint resolution in regard to San Domingo, extending its application to Cuba.

The House then at half-past one o'clock adjourned.

GENERAL.

CHICAGO, 3.—A fire yesterday destroyed a block of wooden buildings on South Canal street, occupied as shops and dwellings. Loss \$20,000; insurance \$17,000.

The Illinois legislature meet to-morrow. The Senatorial contest is exciting great interest, and the capitol is crowded with politicians.

NEW YORK, 2.—The stand pipe through which the water was forced into the Belleville, (N. J.) water works, fell on Saturday night in consequence of the weight of ice on the reservoir. Several weeks must elapse before it can be repaired, and in the meantime the supply of water will be cut off from Jersey City and Hoboken. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

A solemn high mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral this morning;

for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Hughes.

RICHMOND, 2.—The gang of laborers engaged in clearing out the ruins of Spottwood hotel, have discovered portions of other bodies, which cannot be identified.

MEMPHIS, 3.—Two cars of the passenger train on the Mississippi and Tennessee railroad, were thrown from a high bridge, ten miles below here, by the breaking of an axle. Five negroes were killed and one white, it is feared, was fatally wounded.

SAN FRANCISCO, 3.—Alfred Riedinger, mathematical instrument maker, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a pistol yesterday. No cause is assigned in a note left on his table.

S. G. Earley, formerly receiving clerk of the Western Union Telegraph Office, San Francisco, shot himself through the lungs at Sacramento yesterday, with a pistol he pretended to wish to buy in a gunsmith's store. The wound is probably fatal.

The notorious "Red Mike" was stabbed, probably fatally, by Thomas Carry, in a quarrel about outside lands, last night.

WASHINGTON, 3.—The sub-committee of the committee on appropriations, has summoned numerous witnesses preliminary to the examination of the alleged frauds in the purchase of Indian goods. The examination, however, will not begin until the return of Commissioner Parker from the Indian country, as it is considered but just he should have a full knowledge of all the proceedings.

Col. Robert C. Buchanan and Lt. Col. C. P. Kingsbury have been released from active service, at their own request. Major Lyman Bissell has been retired on account of injuries received in the service. Col. Thos. W. Sherman has been retired upon the full rank of Major General; and First Lieutenants Robert Avery and Robert C. Herry upon the full rank of Lieutenant Colonel; those being the ranks held by them when wounded.

The public debt statement shows a reduction during the month of December of \$2,240,700.95. The coin balance is \$107,802,280, including in coin certificates \$26,149,000. The currency balance is \$30,284,291.

World's special, London, 2.—Our correspondent at Berlin says, the court of Berlin believes that Paris will soon capitulate. There is a significant interchange of courtesies between Berlin and Wilhelmshöhe. The Emperor is confident of restoration.

The Empress Eugenie gave a reception on New Year's day, to the French exiles. Among the guests were the Duke De Persigny, Marquis De La Vallette, M. Rouher, and many other distinguished men of the empire.

LONDON, 2.—The constituents of Mr. Gladstone have signed a petition asking him to resign, because his policy has reduced them to paupers.

The government of Bordeaux has designated Jules Favre to represent France at the conference.

The Right Honorable Mr. Cardwell, in a speech to-day, eulogized Mr. Bright, for his services to the country. He refuted the report of the inefficiency of the army, and contrasted the armaments of England, Prussia and the United States. The British Government he declared was resolved to transmit to its successors an unsullied inheritance, and uphold the honor of England and the Queen.

LONDON, 3.—Advices from Paris to the 30th state that the Parisians urge Trochu to make a sortie with enormous force, as now their artillery is so enormous and the weather is moderating. Moltke, after a battle between Faidherbe and Manteuffel, sent a message to Trochu that the army of the North was annihilated. Trochu paid no attention.

The Telegraph announces that the British demands in relation to the colliers is in a fair way of adjustment.

A severe engagement preceded the German evacuation of Groy. The reported German retreat from Gien is confirmed.

A portion of Chanvey's force is strongly posted now near Vendome. For a week past engagements along the Loire have been a success for the French. Near Chartres 1,300 prisoners were taken by the French. A Prussian column trying to cross the Loire on the ice, lost three hundred drowned.

NEW YORK, 3.—A full bench of the supreme court, Judges Ingraham, Barnard and Cardozo, to-day, decided that U. S. Bonds could not be included in any person's assets, in reckoning property for local and State taxation.

Lewis Tappan, a venerable anti-slavery reformer, was struck with paralysis while on a New Year's visit to his daughter, and his recovery is very doubtful, this being the second attack.

ALBANY.—Both houses of the Legislature were organized to-day. The Governor's message was read. The Governor expresses the hope that the session will be much shorter than usual. He says it will be a relief to the people to have the volume of legislation diminished, especially private schemes.

A special dispatch to the Herald, dated Versailles 20th says, it is reported that the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg was dismissed summarily from his command, by Moltke, for not keeping the French at a respectful distance. It is probable that General Bourbaki and Chauzey will assume the offensive and attack Prince Frederick Charles and, perhaps, with success.

The Seine is frozen sufficiently to bear men and guns. The French are plucky about here and may do something of an astonishing nature shortly.

TOLEDO.—A fire to-day destroyed Stevens and Co's warehouse, together with adjoining buildings occupied by Smith and Co., commission agents; Andrew Brown, timber merchant, and the fish house of Crowell. Loss \$30,000; insurance \$18,000.

NEW ORLEANS.—In the Legislature, to-day, J. Pinkney Smith, Democrat, was elected Warrant Clerk. There was quite a contest for this position and the election of a Democrat was the result of a combination of Democrats with Governor Warmouth's party, which will, it is believed, secure the election of Gen. J. A. West, U. S. Senator to succeed Senator Harris.

HARRISBURG.—Both houses of the Legislature organized to-day. The House elected Republican and the Senate Democratic officers.

PITTSBURG.—The city is infested by a large gang of counterfeiters, who seem to come from the west and have flooded the country with dangerous counterfeits of the Merchant's and Manufacturer's National Bank, New York City.

PHILADELPHIA.—The German fair closed last night. The estimated net receipts exceed \$25,000. The recent French fair netted about \$14,000.

LANSING, 3.—The town is overflowing with politicians from all portions. The State Senatorial question absorbs the attention of all. Jacob W. Howard, William A. Howard, Austin Blair and Thos. W. Terry are here, each supported by a powerful and active lobby. Although it is admitted that W. H. Howard's prospects are somewhat brighter, this evening, the general feeling is that the main struggle lies between Blair and Terry. Both appear confident of success. Jacob W. Howard's chances are considered slim, unless it be found impossible to concentrate enough votes on either Blair or Terry; in which case the two Howards will come forward with the chances in favor of Jacob. At present Terry is decidedly ahead of all. A Senatorial caucus will be held to-morrow night.

ATLANTA.—The official election returns are still incomplete, but enough is known to show that the Democrats have carried the Second and Seventh Congressional Districts, and the Republicans the Third and Fourth. Judge O. A. Cochrane is appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON.—A prominent member of one of the committees on military affairs says: Congress will do nothing with the army the present session, further than make an appropriation for its support. Gentlemen connected with this branch of public service, however, are hopeful that the next Congress will consolidate the commissariat, quartermaster's and paymaster general's departments and thereby save a large amount of money.

CHICAGO.—The Journal's Washington special says, in a dispatch to the State Department, that Minister Washburne expresses the opinion that the surrender of Paris will not terminate the war. The French have, at no stage of the struggle, evinced a greater determination, and he thinks they will not submit so long as they have any men or money left.

The same special says, it is stated that the President has tendered Horace Greely a position on the San Domingo committee, with a view to securing the influence of the Tribune in favor of the annexation.

MEMPHIS, 4.—McDonald has withdrawn from the contest in the Arkansas Legislature, for the United States Senatorship; and publishes a card criticising Governor Clayton's course very severely. His withdrawal insures Clayton's election to the Senate.

ST. LOUIS, 4.—On Monday last seven business houses in Sedalia, Mo., were

burned, with a total loss of \$75,000; insurance \$25,000.

CONCORD, 4.—The Republican convention to-day nominated James Pike for Governor, by acclamation.

SAN FRANCISCO, 4.—The legislature of Nevada organized yesterday. The House stands 23 Democrats, 21 Republicans, and two independents. Robert E. Lowry, Democrat, was chosen speaker. Governor Bradley was sworn in.

Eight valuable horses and ten stages, with other property, were burned at Sisson's stables, Stockton, yesterday.

NEW YORK, 4.—Col. L. M. Dayton, who served on General Sherman's staff, has resigned his position to go into private business at Cincinnati. He gives as the reason for the step, at this time, that he desires to give an opportunity for the place being filled by some worthy officer unassigned, who otherwise would be mustered out.

Judge Blatchford, in the United States District Court, this morning, issued an injunction against the Boston, Hartford & Erie R. R. Co., with an order to show cause why they should not be adjudged bankrupt. The order is returnable on the 14th inst.

WASHINGTON, 4.—The army examining board, convened under the act of July 15th, 1870, section 11, of which General Hancock was President, was dissolved to-day by special order from the war department, and the generals composing it are ordered to their respective commands. The board has reported unfavorably upon twenty-five cases, and favorably upon twenty-one.

CHICAGO, 4.—The globe, a new theatre, recently started on the west side, was taken possession of by the Sheriff yesterday.

The Illinois Legislature met at noon to-day. The House organized by the election of Wm. M. Smith, of Tazewell county, Speaker; and Daniel Shepherd, of Cook, Clerk.

WASHINGTON.—In response to a resolution, offered by Senator Sprague, the Secretary of War, to-day, transmitted a report to the Judge Advocate General, in relation to alleged unlawful traffic with rebels in Texas during the war, by one Hoyt, W. Sprague and others. The report gives evidence that Hoyt and another party were engaged in the affair, which tends to show Sprague's complicity in operations for getting out cotton from the South during the war. The report says, without going into details, it is sufficient to remark that cargoes of goods were sold in Texas, and the proceeds invested in cotton, a part of which appears to have been gotten out while some portions were seized by our blockading cruisers. W. Sprague has written several letters to General Dix, in regard to the case, in none of which does he admit, and in one of which he denies all knowledge of Hoyt and the details of operations such as indicated by letters, from him, found on Hoyt, who expressly declares that W. Sprague had been cognizant of the progress of the business, and had advised and aided it all in his power. It is stated, by W. Sprague, that the object was to aid the Union citizens, in Texas, and obtain information for the government, but no one else connected with the business seems to have believed it. Byron Sprague, his partner, avers that he had special charge of the speculation and plainly describes it as an undertaking to get out cotton. The report concludes that the bureau is of the opinion that persons who were engaged in this unlawful traffic may be brought to trial under the 86th article of war, for relieving the enemy with money and ammunition, or by military commission.

SAN FRANCISCO, 4.—The Rev. Dunn, Rector of St. Paul's church, Oakland, was beaten on Montgomery St., by Thomas Fenn, a young married man, who charges Dunn with publishing scandalous articles, in the press, concerning his wife; both were arrested on the charge of fighting.

Judge Rice and Governor Goodwin, of the Northern Pacific R. R., arrived here from Washington Territory. They have decided to run the road along the east side of the Cowlitz river.

Murphy, who was shot by young Gunn, for seducing his sister, on Saturday, is still living, though he lost three ounces of brain and one side of him is wholly paralyzed. He takes nourishment and very possibly may recover.

Deputy Sheriff Reynolds, of Visalia, caught a desperado, named Vincent, in the act of breaking into the jail to liberate two murderers, last night. He had a desperate struggle, but finally secured him. Vincent had three revolvers and attempted to shoot Reynolds but the pistol missed fire.

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