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BY TELEGRAPH.

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, 2.—Following is the resolution offered by Ellis and referred to the committee on foreign affairs:

Whereas, The project for constructing an inter-oceanic canal via Nicaragua is recognized as a necessity for the prosperity of the commerce of the world and development of the maritime and commercial interests of the United States; and

Whereas, Such an enterprise must of necessity be considered of international vitality under the protection of the government of the United States; therefore

Resolved, That the Government of the United States pledges itself to accord full and entire protection to the project for the construction of said inter-oceanic canal, and will secure to said canal, the peaceful enjoyment of the rights conceded by said grants.

Whereas, Eleven months of trial has demonstrated conclusively that the resumption of specie payment on the 1st of January, 1879, will be a success and equal to the hopes of the most sanguine friends of that measure; and

Whereas, It has been equally well demonstrated by the same period that as a nation we have the ability to keep in circulation \$350,000,000 in United States notes, commonly called greenbacks; and

Whereas, Under the operation of these, in connection with the coinage of the silver dollars, the financial and commercial interests of the country in the last eleven months have attained a degree of prosperity unequalled in any similar period of the last 50 years; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the opinion of the House sound policy demands and safe legislation requires, that no change be made in this section of Congress; in view of the present prosperous condition of the country financially, we should let well enough alone.

He desired to obtain a vote upon the resolution, but demands for the regular order being made on the democratic side, it was referred.

Thompson, of Kentucky, introduced a private claim bill which he desired to have referred to the committee on judiciary.

This was objected to by Conger, who thought that as the bill was a war claim, it should go to the committee on war claims, and he made that motion.

The motion was agreed to, yeas 114, nays 111, and the bill was referred to the committee on war claims.

White introduced a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment providing that the general appropriation bills shall contain nothing that appropriates, and granting power to the President to disapprove of any separate item of a bill without thereby defeating the entire bill; referred.

Fort offered the following resolution: Resolved, That any attempt to withdraw or to change the legal status and equality of any paper money issued by the United States or re-open by legislation the currency question settled by the decisions of the Supreme Court and universally adopted and approved by the people would be injurious and mischievous, and could only result in disturbing business and retarding returning prosperity, and this House is emphatically opposed to any such legislation; referred.

The following bills were introduced and referred: By Belford—To remove the Utah Indians from Colorado.

By Young—Relating to the crime of bigamy.

By Harris—Revising the statutes so far as they relate to the selection of judges to be selected from different political parties.

By Speer—Prohibiting dress parades of the army on Sabbath days.

By Buckner—For inquiry as to the advisability of imposing a tax on the consumption of whiskey in the manufacture of gunpowder.

By McCord—Proposing the following additional article to the Constitution: Congress, for the protection of trade and manufacture and to carry into effect national treaties, shall have power to grant, protect and regulate the executive right to use trade marks.

Several bills introduced by unanimous consent were referred. Adjourned.

EASTERN.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMENT.

On Various Interesting Subjects.

WASHINGTON, 2.—The radical recommendations made by Pres. Hayes and Secretary Sherman for the restoration of greenbacks to day the chief topic of comments in Washington political circles, and it is evident they will have the effect of giving much greater prominence to the financial question during the present session than has been heretofore expected.

The western republicans in Congress are very much annoyed by these recommendations, and many from the east also think it was unnecessary, and harmful to raise an issue upon the well settled currency question just before a presidential campaign. The resolutions offered in the House of Representatives to-day, by Price, of Iowa, and Fort, of Illinois, are designed to neutralize, as far as possible, the effect of Hayes' and Sherman's recommendations upon republican prospects in the Western States; and if the democratic had not shrewdly prevented them being brought to a vote they would undoubtedly have received the public approval of a decided majority of the Western republican members. People from that section now declare with emphasis that Sherman has ruined his presidential chances by thus antagonizing the Western republican sentiment, and great astonishment is expressed on every hand that he should needlessly have done so.

Harmon men will note with pleasure that the formidable movement inaugurated last session to displace Bayard from the chair-

manship of the Senate finance committee has evidently died out, doubtless in consequence of the result of the last Ohio election; for the democratic caucus to-day unanimously agreed to appoint last session's committee without any change in their democratic membership.

Representative Page to-day introduced a bill providing that the national gold banks may transform themselves into national currency banks in the manner prescribed by the existing law for the conversion of State banks. Page also introduced a bill authorizing Assistant Surgeon General C. Davis, General Sheridan will give the orders necessary to mark the respect in which this honored soldier is universally held by the army.

LOUISIANA ELECTION. NEW ORLEANS, 2.—The election in the city passed off quietly, a very tight vote was polled, probably less than a two-thirds vote. The ring ticket in this parish is generally elected.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, from all the telegraph stations in the State show heavy democratic gains.

These reports giving estimated majorities in 11 country parishes, compared with the democratic coalition of 1876, the same parishes gave Hayes 1,600 majority. All the dispatches say the election passed off quietly, and most of them report the negroes voting the democratic ticket and for the Constitution.

ON HIS MEDIT. GALVESTON, Tex., 2.—A News special from Waco, last night, says: In the country near here where a dance was progressing, Bud Wood asked Miss Grace Stanfield to dance, which she declined. Wood became angry and demanded to dance. Wood then followed Will Currie into a back room and provoked a fight. Currie knocked him down with a pair of tongs. They met outside the house, had a duel with pistols, and a dozen shots were exchanged. Currie was wounded in the hand, a bystander was wounded in the leg, and Geo. Wood was shot in the thigh. Bud Wood then went where Miss Stanfield was talking with Albert Coch, and made two attempts to shoot her, then remarking to Coch, "you are a friend of Currie," shot Coch dead and escaped.

YESTERDAY'S STOCKS. NEW YORK, 2.—Stocks irregular but with small fluctuations. There was every indication to-day that a prominent operator was trying to depress the stock list, and 20,000 shares of the Western Union were thrown upon the market with this intent. The attempt proved a failure.

THE FISHERIES QUESTION. The Times discussing the President's message, says: The cautiousness of the Dominion over their own coast; but they must feel the inconvenience of a renewal every ten years of concessions to the United States fishermen. It is to be hoped it will be unnecessary, and we should urge them to agree to a permanent settlement on equitable terms.

ELECTIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS. BOSTON, 2.—Municipal elections took place to-day at several cities throughout the State. In Gloucester the result was a republican victory. In Taunton the citizens' license ticket was successful. The contest in Taunton was animated and resulted in the election of Charles T. Johnson, independent, for mayor. The city election in Lawrence, resulted in an overwhelming republican victory.

COLLISION. ALBANY, 2.—This morning, while a freight train was standing on the track half way between here and Schenectady, another freight train dashed into it. Engineer McLaughlin, fireman Gill and brakeman Real were injured, but not fatally; a number of cattle were killed.

WESTERN. MEXICAN MINE. SAN FRANCISCO, 2.—At the annual meeting of the Mexican Mining company to-day the old officers were re-elected. The disbursement for the year were nearly \$700,000. Overdraft due the Nevada Bank, \$217,000. The superintendent, in his report, after reviewing the operations of the year, closes: Although no actual development of value has been made in the mine during the past year, yet the known existence of an ore body in the Union consolidated ground on our north, and the Hardy vein in the Ophir, which has produced over \$1,200,000 during the past year, on our south, taken in connection with the fact of a great improvement shown in our own ground as greater depth is attained, would seem to warrant reasonable expectations for valuable developments during the coming year.

RECKLESS ACCIDENT. A Virginia dispatch says: The engineer at the Union shaft, at the changing of the shift this morning, ran into the shaft, and killed three men. Eighteen men were in the cage and on the skid beneath. Nearly all were more or less injured. One man, R. M. Mearns, has since died, and several others are feared to be fatally hurt. The engineer left immediately after the accident. A committee of miners are looking for him.

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