

THE CAPITAL.

CONGRESS WORKING FAITHFULLY TOWARD ADJOURNMENT.

The Senate Principally Engaged In Consideration of the District of Columbia Bill—The Army Bill Readily Mutilated in the House on Points of Order—The Potter Investigating Committee Getting Ready for Business—New Electoral Proposition Introduced in the Senate—Appointments and Other Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Senator Edmunds, from the select committee to take into consideration the law respecting the ascertaining and declaration of result of elections of President and Vice-President of the United States, said he was directed by the committee to make a report in part in the form of a bill to amend sundry provisions of chapter one, titled three revised statutes of the United States, relating to Presidential elections and to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions thereon. The bill was placed on the calendar and Mr. Edmunds gave notice that he would ask the attention of the Senate to its consideration some day next week, and would help the Senators would examine it carefully.

Senator Thurman, member of the select committee, said he was directed by the committee to make a report to be not a unanimous one, and he would take occasion to explain to the Senate why he dissented.

Senator Burnside, from the committee on education and labor, reported adversely on the House joint resolution to provide for the enforcement of the eight hour law, and also adversely on the Senate bill to regulate the hours of labor. Placed on the calendar.

Senator Davis called up the Senate bill to provide for an additional circuit judge in the second judicial district. Passed.

The bill to provide for the free entry of articles imported for exhibition at the Centennial Exposition, and for the encouragement of arts and science was passed.

Senator Hamlin, from the committee on education and labor, reported a bill to establish an educational fund, and apply a portion of the proceeds of sales of public lands to public education, and to provide for a more complete endowment and support of National colleges for the advancement of scientific and industrial education. Placed on the calendar.

Senator Allison submitted a resolution directing the secretary of the interior to transmit to the Senate certain information in regard to the application for the government of the Chickasaw nation for a hearing on the so-called permit law. Agreed to.

At the expiration of the morning hour consideration was resumed of the bill providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia.

Senator Hamlin submitted an amendment providing that a poll tax of one dollar shall be annually assessed upon and collected of every citizen of this district who shall be 21 years old, said tax to be levied and collected as other taxes.

Senator Hamlin, in explanation of his amendment, said that he had no objection to a poll tax, but that he had the benefits of schools, improved streets, etc. He believed every citizen should contribute something for what the law and government afforded him. This poll tax would probably yield to the district \$15,000 or \$20,000 a year.

Senator Whyte said he was surprised that such a proposition should come from the source it did. It was to impose on the colored people a tax of one dollar on a poll tax of \$1 a head, which many of them were now paying. Great complaint was made on the other side of the chamber that the bill was not a condition of voting.

Senator Whyte—I don't know. This is a condition of living. It is worse. He said he would not propose to pay it. He was not heard, enough to levy a poll tax of one dollar on a poll tax of \$1 a head, which many of them were now paying.

Senator Hamlin said he had no objection on account of color. He said he was satisfied no tax looking to suffrage should be levied.

Senator Hamlin said there was no connection whatever of his amendment with the right of voting. He did not think the bill was a bill because it was not enough suffrage in it, he favored a mixed government for the District, a portion of the office to be elected by the people and a portion to be appointed by the government. If the general government should take control of the District it should pay all the taxes.

The amendment of Senator Hamlin was agreed to, May 25, 1878.

The third section of the bill relating to taxation of the District, and that the Federal government shall pay fifty per cent. of the expenses of the District, etc., was then agreed to as an amendment. No change being made in the fifty per cent. clause.

The fourth section of the bill, providing that taxes shall be paid into the treasury of the United States to be distributed to the several wards and that the secretary of the treasury shall pay interest on 3.65 bonds of the District of Columbia, and also on the principal of the payment of the principal of such bonds, was agreed to with several unimportant amendments.

The fifth section of the bill, relating to contracts for pavements, repair of streets, etc., was slightly amended.

During discussion, Senator Ferry said he desired to give notice he would call up the bill to forbid the further retirement of legal tender notes as soon as the District of Columbia bill should be disposed of.

Senator Padlock submitted an amendment to the Texas Pacific railroad bill, extending aid to the river and harbor bill, the bill introduced by him October last, appropriating \$30,000 for the purpose of continuing the construction of a canal and locks at the cascades of the Columbia river. Laid on the table, and he gave notice he would address the Senate in regard thereto Monday.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.—WASHINGTON, May 24.—Mr. Kilan, from the committee on Pacific roads, reported a bill repealing section 22 of the act incorporating the Texas Pacific railroad company, declaring forfeited the rights, privileges and lands granted under that section to the New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Vicksburg railroad company, and re-enacting that section in favor of the New Orleans Pacific railroad company. Printed and recommitted.

Mr. Henkle introduced a bill to aid a ship canal company, giving the guarantee of the United States to the payment of interest on four millions of five per cent. bonds. Referred. The bill of committee for reports of a private character followed.

EUROPE'S RIDDLE.

PEACE CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED IN LONDON.

Opinion in Vienna Favorable to a Settlement—Austrian Press Concerning Italy—Benevolent's Great Victory in Parliament—Immense Loss by the Sublime Porte—Fire—Austria Proposes to Occupy Bosnia—Defeat of the German Anti-Socialist Bill.

LONDON, May 25.—The Standard says the cabinet council sat three hours yesterday, and will resume its deliberations to-day. We can review with considerable confidence the statement that difficulties arise a fair way of being removed. The prospect of peace is certainly brighter to-day than they have been for some time past. The Czar is resolute in regard to the retrocession of Bessarabia, but has a large number of advances in regard to the limits of Bulgaria. There need be no surprise if Bismarck under pressure consents to reduce the indemnity one-half or more.

THE BLACK MOUNTAINERS.—VIENNA, May 24.—Montenegro has assured Count Andrássy that she intends to keep the peace, and that her attitude will be strictly defensive.

THE WORK OF AN INCENDIARY.—CONSTANTINOPLE, May 24.—The fire among the buildings of the sublime port proved to have been the work of an incendiary. One and a half million dollars deposited there was lost.

LONDON, May 25.—A Vienna correspondent telegraphs that the hopeful disposition in political circles increases, especially in St. Petersburg and Berlin. There has been an active interchange of ideas between Austria and Great Britain, and it is expected that the Czar will be by this time led to a pretty perfect understanding between them, so that Russia by coming to an understanding with England will also agree with Austria.

ALL SWAY'S ATTEMPT.—THE TIMES has the following from Athens: The burning of the sublime port buildings and the attempt of Ali Pasha to proclaim himself Sultan, taken in conjunction with the approach of the Russians to Constantinople, create the belief here that the Sultan has placed himself under the protection of the Russians. A dispatch from Constantinople says that the statements relative to the insurance are gross exaggerations. No reports of an engagement have been received for some time past.

NEW COMPLICATION.—LONDON, May 25.—A special telegram from Rome says that Austria, fearing in the event of a possible attempt on the part of Italy to seize Trieste and the surrounding territory, has doubled the garrisons and quartered 45,000 troops in the Austrian Tyrol. A Vienna dispatch states that the Italian army is going to Trieste for transportation to Dalmanica, and that the Italian fleet will leave immediately in the same direction.

A special from Vienna says: The plan is under consideration here and at the Porte for a joint Austro-Turkish occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Austria awaits the sanction of the Porte and powers before taking any step. The object of the occupation would be to check the ambitious designs of Serbia and Montenegro.

LOOKING FORWARD.—LONDON, May 24.—A special from St. Petersburg reports that three army corps have been ordered to Finland, where considerable force is congregating.

THE MINORITY BULLDOZZED.—LONDON, May 24.—The majority in the House of Commons last night against Lord Hartington's resolution that no force be raised or kept by the crown in the event of a war with India without sanction of Parliament was nearly double the figure conceded by the opposition. All of those who estimate placed the majority at about sixty or seventy. The Times, referring to this, says: This was because the debate brought out clearly the fact that the majority of the House of Commons are in favor of the government's policy in utilizing the Indian troops. Under that interpretation the House voted upon it. If the resolution had been carried, it would have been a political defeat, and in that light overwhelmingly defeated.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS.—BERLIN, May 25.—Yesterday's debate in the German parliament on the anti-socialist law, which is now being considered by the Reichstag, was a very interesting one. The bill, which is now being considered by the Reichstag, was a very interesting one. The bill, which is now being considered by the Reichstag, was a very interesting one.

MISCELLANEOUS CHIPS.—LONDON, May 24.—A Berlin correspondent says the Emperor and Prince Bismarck both oppose Dr. Falk's retirement from the ministry of public instruction and ecclesiastical affairs, and Dr. Falk himself seems to have repented of his request for permission to go.

THE PROPOSED ELECTORAL LAW.—WASHINGTON, May 24.—The main feature of the bill reported in the Senate by Mr. Edmunds to-day, on the subject of the electoral vote for President and Vice-President, is a provision that no elector shall be elected from any State from which but one return has been received, but that one return may be received from both sections taken on 14. Representatives of the House of Representatives, and that in a case where more than one return is received from any State, the votes only shall be counted of those electors whose title of electors the two houses acting separately respectively should decide in concurrence as one designed to secure the only true northern line between the Pacific ocean and lower Mississippi and Gulf of Mexico.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.—WASHINGTON, May 24.—The President has nominated Charles Payson of Massachusetts, third assistant secretary of state, C. M. Spencer of Iowa, consular general at Mexico, Chester E. Jackson of Wisconsin, consul at Antigua; John B. Gould at Marsville, and Charles Holden, Jr., postmaster at Alton, Ill.

More Funds Wanted to Waste.—WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—At a cabinet meeting to-day the secretary of the interior read a communication from Commissioner McCormick, intimating that many funds are being expended in the purchase of American exhibits in Paris. It appears the necessity for an unexpected expenditure for the erection of buildings on space allotted to the United States is one of the principle causes of the deficiency. No communication has been received from the Commissioner until further detailed information is received.

THE COMMITTEES.—WASHINGTON, May 24.—The House committee on elections has authorized Representative Harris to report favorably a bill fixing the 22d of October for the election in West Virginia for Representatives to the 46th Congress.

The reports in the South Carolina contested election case of Richardson against Blaine have been completed. The majority report, recommending a new election, is signed by all the Democratic members, and the minority report, declaring Blaine the elected member, entitled to the seat, is signed by all the Republican members of the committee.

The House judiciary committee has appointed Representative Butler a sub-committee to report upon articles of impeachment against Oliver B. Bradford, late consular clerk to Shanghai.

Subscriptions to the 4 per cent. loan to-day is \$155,550.

Flood in Deadwood.—DEADWOOD, D. T., May 24.—Last night the Lone Star hotel, two stories high, was washed from its foundation, and floated a short distance down Whitefoot creek, and landed on the shore, where it now stands. The high water began to fall at an early hour this morning, and no further danger is anticipated at present.

Kate Southern's Escape From the Gallows.—ATLANTA, Ga., May 24.—Gov. Colquhoun has commuted the death sentence of Mrs. Kate Southern, of Pickens, to imprisonment in the penitentiary for ten years.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 24.—Forest City, 16; Atlantic, of London, Ont., 2.

PRESBYTERIANS.

The Assembly Meeting at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, May 24.—The eighth day's session of the Presbyterian general assembly commenced at 9 o'clock this morning. Rev. Dr. Campbell read a report of the board of education, and of the board of Christian education, candidates accepted during the year, 439; those in the theological seminaries, 247; collegiate course, 165; academy, 24. Fitting for labor in foreign languages—German, 32; Portuguese, French and Welsh, 11; for work among freedmen, 12. The church contributed the past year outside of those of 1877 by \$20, and notwithstanding the stringency of the times the receipts only fell off \$2,773.59. There is a disposition to be more strict over studies and exact a higher grade of qualification for ministers. The second day's session was devoted to the reading of the judgment of the assembly in the case of the appeal of Isaac M. Lee, from the decision of the synod of New Jersey. Rev. Pringle Smith, D. D. read the report of the committee on the appeal of Isaac M. Lee, and Rev. John Miller from the decision of the Presbytery of New Brunswick. After reading the report the assembly proceeded to the trial of the case of Isaac M. Lee, and the points of doctrinal teaching, is one of the most important matters brought before the assembly. The case of Isaac M. Lee, who is a child of Adam, was personally accounted guilty of Adam's sin, inherited from a corrupt nature, and is not immortal, that at the death of the soul the soul becomes extinct and so continues until the resurrection, a doctrine contrary to the teaching of the Bible, and the teaching of the church. The case of Isaac M. Lee, who is a child of Adam, was personally accounted guilty of Adam's sin, inherited from a corrupt nature, and is not immortal, that at the death of the soul the soul becomes extinct and so continues until the resurrection, a doctrine contrary to the teaching of the Bible, and the teaching of the church.

THE MISTY MOUNTAINS.—MADISON, Wis., May 24.—Last night's heavy storm was accompanied by the unusual phenomena of a rain of sticks, stones, boards and twigs, of various sizes, and large hail. The storm came from the southwest, probably from Mineral Point. Between Mount Vernon and Oregon it was especially severe. Fifteen to twenty barns were totally destroyed. A Norwegian living near Mount Vernon, narrowly escaped death, and his father-in-law, Harve Bergt, and brother, Herbert Bergt, were killed instantly, while his mother-in-law was seriously injured by the destruction of their dwelling. John Spensley, merchant of Mt. Vernon, was also killed. A number of prairie fires started during the evening. The loss of life and property was very heavy. The storm was accompanied by a heavy rain, and the ground was very wet. The storm was accompanied by a heavy rain, and the ground was very wet.

LATER AND WORSE.—MADISON, Wis., May 24.—The tornado which passed over this place last night proves to have been more widespread and destructive than was thought last night. The storm came from the direction of southwest, passing through a section of the State where no telegraphic communication exists. The details of the great destruction and loss of life are not known. Enough has been received, however, to show the devastation and sacrifice of property and life has been appalling. In the vicinity of Primrose, twenty-five miles southwest of this city, from there through Mount Vernon to Oregon, the storm was very wide spread damage. From 25 to 30 barns and farm houses were blown down, some of them utterly destroyed, and the debris carried off before the mighty avalanche of wind. One of it falling at 12 to 15 miles away, one shunter of a house falling in Lake Mendota near this city. Some 15 to 20 persons are known to be killed and large numbers seriously injured. Graphic yet terrible descriptions are given of the terrible effects of the storm. Teams and wagons are reported taken from the roads and carried in the air and dashed to the ground. At Dr. Geo. Fox's near Oregon, his valuable horses in the air, and his carriage taken up a hundred feet in the air, carried fifty rods and dashed to the earth, killing the driver and his wife. The storm was accompanied by a heavy rain, and the ground was very wet.

THE MYSTERIOUS CIMBRIA.—A Babbling Lieutenant Tells All About the Mission—Three Ships Purchased in America.—ELLSWORTH, Me., May 24.—Small parties of Russian officers are leaving the Cimbria to-day with all their baggage which they pass formally through the custom house. A few leave by every boat going west. One of the officers in the Cimbria is a Russian, and he says that the crew is composed of three ships' crews, each fully equipped. He says there is no harm in now saying that they have come to America to man three fast vessels to be purchased and converted into Russian cruisers. He links two of the vessels to the coast of Alaska, and the other to Philadelphia. Such officers as have left the Cimbria have gone to these vessels. When asked why they were not taken directly in the Cimbria to the point of transfer, the Russian officer said that the crew of the Cimbria, highly educated and apparently candid in his statement.

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GREAT GALES.

OLD BUREAU ON HIS DEATH-BED—TRAVEL.

Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois Visited.—Great Destruction of Life and Property.—Terrible Force of the Wind—Houses and Animals Picked up Like Straws, Blown Through the Air, and Dashed to the Earth and Demolished and Killed—Names of Some of the Victims.

QUINCY, Ill., May 24.—A tornado struck the western part of Brown county yesterday afternoon, a few miles south of Mounds. Some houses were blown down, and it is reported that three persons were killed.

DEBUIQUE, Ia., May 24.—A special to the Herald from Mineral Point, Wis., gives a brief announcement that a terrible tornado struck that town at about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Owing to a break in the wire at Warren, it is impossible to get full particulars. It is known that a large stone brewery and several stone buildings surrounding it were demolished, and it is feared several buildings will be found under the ruins. The buildings adjacent to the brewery are John Miller's house, the Globe hotel, First ward school, Hill's store, Currier's harness shop, Wisconsin home, and Ettinger's furniture store. These buildings were in the line of the tornado and are more or less damaged. The bodies of John Miller, wife and daughter; Wm. Coates, wife and daughter; and Mrs. Waller, wife and daughter, were blown away. Mrs. Waller was blown away from her home, and Mrs. Waller, wife and daughter, were blown away. Mrs. Waller was blown away from her home, and Mrs. Waller, wife and daughter, were blown away.

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