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Last Night's Dispatches.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, 15.—Morrill of Maine introduced a bill to amend the patent and copyright laws.

Alden presented a bill authorizing the secretary of war to compromise all pending claims of the government against the Southern railroad companies.

Sherman, from the committee on finance, reported a bill to require the National Bank to restore their capital, when it is red, by assessments on stockholders within three months after notice by the comptroller of the currency of the deficiency of five dollars per share of stock held by each stockholder.

The calendar was then taken up and the following bills were presented—to confirm the title of L. Greggson to land at Green Bay, Wisconsin; to provide a building for the custom house and post office at Memphis, Tennessee.

The committee on oleo-resins has subpoenaed some twenty or thirty additional witnesses with regard to the alleged corruption in the Caldwell case, among them Senator Forney.

HOUSE.

The amendment repealing the ninth section of the army appropriation bill, relative to the interest on Pacific R. R. bonds was adopted.

The House then took up the bill reported by Parker, of Missouri, from the committee on territories, for the better protection of Indian tribes and their consolidation under a civil government, to be called the territory of Oklahoma. After speeches by Parker and Connor in favor of the bill, the House without action adjourned.

The post office appropriation bill was reported and made a special order of. It appropriates thirty-two millions and a half, of which six and three quarters million come from the treasury, the balance from the revenue. It includes half a million for increased compensation to railroads, giving the Postmaster General authority to render just compensation.

A bill was passed relating from the operations of the bankruptcy act, the State Insurance companies against which bankruptcy proceedings have been taken in the state courts.

On the 15th of December, a resolution was adopted that a select Mobilier committee should inquire if fees were paid Congressmen as counselors, or whether monies were paid or solicited from the Union Pacific or Mobilier to assist in the election of Congressmen men.

The legislature appropriation bill was up and amendments voted upon.

EASTERN.

WASHINGTON.—The Senate Committee on foreign relations will, tomorrow report an appropriation for the Vienna Exposition, and propose, it is thought, a sum sufficient for the purpose of securing a large display of American productions, and the paying of dividends.

The Secretary of the Treasury has submitted to representative Dawes, chairman of the ways and means committee, a draft of a bill, relieving from discriminating duties all goods imported in French vessels from countries other than France, which were equal in quality and value to those of the United States, which were, after the President's proclamation. The Secretary recommends its passage.

The President has nominated J. E. Sterling for clerk in the assay office at Boise City, Idaho, and Austin Savage for collector of internal revenue for Idaho.

PHILADELPHIA, 15.—By a fire this morning at the late residence of Edwin Forrest, a portion of the library was destroyed, including nearly all his valuable Shakespearean collection. The famous original copy of Shakespeare was consumed. It was published in 1623 and valued at \$5,000. The fire did not extend beyond the library. The gallery, containing paintings and the art collection, was not injured. The fire originated from a defective flue. Loss \$15,000 to \$20,000.

CINCINNATI, 15.—Stanley Matthews declines the invitation of the Attorney General to act as government counsel in the Union Pacific case. Aaron F. Perry accepts a position.

NEW ORLEANS.—The Kellogg legislation, which failed to pass, was unexpired, and was rejected in the Senate.

WATERBURY.—Comptroller G. Bushnell testified before the Wilson committee that he had always liberally subscribed for general political purposes.

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