

THE SEAL INDUSTRY.

Regulations of the Paris Tribunal Discussed in the House. DINGLEY DECLARES THEM TO BE A FLAT FAILURE.

Hale Offers an Amendment to the Diplomatic and Consular Bill in the Senate Providing Fifty Thousand Dollars for the Survey of a Cable Route Connecting the Hawaiian Islands With the United States.

Special to the Record-Union. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The reply from Secretary Carlisle to Dingley's resolution calling for information relative to the effects of the inauguration of the Behring Sea regulations decided upon by the Paris Tribunal, which was laid before the House to-day, drew from Dingley a statement as to the sealers' situation. He declared that Secretary Carlisle's response showed that the Paris regulations had been a flat failure. Although Government vessels were allowed to take 25,000 male seals from the islands, they had not been able to find 16,000, while Canadian pelagic sealers had taken 60,000, mostly female seals.

"In view of these facts," said Dingley, "Secretary Carlisle has concluded that within three years, or five at the most, if the destruction went on, the Alaskan seal herds would be exterminated, the Treasury would lose a vast sum and the world would be deprived of an article of luxury and comfort." Dingley insisted that Great Britain be immediately made acquainted with these facts and urged that the United States should take action before adjourning. When the facts were presented to Great Britain Dingley thought it would be moved to action. He asked if it was not true the United States Government was spending a large sum of money to enable Canadian sealers to do their work more effectively and Dingley replied that it was. Dingley presented a bill which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

McMillan, from the Ways and Means Committee, reported a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for the cost to the United States for supporting a "kingly government in Samoa." The House then went into Committee of the Whole, and took up the sundry civil appropriation bill. Sayers (Dem.) of Texas, who has charge of the bill, explained its provisions and new features. It carries \$3,390,722, \$7,343,093 less than the estimates, and \$1,285,945 more than the bill for the current year.

Fickler (Rep.) of South Dakota took the first opportunity to pay a tribute to his L. Carter, whom he described as the Hawaiian patriot who led fighting for the Republic. He was applauded on his side of the hall when he concluded, the applause of the Democrats being of an ironical nature. Loud (Rep.) of California offered an amendment to increase the appropriation for the completion and continuation of the public building at San Francisco from \$50,000 to \$200,000. This building has been authorized to cost \$2,500,000. At the rate of the proposed appropriation, he said, the building would be completed for fifty years. The amendment was lost.

Hermann (Rep.) of Oregon offered an amendment appropriating \$8,000 for a lightship to be stationed at the Straits of Juan de Fuca, Or., but it fell under a point of order. After further discussion the committee rose. Then, at 4:45 p. m., the House adjourned.

IN THE SENATE. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—In the Senate to-day the credentials of McMillan of Michigan for the term beginning March 4th next, and Burrows, who succeeded to the unexpired term of Senator Stockbridge, were presented. Hale of Maine offered an amendment to the diplomatic and consular bill, providing \$50,000 for the survey of a cable route, connecting the Hawaiian Islands with the United States.

Smith of New Jersey presented a currency bill which provides that the President shall appoint four Commissioners from civil life, no more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. The President of the Senate shall appoint four Senators, no more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. The Speaker of the House is to designate four members under the same conditions. The Senators and members chosen are to be members of the Fifty-fourth Congress. These are to be known as the "Monetary Commission." It is made the duty of the commission to take into consideration and investigate thoroughly all the various questions relating to the currency so far as may be necessary to test a judicious system of currency on a sound basis. The commission is empowered to visit different portions of the country and make to Congress a report of its investigations, together with such recommendations as it may deem to be the best interests of the country, not later than the second Monday in December, 1895. The bill authorizes the issue of \$500,000,000 of 3 per cent. bonds, redeemable in gold coin at the expiration of ten years.

Stewart (Pop.) of Nevada followed Smith with an argument against any committee or any other means of avoiding direct action on the currency question. Stewart had read an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer addressed directly to the Secretary of the Treasury, and arraigning him for preferring gold to silver. Jones (Dem.) of Arkansas added to the interest in the question by presenting a bill which has been discussed in the Finance Committee. Its reading was followed with close attention, owing to the prominence of the Senator in shaping most of the Finance Committee's work. Jones addressed the Senate on the currency bill he had submitted. He spoke of the constant danger in the present plan of issuing bonds which permitted the banks to force an issue, then to take gold from the treasury in order to pay for the bonds, and thus keep up this constant assault on the gold reserve and the constant necessity for bonds.

"I am not a believer in bonds," declared Jones, "but I am willing to submit to bonds as a matter of necessity as long as there is coupled with it, manly, honest recognition of silver. If the feeling throughout the country in favor of silver is properly recognized, then I will agree to the issue of bonds, and I will agree to it under no other conditions." Jones said it was his conviction that the silver men would make a grave mistake if they insisted on the extreme limits of their hopes. The failure of the silver element to secure concerted action was made evident as soon as Jones closed his remarks, as Stewart again took the floor to argue against the Jones bill. He conceded the good motives of the Senator, but urged that the bond provision was a surrender to the banks and to the gold power.

The Nicaragua Canal bill was then taken up and Turpie resumed his speech against the measure. Turpie's remarks became very personal at one point and he arraigned Morgan, who is in charge of the bill, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations. Turpie declared he had long cherished the illusion that his Chairmanship was of the loftiest character, and that it was untouched and undisturbed by modern delusions and commonplace aspirations. But this illusion was dispelled and this lofty Chairmanship had disappeared like a will-o'-the-wisp in the mires of San Juan. Turpie proceeded to urge that the pro-

posed mortgage proposal to be given to the company was diaphanous and more pretense. The Senator spoke of the canal company stock as watered, and that this whole project was a combination of "fraud and water." Turpie heaped invectives on the "bubble" mortgage and "slide" partnership with the Government, which, he said, was involved in the canal project. There was an apostle surnamed Peter, who had been canonized; but this Nicaragua scheme, he declared, was an attempt to canonize a new St. Peter—the "Peter Funk of legislation." It was the glorification of the Cheap Johns of Congressional work. At the close of Turpie's remarks the Senate went into executive session, and then, at 4 o'clock, adjourned.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Annual Meeting of the Board of Regents. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The annual meeting of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution took place to-day. The report of the Executive Committee shows that the permanent sum deposited in the United States Treasury is now \$11,000, in addition to the \$2,000 derived from the Hodgkins bequest, otherwise invested. In the report of the Secretary for the year ending June 30, 1894, reference was made to the program given by the National Museum during the year. The period of competition for the prizes of \$10,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000, provided for in connection with the Hodgkins fund, intended to elicit discoveries in regard to the nature and properties of atmospheric air in connection with the welfare of man, has closed, and a committee of award is now examining the papers submitted.

NEGRO QUESTION.

Proposition for Deporting Them to the Hawaiian Islands. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—A proposition is being agitated among the members of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees and officials of the State Department which is novel, if impracticable. It is a revival of the various deportation schemes which have from time to time originated with a view of solving the race problem in the South by deporting the negro to Hawaii. It is urged that the climate is similar to that of the South, and the agricultural industries are practically identical, and the conditions of life and surroundings would not necessitate a material change. It is stated that the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations is strongly in favor of this suggestion.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD BONDS.

Bill to Make Them Payable in Silver Dollars. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Senator Palmer introduced a bill to-day directing the senior mortgage bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad to be made payable in silver dollars. The bill provides further that if there are not enough silver dollars coined and in the treasury, the Secretary may coin from the bullion in the treasury enough to meet the deficit. "I do not expect to see this bill passed this session," said Palmer, "but it will serve to counteract the proceedings commenced in the Federal courts at St. Louis to foreclose these senior mortgages." The Illinois Senator thinks the proceeding in court is in the nature of a menace to force Congress to pass a bill extending the time of the payment of its debt to the Government.

Money to Dredge Pearl Harbor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to-day authorized a favorable report on Senator Morgan's amendment to the naval appropriation bill making an appropriation of \$10,000 for dredging the Pearl Harbor (Hawaii) bar. It was also in formal discussion of the project on the amendment of our treaty with Hawaii, so as to permit the landing of a cable to be built by a British company on one of the Hawaiian Islands, the matter did not appear to commend itself to any of the members of the committee.

Nicaragua Canal Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Senator Quay to-day offered an amendment to the Nicaragua Canal bill, providing that its provisions shall not take effect until the United States shall secure by treaty the right to fortify garrisons at the ends of the canal, both on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, to maintain army vessels on the Lake of Nicaragua, and to move military forces through Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Eligible to Only One Term. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The House Committee on Elections to-day agreed to report a joint resolution amending the Constitution so that no one shall be eligible to serve but one term. There was one dissenting vote.

Murphy Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Senate, in executive session, to-day confirmed Daniel Murphy to be Collector of Customs for the district of Humboldt, Cal.

Available Cash in the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Available cash balance, \$190,902,389; gold reserve, \$70,100,000.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Eighth Quarterly County Convention Last Evening. The eighth quarterly convention of the Sacramento City and County Christian Endeavor Union was held last evening in the Christian Church. The following report of the Committee on Nomination was received and adopted.

"The Nominating Committee recommends the following-named persons for officers of the Christian Endeavor Union during the coming term: George A. Capen, President; W. De Merritt, Vice-President; George C. Ormsby, Second Vice-President; W. W. Mills, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Josie L. Knight, Recording Secretary; A. P. Soule, Treasurer; Mrs. J. N. Dodson, Junior Superintendent. "What the Coming State Convention of the Christian Endeavor Union Means to Me and to Sacramento City," was discussed by Revs. Stevenson, Denton, Startevant and Capen.

The answers to the inquiries in the question-box were quite interesting and instructive, as was the consecration service led by Mrs. Stevenson. At the conclusion of the evening's exercises a friendly circle was formed that reached entirely around the interior of the church, and a social time was enjoyed. Trains Are Moving. Eastbound passenger train No. 3 left Truckee at 6 o'clock last night, and the eastbound express No. 1 left Cisco at 7:30 p. m., with the road clear before both trains. The railroad officials stated last night that three eastbound and two westbound freight trains passed through the snow-belt last night. Superintendent J. B. Wright arrived from the front shortly before midnight and stated that everything was in excellent condition, with no danger of any blockade. Texas Will Hold an Exposition. FORT WORTH (Texas), Jan. 22.—An enthusiastic meeting of the principal business men of the city was held last night to formally organize for the holding of an Exposition in this city next year to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of Texas to the Union. It was decided to make the Exposition a national event. The enterprise will be incorporated at once with fifty directors to represent all portions of the State and with a capital of \$1,000,000. We sell the thrones of angels for a short and turbulent pleasure.—Emerson.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder. ABSOLUTELY PURE.

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

What Some of the Newspapers of the State Talk About. [Oakland Enquirer.] The liquor men have appeared at Sacramento, Va., at the moment of threatening with destruction all members of the Legislature who do not vote with them. Has it ever occurred to these bullies that they may be provoking their own destruction instead of that of Senators and Assemblymen?

ONE OF THE WORST. [Oroville Mercury.] One of the worst bills so far introduced is to appropriate \$300,000 for a State building in San Francisco, where the various commissions and bureaus of the State officers may have their offices. There is no reason for such a building, and the people long ago condemned such an act. The State has a magnificent Capitol at Sacramento, where all the commissions and bureaus should be forced to have their offices.

UTILIZE THE BOTTOM LANDS.

[Oroville Register.] There are thousands of acres along the river bottoms in each county in the Sacramento Valley that are not utilized. The pear tree will stand as much water as an average canvasback duck, and the Bartlett is a profitable pear to plant. We have known trees in Sutter and Yuba counties that were watered with water about their roots and the crop was picked in boats. The pear then is a safe fruit to put on bottom land. The black walnut is famous in the rich river bottoms of the Western States, and the California Pecanarian walnuts thrive excellently when grafted upon black walnut stock, we can see no objection to putting walnuts on the river bottom. In the Southern States the pecan flourishes in the low lands, and this tree ought to succeed well here along the rivers. Bottom lands planted to pears, walnuts and pecans ought to prove very profitable.

DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.

[Oakland Times.] When an actress devotes the major portion of all her newspaper interviews to dissertations on the number and fashion of the gowns she will wear on the stage, she has a doubtful compliment to her own abilities as an actress, or is inclined to disbelieve in the dramatic taste of her theater-going sisters.

HOME RULE.

[San Jose Herald.] Governor Budd in his inaugural address to the Legislature advocated an amendment to the Constitution "giving to local communities more liberal self-government in matters purely local. This amendment should be sharp and expressive of the sentiment of the Legislature. The face of such a statement as that the liquor dealers must be fools indeed if they suppose that the Governor will approve the bill which they have prepared, and which has been introduced in the Legislature by one of their tools, taking from local communities the right they now have to regulate, restrict and absolutely prohibit the liquor traffic. A few of his sharpest critics introduced in the Legislature such an infamous measure, and bury it forever.

A WELL-TIMED MEETING.

[Stockton Independent.] The Road Convention which meets on the 7th of February in Sacramento could not have been better timed. Now that all the valleys are hub deep in mud the necessity for good roads forces itself upon the people. San Joaquin County should be well represented therein as all supervisors are county officers, and delegates, and all agricultural and wheelmen's organizations are authorized to appoint delegates. General Stone of the State Department of Agriculture, who will probably give the convention a great amount of information of great value which those interested cannot afford to miss.

AN EMPLOYMENT FUND.

[Santa Cruz Sentinel.] We have several times advocated the establishment of what we have called an "employment fund" by cities and counties, in order to enable them to perform their duty to the able-bodied and willing-limbed unfortunate brother who is begging for a job. It is a very laudable idea. Such a fund is probably not contemplated by any of the statutes authorizing city and county authorities to levy taxes. If this is correct, the Legislature should be urged to pass a law for that purpose. There could be no reasonable objection to such legislation. It would not be an enlargement of the poor fund, because, under the hypothesis of the case, every dollar of the tax contributed to the employment fund would be returned to the public in the shape of public improvements of some kind.

BEFORE MATCHES CAME.

The Flint and Steel and Rush Lights of Our Ancestors. To the present generation it may seem next door to the incredible that in the first years of the reign of William IV. there were no lucifer matches. In lieu thereof they used flint and steel, and splints of wood tipped at each end with melted sulphur, and before the complicated system of dipping the sulphurated splint into a concentrated sulphuric acid solution into use, these matches were kindled by first striking a light with flint and steel and then causing the spark to ignite a small quantity of tinder—an operation which was called "amadou." This simple adjunct to the process of obtaining a light had been in use all over the world from time immemorial. The French tinder was called "amadou," a word the etymology of which has been heretofore contested, some philologists deriving it from the old French adjective "amadou," equivalent to amorous, and conveying the notion of the sweetly agreeable sensation of the hand coming in contact with a very soft substance, while others trace it to the Latin "ad" meaning "to," and "mado" meaning "to burn," the French tinder was made of the bark of the mushroom and other fungi, and prior to the introduction of lucifer matches the manufacture of amadou was one of considerable importance. The cryptogamic substance was beaten on a bicussonne what after the manner of felt until it became homogeneous, and it was then impregnated with a solution of salts of nitre or simply pulverized gunpowder. The Germans still fabricate a delicate kind of amadou, which is used in surgery for staunching hemorrhage. As for flint and steel, they have as completely faded out from our domestic economy as they have from our firearms, and the tinder-box is so rarely seen that it might well be included in an exhibition of old social curios.

With flint and tinder boxes has also vanished the rushlight which, when William Cobbett was a boy, English cottagers used to make for themselves by gathering rushes and dipping them successively in tallow and in a solution of oil of tallow candle, much given to sputtering, which smelt abominably, have also died the death, and "mold candles," which strove to emulate wax ones in their form, but hardly succeeded in doing so, have been superseded by cheaper candles, almost as shapely and as light-giving as the old and costly spermaceti. Seventy years ago gas was used in gasoliers; there were no railroads, few steamboats, and no lucifer matches, yet, as Walter

FULTON'S FIRST FARE.

Overcome With Emotion When He Was Handed Six Dollars. "One of the most interesting incidents of a business nature connected with Fulton's steamboat enterprise was the first steamboat fare paid to him. The narrator of this, who was also one of the actors in the scene, says: 'I chanced to be at Albany on business when Fulton arrived there in his craft, which everybody felt so much interest in. Being ready to leave on the morning that his craft was going to return to New York, I went on board and inquired for Mr. Fulton. I was referred to the cabin, and there I found a plain, gentlemanly man wholly alone and engaged in writing. "Mr. Fulton, I presume?" "Yes, sir." "Do you return to New York with this boat?" "We shall try to get back, sir." "Can I have a passage down?" "You can take your chance with us, sir." "I inquired the amount to be paid, and after a moment's hesitation, I saw—I think \$6—was named. 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