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LARGE PORTION OF THOSE INTRODUCED ARE OLD MEASURES

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OKLAHOMA, NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA AT THE DOOR

QUEER BILL OF MR. MCLELLAN

PENSIONS AND OTHER MILITARY SUBJECTS PROMINENT

Chances of Kansas Men on Committee—Waller Resolution Introduced—Way to Settle Germany—Mills Explains.

Washington, Dec. 6.—When the house met today Perry (Dem. Ark.) and Boatner (Dem. La.) belated members, were formally sworn in. The house was in session but half an hour today, when it adjourned until Monday.

Mr. Baker of New Hampshire, who has proclaimed war upon Secretary of Agriculture Morton because of the latter's refusal to expend an appropriation for the purpose of seeds for distribution among congressional constituents, attempted to put through a resolution calling upon the president for information on the subject, but Mr. McMillan of Tennessee objected.

Later Mr. Walker of Massachusetts, in which district reside nine-tenths of the naturalized Armenians in this country, asked for the printing in the record of their resolution reciting the outrages committed upon their relatives in Turkey and pledging the support of congress to any steps that might be taken by the executive for their protection, but to this Mr. Turner of Georgia interposed an objection.

After reciting the alleged oppression and outrages of the Turkish government, the resolution concludes: "Resolved, Further that this house composed of the immediate representatives of the American people, pledges its support to the government of every measure justified by international law and common humanity to vindicate the rights of our fellow citizens or their families in Turkey, and to hinder and prevent, as far as practicable, a continuance of the outrages and massacres in that land."

The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

The new congress up to this time has been unusually conservative in the matter of propositions for legislation. Fewer bills than usual have been introduced and most of those were for projects which failed to pass the last congress.

Plans for the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, to statehood again made their appearance, the first being presented by General Wheeler, who was chairman of the committee on territories in the last congress, and the other two by delegates of the two last respective territories, Messrs. Murphy and Caldwell.

The first bill introduced by Mr. McClellan of New York, who is one of the young democrats and a son of General McClellan, was one to authorize the senate to confirm military nominations made by President Lincoln which have never been acted upon, and the issue of commissions to the nominees stating that they were nominated to the rank conferred by Lincoln.

General Grosvenor of Ohio, offered a bill to make the Chattanooga and Chickamauga battlefields park in Tennessee a national field for military maneuvers by the companies of the United States army and the militia. The bill authorized the secretary of war to assemble troops there every year and to prescribe the rules under which the park may be used.

Representative Walker of Massachusetts offered, with some amendments, his banking bill of the last congress.

By Mr. Mill of Michigan, a bill prepared at the postoffice department to reclassify and prescribe the salaries of railway postal clerks.

FLYNN OF OKLAHOMA. By Mr. Flynn of Oklahoma, providing for free homesteads on the public lands in Oklahoma; also for the opening of Indian Territory under the homestead laws.

By Mr. Flynn of Oklahoma, a resolution calling on the secretary of the interior, asking why the Wichita Indian lands in Oklahoma have not been allotted.

By Mr. Hicks of Pennsylvania, for the relief of persons who served ninety days or more in the various construction corps attached to the army during the war, and to those who were granted medals to those who responded to and enlisted under President Lincoln's first call for troops.

Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, to authorize the suspension of pensions obtained by fraud.

By Mr. Melkielejoh of Nebraska, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks to Indians, framed to meet the decision of Judge Holliday of Oregon as to the sale of liquor to Indians who have become citizens of the United States.

By Mr. Wheeler of Alabama, to increase the pensions of soldiers of Florida, also providing an additional United States district judge for Alabama.

By Mr. Barnham of California, to amend the act incorporating the Maritime canal company of Nicaragua. One feature of the bill authorizes the issue of bonds not exceeding \$100,000,000 with interest at 3 per cent to secure the means to construct and complete the canal. All sums expended for materials and supplies necessary to the construction are to be purchased in the United States except such as may be grown or produced in Nicaragua or Costa Rica, and no Asiatic labor is to be employed.

By Mr. Morse of Massachusetts, to repeal the interstate commerce law.

By Mr. Southard of Ohio, to purchase, lease and improve the sites of certain forts, battlefields and graves of American soldiers, sailors and marines in the Maumee valley, etc.

By Mr. Halmer of Nebraska, amending the act for the relief of certain cattle, etc., by giving the secretary of agriculture authority to have all carcasses condemned as unfit for food, under the act of March 3, 1891, so disposed of as shall effectually prevent their use as human food, also a bill granting pensions to soldiers and sailors confined in federal prisons.

MILLS EXPLAINS HIS BILL. Answering an objection that it would put gold at a premium.

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jection had been made to that part of his bill directing the secretary of the treasury to pay out silver when the reserve is below \$100,000,000, viz, that it would put gold at a premium.

"This reasoning," he replied, "is utterly fallacious. That result can take place only when volumes of silver are so increased as to increase prices in this country, when gold would be exported, but no mere manipulation of the silver or paper now in circulation can change prices of products. If the treasury refuses gold for export, the exporter must do as exporters do, buy bills of exchange. If the treasury notes are all paid or bonded, the result would be the same. Exporters would pay private gold, and the gold standard would remain unchanged."

"When," he continued, "the gold reserve is over \$100,000,000 the treasury is in a position to issue silver or other notes in either gold or silver as it may be desired by the holder of its notes. When the reserve is under \$100,000,000 the cautionary signal is up and the secretary should protect the government by placing in circulation silver coins and stop a run that may be made to embarrass the treasury and compel it to sell bonds to foreign and domestic capitalists seeking investment for their capital."

Explaining other provisions of the bill Mr. Mills said that he had provided for the coinage of the silver dollar in the treasury into fractional coin rather than in any dollar coinage, in that shape it would be more convenient, and that he had provided for the issuance of treasury notes in case of temporary deficiency in the revenues, because the bonds bear interest and the notes do not.

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LEFT TO CONGRESS

STATEHOOD CONVENTION TRANSFERS THE MAIN QUESTION.

Resolution Adopted for the Admission of Oklahoma as a State, with Such Boundaries as in the Wisdom of Congress will Best Subserve the Interests of Good Government—Said Clarke is Upheld and Rejected Chairman—Strong Minority for Single Statehood—Minor Measures Taken are in the Interests of Harmony.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 6.—(Special).—The result, at Shawnee, after some delay, is at hand. It resulted in several things: (1) The adoption of a resolution asking congress to admit Oklahoma, and (2) to exercise its discretion about boundaries; (3) the defeat of a resolution asking for immediate statehood for Oklahoma and the Indian territory; (4) the nomination of S. J. Clarke by the re-election to the chairmanship of the statehood committee; (5) a quietus to the scheme of giving the old counties in Oklahoma six delegates and the strip counties only four; (6) a set of resolutions calling for the opening of the Wichita reservation.

From best accounts the result of the statehood convention's adoption of the following resolution, on the people, is dubious: Resolved, That the people of Oklahoma territory, without distinction of party, assembled in delegate convention at Shawnee on the 4th day of December, 1895, for the purpose of considering the statehood question, earnestly urge upon the congress of the United States, at its present session, to pass an enabling act providing for the admission of Oklahoma as a state with such boundaries as in the wisdom of congress will best subserv the cause of good government.

This resolution was the majority report of the committee on resolutions, and was adopted by a large majority.

Resolved, That the people of Oklahoma territory, in convention assembled at Shawnee, Oklahoma, Dec. 4, 1895, for the purpose of considering the question of statehood, earnestly urge the present congress of the United States to pass an enabling act for the purpose of erecting into a state the Oklahoma and Indian territories.

Of course the resolution adopted a hard fight, and when the majority resolution was adopted it only passed through by ten votes. The forces in favor of the majority report were led by S. J. Clarke, who presided at the convention, and he was backed up strongly by James Admire, George Orner, William Gimes, H. H. Havens and Frank McMillers. Sam Crocker put on his armor and battled for the minority. Judge Melton, Sam Murphy, Pat Cassidy and D. C. Lewis.

There was a big crowd present, including nearly all of the prominent men of the territory. The delegates, who were in his Sunday clothes, welcomed the delegates to Shawnee, which is indeed a beautiful little city, and Judge Redick responded. J. V. Admire, who makes a capital presiding officer, was elected chairman of the convention, and the Clarke crowd felt better. Then E. H. Perry of the Perry Enterprise and R. Q. Blaney of the Oklahoma City Oklahoman, were elected to preside at the convention and got down to work.

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MADE THEM LINE UP

THREE ROBBERS HOLD UP A STORE FULL OF TALOAGS.

Suspicious Looking Strangers are Not Such a Rarity, It Seems, and this Lot Mixed with the Crowd Quite Socially. They Locate the Proprietor's Banking Arrangements—Then It's "Hands Up" and a Clean Heel of All the Cash—Nobody Armed, so the Escape of the Robbers is Easy.

Taloga, O. T., Dec. 6.—(Special).—About 7 o'clock last evening three men rode into town from the west, and asked for the postmaster and county attorney. One of them had a United States marshal's badge pinned upon the left lapel of his vest.

They looked very suspicious, and, as nearly every marshal who works this part of this county is known, their story was not believed.

So many false alarms have been given in the town of late, that when it was rumored that the suspicious strangers were in town again, it was thought that they intended to rob the store, no importance was attached to it.

At a little after 7 o'clock they entered the store and asked Milt Schulze, the proprietor, if he would open up for them at half-past eleven, as the store at the time of making the request was crowded and they wished to purchase a large bill of goods. Mr. Schulze became suspicious and told them that he would not open the store after he closed up for the night. During their stay in the store they spent money liberally and gave a \$20 bill in payment for a bill.

There are two depostories in the store where Mr. Schulze keeps his money. The cash of the day is generally kept in a desk box just behind the counter and the week's earnings are kept in a tea chest in another part of the store. The \$20 bill was given to locate the larger amount of money. Mr. Schulze declined to hand over any more banks in this city this is the only way he has of taking care of his money.

The robbers went out, and after a few minutes party they re-entered the store and ordered every man in it, about fifteen, to "lie up" and throw up their hands, which was supplemented by firing two shots. They wore no masks. Mr. Schulze was ordered to hand over his cash, which he did, from the cigar box. They told him that they were "on to" the workings of the store and wanted all his cash, at the same time saying that they would kill him if he did not comply with their demand.

Seeing that there was no other alternative, the money was handed over, which amounted to \$100. They then helped themselves to the clothing, hats and other articles they ordered every man in the store to get out and run, which order was eagerly obeyed.

With the exception of the men in the store were raised above their heads the robber who held guard over the line noticed a set gold ring upon the hand of Mr. Ed Christopher, the clerk, which was ordered to be handed over.