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CONGRESSIONAL.

Financial Resolutions.

The Effect of Judge Underwood's Decision.

A Blow to Eight Hour Men.

An Act of Justice to Women.

Caleb Cushing not Buying Cuba.

The Indian Bureau—The Condemnatory Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Senate today

The death of Finney, of Pennsylvania, was announced and appropriate remarks made by...

The committee to investigate alleged corruption in the Alaska purchase, examined...

Washington, Dec. 17.—The name of Hiram Ketchum of New York, was sent to the Senate...

In the House today, immediately after the reading of the journal, Dickey announced the death of Laurence Stevens, his predecessor, Kelly, Wood, Broomal, Dickey, Polan, Maynard, Ashley, Miller, Farnsworth, Koontz, Dunsford, Robinson, Lawrence and Synken delivered eulogies on the deceased. Adjourned.

Cincinnati, Dec. 18.—A fire this morning burned the fancy grocery establishment of H. D. B. on the corner of 22d and Vine streets. The loss is about \$50,000. No fire occurred on the corner later on No. 13 Vine street.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—A Washington special says the House Postal Committee to-day agreed on a bill forbidding the members of Congress the use of the franking privilege except during sessions of Congress; also forbidding the use of the stamping machine now in general use.

The Tennessee Troubles. Memphis, December 17.—The Ledger has a report of a fight between a squad of citizens and a squad of militia in August, Arkansas, yesterday, in which four of the militia were killed.

The Avalanches. The Little Rock special says there was a fierce debate in the House to-day, on a resolution imposing the Governor's proclamation making martial law in Conway county. It was finally adopted, forty to nineteen. The Governor's message to the House states the force of militia in the South-east, at 500. General Patterson is in command and thinks martial law can be dispensed with. Arrangements have been made to have Federal troops occupy the counties on the withdrawal of the militia.

The Disbanding. Chicago, December 17.—The soldiers reunion closed with a grand banquet at the Chamber of Commerce. The hall was magnificently decorated and the scene one of great enthusiasm and enjoyment. Speeches were made by Generals Schofield, Thomas, Slocum, Pope, Logan, Terry, Oglesby and others. The next reunion will be held some time next year at Indianapolis.

Reverdy Johnson Assigns a Cause. London, Dec. 17.—A letter from Reverdy Johnson to the Workingmen's Society justifies his friendly intercourse with Laird and other friends of the Southern States by the examples of Grant and Sherman's treatment of rebel officers. It is his guilty of treason, so are Grant and Sherman. Gen. Grant has entertained at his own house distinguished rebel leaders. He ascribes the attacks in American newspapers upon him to a secret desire for the peaceful relations between England and the United States. The Daily Telegraph in a leader on the financial position of President Johnson's Message and its treatment by Congress, complains of the resolution which would repeal legislation which have been called forth by the message still leave open the question of the payment of the national debt in greenbacks.

Johnson, American Minister, in a short speech at the anniversary of the French Hospital, declared Lord Clarendon was of the same mind as Lord Stanley in regard to the settlement of the question pending between England and America. Peace between the two countries is certain.

Crises. Havana, Dec. 17. Parties here friendly to the revolution declare the insurgents are receiving arms, and even men from the United States. It is believed an expedition in aid of the insurrection is organizing at Nassau. The government has taken steps to prevent it from reaching Cuba.

Spanish Affairs. Paris, Dec. 16.—The following official dispatch from Spain is received. The addresses intended for the heads of departments in the provinces will not be forwarded. "The leaders of all political parties have united in making a solemn pledge to use all their influence to preserve peace and order throughout the country until the constitutional courts meet and have settled the questions at issue. The prompt suppression of the revolt of Cuba is greatly strengthened by the attitude of the Provisional Government and dispelled the alarm which previously prevailed."

The appointment of Senor Mauricio Roberts, Minister of Spain, to the United States, and what further legislation is necessary for the further protection of the rights of American citizens in Japan. Adopted.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senate.—Hays rejected the bill for the abolition of the franking privilege, and recommended its passage. Edmunds introduced a bill providing the act admitting Georgia and proposing a provisional government for that State. Referred to Judiciary.

Trumbull from Judiciary committee reported a bill for further guaranteeing the reconstruction of the South and recommending its indefinite postponement.

Williams introduced a bill to provide for the better administration of justice in the Territories. Referred.

The Senate held a brief executive session. A resolution was adopted asking the Secretary of the Interior for information, whether the Indians recently attacked by Gen. Gustav were hostile or peaceable.

The Senate took up the resolution expressing sympathy with the people of Spain. Davis objected to the latter part of the resolution, recommending the abolition of slavery and characterized it as a piece of officious interference. Salsbury agreed with Davis. The resolution passed 41 to 5. The resolution sympathizes with the people of Spain in the effort to establish a more liberal form of government, and expresses confident hope that it will be conducted to end in such a way as to promote the triumph of liberal institutions and secure the opportunity to pass without securing the immediate emancipation of slaves and the final abolition of slavery.

The House held a brief executive session. The clerk of the House reported that the resolutions on the death of Laurence Stevens. The Senate adjourned to Monday, having first adopted appropriate resolutions on the death of Finney.

Permyer introduced a bill providing for the reassembling of the Georgia Constitutional Convention within thirty days, and instructing it to amend the constitution so as to place beyond doubt the right of every citizen to hold office, and to hold office, and the amendment shall become part of the constitution upon its approval by Congress. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The House offered a resolution requesting the Judiciary Committee to report a bill for the reassembling of the Georgia Constitutional Convention in accordance with the 22d section of the 14th amendment. Adopted.

The House adjourned. The resolutions to print 30,000 copies of the catalogues delivered yesterday.

Washington reported the pension bill which appropriates \$25,000,000. Consideration of it was postponed till January 5th.

It is supposed, with the intention of getting one of the Justices of the Supreme Court to sign the citation with a view of placing his case before the United States Supreme Court. Columbus, Dec. 18.—A resolution was introduced in the Legislature authorizing the Governor to arm 1,000 men as a reserve force to send to any locality where acts of lawlessness are committed, the expense to be paid by such convicts.

Vienna, Dec. 17.—An unofficial dispatch from Constantinople says the ultimatum of the Sultan has been rejected by Greece. The Greek army here has received his passport. All Greeks remaining in Turkey since a fortnight, women and children, excepted, will be regarded as subjects of the Sublime Porte.

Montana Legislature

Jury Bill.

Indian War Appropriation of \$1,000,000.

The House Mint Memorial Passed.

Licensing Bawdy Houses.

Action on Attachment Law.

The Homestead Act Passes.

Placer Law Repeal Killed.

The Capital Question Up.

Council on Record for Deer Lodge.

Amendment to Election Law.

Governor's Leave.

[Special dispatch to the Montana Post.]

Virginia City, Dec. 17.—Council, morning session.—On motion of Bagge, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on Council bill No. 5, an act concerning jurors. Committee rose and took a recess.

House, morning session.—Stapleton, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported favorably on H. B. No. 18, an act relative to executors and administrators, and recommended that its passage be made the special order for half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Select Committee reported a substitute for C. B. No. 4, an act concerning jurors. Substitute adopted, and made the special order for three p. m.

H. J. M. No. 2, asking for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the expenses of the Indian war of 1867. Passed.

H. B. No. 8, creating the office of Clerk of the Probate Court, passed.

H. J. M. No. 1, praying Congress for the establishment of a Branch Mint in Montana, passed.

The report of Ellis, Chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations relative to the petition of the Oregon Legislature, was adopted.

Council offered a resolution asking for a committee of three from the House and a like number from the Council to take into consideration the communication from the Oregon Legislature. Adopted. Stewart and Hicks were appointed.

Council.—Afternoon session.—Bagge, Chairman of Committee of the Whole, made a report. One of the sections requires a license to be imposed on keepers of bawdy houses. The report was received. Council adjourned.

House.—In Committee of the Whole the entire afternoon. Council adjourned.

Virginia City, Dec. 18.—House.—Morning session.—The Judiciary Committee referred back for the consideration of the House C. B. No. 17, requiring the County Commissioner of Missoula county, to provide offices, etc., to be purely local.

The Judiciary Committee reported H. B. No. 22, an act to regulate proceedings in civil cases in courts of justice with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that the present law provides sufficient means of attachment without further amendment. Report received.

Barnes introduced H. B. No. 21, to provide for increased compensation for Wm. M. Conch, for services rendered the Territory. Read and referred.

Highly introduced H. B. No. 26, an act to legalize the records of Jefferson county. Read and referred.

Council.—Morning Session.—Watson introduced C. B. No. 23, an act to authorize County Clerks to administer oaths, and for other purposes. Read and referred.

On motion of Bagge, the Clerk of the Council was directed to inquire of the Secretary of the Territory if he had ordered the Gazette and Independent for the Council, as requested by its members.

C. B. No. 13.—A bill relating to homesteads was passed and afterwards reconsidered and reported back to the committee or correction.

Council, v. m.—Mr. Bagge, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported back H. B. No. 5, repealing the act relative to placer mines, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. Orr from the Judiciary Committee reported adversely to the bill creating the office of Attorney General. The report was laid on the table until the minority report is received. Adjourned.

House, v. m.—The House was in Committee of the Whole all the forenoon. The Governor has a reception to night. Six inches of snow fell here to-day.

Virginia City, Dec. 19.—Council.—Mr. Rand, chairman on Council Bill No. 7, locating the seat of government in the Territory, reported signed by English, Edwards and Orr, and a minority report signed by Rand and Watson. Both reports were received.

It was moved by English that the majority report be adopted. Lost. Yes—Edwards, Callen, Coram, English, George and Orr—6. Nays—Bagge, Dance, Mitchell, Rand, Davis, Watson and Russell—7.

Rand moved that the minority report be adopted. Carried by a majority of 7 to 6. The minority report recommends that Mr. Rand's bill locating the Capital at Deer Lodge City be passed. Majority report that it do not.

It was moved by Mr. English to strike out Deer Lodge and insert Helena, which was lost. Yes—English, Edwards, Callen, Coram, George and Orr. Nays—Bagge, Dance, Mitchell, Rand, Davis, Watson, Russell, Adjourned to Monday.

House.—Mr. Hicks introduced H. B. No. 27, regulating the holding of elections in Montana, which was referred.

Mr. Stapleton introduced H. B. No. 28: An act in relation to costs, which was ordered printed.

H. B. No. 18, relating to executors and administrators. Lost. Adjourned.

with ten thousand dollars of public money. Springfield, Mass., Dec. 19.—An unsuccessful attempt last night at Thomsenville to burn the New York and Boston midnight express from the tracks.

Peruvian Bark. New York, Dec. 19.—A New Orleans special says the steamer Havana, which cleared from New York for New Orleans as a merchant vessel, bolted the Peruvian flag when the crew landed in the city.

The Arkansas Troubles. Memphis, Dec. 19.—The Avalanche's Little Rock special says the latest information from Augusta shows the place nearly deserted by citizens. These remaining hourly expect an attack upon the militia from outside.

Foreign. London, Dec. 19.—The French official journal says the Emperor's program of policy, which is liberal at home and pacific abroad.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Herald's Constantinople special dispatch reports that the Turkish Admiral, Hobart Pasha, followed the Greek steamer Eros into the harbor of Syria has been confirmed by the French war ship Forbin.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Monitor regrets the breaking out of hostilities between Turkey and Greece, and hopes a common action on the part of the great powers will shorten its duration and circumscribe the consequences of the capture.

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agency of our intercourse laws, are denied to our citizens. The acquisition of this territory by our Government is only a question of time, but from our proximity to it, its identity of pursuit, its eligibility for railroads and harbor facilities, as well as the easy overland communication it affords with our newly acquired possessions, it is manifest that we should anticipate its purchase with some degree of solicitude. We have learned enough of its resources to know what it may become in the possession of an enterprising people, and sympathizing with that sentiment which would plant the free flag of the Republic over all portions of this continent, it is certainly not improper for us to give expression to the practical views by which we are animated. A series of resolutions to this effect, and an intimation to our Government of our desire for the early acquisition of this Territory, would give a practical embodiment to our opinions which would not fail to elicit attention."

OUR VIRGINIA LETTER. The bill to tax Chinamen—John to Citizenize or remove—Homestead Exemption—Extra tax on land—The death of Prayner—Protestants.

EDITOR POST: An interesting discussion took place in the Council this afternoon, on the bill proposing to tax Chinamen. The power of the Legislature in this respect, was assumed, by several of the disputants, to be omnipotent. Treaties were of no account, and nothing seemed to answer but that Chinamen should be taxed. Mr. Davis, of Madison, and Mr. Orr, of Mengler, were really the only persons who understood that there were any treaty provisions upon the subject. The latter gentleman took broad ground, that no foreigner should be permitted to work on mines, who did not declare, legally, his intentions to become a citizen of the United States. I have not seen the bill and do not understand its provisions, but the treaty with China, provides that the people of that country may have, hold and work ground, and if legislative enactments contravert that, John will go back on his constitutional rights and laugh at our legislation.

The Homestead Bill was discussed, and will probably pass in the form in which it was presented, with a repealing clause of all former exemptions. This will give every man a homestead, who has one, and all other classes, unfortunately enough to fall in business, will lose their all.

The effort of Mr. Rand to reduce the extra compensation of members from twelve to six dollars per diem, was voted down in the Council, after a brief and spirited discussion. The members are determined to take care of themselves. Mr. Rand and Mr. Orr argued strongly in favor of the reduction; but Bagge, Dance and Mitchell made strong speeches against it, and seemed to think the people would find fault with it. The House is essentially careless of its religious interests. One motion to elect a Chaplain was lost. It was then moved that the right Rev. Bishop Tuttle officiate as Chaplain while he remained in the city; but even this the House was graceless enough to veto by a vote of 13 to 11. This indifference to spiritual matters, he understood, does not apply to saloons. They are well patronized.

The movements of the Legislature indicate that its members are of opinion there is little to do. If such is the case, there is no good reason why the session should continue more than twenty days longer. I could mention the names of five members in the Council who occupy about two-thirds of the time in speech making upon subjects so unimportant that they have already disgusted one or two of the new members. I like the spirit of independence with which some of the substantial members denounce this folly. Dance, to-day, in a few words, told the debaters that their talk was nonsense. Three or four such men as Dance and English would hurry business and make legislation a business, as it should be.

Nothing more worth mentioning. ONCE MORE. Virginia City, Dec. 14th, 1868.

Amendment of the Bill Relating to Fines—Why they would not have a Chaplain—Stamps to Take Home—Assessment Squabble—If a body meet a Bawdy?—Nothing to do.

In the House, quite a lively discussion sprang up on the passage of the bill relating to fines, and the protection of timber. Mr. Brisson of Summit, who aspires at least to be a conspicuous member, in a speech of some twenty minutes, convinced every one who heard him, that he could not see why the old law of last Session, with all its enormities should not stand. He thought it was just the thing: Mr. Stapleton, who is not a member of the Judiciary Committee, and who by the bye, is one of the most talented members of the House, made a speech of ten minutes, in which he dissected the old law thoroughly. He denounced it as a foolish law, which no court of justice would enforce, and as a dangerous law in every respect. He said he has boldly violated it himself two hundred times since its passage, and he would it appear petty chivalry, that any one accustomed to camping, would almost necessarily violate it every time he built a camp fire. Mr. Ellis also made what he thought was a speech, looked cold chunks of wisdom through his "specks" and sat down with an air of Alsatian grandeur. He, of course, is the D'Israeli of the Commons. The act passed, Mr. Brisson voting in the negative. I wish your