

CONGRESSIONAL.

A Busy Day in Both Branches, and Much Work Done.

OVER TWO HUNDRED PENSION BILLS PASSED BY THE SENATE.

Bill Reported Favorably in the House for the Erection of an Extension to the White House.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The Senate met at 9:30 and immediately went into executive session.

The doors reopened at 10:15, when the general deficiency appropriation bill was taken up and the amendments agreed to in the committee of the Whole last night were agreed to in full by the Senate, except as to four that were reserved, including the French spoliation claims and the Pacific railroad claims.

Plumb offered an amendment appropriating \$50,000 for the relief of the citizens of Oklahoma who were rendered destitute by the drought. It was agreed to.

The amendments providing for payment to the Pacific railroads was agreed to without division.

The next reserved amendment was that for the payment of the French spoliation claims.

The discussion was carried on at much length by Messrs. Stewart, Hoar, Evans, Sherman, Edman, Spooner, Morrill, Daniel, Blair, Hale, Reagan and Hawley.

Finally, Gorman having appealed to the Senators to stop discussion and pass the bill before it was too late, a vote was taken and the French spoliation claims amendment agreed to—yeas 41, nays 14.

The last reserved amendment was that striking out the extra pay to officers and employees of the Senate and House. The amendment was disagreed to and the paragraph was retained.

Faulkner moved to add to the paragraph the words "and official reporters of the Senate and House." It was agreed to.

Stewart offered an amendment to reimburse California, Oregon and Nevada with moneys expended by them in the suppression of the rebellion—\$2,451,000 to California, \$225,000 to Oregon, and \$200,000 to Nevada. The amendments were agreed to without division.

Carlisle offered an amendment to the extra month's pay paragraph, so as to include the employees of the Law Department and the Congressional Library. It was agreed to.

A paragraph was inserted directing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle and pay the claims of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia and South Carolina and the city of Baltimore on account of the advances made in the war of 1812, and appropriating \$2,500,000 for that purpose.

The bill then passed and was sent to the House with the Senate amendment.

The conference report on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was presented.

The conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill, which was presented and read last night, was taken up and agreed to.

The House amendments to the Senate bill to establish certain ports of delivery in Alaska Territory (reducing the amount from \$25,000 to \$10,000) were agreed to.

The report on the copyright bill was presented, explained by Platt, and agreed to.

There were two points, however, on which no agreement was reached.

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the wear and tear of the heavy work of the last few days had told heavily upon the reading clerks, and their voices as they read the various measures sent to them were almost inaudible.

Catchings and Michigan submitted the conference report on the bill to increase the number of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

As agreed to, the bill provides for eleven members, and the names of those in addition to those already appointed are: Edward H. Mitchell, Albert C. Johnson, William B. Franklin, John C. Black, George W. Steele, James Burnett, J. H. Bonebrake and Francis Fessenden.

Pending action Butcher presented the conference report on the legislative bill.

An agreement was reached on all questions, except the Senate amendment making Senators' clerks annual employees. The report was agreed to and a further conference ordered.

The House then adopted the Catcher conference report.

The House non-concurred in the Senate amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, and a conference was ordered.

Cannon then offered a resolution directing the House conferees not to agree to the Senate amendment appropriating \$200,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish information as to the best methods of irrigating arid regions. It was adopted.

The subject which has been on the agenda of the House conferees to the deficiency bill were not concurred in and a conference was asked for.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Frazier and Johnson conferees on the agricultural appropriation bill.

Milliken of Maine, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to-day reported favorably the bill for the erection of an extension to the White House, in accordance with the plans proposed by Mrs. Harrison. The whole structure completed will not cost more than \$250,000.

Morrow of California presented a disagreeing conference report on the pension appropriation bill, and a further conference was ordered.

Hitt of Illinois submitted the conference report on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. Hitt stated that the bill as reported by the conferees relative to the Hawaiian cable. The proposition, as it now stood, reduced the cost from \$3,000,000 to \$2,250,000, and provided that the Hawaiian Government should pay one-third as much as our own. It further provides that the United States should, at any moment, take the whole property of the cable, and the cost of construction.

After debate the conference report was referred to the committee on the Hawaiian cable. McCrea offered a resolution instructing the conferees on the part of the House to insist on a disagreement to the Hawaiian Island cable provision. Agreed to.

Cannon presented the conference report on the sundry civil bill, and it was agreed to.

The House then took a recess till 8:30 P. M.

At the evening session the Speaker laid before the House the Senate joint resolution amending the Act establishing Circuit Courts of Appeals, by providing that such courts shall hold the first session on the first Tuesday in June, 1891.

Caswell of Wisconsin offered an amendment providing that nothing in the original Act shall be held or construed in any way to impair the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court or any other court of the United States, in cases now pending before it in respect to any cause wherein a writ of error or appeal shall have been issued and taken to the said court before July 1, 1891. Agreed to, and the joint resolution as amended was passed.

The conference report on the Postoffice appropriation bill was submitted to the House by Kansas, and a disagreeing report on the agricultural appropriation bill was submitted to the House by the following resolution: "That the House ask for a free conference."

After a noisy discussion a resolution was passed that the report be agreed to, and the bill returned to the conferees.

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Royal Baking Powder.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.



STILL BOOMING.

High Water Still Prevails in the Sacramento and American.

The Levees Still Hold Good on All Sides.—Sergeant Barwick's Latest Weather Report.

The Signal Service records in this city show that the average daily temperature for the last five days has been from 2° to 7° higher than the normal or mean average temperature, as deduced from a record of fourteen years.

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The Bond Question.

The Board of Trade will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock this morning to hear the report of the select committee appointed to consider the bill now pending in the Legislature defining the word "revenue," as used in connection with payments on the city bond. It is understood that the board desires to hear from the friends of the bill on the subject, especially from Judge McKee and W. A. Anderson, who are thoroughly familiar with the subject. The board has already heard from Judge Henty at length, but those in favor of the bill have not yet appeared before the board.

Some merchants get the best they can; some get the meanest they can.

Your dealer in lamp chimneys—what does he get for you? There are common glass and tough glass, tough against heat. There are foggy and clear. There are rough and fine. There are carefully made and hap-hazard.

You can't be an expert in chimneys; but this you can do: Insist on Macbeth's "pear top" or "pear glass" which ever shape you require. They are right in all those ways; and they do not break from heat not one in a hundred.

Be willing to pay a nickel more for them.

THE RAINFALL. The rainfall yesterday was .06 of an inch, making 12.31 inches for the season as against 27.81 inches to and including the 31st of March last year.

THE BAROMETRIC MOVEMENTS. The barometrical readings at 5 A. M. yesterday still show a high barometer, 30.24 inches, in Washington and Oregon, with a light breeze and weather and northerly winds prevailing.

THE RIVERS. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the height of the river was 25 feet 2 inches, and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon it had risen two inches. At midnight last night it marked 26 feet 7 inches, within four inches of the high it attained when the Paine levee gave way. The river appeared to be at a standstill, and the watchman of the same having stated that it had not risen in two hours, the water covered the track in the switchyards from 10 o'clock to a depth of four feet.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE CHICO DRAW BRIDGE Occurred. Captain Allen of the steamer San Joaquin No. 3 says that he has not been fairly represented in the matter of the wrecking of the Chico draw-bridge last week. He says that instead of its being his first trip on that part of the river, that he has navigated the Sacramento River from boyhood and is familiar with every navigable channel in it.

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Meeting Notices.

REGULAR MEETING OF EQUITY LOANERS. No. 119, Knights and Ladies of Honor, THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, at 7:30, at Grangers' Hall, Tenth and K streets, between Grand Officers, Harmony Lodge, and all reporting members of the order cordially invited to be present.

WANTED.—ONE OR TWO YOUNG ladies to room and board; terms reasonable. Inquire at this office. m17-7

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