

IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

THE HOUSE CONSIDERS THE TERRITORIES CLAIMS.

Mr. Platt Presents to the Senate the Action of the North Dakota Convention--The Tariff Bill is Then Taken Up, Cutlery Being Discussed.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States transmitting copies of correspondence relating to Hayti and Samoan matters. The tariff bill was then taken up, the discussion resting upon the cutlery clause.

The in-plate schedule was then considered. The Speaker laid before the House a message from the President, transmitting correspondence between the State Department and the German Government.

A resolution was agreed to, calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for correspondence in the case of the admission, free of duty, of an English dredging machine on an English ship for a contractor's use in excavating in New York harbor.

Mr. Blount asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be allowed to propose legislation in the forthcoming postoffice appropriation bill, classifying the clerks in the postoffices of the first and second class. He stated that in all other branches of the service the salaries of clerks were fixed by law, but in these cases the salaries were fixed by chiefs of division. The legislation had been recommended by the President and by the Postmaster General.

Some debate followed but no objection was made and the proposed legislation will be inserted in the Appropriation Bill. The bill providing for the admission of the Territories coming over as unfinished business from yesterday, was then brought up, and Delegate Josephs of New Mexico took the floor, speaking in favor of the bill.

Mr. Josephs was followed by Mr. Struble, advocating the bill. The Eckington Railway Finances. The Eckington and Soldiers Home Railroad this morning came to the House a statement showing its receipts and disbursements from the line of its organization to December 31, 1888. The receipts from subscriptions to stock were \$38,830, from temporary loans \$1,500, from passengers \$24,000, from the Government \$44,348.90, leaving a balance in hand of \$26,674. Tickets of other roads in hand \$135.02. Loan to Dr. E. Kurtz Johnson \$500.

The Haytien Correspondence. The President submitted to the Senate to-day a large batch of correspondence in regard to matters in Hayti. The subject matter of the correspondence is in the main a resume of the stories which have been published in regard to the seizure of the ship Haytien Republic.

The Fish Commission Officers. The House Appropriation Committee decided this morning to offer an amendment making an appropriation of \$7,000 to fit up the Army building for the use of the office of the Fish Commission.

TAKING THE CENSUS. Commissioner Wright Thinks That the State Census Committee resumed this morning the consideration of the census bill. The committee has ceased to be published the remarks made by Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor; Major William Warner, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., and Representative Atkinson of Pennsylvania, also a letter from the Hon. Robert Porter of New York.

Commissioner Wright in his statement to the committee calls attention to the fact that the act of 1879 provided for the taking of a census in any State, the United States to pay for one-half of the expenses provided any State should elect to do so. "Several States," said the Commissioner, "contemplate to compile this census, but so far as accomplishing the object sought by Congress was concerned, the work was a failure."

"That provision has been stricken out of the bill," States, "ever since, and should be introduced to take census should be done by inducing the States to take their own census and furnish a certain class of information to Congress, for which Congress will remunerate the States. In the last census very few States were interested enough in the matter to carry out instructions properly."

GLASS TO COME DOWN. Foreign Competition Has Brought This About. The glass manufacturers, after a two hours' session behind hermetically sealed doors at the Riggs House this afternoon, decided that the price of glass would have to be reduced. The foreign glass blowers, they say, are sending glass over cheaper and cheaper every year and the American manufacturers will have to reduce their prices.

The manufacturers deny that they contemplate the formation of a pool, but trust and also say that the question of wages was not touched on in the discussion. The most conservative members thought that the prices would have to be reduced or competition with foreign glass blowers would be out of the question. The association adjourned at half past two this afternoon to meet again next Friday.

President F. L. Badin of Philadelphia presided and O. E. Frazar of Connecticut, N. Y., is secretary of the association. The new schedule of rates was not arranged, but it will be lower than that now prevailing.

THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT. E. G. Hughes has complained that the telegraph wires attached to his chimney, at Eighth and B streets southeast, have caused a portion of the chimney to fall down, and he wants the District to repair the damage.

W. C. Green and John Smith have been appointed special policemen. The Commissioners approved and rejected respectively the applications of the following liquor licenses. Barrooms approved--W. G. Davis, 1419 H street northeast; W. Johnson, 1301 Water street southwest; C. Boyle, 83 C street; J. J. Binder, 1 Eleventh street northeast; F. Herzog, 205 K street.

Wholesale--S. Hen, 406 North street; F. H. Finley Jones, 1 O street; W. C. Hall, 721 G street northwest; G. E. Dyer, 2109 Twenty-sixth street; Mary O'Day, 130 G street northeast. Rejected--Barrooms: Delia Anderson, 2101 Seventh street; W. Williams, 1084 Twentieth street. Wholesale: J. O'Brien, corner Champlain avenue and Broadway street.

NO LEAVE FOR THEM.

The Engraving and Printing Bureau Will not Give Vacations. It is practically settled that the employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will not be given their thirty days' annual leave of absence for their third year, as they have been working through the appropriation committees of the Senate and House. The Senate Committee referred the matter to Secretary Fairchild, who called the Chief and Assistant Chief of the Bureau into consultation.

Mr. Graves has been a determined opponent of this movement, claiming that there was no provision for an additional year, and the granting of the extra fifteen days' leave would seriously interfere with the business of the bureau. He also opposed the movement on the ground of economy. Mr. Graves was supported in his opposition by his assistants, Mr. Sullivan, and the different superintendents.

Secretary Fairchild will recommend to the Senate Committee on Finance to-day that a thirty days' leave of absence be granted to the employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Inasmuch as the different superintendents and officials of the bureau are enjoying the privileges and benefits of a thirty days' annual leave, it seems strange that they should be denied an extended movement in behalf of their employees.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is the hardest worked bureau in the Government service and this certainly appears to be an unjust, unnecessary and unbecomingly discriminatory measure against a class of employees who are entitled to at least as much consideration as the employees of the Government Printing Office, the Treasury Department, or the Pension Office, and would unquestionably receive it if their interests were protected by those who should look after their welfare.

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

The President has ordered Judge-Advocate-General Swain before a board of army officers for examination with a view to his retirement on account of his physical disability. The board consists of General Benet (president), Generals McPeck and Holabird, and Drs. Baxter and Greenleaf of the Medical Department. The board will meet to-morrow at the War Department.

Mr. Heilmiller, the bookkeeper for Beckwith & Quackenbush, the Aqueduct contractor, was a witness this morning before the Military Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the Aqueduct scandal. During the course of his examination this morning the interesting fact was brought out that five of the Government inspectors were carried on the pay-rolls of the contractors under assumed names. Mr. Heilmiller was before the Congressional investigating committee yesterday.

The Medical Examining Board now in Philadelphia will remove their headquarters to Naval Hospital at Brooklyn, New York, on April 1, where examinations and appointments as assistant surgeons in the U. S. Navy will be made. The board will remain in Brooklyn until October 1.

It was reported to-day that the President would appoint very soon a board to retire General Swain. The President, it is said, desires to retire Swain in order that he may take the vacancy with a Democrat.

The semi-annual sale of condemned carpets, chairs, desks, etc., in the Treasury Department took place this morning on the south front steps of the Department building. The rain a good crowd of bidders were present.

Bond offerings to-day amounted to \$1,643,000, as follows: \$1,100,000, registered; at 129; \$400,000, consols; 127; at 149; \$100,000, \$100,000 and \$50,000 at 148; \$200,000 and \$50,000 at 108; \$60,000 at 87; \$100,000 at 128.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day appointed Ben. Lish a storekeeper and gauger at Madisonville, Ky. The President to-day approved twenty pension bills.

Secretary Fairchild has returned from New York, and was at the Treasury Department to-day. John B. President's callers to-day were Senator Vest, Representative French, Hopkins, Wheeler, Hemphill, McCrery, Townsend and Seymour, Postmaster-General Dickinson and W. C. Perry, U. S. Attorney of Kansas.

The President to-day appointed Howard M. Norris and Frank L. Atwell to be notaries public for the District of Columbia, and Philip A. Hoynes to be commissioner of deeds for the State of Illinois.

Deeds of Real Estate. Mr. John E. Tally has bought through Mr. John F. Waggaman, the property 305 Twelfth street northwest, for which he has paid Mrs. Shoemaker \$10,500.

Mr. John F. Waggaman has sold for Mr. S. E. Johnson, No. 1312 G street, for \$6,500. The purchaser was Mr. Johnston of the Gas Company.

Prof. F. W. True of the National Museum has purchased for \$10,000 a large lot in Woodley Park. Mr. True expects to commence the erection of a handsome villa in the spring.

T. J. Schneider has bought from various persons for amounts aggregating \$45,486.75 ten lots on the north side of Q street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets.

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