

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

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Special to the Record-Union.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-The doctors thought Senator Hearst was sinking very fast yesterday, but to the surprise of all he has brightened up, and to-day was in cheerful spirits. He is able to recognize friends and members of his family. His son, W. R. Hearst, and John Follinsbee, were with him this afternoon, and the Senator smoked a cigar, chatted with them and seemed to take a lively interest in temporal affairs.

BEHRING SEA.

Professor Elliott Anxious to Have His Report Submitted to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-Professor Henry W. Elliott, Special Treasury Agent, who was sent to Alaska to investigate the condition of the sealing industry, is anxious to have his report submitted to Congress, and has copies printed with maps, in order that they can be ready for the joint English-American Commission which will investigate and report on the condition of the Behring Sea fisheries.

This Commission is expected to meet in Washington next March according to Professor Elliott, and will then proceed to Alaska via San Francisco. Professor Elliott is anxious for them to visit the rookeries. He is confident that they will bear him out in his statements made in the report filed with Secretary Windom last month.

At the time he filed the report he thought he would leave it with Secretary Windom for about a week, giving the latter time to consider it, and then have a joint resolution passed calling upon Secretary Windom to transmit it to Congress, and have it printed. The preparation of the matter will take up a considerable time, and he is anxious that the members of the joint commission should have them before proceeding to Alaska next spring.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Act Approved Providing for a Public Building at Portland.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-Secretary Proctor has instructed Adjutant-General Kelton to select about ten young officers of the Engineer Corps of the army for duty in connection with the proposed intercontinental railway, as provided by the Act creating the Inter-continental Railway Commission.

The President has approved the Act providing for a public building at Portland, Oregon.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of N. P. DeLoe, of Florida, William A. Russell, of Massachusetts, and Albert Free, of Illinois, as Commissioners to consider the establishment of international postal routes.

The State Department is informed of the death at Boria, Africa, of Lieutenant Emory M. Taunt, United States navy, commercial agent to the Congo Free State.

Dr. Wm. Shackelford has been appointed a member of the Pension Examining Board at no rate.

Mrs. W. W. Morrow and Miss Mand assisted Mrs. Harrison at the White House reception for the day.

The Comptroller of Currency has declared the fifth dividend of 5 per cent. in favor of the creditors of the California National Bank, amounting to \$246,000.

Perkins of Kansas has introduced in the House a bill appropriating \$246,000 to ratify and confirm the agreement with the Crow Indians of Montana.

Orders have been issued from the War Department for the First Infantry (Colonel Shaler) to return to former stations on the Pacific coast.

INDUSTRIAL FEDERATION.

It Will Support Only Persons Who Favor Its Principles.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-The Industrial Federation to-day determined that the National Committee shall consist of the Chairmen of the different organizations of the confederacy in each State. Its duty will be to determine upon the best methods to perfect the work of the organization and carry out its demands.

Each Chairman has power to appoint an assistant to aid him in any way in carrying out the views and impressing upon the members of his organization the principles of the confederacy.

The President is authorized to invite all industrial organizations to send representatives to meet and exchange views with the confederacy at the next meeting, which will be held February 22, 1892, unless sooner called.

President Terrell leaves Sunday night for Omaha, to meet the National Alliance of the Northwest in conference in matters pertaining to the organization. He says the confederation contemplates no third-party movement, but would always give its support to persons who supported its principles, and would further pledge itself to support any Federal legislation which would accrue to the benefit of the organization.

UNSTAMPED OPIUM.

Difficulty Experienced in Securing its Forfeiture.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-Assistant Secretary Spaulding has written a letter to the Committee on Ways and Means in regard to the difficulties experienced in securing the forfeiture of unstamped opium. He invites attention to the suggestion made by the Collector at San Francisco in order to obviate these difficulties-that the Secretary of the Treasury should order all opium on hand to be stamped, and says that inasmuch as that provision of the law authorizing the Secretary to take such action on importations was made prior to the passage of the present Act, a Federal office should issue a joint resolution of Congress to

passed, giving the necessary authority to the Treasury Department, is commended to the consideration of the committee.

A BITTER PILL.

Republicans Indignant Over Senator Stewart's Speech.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-Senator Stewart's speech on the cloture resolution to-day was a bitter pill for the Republican Senators to swallow, especially as it came from one in their own ranks. Some of the Republican Senators who are warm supporters of the bill are very angry with Stewart on account of his speech to-day, and are endeavoring to join hands with the Democrats and defeat the bill to reimburse the States of California, Oregon and Nevada for money expended in aid of the suppression of the war of the rebellion. The bill is now on the calendar, and provides for the paying to California of \$2,451,500; Oregon, \$224,520; Nevada, \$864,030.

Cockrell of Missouri, a member of the Committee on Military Affairs, has pronounced an opposition equal to the extent of his ability. He said that he proposed to make a fight on the floor of the Senate, and would bring it about so that not a single member of his faith would support it.

He is acting on an old line of policy of the Democrats, which is to fight all bills to reimburse the States for aid rendered during the civil war, and which demand a fair consideration on the part of the Government. Hence the prospect appears favorable for united Democratic opposition to Stewart's bill.

Some of the leading Republican Senators have concluded to let Stewart look to the Democrats for favors in this matter. A prominent Senator said to-night that the strong feeling against Stewart would gradually sap his vitality, and he will grow weaker hour by hour until he reaches a comatose condition, from which he will not awake. His amount of vitality is a source of comment among his friends, who believe that he would pull through all right if he was not suffering from a malady which renders death inevitable.

At midnight there was no change in Senator Hearst's condition. He is resting quietly.

NAVAL ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-Assistant Engineer Arnold is ordered to duty at the navy-yard at Mare Island, Cal.

Sailmaker Wm. Cuddy is ordered to duty in readiness for orders to the Lancaster.

Passed Assistant Engineer Charles R. Koelker is detached from the Albatross and ordered to duty at the Albatross.

Assistant Engineer Joseph R. Wilmer is detached from the navy-yard at Mare Island, Cal., and ordered to the Albatross.

Improvement of the Mississippi.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-Chairman Barrows, from the House Committee on Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River, to-day submitted to the House a favorable report on the bill to reimburse the States for aid rendered during the civil war, and which demand a fair consideration on the part of the Government. Hence the prospect appears favorable for united Democratic opposition to Stewart's bill.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

PARNELL STILL ONE OF THE LEADING FACTORS.

Likelihood That the Land Purchase Scheme Will be Passed.

Special to the Record-Union.

LONDON, Jan. 24.-Parliament met to-day under conditions highly favorable to Salisbury's Government. The Irishmen have not yet settled their disputes. Parnell is still a leading factor and bete noir of the Gladstonian section. He seems to be much more to the front than for several sessions. He issued his whip to the whole Irish party Thursday, took his stand between Sexton and McCarthy, just as if nothing had happened to disturb his leadership, and how business had proceeded many minutes gave notice of an intention to demand inquiry into the administration of the Crimes Act, although McCarthy and Morley, before Christmas, both notified of an intention to raise a discussion on that subject. It is an unwritten rule in the Commons that no member shall take up a matter already in the hands of another member. Thus Parnell flouted both sections of the opposition.

The details of the Kilkenny election have given rise to a disposition in the Commons that a bill shall be passed excluding the Radicals from religious offices in any capacity at the polling booths, or as personation agents.

There seems every likelihood that the Government will carry the land purchase scheme without much opposition. Parnell has already declared his adherence to the Government, and has recently urged the Radicals for opposing it. The anti-Parnellites may join the Radical wing in changing the measure, but they cannot well afford to do so, as they have already declared the project a boon to Ireland, and that the ministerial majority will certainly carry it through.

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FINANCIAL.

Large Excess in Bank Holdings Over Requirements.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.-The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve increase, \$4,500,000; specie increase, \$4,387,000; deposits increase, \$7,294,000; circulation increase, \$4,000.

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EASTERN LEGISLATURES.

Sensational Bribery Charges in South Dakota.

THE DEAD-LOCK IN COLORADO FINALLY SETTLED.

The Farmers' Alliance Members of the Kansas Legislature Hold a Caucus and Bar Several Prominent Candidates for the United States Senate - Ingalls' Boom Receives a Set-Back.

Special to the Record-Union.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24.-A Pioneer Press special says: At the afternoon session of the House in regard to the Davidson count election contests, sensational bribery charges were made. Representative Converse announced that he had been threatened with the defeat of his bill if he did not vote a certain way. Representative Kelly stated that he had been offered \$1,000 to vote for Moody for Senator. Representative Hall had been offered a bribe of \$1,000 by a prominent Democrat to keep out of the Republican caucus, and could produce witnesses. The Committee on Bribery announced that their reports would be ready at the next session, and the first one of the contesting Independents were made. The charges of bribery made to-day were referred to the committee. The decision of the first five Lawrence county contests against the sitting Republican members is a decided defeat for Moody. Two ballots were taken for Senator to-day without material change.

DEVER, Jan. 24.-In an able and elaborate opinion rendered by Justice Elliott and concurred in by Justice Hoyt and Chief Justice Helm, the Supreme Court has replied to the questions submitted by Governor Rout as to the power of the House to depose a Speaker of the House who had such power without prohibition by constitutional or statutory provisions; that no such prohibition existed in this State; that the House is not a State officer; that it was not necessary to impeach him, and that to deny the right of the majority to remove him was tantamount to the denial of the right of self-government. This opinion settles the legislative deadlock which has now existed for two weeks, and it is a very decisive triumph for the Republican Democratic combination over the faction known as "the gang," which has so long controlled the State.

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COAST CHRONICLES.

Verdict of Acquittal in the Palmer Forgery Trial.

AUGUST OLSEN ARRAIGNED FOR THE MURDER OF IVETT.

An Interesting Game of Baseball at the Bay-Serious Fire at Spokane Falls-Ex-Minister Mizner Returns to San Francisco-Ho, Believes the Government Will-Treated Him.

Special to the Record-Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.-To-night the jury in the Palmer forgery case returned a verdict of not guilty, after being out about three hours. The case thus closed is probably the last of a series of trials in which Senator Fair has figured as prosecuting witness against the ex-manager of his Yolo County ranch, H. J. Palmer. Palmer was charged with embezzlement and forgery by Senator Fair, and suits were at different times brought against him in Yolo, Sacramento and Solano counties. The allegations of the prosecutions in all the suits were in substance that Palmer, as manager of Senator Fair's ranches, had appropriated money and then covered his shortage by falsifying the books, forging receipts for wages and placing fictitious names on the pay-roll, the amount drawing the wages claimed to have been paid. The suits in the counties named were all decided in favor of Palmer, and the prosecution then brought the matter to this county and had Palmer indicted on charges of carrying on the same. Palmer's defense has been that W. P. Clarke, bookkeeper on Senator Fair's ranch, was the guilty party. The trial just closed was the first of the eighteen charges of forgery. It is expected that the remaining charges will now be dismissed.

MIZNER RETURNS. He Thinks He Was Not Fairly Treated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.-The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer San Jose reached this city this afternoon from Central American ports. Among the passengers was ex-Minister to Guatemala L. B. Mizner, recalled some time ago by Secretary of State Blaine.

Mr. Mizner is of the opinion that he has not been treated fairly by the officials in Washington, and he will in all probability seek a conference with Secretary Blaine, and hope to get the existing state of affairs regarding his recall may be removed.

It was learned that no hostilities are going on between Guatemala and San Salvador, but it could not be stated by any of the passengers on the steamer when he has been the two places would be renewed.

The San Jose, on arriving at Champerico, landed 90 boxes of guns and 120 cases of cartridges, which were taken to Champerico by way of Panama.