

THE OREGONIAN'S DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON.

Confirmations Certain—Arrival of Fish and Assumption of Office.

Proceedings of Congress—The Georgia and Louisiana Seats.

IMPRISONMENT OF AMERICANS IN PARAGUAY.

The Virginia Offices—Bill to Divide Texas.

Recognition of Cuba—Navy Bill Passed the Senate.

MR. JOHNSON LEAVES FOR TENNESSEE TO-MORROW.

THE NEW ARMY ORDER.

Sheridan sent West—Halleck South.

THOMAS TO THE DIVISION OF THE PACIFIC.

SCHOFIELD TO DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI.

Howard to the Department of Louisiana.

Probable Temporary Suspension of the Tenure-of-Office Act.

The Louisiana Members Deny their Reported Intention to Resign.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Morning—Hamilton Fish has arrived.

The ultimate confirmation of Longstreet and Casey is considered certain.

The reconstruction committee had an informal meeting but did nothing.

The election committee resolved to report first on the prima facie right to seats of members from Georgia and Louisiana, under Bullock's and Warmoth's certificates.

The House is considering a resolution providing for a joint committee to inquire regarding the imprisonment of Americans in Paraguay.

Senators are considering a resolution providing for the removal from office of members of the cabinet.

Mr. Johnson will leave Washington on Thursday for his home in Tennessee.

Fish assumed the duties of the state department to-day. There was a full and prolonged cabinet session.

A new army order is in preparation. It assigns Halleck to the command of the States now commanded by Thomas and Meade.

An order has been issued assigning Sheridan to the division of Missouri, Gen. Halleck to the division of the South, comprising the departments of the South and Louisiana, the fourth military district and the States comprising the department of the Cumberland, with headquarters at Louisville.

Thomas to the division of the Pacific, Schofield to the department of Missouri, Gen. O. Howard to the department of Louisiana—until Howard's arrival Gen. M. we'll command. The first military district has been added to the division of the Atlantic.

The tenor of debate indicates that the Senate will pass the bill suspending the tenure-of-office act next session.

It seems generally understood that Grant will maintain a neutrality respecting appointments until Congress acts.

The pressure in favor of McMillen for Wolfley's place is formidable.

Nothing definite has transpired regarding Mohr's resignation.

The statement being extensively circulated that the Louisiana members of Congress, who hold the voters' certificate, have expressed the intention of resigning, the undersigned three of the five members referred to deny that they have any such intention, believing as they do, that the best interests of their respective constituencies require of them to insist that the late election in Louisiana was not only fair and just, but in full compliance with, and in fact, upon all parties concerned.

Signed: G. W. Cranin, fifth district; Michael Ryan, fourth district; Adolphus Bailey, third district; Louis St. Martin, of the first district is absent.

FROM ATLANTA.

The Georgia Legislature.

ATLANTA, March 16.—The lower house of the Legislature passed the fifteenth amendment—aye 54, nay 46. Republicans present who did not vote, 15. Republicans voting nay, 4. It is made the special order in the Senate to-morrow, at 3 P. M.

FROM VICKSBURG.

The Loss of the Ruth.

VICKSBURG, March 16.—The passengers and crew of the steamer Ruth were all saved, and arrived here last night on the steamers Plain City and Calumet.

The passengers' baggage, which was of large value, was nearly all lost. One hundred and thirty head of stock, mostly mules, lost, as well as the rest of the cargo.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The hull was scuttled and made fast to the shore.

Probable value of the boat \$100,000. Insurance unknown.

FROM EUROPE.

Recent French Recruits to be Discharged.

DEPARTURE OF THE CORTES—EARTHQUAKE IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 16.—There was a slight earthquake felt in Lancashire to-day. No damage.

TOLSON, March 16.—All soldiers and sailors recruited are to be discharged.

MADRID, March 15.—The government is about introducing a bill legalizing civil marriages.

During the discussion regarding the conscription and the recent popular demonstrations against

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The music ceased, prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Palmer, and the conferring of degrees by D. W. Brickell, M. D., dean of the faculty, followed. Dr. Brickell calling aloud the names of the graduates, each in turn came forward to receive the diploma which R. B. has taken so many long months of hard study to acquire.

The following gentlemen then in turn responded to their names, viz: In Medicine—John B. Armstrong, M. D.; R. W. Burns, Texas; Hiram E. Baker, Miss.; John C. Brown, La.; W. S. Buck, Miss.; G. O. Borda, La.; E. J. Berjot, La.; J. E. Bain, La.; J. D. Calhoun, La.; P. H. Candler, La.; Benj. Dabney, Miss.; W. A. Davis, La.; A. G. Evin, Ala.; A. F. Gates, La.; Uriah M. Guder, Texas; P. M. Gulliger, Miss.; N. M. Hebert, La.; R. B. Hines, Texas; J. L. Hanson, Texas; A. G. Harper, La.; C. T. Hines, La.; J. E. Morris, La.; E. A. Melem,