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[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

DOMESTIC NEWS.

United States Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 7th. — Williams moved to discharge the Committee on Military Affairs from the consideration of the bill to regulate the retiring of army officers. It was a bill, Williams said, which had been introduced by Beck, who supposed that he was acting for Williams, and the name of Williams was noted as having introduced it. He (Williams) knew nothing whatever about such a bill, and disclaimed all responsibility for it.

Beck explained that he had introduced the bill for his colleague, as he supposed. A young gentleman came in looking for Williams, and saying that the Senator had agreed to introduce the bill. In Williams' absence, Beck had introduced it, but now found there were provisions in it which neither he nor his colleague would consent to be responsible for. He supposed they had been imposed on.

The committee was discharged from further consideration of the bill.

Plumb, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported favorably the House bill declaring forfeited the lands granted to the Texas Pacific Railway Company, and stated that the minority of the committee desired the privilege of submitting, at their convenience, their views in dissent, and the majority reserved the right to present hereafter their reasons in support of the bill.

Adjourned till Monday.

House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, March 7th.—A bill was reported granting a pension to the widow of General Francis P. Blair.

The Speaker announced unfinished business to be the further consideration of the bill authorizing the retirement of Alfred Pleasanton, with the rank of Colonel.

Steele moved to recommit the bill without instructions. Carried—ayes 122, nays 115.

Brown of Indiana immediately introduced a bill granting Alfred Pleasanton a pension of $100 per month.

Objection was made to present consideration, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

The House went into Committee of the Whole (Cox of New York in the chair) on the private calendar.

The committee remained in session until 4 o'clock, when several private bills were reported back to the House and passed.

A recess was then taken until 7:30 P. M.

The evening session is for the consideration of the pension bill.

The Returned Lasker Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, March 7th.—Herr Von Ersendecker, German Minister, said to-day that he had just received from the German Government the resolutions of condolence passed by the American Congress on the death of Herr Lasker, and would forward them, as well as the accompanying letter transmitted from Prince Bismarck, to the Department of State in a few days. He added that he had had no communication or understanding whatever with the Foreign Affairs Committee in regard to the matter. He proposed to deal entirely with the Department of State. The letter of Prince Bismarck, returning the resolutions, he said, had already been published in substance, but in addition it expressed Bismarck's regret that he felt compelled, under the circumstances, to return the resolutions.

Land Grant Forfeitures.

WASHINGTON, March 7th. — The House Committee on Public Lands to-day decided unanimously to recommend the forfeiture of the land grant to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad lying east of the junction of that road with the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, and lying west of Mojava, Cal., and which has not been patented to the road.

The Proposed New Territory.

WASHINGTON, March 7th.—The Senate Committee on Territories have agreed to give the name of "Lincoln" to the new Territory which it is proposed to make out of the northern portion of Dakota.

Widow Brooks Avoids the Issue of a Writ.

CHICAGO, March 7th.—Judge Shepard, of the Superior Court, yesterday afternoon decided the case of Sexton vs. Mrs. Brooks, who was detained on a writ of *ne exeat*. The Court ordered the release from arrest, though the bill was not dismissed nor the writ quashed, but to stand as a summons. The Court held that the affidavit on which the writ was issued was defective, also that the petition did not sufficiently set forth the alleged indebtedness of Mrs. Brooks. The attorney states that she was confined to her bed at the Palmer House. Immediately after the Judge's decision was rendered the attorney for Sexton filed a petition setting forth explicitly the indebtedness and presenting affidavits of Mrs. Brooks' intention to leave the State. Judge Yaley, of the Circuit Court of Cook county, issued a writ on this petition and an officer was at the lady's door last night with the writ. But when the officer went to her room for the purpose of serving the writ, neither the wealthy widow nor her little hand bag containing about $90,000 could be found. It was stated that within a few minutes after her release was ordered she left the room and that she took the evening train for the seaboard, intending to go thence to Europe.

The Crouch Murder Case.

JACKSON (Mich.), March 7th.—This morning the examination of Jud Crouch and Dan S. Holcomb, charged with the quadruple murder of the Crouch family on November 21st, began in the presence a large crowd of people. The forenoon was consumed by the examination of three witnesses—Reardon, Hutchins and Works. The two former testified as to finding the bodies, and to other well known facts. Hutchins told of the conduct of Holcomb and Judd Crouch, after the murder was made known to them. When Holcomb and Crouch were conducted back to the jail, the crowd pressed forward to get a good look at them, and the crush was fearful. Several women fainted, and were with difficulty saved from being trampled to death. All portions of the county are represented.

Grant's Health.

NEW YORK, March 7th.—General Grant went South yesterday in a special car, and will go through to Old Point Comfort direct. He walked a short distance without crutches, the first time since his accident. The General's form has lost none of its portliness, and his face is full and ruddy. Under each arm he carried a crutch, and he walked with much difficulty. Assisted by his body servants he led the party to the cars. The only motive for his going is a change of air.

Prohibition Convention.

COLUMBUS (O.), March 7th.—At the session of the Prohibition Convention, delegates to the National Convention at Pittsburg on the 21st of May, were selected, one from each district and at large. They were instructed to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of G. S. Stewart, of Ohio, for President. A systematic plan of organization for the State was adopted.

The Flooded Region.

MEMPHIS (Tenn.), March 7th.—The *Appeal's* Helena, Arkansas, special says: The levee broke to-day about a mile above Friar's Point, Miss., which inundated that thriving little city. The river at Glendale, opposite here, has attained the high-water mark of 1882, and many places from Glendale to Clarksdale in the interior report the water from two to four inches higher than ever before known.

Attempt to Hide a Murder.

SAVANNAH (Ga.), March 7th.—The Coroner stopped a negro funeral service, and on removing the shroud and clothing of the corpse there were revealed nine knife wounds inflicted by the man in whose house the funeral was being held. The victim was William Dunn, and the murderer Jerry Haggins, who tried to conceal the murder, reporting that the death was from pneumonia, and making necessary a hasty burial. Dunn's intimacy with Haggins' daughter led to the crime. The murderer was arrested.

Suicide of a Murderer.

CHICAGO, March 7th.—Frank Rande, the desperado, who made an attempt upon the life of Deputy Sheriff McDonold last Saturday night at the Joliet prison, and who was placed in solitary confinement, succeeded in ending his career by hanging himself last night. Rande's real name was Charles C. Scott. He killed no less than five men in 1877, and is supposed to have murdered thirteen persons in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

Suicide of a Railway Official.

KANSAS CITY, March 7th.—V. H. Oiler, agent at this city for the Continental Fast Freight Line, suicided last evening. He went into a store on Union avenue to purchase a revolver, took up a loaded weapon and fired the ball through his brain. He had been despondent and intemperate for some time, and leaves his wife in a delicate condition. Oiler was formerly of Chicago.

Brutal Sport.

LONG ISLAND CITY (N. Y.), March 7th.—A great dog fight between Belcher, of New York, and Danger, of Boston, took place yesterday and was given to the latter, Belcher turning tail, although apparently slightly injured. Danger, on the contrary, had his fore legs broken and throat badly torn. The match was for $500 and gate money. Three hundred men paid an entrace fee of $1 each.

Hanged by Moonshiners.

RICHMOND (Va.), March 7th.—It is reported that moonshiners hanged an Internal Revenue informer in Floyd county. As Floyd is far from the railroad or telegraph, it is impossible to-day to verify the story.

Railroad Accident.

DES MOINES (Ia.), March 7th.—An accident on the railway near Astor occurred this afternoon, by which the engineer and fireman were instantly killed, and a brakeman fatally injured, having his skull smashed and both legs cut off. The accident was caused by the breaking of one of the drive-wheels of the engine, and throwing it into a ditch.

Business Failures.

NEW YORK, March 7th.—The business failures during the last seven days numbered 272, an increase of 37 compared with last week.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Herr Lasker's Death in the Reichstag.

BERLIN, March 7th.—In the Reichstag today, after the President had been re-elected, that functionary announced the death of Lasker, and other members, during the recess. The Deputies remained standing while the announcement was being made.

Rickert (Independent) speaking, as he explained, on the order of the day, expressed thanks in the name of Lasker's friends for the many tokens of sympathy received. He was particularly grateful to the American Congress for the action of the House of Representatives.

The President informed Richert that he was departing from the order of the day.

Hammerstein, in behalf of the Conservatives, protested against the action of Rickert, and against the course pursued by the American Congress.

Dr. Haemel (Progressist) admitted that Rickert had passed outside the order of the day, but pointed out that this only showed a defect in the rules of the House. He referred to Rickert's praise of the American Congress, whereupon the President reminded him that he, too, was departing from the order of the day; but he continued speaking. He said that he had perhaps broken the rules, but he considered that he was justified, and pleaded extenuating circumstances. When a body like Congress, he said, adopt flattering resolutions, we should pay as much regard to them as is consistent with parliamentary usage.

Baron Von Maltzhan contended that the rules of the House offered no ground for a statement like Rickert's, or for any reference to the resolutions of a foreign Parliament, not officially communicated to the Reichstag. He said the right of the House should be upheld. There was no defect in the rules of the House, but there was in the manners of members of the House, as was clearly proved by the fact that the Left had attempted to cry down Hammerstein's protest.

Rickert explained that the Left had interrupted Hammerstein because, contrary to the rule of the House, he had read his statement. The Left, he declared, cared as little for Hammerstein's protest as they did for the unjustifiable interference of Bismarck.

This declaration was followed by a great uproar.

As soon as order was restored, Von Battischer, Imperial Secretary of the Interior and representative of the Chancellor, said he knew absolutely nothing of any interference on the part of Bismarck. If the latter was requested to inform the Reichstag of resolutions adopted by the American Congress, and did what he deemed right in the matter, his action was not subject to criticism. He concluded by protesting against any criticism of Bismarck.

Dr. Braun stated that the rules of the Reichstag were based upon those of the Prussian Landtag, in which a eulogistic speech on the occasion of the death of Richard Cobden was ruled out of order.

Richter, replying to Von Battischer, maintained that the Deputies have a perfect right to criticise the official acts of the Chancellor.

Dr. Miller (Progressist) began a speech by directing the attention to a banner hanging in the hall, which had been presented to the Reichstag by Mormon Americans, but he was at once called to order by the President and the discussion closed.

The Egyptian War.

SUAKIM, March 7th.—Two chiefs of the Amara tribe, with 120 men and 40 camels, have arrived, and report that the losses of the rebels at Teb amounted to 6,000 killed and wounded.

KASALA SURROUNDED BY THE ENEMY.

CAIRO, March 7th.—Kasala is surrounded by the enemy, and the garrison will soon be in a position similar to that in which the ill-fated Sinkat garrison was placed.

A BATTLE LAID OUT FOR MONDAY.

LONDON, March 7th.—General Graham, with 3,000 men, will advance from Suakim Monday against Osman Digma. Graham's force will consist of 120 artillery men, six seven-pounders, ten mountain and four Krupp guns, sixty-two sailors with two nine-pounders, three Gatling and Gardiner guns, and the Tenth and Nineteenth Hussars. The remainder will be infantry and marines. Osman Digma remains at Handoob, ready to accept battle.

REBELS DEFEATED.

CAIRO, March 7th.—General Gordon telegraphs that Slatin Bey, an Austrian officer in the Egyptian army, from Darfour Nabiab, has defeated the rebels north of Obeid.

Tempest in a Teapot.

VARNA, March 7th.—During a public ball here last night, card-playing took place in a room adjoining. The Greek Consul participated in the game. The Bulgarian Perfect of Police stopped the playing, on the ground that games of chance in public places were illegal. A quarrel ensued, and the Austrian Vice-Consul joined the Greek Consul in insulting the Perfect. The Bulgarian Government has asked the Austrian Government for an apology.

Boers on the Warpath.

LONDON, March 7th.—Advices from South Africa state that the Boers in Stellaland are advancing to attack Mankoroane. A British battalion has been ordered to the scene from Capetown.

Mlle. Nevada Received in the Catholic Church.

PARIS, March 7th.—Mlle. Nevada, the American prima donna, was received into the Catholic Church to-day at the English Passionist Church. Mrs. Mackay was sponsor. The ceremony was private. Mlle. Nevada was dressed in pure white, her hair flowing over her shoulders. Mrs. Mackay sent a present of a bon-bon box of massive oxidized silver inlaid with gold.

Execution or Pardon.

ST. THOMAS, March 7th.—At the foreign consulates in Jacmel, Hayti, 280 refugees await the President's decision of execution or pardon. In the riot in Provincetown, Trinidad, the police fired, killing two rioters and wounding several others.

The Remains of Collins and His Mother.

QUEENSTOWN, March 7th.—On arrival of the City of Chicago this evening the remains of Jerome C. Collins and his mother were received by the British Admiral, the American Consul, the Mayor and the corporation of the city, the relatives of the deceased and a large number of citizens. The bodies were conveyed to the Cathedral on biers, followed by a long procession bearing torches and a band playing the dead march. The funeral takes place in Cork Sunday. A guard of honor from Her Majesty's ship Revenge will escort the remains to Cork.

PACIFIC SLOPE.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

CALIFORNIA.

The Southern Pacific Situation.

TEHACHAPI, March 7th.—Wednesday evening a cloud burst in the vicinity of Caliente, covering the track in the yard with sand two feet deep. Water in the telegraph office was eighteen inches deep. Some portions of the track were injured, but the damages were repaired so as to let No. 19 up the hill on time this morning; but two miles north of Mojave they struck a washout that detained them six hours. The reports from south of Mojave are discouraging. South of Ravenna the track that has been repaired, with some of the old track, is washed out. The lines are down to Los Angeles, and the last report from there says everything is very wet. On the Colorado division, from Mojave to the Needles, washouts are reported. No perishable freight is taken from here for any points south or east of Mojave. With the present outlook, no one can tell when the road will be opened to Los Angeles. The track from Sumner to Mojave, over the mountains, has stood the flood splendidly.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

LOS ANGELES, March 7th.—The railroad situation is unchanged. The bridges of the Southern Pacific Railroad will have to be repaired before trains can get in or out of town.

[THIRD DISPATCH.]

COLTON, March 7th.—The weather in this section has temporarily cleared up. The water in the Santa Ana river is still very high—too high, in fact—and the stream has changed its channel to the east bank, washing sixteen bents out of the Southern Pacific Railway bridge, about 200 yards of the eastern approach, and about sixty acres of choice land in the vicinity. The Southern Pacific Railroad Company have about fifty men, with a construction train, repairing the bridge. Two hundred passengers will be transferred by hand and push cars over the river bridge, Sunday, from the Yuma division to this place, and will remain here till the railroad is repaired to Los Angeles, which will be about the 11th instant. The California Southern Railway had a large force of men, during the storm, at work on their bridge crossing the Santa Ana, and succeeded in saving it intact. All the old washouts on the road are again gone, and affairs are about the same as they were about two weeks ago. During the storm 3 20 inches of rain fell in the valley.

Not so Much of a "Chump" as Was Thought.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7th.—As a sequel to the slogging fiasco of last night, Robinson and Steve Taylor, Sullivan's best man, engaged in an impromptu fight in the Baldwin Hotel saloon this afternoon. A dispute arose, hard epithets were passed, and Taylor struck Robinson under the ear. Robinson countered in the chest and on the forehead. The men then clinched, and Robinson was punishing Taylor severely, when bystanders interfered and separated them. No arrests. Robinson had much the best of the fight, and regrets and expressed that he did not bear himself with equal spirit last night.

The Dead Journalist.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7th.—The funeral of George Pen Johnston to-day was largely attended, the California Pioneers attending in a body.

Fire in Stanislaus County.

OAKDALE, March 7th.—The central portion of the business block on the west side of this town was burned between 3:30 and 6 o'clock this morning. The loss is fully $20,000; generally insured. The principal losers were M. Jackson, store; J. S. Kerr, store; Howe & Smallwood, furniture store; Smallwood, building; Hubel, Central Hotel, kept by H. Lyons; W. Tennel, saloon; J. R. Horsley, Jr., store; J. S. Grisewood & Co., store. The individual losses are not ascertained.

An Unfeeling Son.

OAKLAND, March 7th.—Wm. Scollard has been informed by the Sheriff of the death of his father when he heard of his crime. The prisoner simply said, "That's too bad," and beyond that, not by word, nor motion, nor expression, did he indicate emotion.

The San Jose Shooting Affray.

SAN JOSE, March 7th.—Dan. Bohen, who was shot by J. J. Kennedy, continues to improve. Last evening Kennedy tendered his resignation as City Superintendent of Schools. It was accepted.

Fatal Stage Accident.

REDDING, March 7th.—The Big Valley and Redding stage, on its way from Millville to Redding yesterday evening, in attempting to cross Oak Run, near Millville, was washed down the stream, and the driver, Harry Lee, and one horse were drowned. The mail sacks were found to-day, but Lee's body and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s box have not been recovered.

Stage Robber Captured.

SONORA, March 7th.—Last evening Sheriff McQuade, of Tuolumne, and Sheriff Thorn arrived here with Burton Greely, whom they arrested at Fresno Flats for robbing the Sonora and Milton stage on February 26th. They feel confident they have the right man. Sheriff Thorn will take the prisoner to San Andreas to-morrow.

Pacific Coast Coursing Club.

MERCED, March 7th.—The Pacific Coast Coursing Club, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, held no meeting to-day. It rained heavily this morning, and the roads leading to the coursing grounds were unfit for travel.

The Recaptured Murderer.

LOS ANGELES, March 7th. — McDowell survived his poison and was brought to the city to-day. He will be carefully gaurded till the hanging comes.

NEVADA.

Suicide After a Spree.

VIRGINIA, March 7th.—Jacob Buchler, a blacksmith at Sutro, yesterday committed suicide by jumping into the Carson river. He had been on a spree and gambled away several hundred dollars.

ARIZONA.

Damaging Cloudburst — Fatal Shooting Affray.

TUCSON, March 7th. — A cloudburst occurred at Florence this morning. The water ran four feet in the streets, causing $10,000 damage. No lives were lost.

J. R. Adams shot and killed Constable J. L. Roberts, of Tombstone, this afternoon. The trouble was about a law suit.

OLD MEXICO.

Advices from Guaymas.

GUAYMAS, March 7th.—The steamer Sonora, bringing dates from San Blas to March 1st and Mazatlan March 2d, arrived last night.

Three thousand ties and a lot of cord wood was burned by incendiaries, belonging to the railroad company, at San Blas. The fire is attributed to the unpopularity of the Superintendent of the road.

Harry, son of Frank Wheeler, formerly of Nevada, died of fever on the road to Tepic.

The Sonora brings a full freight and fifteen passengers.

The health report from the coast is good. Fever has entirely disappeared.

The weather here is cold and pleasant, with occasional showers.

The total deaths in this port for February was thirteen, including one suicide, of which only five were adults. No cases of fever.

The State Government has levied a tax of two per cent. on the exportation of all ores, which has caused quite a growl among the mining people.

The Railroad Hotel is to be built of wood and not brick, as originally intended.

Louis Huller, late from the placers of Lower California, reports that the stringent laws against mining have been repealed and quite a crowd are pouring into the placers. The schooner Julia brought over some eight pounds of gold to Boston & Co.

The Archduke John has published at Vienna a pamphlet on spiritualism, in which he recounts his unmasking of the spiritualist, Bostyn. The Archduke says that spiritualism is cherished in the huts and palaces, and its adherents number two millions.

MEETING OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The Complaint of W. H. Robinson Dismissed by Unanimous Action of the Board.

[Special to the RECORD-UNION.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7th.—A meeting of the Railroad Commissioners was held at their rooms in this city to-day, at which all the members were present. The case of the San Francisco and North Pacific Railroad Company was, upon application of said company, postponed until the next regular session of the Commission.

In the matter of the complaint of W. H. Robinson, of Suisun, against the Central Pacific Railroad Company, the Board of Commissioners rendered the following decision in writing:

In this case, plaintiff alleges that on the 7th day of April, 1883, he delivered a certain lathe, unboxed, for shipment on the railroad of defendant at its Sixteenth-street station, in the city of Oakland. The complaint also alleges that defendant refused to receive or to transport the said dental lathe unless boxed by plaintiff, to his damage in sums specified. It fails to state the direction or destination of the profferred freight, and as there is no verification of the paper filed as an "amended complaint" in which the omission is supplied, it is nowhere averred. But as this Commission has no jurisdiction of a cause of action sounding in damages, the omission is not material, and works no injury to plaintiff. For any damage which he may have suffered from the cause alleged his remedy is clearly and exclusively in the Courts. The only remaining question upon which he invokes the judgment of the Commission relates to the classification of the rejected freight; its similarity in form and bulk to the sewing machine of which it was constructed for dental purposes being admitted by the pleadings, it seems reasonable, as plaintiff insists, that it should be included in the same class of freight, and accorded the same facilities of transportation. It has been so classed by circular No. 340, issued by defendant to its agents, amending local classifications, and providing that "sewing machine frames used for lathes or similar purposes will take same rate as sewing machines." This regulation covers the only question presented, of which there can be any pretense of jurisdiction in this Commission. It is therefore ordered that the case be and the same is hereby dismissed.

G. J. CARPENTER,
Commissioner First District.
W. W. FOOTE,
Commissioner Second District.
WM. P. HUMPHREYS,
Commissioner Third District.

No further business appearing, the Board then adjourned to the next regular session.

SAN FRANCISCO ITEMS.

The Election Commissioners held a meeting Friday morning, Mayor Bartlett presiding. On motion it was resolved to call a special election for the election of Assemblymen in the Thirteenth District, in accordance with the proclamation of the Governor.

More wheat was shipped from San Francisco in February than in January, the difference amounting to 220,000 centals. There was also more wheat shipped in February than was received in February, the difference on that point being 160,000 centals.

Horace W. Carpenter, the claimant of the El Sobrante Ranch, has filed a claim in the Land Office for 457 90 acres in sections 4, 9, 10 and 16, townships 1 and 2 west, Mount Diablo meridian, which have been declared public land, and are now occupied by settlers.

The Cogswell fountain at the intersection of California and Market streets bears a statue representing a meek and lowly man whose business seems to be to hold a manuscript in his hand. Wednesday night, however, a change came over the cold water statue, and in the morning it was no longer the cold water champion, but a most inebriated individual. Some boys had put clothing on the statue, and an old hat upon the head, a glass of beer in one hand, and had painted the morning's blush upon the blue nose which delightedly sniffed the contents of the beer mug. A policeman, however, removed the trappings, washed the nose, gave away the beer, and put the statue in its normal condition.

The sale of single admission tickets to the Mapleson opera opened at Sherman & Day's music store Thursday. The first person in the line was a youth who took his station in the doorway at 4:30 o'clock in the morning. He was not long there before he was joined by others, and before 7 o'clock there was a line extending around the corner and for fifty feet or more up Sutter street. The doors were not opened until 10:20, when the sale began. But in spite of the rapid sale of tickets, the line did not perceptibly diminish in length. In fact, at 3 o'clock it appeared to be longer than ever. The sale Thursday amounted to about $3,000, and the sale of season tickets has reached $22 000. Speculators were on hand, but every effort was made to prevent them from getting tickets. It is not yet known when Patti will sing, or in what parts. This will not be arranged until she and Colonel Mapleson arrive.

THE EXTRA SESSION.—The Governor has at last concluded that an extraordinary occasion has arisen, demanding the convening of the Legislature in extra session. We are unable to see it, and in fact do not believe any extraordinary occasion has arisen, but we are not Governor and Governor Stoneman is, and he alone is the constitutional judge as to whether such be the case. For the rightful exercise of his judgment he is responsible alone to the people. * * * We are of the opinion, however, that the proclamation is a strange one, and that it is not justified by the condition of public affairs. It may be well and perhaps is, to amend the Constitution so that railroad property be taxed as other property. In fact, we never could see the justice of taxing such property in the manner now provided by the Constitution. If every other kind of property is taxed less than the mortgage debt thereon, there can be no justice in refusing the same benefit to railroad property. We have contended for this rule for the last three years in the Courts, and the Courts have decided that a denial of the rule to railroad property and owners is in violation of the Federal Constitution. * * * We think the times are not propitious for the kind of legislation indicated by the Governor, therefore we deprecate the whole business. As the Governor believed it his duty to convene the Legislature, and as he included some subjects which have not arisen as contemplated by the Constitution, but which existed over for the last two or three sessions of the Legislature, we see no reason why he did not yield to the reasonable demands of the workingmen. We are sorry he did not.—[S. F. Alta.

THE VETERANS' HOME.—The Veterans' Home Association, it seems, is now working in a manner that will result satisfactorily to old soldiers, as many of them will soon have comfortable quarters there. The Directors of the Association had another meeting in San Francisco last Saturday, at which it was decided that the Home should have a resident Commander, a competent surgeon, and such subordinate officers as were necessary; also, that religious services should be held regularly, and that applicants for admission to the Home must furnish proofs of honorable discharge; that they are in indigent circumstances, aged, and have lived at least a year in this department. All pensions of occupants of the Home must be deposited with the Treasurer of the Association. Before the meeting closed, a discussion arose as to who were entitled to enjoy the comforts and privileges that the Home offered, and during the remarks of a Director he said that if all the old soldiers on the coast were permitted to go there they could not be supported, as there were ten thousand of them; that the intention was only to admit those who were disabled, or were unable to make a respectable living—to keep old soldiers out of the almshouses and other charitable institutions. Judge T. W. Freelon was re-elected President of the Association.—[St. Helena Star.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Chadwick's Park mills, near Manchester, Eng., were burned yesterday.

A Hongkong dispatch says that the French forces have begun an advance on Bacninh.

Two thousand weavers have struck at Manchester, Eng., owing to a threatened reduction in wages.

Daniel Anderson's steam sawmill at Waterside, N. B., was burned Thursday. Loss heavy; uninsured.

A boiler exploded in J. F. Dearborn's steam mill at Bryant's Point, Me., yesterday morning, killing four men.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has purchased in New York twelve locomotives, at a cost of $129,780.

The office of the Paymaster of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, in Chicago, was robbed of $27,000.

British imports for February show a decrease, compared with February of last year, of £289,000. The exports increased £627,500.

Augustus Harris was robbed at the Hotel Continental, in Paris, yesterday of a check for $1 000 and a quantity of bank notes and diamonds.

The commander of the Black Flags in Tonquin has offered a reward of £16 for each head of a French soldier and £32 for the head of an officer.

Proposals are invited for the purchase of the vessels Benicia and Cyane, at Mare Island, at an appraised value of $140,000, and $12,000, respectively.

The Parnellites are irritated at the refusal of the British Government to reopen the Irish land question. They intend to begin forthwith a great agitation in Ireland.

It is reported that a fresh Dutch expedition has been dispatched to Acheen, in Sumatra, with the hope of securing the release of the crew of the wrecked steamer Nisero.

The sailors attached to the United States ship Speedwell, charged with having robbed the dead bodies recovered from the wreck of the steamer Columbus, have been honorably acquitted.

Nellis, the Irishman who surrendered to the Greenock police recently and professed to give the names of the murderers of the Earl of Leitrim, has been adjudged insane and sent to the madhouse.

A letter from Bismarck was read yesterday in the Reichstag, notifying it that the Deputy for Murahdietz had been sentenced to six months in prison and loss of his seat, for insulting the throne.

The Treasury Department at Washington, in view of the reported prevalence of the foot and mouth disease in Great Britain, is considering the propriety of prohibiting the importation of neat cattle from that country.

A Norwalk, O., special says: County Treasurer Van Fleet's shortage is found, by an examination, to be $47 605. Opinion is divided as to whether he took much money with him. The general belief is that he lost all in speculation.

Senator Walker has introduced a bill to grant the Kansas City and Gulf Railway the right of way through Indian Territory from a point near and south of the city of Baxter Springs, Kan., to a point near the city of Fort Smith, Ark.

James L Dougherty, mail agent on the Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, shot and seriously wounded Professor Nutting, a music teacher of Emporia, Ks., yesterday afternoon. The affair created a great sensation, and grew out of the well-known intimacy between Nutting and Dougherty's wife.

Thirty-five familes, Austrians and Italians, landed at Galveston, Tex., yesterday, in destitute condition, by the steamship Harris, from Brazos, Santiago. They claim to have been induced to emigrate to Mexico on promises of land and assistance from the Mexican Government, which were not fulfilled.

PASSENGER LISTS.

PROMONTORY (U. T.), March 7th.—The following overland passengers passed Promontory March 7th, to arrive in Sacramento March 9th: Mrs L B Littlefield and two children, Ogden; J. M. Schaeffe, Mentado, Ill; J. Cavanaugh, Michigan; S. E. Dille, Mountayo, Ia.; J. W. Vandewater, New York; J. L. Ripley, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Colonel G. T. M. Davis, New York; T. Egenton Hogg, Oregon; R. Smith, Green River, Wyo.; E. Cooper, Chicago; J. J. Valentine, Oakland; Mrs. L. J. Hemphill, Philadelphia; Mrs. F. Heywood, San Francisco; T. A. White, New York; Miss G. S. Stewart, A. Thones, Ohio; M Ehrman and wife, Miss N E. Heiman, J. Leo Lilienthal and wife, M. Kashland, M. Hellen, Jr., San Francisco; S. Sondheim, New York; and 77 emigrants—60 males.

IS THERE AN ASSEMBLY?—Now that the Governor has called an extra session of the Legislature a grave question arises, whether the Assembly elected in 1882 still has a legal existence. The Legislature at the session in 1882 adopted "an Act to divide the State into Assembly districts and to provide for the election of Assemblymen therein," which was approved on the 13th of March, 1883. By the terms of Section 84 of this Act, "all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with it were repealed." As there is no time set in the Act for its going into effect, the presumption is that it went into effect immediately. The question now arises whether this legislation was not too thorough in its character. It at least will raise queer complications. Take the case of the election of a successor to Assemblyman Hughes of this city, who has died since the adjournment. He represented the Thirteenth Assembly district. That district as it formerly existed is no more. It has been completely wiped out by the repealing clause. How is a successor to Hughes to be chosen? Must the people who formerly constituted the Thirteenth district do without representation in the extra session? It would seem so; for if the old districts were repealed, as they undoubtedly were, it will not be legal to attempt to perpetuate them. There may be some force in the general rule that officers hold until their successors are elected and duly qualified; but it looks very much as if the last Assembly ended its existence when it adjourned sine die after abolishing the districts from which the members composing it were elected.—[San Francisco Chronicle.

RARE WINTER BIRDS.—This is a peculiar season in several respects, and adepts in weather lore find themselves somewhat embarrassed to interpret all the "signs" in harmony with any one theory. The birds are especially mixed, delegations from Hudson's Bay and from the Carolinas showing themselves here together, and the indications therefrom are about what each prophet chooses to declare. Purple finches and warblers that usually go south in the winter have been seen here frequently of late, and cedar birds and red crossbills are also universally numerous for the season. With them have come flocks of grosbeaks, whose habitat is in the Hudson Bay region, and their advent is creating considerable interest. They are very tame, and are quite easily caught with a net and pole. They also adapt themselves to confinement quite readily, and make a pretty house bird. They are nearly as large as the robin. The male has a head, breast and rump of red or crimson, and this color is mottled with black or dark slate on the back. The wings are slate or black, with two transverse bars of white. The female has a body of dark slate, with wings barred, and the head and rump lightly touched with a yellow bronze. The beak is short and blunt like a sparrow's. Quite a number have been killed for use by taxdermists, and others have been caught and caged.—[Worcester Gazette.