

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

THE SOUTH DAKOTA BILL DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE.

The Senate continues its consideration of the tariff bill—debating the free salt clause at length—other Capitol matters.

In the Senate to-day Mr. Voorhees, from the committee on the library, favorably reported the bill accepting the sword of Captain S. C. Reed of the brig General Armstrong.

A bill was passed referring to the Court of Claims a claim of the National Bank of Louisiana against the Government.

The tariff bill was then taken up and the discussion of Mr. Vest's amendment substituting salt for attar of roses on the free list was resumed.

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HOUSE.

Mr. Spinola secured the passage of a bill to-day appropriating \$60,000 for the construction of a light ship with steam fog signal and all modern improvements, to be stationed at Sandy Hook in New York Harbor.

Secretary Fairchild transmitted a letter from the Secretary of State submitting an estimate for an appropriation of \$4,000 for the restoration, numbering and binding of certain manuscript letters and papers of Washington, Humphreys, Joffe, Madison, Monroe and others in the State Department relating to the early history of the United States.

The Secretary of War submitted a report from the Chief of Engineers upon the plan to remove obstructions in the Columbia River at the Dalles and Cecil Falls. It is suggested to build a portage railway at a cost of \$431,500.

Mr. Springer then called up the "Omnibus" bill providing for the admission of South Dakota into the Union.

Mr. Springer said he offered as a substitute for the Senate bill providing for the admission of South Dakota, his "Omnibus bill," which provides for the division of the Territory into North and South Dakota and the admission of both together with Montana, Washington and New Mexico.

The Ford Immigration Committee.

The Ford Immigration Committee will probably report the results of their labors to the House in a few days. Mr. Ford said this morning that the report and accompanying bill had both been virtually completed and would be presented to the committee for consideration either today or tomorrow.

As soon as reported he intends to ask unanimous consent to set a day for the consideration of the measure and he believes the request will be granted. "There is urgent need," said he, "for action on the matter during the present session. The influx of paupers in New York and the loss of the Canada and elsewhere is an intolerable burden."

A Special Board of Audit.

The House District Committee this morning considered the bill to create a special board of audit to assess the damages to real estate caused by street improvements, but no action was reached.

The sub-committee on the Judiciary also considered a bill proposed by the District bar changing the common law for deeds, wills, etc., relating to real estate.

The Aqueduct Investigation.

The Joint Congressional Committee investigating the aqueduct tunnel held a meeting this morning and examined Messrs. Quackenbush, Mr. Huttalner, the book-keeper, and Mr. Sparrow.

Capitol Notes.

Mr. Townshend introduced a bill in the House yesterday appropriating \$100,000 for the construction of a Military and Naval Museum in Washington.

Mr. Blount has introduced a bill authorizing the renting of premises on Capitol Hill, at \$800 a year, for the establishment of a city post-office.

Mr. Tracey of New York has introduced a bill in the House providing for the enforcement of the eight-hour law on Government premises.

Mr. Cowles of North Carolina has introduced a bill containing all the provisions of the Mills bill in relation to the repeal of the internal revenue laws on the subject in which the members of the Ways and Means Committee exhausted every resource to prevent such action, yesterday, the bill, on motion of Mr. O'Brien, referred to the general land grant committee.

The vote on the motion was 120 yeo and 100 nays.

Mr. McCreary of the House Foreign Affairs Committee has issued a call for the meeting of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Thursday next, at which time the Senate Panama resolution will be considered and, most probably, reported to the House favorably.

Mr. Farquhar has introduced a bill prohibiting the entry into any port or harbor in the United States of rats composed of logs.

Mr. Conroy of the general land grant committee has been endeavoring for a week to get together to prepare a report, but they have been unable to obtain the presence of a quorum.

AT THE HOTELS.

A party of friends were entertained at dinner last evening at Chamberlain's by Hon. Roswell P. Flower. Colonel Emile Granier of Wyoming also gave a dinner at Chamberlain's to Mrs. H. H. Johnson and a party of friends.

Mr. Walter P. Phillips of New York, general manager of the United Press, is spending a few days in the city. He is at Willard's.

Mr. J. W. Scott, publisher of the Chicago Herald, the handsomest newspaper in the West, is at Willard's with his wife.

The United States steamship inspectors have begun to arrive at the Ebbitt House and will hold their annual meeting to-morrow morning.

John J. Smythe, Clevelander, J. Haas, Chicago; Charles Van Leer, Baltimore; W. A. Johnson, St. Paul; Thos. E. Walker, St. Louis; Andrew Sylvester, Chicago, are registered at the Harris House.

H. O. Wilner, Buffalo; F. L. Tompkins, New York; N. G. Johnson and W. M. Daly, Detroit; G. W. Kiser, Kansas City, are at Willard's.

F. Walter E. London, Manchester, Mass., is at Welcker's.

Arthur White and daughters, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia; N. H. White, Chicago, and Charles Stewart Davison, New York, are at Wornley's.

Captain D. G. Sandleman, London, England; S. Douglas Corcoran, and Lydia H. Corneil, Buffalo, are at the Arlington.

John P. Doyle, Los Angeles, California, is at the Normandie.

Edward A. Wicks, New York, is at Chamberlain's.

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

The Commissioner of Pensions has been advised that Henry DeLoe of Dayton, O., was arrested on the 14th instant for forgery of evidence presented in support of his claim for pension. He waived examination and was held in the sum of \$1,000 to await the action of the grand jury.

The following bonds were offered to-day: Department, \$40,000 4s, coupon, 127 1/2; \$1,000 4s, registered, 127 1/2; \$1,000 4s, registered, \$20,000 at 108 1/2, and \$15,000 at 108 1/2.

The Navy Department to-day received a cablegram announcing that the United States steamer Trenton, according to instructions issued this morning from Panama for Samoa.

The following promotions have been made in the Navy Department: J. D. Patterson, \$1,000 to \$1,800; J. R. Neal, Jr., \$1,400 to \$1,600; John F. Leger, \$1,000 to \$1,300; John A. Morgan, \$900 to \$1,200. W. H. Lewis has been appointed civil service rules, \$900.

The President to-day approved the bill for the relief and civilization of the Chippewa Indians in the State of Minnesota.

Secretary Fairchild has not yet returned from New York.

Among the President's callers to-day were Senators Bate, Voorhees, Torpie, Daniel and Butler, Representatives Lawler, with a delegation of Marine engineers; Hatch, Romels, Whiting, Blanchard and Caruth and Hon. Frank Hurd.

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NELSON COLBERT'S TRIAL.

All the testimony in and the Argument Ended—A Verdict of Guilty.

The trial of Nelson Colbert, charged with the murder of Philip Wenzel, commenced yesterday, was resumed this morning. The Government introduced a number of witnesses, who were present at the scene of the shooting. Wenzel was a popular old white man employed as superintendent or stable boss at the Columbia car stables. He was 69 years old and was familiarly known as "Pap."

The old man had reproved Colbert for carrying about the place, yesterday, a horse which he came up to the stable and told him to go home.

Colbert demanded his pay, cursing the old man, who tapped him on the breast with a stick which he was in the habit of carrying about the place, saying: "You ought to be ashamed to talk to an old man like that." Colbert stepped back, pulled a pistol, and fired the ball passing through the heart and several of the other internal organs. Colbert took the stand in his own defense, yesterday afternoon. He said that he had no intention of killing the old man. Pap had asked him to work and he had drunk a large amount of liquor.

He went to sleep in a stall and Pap, after drinking a quantity of toddy, told him to go home as he was drunk. He remonstrated at not being allowed to work, and a crowd collected. Pap, he said, struck him two, three or four times in the forehead. The crowd pressed toward him and in order to frighten them off he put his hand in his pocket to pull a pistol. In jerking it out of his pocket the pistol went off and struck Pap. He did not know he had killed him until some one informed him of it.

Testimony was introduced showing that there was a slight wound on his head the next day.

A number of witnesses testified as to Colbert's good reputation for peace and good order. Several witnesses failed to testify and the Government delays in its business. Dr. L. C. Loomis was fined \$1 and costs of serving the attachment that had been issued for being late, and Moses Wood was fined \$1.

In rebuttal Charles Wehausen testified that Colbert had assaulted him with a knife and a razor, and that he had a bruise on his forehead. Colbert was recalled to the stand and said that his uncle had some trouble with Wehausen; as to himself, he was about 10 years old at that time.

Mr. Montgomery made the opening to the jury, which was followed by Captain Prince, spoke for the prisoner.

The jury took the case at 2:10 and in one hour exactly returned a verdict of guilty of murder.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. H. Darnelle to Jennie Crummel, \$2,800, part of lot 24, square 732.

T. A. King to Mary A. Ginnell, \$3,500, sub lot 202, square 371.

Mount Jezari Baptist Church to T. S. Robinson, \$1,000, part of lot 18, square 507.

T. E. Wagmann to S. E. Allen, \$10, sub lots 72 and 80, square 557.

T. A. Mitchell to E. L. McIntosh, \$8,000, sublots 54, 53, 58 and 80, square 507.

G. F. Truesdell to R. B. Clark, \$4,301.62, lots 9 and 10, square 4, Eckington, \$4,301.62.

James F. R. Appleby et al. to E. M. Harries, \$3,750, parts lots 163 and 164, B. & H.'s addition to West 163rd.

Adolphus N. Hines to George Goldschmidt, \$2,600, part lot 1, square 514.

W. S. Cox to W. M. Sigmour et al., \$1, parts lots 22, 23 and 24, square 507.

Rate Field to W. M. Spalding, \$5,000, sublot 51, square 153.

An Express Jumps the Track.

The Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Chicago express of the B. & O. is due here at 8:35. This morning as the train was passing the F-street crossing one of the small wheels of this locomotive was broken and she jumped the track. The passengers were transferred to other coaches and carried to the station. No one was injured. The only damage suffered was the wreck of the engine.

The Pittsburg Bookmen Who Opened.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 15.—Executions aggregating over \$5,000 have been placed in the hands of the sheriff against C. McKnight & Bro., well-known book-sellers.

AFTER FORTY BALLOTS.

ANTHONY HIGGINS CHOSEN BY THE DELAWARE REPUBLICANS.

The Caucus Unanimously Selects Him as the Successor of United States Senator Saulsbury—How the Matter Was Accomplished.

DOVER, DEL., Jan. 15.—The Republican caucus of the Delaware Legislature, after an all-night session, this morning nominated Anthony Higgins for United States Senator on the forty-first ballot. It was done after Senator D. O. Moore had bolted the caucus against George N. Massey who had eight votes then and stood a good chance of nomination. Higgins' nomination was made unanimously by the fifteen remaining members of the caucus.

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MR. WEBB'S REAPPOINTMENT.

He Was the Most Surprised of Any One to Be Reappointed.

Commissioner Webb was the only person in the District building when he returned from lunch yesterday afternoon who did not know that he had been re-nominated by the President for a second term. He had talked with a number of persons at the Capitol, but none of them mentioned the fact, evidently thinking that he learned of it before they did.

Everybody around the District offices were pleased, but not surprised, because they expected Mr. Webb to be re-nominated. Commissioner Webb has the honor of being the only Commissioner ever nominated to succeed himself. His colleagues, Commissioners Wheatley and Raymond, were well pleased at the additional honor conferred upon him. Mr. Webb would not have held over as a Commissioner any great length of time had President Cleveland been slow to act in the matter.

He stated to a Currier reporter that another three years will enable him to help perfect and introduce several plans and schemes that he has already given much thought to. Among these he referred to the Rock Creek tunnel, the extension of the city streets, the Rock Creek Park, and the free water bill.

PLATT MEN BUSY.

They are Said to be Trying to Influence New York Electors.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—An Albany special to the Herald says: "A bombshell exploded last night at the Fort Orange Club. A reception was given there to the members of the Electoral College after they had cast their votes for Harrison. During the entertainment a petition was circulated, it is said, by Chairman Knapp of the Republican State Committee and Clinton D. MacDougall. Nearly every one of the electors was approached and it is said by those who claim to have seen it that fourteen electors signed it."

They were told that the petition was to accompany a letter to be written by Mr. Wm. H. Seward of Auburn and Elector Stranahan of Brooklyn, urging the appointment of Mr. Platt as Secretary of the Treasury. There were many other electors who were very indignant at the action of General Knapp and Mr. MacDougall and were not all reluctant in characterizing it as an outrage.

STANLEY ALL RIGHT.

But His Exact Whereabouts Cannot be Disclosed.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Commenting on the dispatch stating that Stevens, the bicyclist, has started to find Stanley, the Daily Chronicle says: "We may say that Mr. Stevens is now in London, having arrived by the Umbria on Saturday, and that the Government has information of Stanley's safety. "Long before Mr. Stevens can reach the East coast of Africa recent letters from Stanley will be published in London. There are many persons who know the exact whereabouts of the famous traveler should not be made public."

EXTENDING THE STREETS.

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A New Jersey Town Agitated Over the Actions of Principal Corkery.

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Professor Corkery wrote an account of the wedding, in which he tells how "the children were all assembled in school and the lipping innocents formed a magic circle and sang 'Rockabye Baby on the Tree Top.'"

He then announced the event by firing a revolver out of a window of the school to "the cardinal points of the compass."

He characterizes himself as a high priest in the temple of knowledge; an angel of light, or Jack the Giant-Killer, in disguise, his sword, the pen, a spear of truth; his helmet a sheet of fly's cap, and his robe of darkness or dynamite bomb a bottle of coal-black ink.

Corkery's account of the wedding was printed in the South Amboy Citizen. One of the townsmen was indignant at what he termed the eccentricities of the principal, and, under the name of "Junius," he wrote a scorching letter to the Citizen. Professor Corkery answered, in the course of the conversation, contended that he was "the rooster or living crowbar of New Jersey, intending, as God's garden bird of liberty, to break the iron rule of tyranny, violence and oppression everywhere and over every province of our continent."

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