

WASHINGTON.

Report of the House Judiciary Committee on C. M.

A BUCKETFUL OF WHITEWASH.

Morrill's Senate Report to Be Presented To-Day.

PATERSON TO BE EXPELLED.

Harlan To Be Severely Censured and a General Censure for the Rest.

PASSAGE OF THE FISHERY BILL.

A Long Wrangle Over the Agricultural Colleges Land Steal.

CONGRESS IN NIGHT SESSION.

Butler Proposes an Increase of Executive, Judicial and Legislative Salaries.

HAWLEY KICKING IN THE PARTY TRACES.

The Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Bill Passed in the House.

The Reception of Butler's Report from the Judiciary Committee in the Senate.

When General Butler got the floor to-day, to submit the report of the Judiciary Committee in relation to the resolution of the House recently referred to it, there was the most profound attention.

Message from the President Urging the Necessity of Immediate Legislation on the Fishery Bill.

The President sent the following message to-day to the Senate and House of Representatives:

In my Annual Message to Congress at the opening of the second session of the present Congress (December 1871), I recommended the legislation necessary to carry out the provisions of the Treaty of Washington of May 8, 1842, and the relations of the United States to the fisheries of the North Atlantic.

On the 21st of January, 1873, I received from the Secretary of State a copy of the report of the Commission on the Fisheries of the North Atlantic, which was organized by the Executive Order of the 10th of January, 1872.

The report of the Commission is a valuable contribution to our knowledge of the fisheries of the North Atlantic, and it is my duty to bring it to the attention of the Congress.

The Commission has found that the fisheries of the North Atlantic are being rapidly depleted, and that the cause of this depletion is the over-fishing of the fish.

The Commission has also found that the fisheries of the North Atlantic are being encroached upon by foreign vessels, and that this encroachment is causing a serious loss to our fishermen.

It is therefore necessary that the Congress should take prompt action to protect our fisheries and to secure to our fishermen the full enjoyment of their rights.

I therefore urge the Congress to pass immediately the bill which I have recommended, and to take such other action as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Treaty of Washington.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

U. S. GRANT.

President Grant Weighed of the Louisiana and Middle.

The President, in his interview with the Committee on Privileges and Elections at the Capitol to-day, urged some action by Congress in Louisiana matters.

He recommended no particular action, but simply desired to be relieved of the responsibility of personally directing affairs in that State.

The Struggle Over the Agricultural College Land Bill in the Senate.

The Senate frittered away two days and a half last week on the Two-Cent bill, and to-day's time has been squandered by that body on the bill ending agricultural colleges with fresh subsidies for the sake of one educational establishment.

The bill, which was introduced by Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, and which was passed by the House on the 14th of February, is now before the Senate.

The bill provides for the establishment of agricultural colleges in each State, and for the payment of a subsidy to each college.

The bill is opposed by Mr. Sherman, of New York, who claims that the bill is unconstitutional.

Mr. Sherman's objection is based on the fact that the bill gives the President the power to appoint and remove the trustees of the colleges.

Mr. Sherman claims that this power is reserved to the States, and that the bill is therefore unconstitutional.

Mr. Morrill, on the other hand, claims that the bill is constitutional, and that it is necessary for the promotion of agriculture in the United States.

The Senate will probably pass the bill, but it is likely that it will be amended in some important particulars.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, and it is now the duty of the Senate to act upon it.

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body into disgrace. The final vote on Senator Harlan's case will be taken to-morrow, and the committee will probably report against him a resolution of censure.

There will be no resolution of censure against Wilson and Logan, although they will come in for the severest reprobation of the committee.

The committee will further declare that the testimony shows that Senator Conkling had no connection whatever with the Credit Mobilier, and that he is therefore fully exonerated.

A Special Meeting of Poland's White-washers To Be Held.

Judge Poland's committee on the Credit Mobilier charges will hold a special meeting to-morrow morning for the purpose of determining upon what recommendation shall be made to the House in reference to the time for debate to-morrow on the expulsion resolutions.

The committee is disposed to allow all the time for debate that possibly can be given; but, on account of the pressure of business, they will probably recommend that the matter be concluded.

Judge Poland has prepared a report in relation to the Sioux City and Iowa Falls road, under the resolution of Mr. Stevenson, which he will submit to the committee to-morrow. It is very short and implicates no member of Congress.

The report recommends that Mr. Stevenson's resolution be taken on the 27th.

President Grant's Message on the Fishery Bill.

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articles certified by a commissioner. In the case of vessels bound as above described a copy of the articles should be obtained from the Collector under the act of July 20, 1840, in the same manner as the articles of the act to authorize the appointment of shipping commissioners, approved June 1, 1872.

The department has also decided that a certificate of Shipping Commissioner, to the effect that a master of a vessel has complied with the provisions of section 44 of the act to authorize the appointment of shipping commissioners, requiring such masters in certain cases to account to the Commissioner for the effects, money and wages due deceased seamen, should not be required of the master of any vessel trading between the United States and the West India Islands or the British North American possessions or the Republic of Mexico, unless there had been a death of a seaman on board such vessel during a voyage terminating in the United States.

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

Second Session.

SENATE.

The Senate met at eleven o'clock.

A SENATE REINFORCEMENT.

Mr. HILL (rep.) of Ga., presented the credentials of General Gordon, Senator elect from Georgia.

On motion of Mr. MORRILL (rep.) of Vt., the Agricultural College bill was taken up.

Mr. WINSTON (rep.) of N. C., moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Public Lands, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of devoting the proceeds of the sales of the public lands to the equalization of soldiers' bounties. This bill, it came from the House, proposed, he said, to expend \$1,000,000.

Mr. SHERMAN (rep.) of Ohio—Three-quarters.

Mr. WINSTON (rep.) of N. C.—I do not propose to dispose of only one hour, but even on that basis it will be in effect a vote on the bill. I do not think the country could afford that. If, however, the committee to which he wished to refer the bill, should report in favor of the bill, he would be glad to support it.

At the suggestion of Mr. FERRY (rep.) of Conn., and Mr. CONKLING (rep.) of N. Y., Mr. WINSTON modified his motion to refer by striking out the instruction as to the equalization of soldiers' bounties, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "That the committee on Public Lands be and they are authorized to inquire into the expediency of devoting the proceeds of the sales of the public lands to the equalization of soldiers' bounties."

Mr. MORRILL (rep.) of Vt., said that Mr. Sherman was wrong as to the quantity of the public lands that the bill would take up. He said that the bill would take up only one million acres, and that the bill would be a great benefit to the country.

Mr. MONROE (rep.) of Ind., rose to a question of privilege. He asked that the bill be referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

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Mr. HANES (rep.) of Mass., Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, asked to have the message considered on the 27th.

Mr. SAWYER (rep.) of Wis., who has charge of the River and Harbor bill, moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "and" after the word "and" in section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "or."

The House then proceeded with the bill.

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