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HOUSE.

After some debate on allowing Beck to have the floor for a personal explanation, he was accorded that privilege, and he proceeded to vindicate himself at length against the attack made on him yesterday by Brownlow. He delivered a powerful invective against that Senator, and the other governors of the Southern States. He said that they had sent forward Brownlow to attack him because Brownlow was a cripple and imbecile; but that Bulluck, Reed and Scott were not cripples, and he was ready to back what he said in the House or elsewhere. He was listened to with marked attention by a crowded house.

After Beck concluded, the House passed a large number of private bills, but did no public business, and adjourned.

EASTERN DISPATCHES.

Deficiency Bill—New York City Expenditure—Mrs. Greeley—Vanderbilt III—Texas Pacific Railroad—French Intestment—St. Louis—Pacific Railroad Company—Terrible Weather at Sea.

WASHINGTON, 16.—The committee on appropriations has finished the deficiency bill. It appropriates about \$6,000,000.

NEW YORK, 16.—The investigation into the city affairs shows the expenditures of the city and county for the past eleven years, to be nearly seven hundred millions.

Mrs. Horace Greeley has recovered from her supposed incurable complaint, and will soon return to America.

Commodore Vanderbilt III, yesterday, was elected president of the Texas Pacific railroad, in place of Marshall O. Roberts, who has resigned.

The members of the French relief committee, last night, took steps for organization to raise funds to assist France to pay the war indemnity.

It is now reported that the ring thieves have consented to compromise, by paying four millions, but that the reformers require six millions, probably four millions will be agreed upon.

A dispatch from Bethel, Pa., says Benedict's bark establishment was totally destroyed by fire, and 400 hands are thrown out of employment thereby.

WASHINGTON, 17.—The Pacific Railroad Company has agreed to report a bill, giving the Central Pacific Railroad the privilege of using half of Government land for depot purposes, under government restrictions. The Government gives no title, and reserves the right to re-occupy it for military purposes.

HALIFAX, 17.—A dispatch says the steamship New York experienced terrible weather on her voyage from Bremen. Her boats were carried away, her bridge broken, Captain Van Gemster was knocked about on deck, and badly cut in the face. One of the sailors fell from aloft on the deck and was killed.

A violent fall at Petersburg caught fire, by spontaneous combustion, yesterday, and was wholly destroyed. One of the operatives, named Mrs. Ellen Upton, was burned to death. The mill and stock was insured in the sum of \$20,000.

EUROPEAN DISPATCHES.

LONDON, 16.—The case submitted to the Geneva board of arbitration by the counsel for Great Britain, with regard to the Alabama claims, has been laid before the board, and is published. The document is divided into two parts. Part first remarks that no definite or complete statement of the American claims has been furnished; the treaty of Washington and the previous correspondence will supply, however, a general definition of the demands by the United States. Rule 2, of article 6, of the treaty of Washington, is quoted as follows: "A neutral government is bound not to permit or suffer either belligerent to make use of its ports or waters, as a base of naval operations against the other, or for the purpose of a renewal or augmentation of military supplies or arms, or recruitment of men." This rule is interpreted as prohibiting the arms of a war-waging vessel from neutral ports, but is not prohibitory of the sale of arms or munitions of war.

The claimants submitted are for damages growing out of the sale of vessels, respecting which the United States allege that Great Britain failed to furnish a statement of the circumstances of the sale of the steamers Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Shenandoah, were materially dissimilar, but Great Britain maintains that in respect to none of them has she failed of her international obligations, or rendered herself justly liable.

Part two gives the history of the civil war in the United States, showing that the course of England and the maritime powers, was one of vigilant and scrupulous neutrality.

Part three makes a statement of international rights, and the duties of Great Britain and the United States bearing thereon, and of the performance and execution thereof by Great Britain during the war.

Part four, six, seven and eight respectively present the facts relative to the steamers Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Shenandoah.

Part nine sets forth that the steamers Georgia and Shenandoah were never equipped for war in the British dominion; her Majesty's Government was only informed respecting these vessels after their departure. That the Alabama and Florida even did not receive their armaments in British waters. The peculiar circumstances of the Alabama's escape are recited, and England's vigilant endeavors to prevent her sailing.

Part ten claims the disadvantages upon the justice of the claims against her for pecuniary demands for their acts. The United States must solidly establish the fact of England's negligence, and England is ready to accept the justice of the claims against her. Whether favorable or not, she desires only that it shall be just.

PARIS, 16.—It is reported that large quantities of arms and ammunition are being made for them.

At the funeral of Charles Etienne Conti, formerly private secretary to the ex-emperor, among a large number of the participants of Napoleon who attended was M. Rouher. On the way to the cemetery, Rouher's carriage was stopped by an excited and angry mob, with threatening and cries, "A bas les imperialistes!" Rouher was rescued by friends and his procession was not again interrupted.

Friday, Feb. 16.

COUNCIL.—Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Councilor Woodruff from Committee on Claims and Appropriations reported back Territorial Appropriation Bill with amendments, which were read and bill further amended, and that portion relating to an appropriation for the Deseret University referred.

Councilors Thatcher and Lot Smith were added to the committee for the consideration of this subject.

"An Act extending the boundaries of Summit and Washington Counties," was read and referred.

The House amendments to "An Act providing summary mode of procedure for the recovery of the possession of real property, forcibly or unlawfully withheld," were read and referred.

A Committee of Conference was appointed, consisting of Councilors Lot Smith and Jennings, to confer with a like committee from the House, in relation to the amendment to section 19.

Councilor Woodruff, from committee, reported back a joint resolution appropriating five thousand dollars for various prosecutions and recommended non-concurrence. Report accepted.

On motion of Councilor Wm. Snow, the Council took recess till 2 p. m.

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Mr. Rockwood asked and obtained leave to withdraw said bill.

Mr. Wright presented petition of Wm. G. Ducheman and 138 others, citizens of Corinne, in Box Elder County, praying for the repeal of their city charter, which was read and referred.

A communication from Mr. Musser, Superintendent of Deseret Telegraph Company, was received and read in relation to amounts owing to said company for messages sent on Territorial business for the last two years. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Preston, adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

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On motion of Mr. Rowberry, a bill for "An Act amending an act entitled an Act authorizing and empowering the Secretary of the Territory to receive and collect fees in certain cases," approved Jan. 18, 1871, was read and passed.

Bill for "An Act concerning the property rights of married persons," was read and passed.

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Commemorative—Your Special Committee, to whom was referred a motion of instruction to enquire into the expediency and importance of compiling and publishing the Laws of Congress applicable to, and of force in Utah Territory, respectfully report that in their opinion it is highly important that such compilation and publication should be made at an early date as is consistent.

With the surveying and plotting of the public lands in our Territory comes, in the benefits of the pre-emption, the homestead, the townsite, and the mining laws, with many others, not necessary here to mention. For this

reason it becomes important, indeed necessary, that the Laws of Congress on all these and other subjects, be made public, and put into the hands of the civil officers throughout our Territory.

Your committee therefore desire to report and recommend the passage of the accompanying bill for "An Act to compile and publish the Laws of Congress applicable to Utah."

F. D. RICHARDS,
Chairman of Special Committee.

Bill passed.

Mr. Callister, from Committee on Irrigation, etc., reported that in their judgment, owing to the lateness of the season, it was inexpedient to legislate upon the subject of H. F. No. 28. Tabled.

On motion of Mr. Callister the Committee on Petitions, etc., were instructed to consider the propriety of memorializing Congress for amendments to the State House, in Fillmore City, in Millard County, to be used as a seminary of learning, under the direction of the Chancellor and Board of Regents of the University of Deseret.

Mr. Pao, from Committee on Counties, in answer to the motion of Mr. Rockwood, in relation to parts of the Territory not being organized in any County, reported and recommended the passage of "An Act extending the boundaries of Summit and Washington Counties," passed.

Mr. Farr, from Committee on Judiciary, concerning petition of R. W. Jordan and others, for amendments to lien law, reported that they deemed it inexpedient to legislate thereon at the present session. Report accepted.

Mr. Callister, from Committee on Irrigation, etc., concerning that portion of the Governor's message relating to irrigation, reported Memorial for the consideration of the House. Memorial read and referred.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Young, adjourned till Friday at 9 a. m.

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