

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

WHEAT-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.

BY MORSE'S MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, 1881.

THE FARMERS.

Members JOHN DAVIS, DICKINSON and WINTHROP presented petitions in favor of and against the bill to amend the patent law.

ANOTHER PETITION AGAINST THE FUGITIVE LAW. Mr. HAMLIN presented a petition to repeal the Fugitive Slave Law. Laid on the table.

THE MISSISSIPPI OVERFLOW.

Mr. DOWNES moved to print 5,000 extra copies of the report of the Board of Engineers on the cause of inundations of the Lower Mississippi. After debate, the motion was agreed to.

STATE PAPERS.

A report from the Secretary of the Interior, with a statement of a number of persons employed in the Interior Department, was received and referred.

A report from the Treasury Department, enclosing reports of Drs. Edwards and Loring, on marine hospital, was received and referred.

THE WORKS OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

Mr. FRENCH, from the Library Committee, reported a bill for the purchase of the works of Alexander Hamilton.

THE SLAVE TRADE.

Mr. CLAY submitted a resolution that the Committee on Commerce be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making more effectual provisions by law to prevent the employment of American vessels and American crews in the African slave trade, and especially as to the expediency of granting sea letters or other letters, as evidence of national character, to American vessels clearing out of ports of the Empire for Brazil for the coast of Africa. Mr. CLAY asked for the consideration of the resolution now.

Mr. FRENCH objected, and the resolution was laid over.

THE GREAT PORTAGE BILL.

Mr. BRADY introduced a joint resolution, directing that in the purchase of manufactured steel by the Government, the American manufacture shall be preferred.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE SLAVE TRADE.

Mr. HAMILTON moved and the correspondence of the American Minister at Brazil, relating to the slave trade, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

Mr. BRADY offered a resolution which was adopted, directing the Military Committee to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the drawing professor of West Point.

THE DRY DOCK ON THE PACIFIC.

Mr. FENNELL offered a resolution, directing the Finance Committee to inquire whether the law for constructing a dry dock on the Pacific coast should be amended so as to save a considerable sum of money without impairing the utility of the work.

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THE FRENCH SLOTTING BILL.

Mr. CAMDEN moved to take up the bill granting a pension to Gen. Armstrong. After debate, the motion was lost.

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NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

ALBANY, January 20, 1881.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

To amend the act of Practice; to prohibit individuals from introducing the plea of insanity in any action; to extend the law in favor of mechanics so as to embrace Westchester county.

A discussion arose on the resolution respecting the circulation of legislative documents, which ran into a debate on that part of the Governor's message relating to bribery in elections, during which a select committee was proposed to inquire into facts.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, January 20, 1881.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

To reduce the fare on railroads; to recharter the Sodus Canal Co.; to abolish the Free School Law, State and County Superintendents, and the District School Journal; for amending the Act and the Canal and Rochester Railroad through Auburn.

REMONSTRANCES.

Of the Syracuse and Utica Railroad Company, against a reduction of their fare.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Governor transmitted resolutions of the Legislature of Vermont, relative to the promotion of peace throughout the Union; also, resolutions of the Constitutional Conventions of Indiana and Maryland, relative to the compromise measure of Congress; also, resolutions of the Legislature of New Hampshire, on the same subject. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

THE BEAVER'S SAVINGS BANK.

The President of the Beaver's Savings Bank, of New York, transmitted his annual report.

CHARTER REPEALED.

The bill repealing the charter of the Croton Turbine Company passed.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Incorporating the Williamsburg Savings Bank. Amending the act relating to the abolition of the office of Sundry Clerk. Repealing the law establishing free banking. Repealing the act relating to the incorporation of banks. Granting privilege to the Albany and Schenectady Railroad Company to make a loan not exceeding \$300,000. To amend the act incorporating telegraph companies.

BILLS NOTICED.

Incorporating and regulating savings banks. Imposing tax on male citizens twenty years of age of fifty cents, the proceeds to aid in the support of common schools. Imposing tax on professional gentlemen for the same purpose. Amending the act incorporating telegraph companies. Granting privilege to the Albany and Schenectady Railroad Company to make a loan not exceeding \$300,000. To amend the act incorporating telegraph companies.

MONUMENT TO GEN. NICHOLS.

Mr. DENNIS of Onondaga presented joint resolutions, that the State erect a monument to the memory of Gen. Nichols, of Herkimer.

FURTHER PARTICIPANTS OF THE GREAT FIRE AT NEW ORLEANS.

The tremendous conflagration that occurred here yesterday, is the heaviest calamity that has befallen New Orleans for years. The destruction of the St. Charles Hotel, which was the pride of the South, will be severely felt. Business, yesterday, was suspended in consequence of the excitement. The fire broke out in the lower part of this city on Sunday morning, which consumed three or four dwellings. The loss of property is not much, but several poor families were turned out in the cold.

Practical Amalgamation in Boston.

Some astounding developments, relative to the recent disappearance of a young girl, named Brown, the daughter of a highly respectable abolitionist, have been made. It appears the father had expressed himself indifferent as to whether his daughter married a white man or negro. She took him at his word and a few weeks since eloped with a black man, married him, and in his company went to the different ends of an island, in one of which she was discovered by an officer, and carried to her father. The girl is now in the hands of the police, and it is believed that the father will be satisfied with the result.

Telegraphic Communication with Canada.

The New York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Company, (Morris line) is well advanced in the construction of their line with Troy and Montreal, and it is believed that this forming a direct communication with Montreal and the intermediate stations on that line. All messages will now be sent without repetition at Troy, as heretofore.

Meteorological Observations.

BY MORSE'S MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH. BUFFALO, JAN. 20 - 9 A. M. Strong wind from southwest. Thermometer 33 deg. above zero. Barometer falling rapidly, now 29.40.

8 P. M. - The weather is quite cloudy here, with some systems of snow. Wind west. Thermometer 34. Barometer 29.55.

ROCHESTER, JAN. 20 - 9 A. M. Yesterday was a very cold and raw day. Wind strong from west. Thermometer 20. Barometer 30.00.

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SYRACUSE, JAN. 20 - 9 A. M. Yesterday was quite a cold day. Wind strong from west. Thermometer 20. Barometer 30.00.

8 P. M. - The weather is quite cloudy here, with some systems of snow. Wind west. Thermometer 34. Barometer 29.55.

UTICA, JAN. 20 - 9 A. M. Employment and stormy. This morning's storm moderately. Thermometer 40. Barometer 29.60.

8 P. M. - We have had a cloudy, but not stormy day. Wind from west. Thermometer 35. Barometer 29.60.

OWEGO, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. Mild but growing colder. Wind from southwest. Thermometer 35. Barometer 29.60.

ALBANY, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. We have had a beautiful day, with occasional sprinkling of snow. Slight thaw this afternoon. Thermometer 40. Barometer 29.60.

OWEGO, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. Cloudy. River again frozen over. Thermometer 35. Barometer 29.60.

FORT PEARSON, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. Mild. Wind southwest. Thermometer 30. Barometer 29.60.

BOSTON, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. Thermometer 38. Wind northwest. Wet. Barometer 29.60.

BIRMINGHAM, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. Thermometer 30. Cloudy. Barometer 29.60.

PHILADELPHIA, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. The weather is foggy. Wind from southwest. Thermometer 35. Barometer 29.60.

WILMINGTON, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. We have soft and very foggy weather, with the wind west-southwest. Thermometer 40. Barometer 29.60.

BALTIMORE, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. The atmosphere is foggy. The thermometer is 41 degrees above zero. Wind from southwest. Thermometer 41. Barometer 29.60.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. The sky is clear and the wind is south-southwest. The thermometer notes 37 degrees.

CHICAGO, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. The weather is bright and beautiful, but little cold.

ST. LOUIS, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. The weather has been fair, and the sun is very bright. It is now thawing, and the sky is cloudy, and it rains a snow storm. The thermometer is 35 degrees.

ST. CINCINNATI, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. The weather is clear and mild, and the sun shines brightly.

DETROIT, JAN. 20 - 9 P. M. The weather here is quite cold, and it is blowing very hard. The river is frozen nearly across.

Massachusetts Congressional Elections.

BOSTON, JAN. 20, 1881.

The election in this State, to supply vacancies in the present and thirty-second Congress, took place to-day. The result, so far as known, is summed up in the following:

Second District - Salem gives Charles W. Upham, whig, 1,188 votes; Robert Kautoul, Jr., dem., 805; Samuel E. Sewall, 252; scattering, 30 - a whig loss of 65. Other towns give a whig gain, but there is, probably, no choice in this district.

Third District - Lowell gives James Dunagan, whig, 260 majority - a gain sufficient to elect him, as the majority against him at the last election was small.

Fourth District - Charlestown gives Benjamin Thompson, whig, a gain of over 100. Cambridge also gives a large gain for the whigs. The result, therefore, shows a gain for Mr. Thompson over J. O. Palmer, for whig, and Richard Frothingham, Jr., democrat, 700. There is probably no chance in the district; but Mr. Thompson will come very near being elected. The free voters seem to have deserted Palmer, on account of his letter against the coalition.

Fifth District - There is probably no choice in this district, which is now represented by Charles Allen, free soiler, who was a candidate for re-election to the Thirty-second Congress.

Truth District - Bedford gives Zeno Scudder, whig 348 gain; he is no doubt elected, as the majority against him at the last election was less than 200. The vote is very small.

The Election for United States Senator in Missouri.

St. Louis, Jan. 21, 1881.

On the 31st ballot for U. S. Senator in the Missouri Legislature, the vote stood for Geyer 65; Hinch (nominated by anti-Bentonite vote on the 26th ballot) 60; Benton 35; Strangellion 3.

The Pennsylvania Legislature.

Harrisburg, Jan. 20, 1881.

In the Senate numerous resolutions were presented for free banking. Joint resolutions instructing senators and members in Congress to vote in favor of a law requiring the pre-payment of letters, and to establish the post office money order system, as in England, were laid on the table for the present.

General John M. Vickel, State Treasurer for the past year, was re-elected by the Legislature to the same office this morning. The vote was, for Mr. Vickel, democrat 73; Mr. Siddlewicker, whig 37.

Mr. DENNIS of Onondaga presented joint resolutions, that the State erect a monument to the memory of Gen. Nichols, of Herkimer.

Sale of Henry Long, &c.

Baltimore, Jan. 20, 1881.

Henry Long the fugitive slave, was sold at auction at Richmond, on Saturday, for the sum of \$300, he was bought by George Greider, and will be taken further north. A large number of persons were present, including members of the Legislature and Convention. There was great applause at the conclusion of the sale. The purchaser of Henry had to give heavy bonds that he would take him to the South.

A series of resolutions presented to the Virginia Legislature, on Saturday, declaring the determination of the State to abide by the compromise, and to insist on the faithful observance of its parts was postponed indefinitely. Richard J. Turner, who has been in jail four years for defrauding the Mechanics' bank of Norfolk, was released from the State Prison after having served about half his sentence.

No mail south of Richmond, has been received to-day.

Court of Appeals.

Baltimore, Jan. 20, 1881.

The argument in case No. 100 was concluded this afternoon.

Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Before Chief Justice Rogers and Justices Franklin and Dolan.

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