

CONGRESS.

Two Financial Monsters Killed in the House.

A Committee of Conference on the Currency.

WOMAN AND THE BALLOT.

Discussion of the Proposed Reduction of the Army.

SENATE.

Washington, May 28, 1874.

Mr. FERRY (rep. of Mich.) called up the Senate bill to set apart a certain portion of the Island of Mackinac, in the Straits of Mackinac, Michigan, as a national park.

Mr. KELLEY (dem.) of Oregon, called up the Senate bill to authorize the issuance of patents for lands granted to the State of Oregon in certain cases.

Mr. EDWARDS (rep. of Vt.) submitted an amendment that the act should not be construed as to revive any land grant already expired or to create any rights except for the issue of patents for lands to which the State is already entitled.

Mr. MORRILL (rep. of Me.) from the Committee on Appropriations, reported back a bill making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the government, with several amendments.

Mr. ANTHONY (rep. of R. I.) called up the House resolution to print 2,500 copies of Professor Hayden's report on the cretaceous flora of the West.

Mr. SARGENT (rep. of Cal.) from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported favorably on the bill fixing the pay of civil engineers in the United States Navy.

Mr. RAMSLEY (rep. of Minn.) from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, reported favorably on the bill to protect lines of telegraph constructed or used by the United States from malicious injury and obstruction.

Mr. SPRAGUE (rep. of R. I.) called up the bill to confirm the purchase of a portion of the site of Fort Houston, at Nashville, Tenn., and to provide for the donation of the same to Fisk University for educational purposes.

Mr. SCOTT (rep. of Pa.) presented a memorial of the American National Association asking for the appointment of a committee to consider the cultivation of the vine in the United States.

Mr. SCOTT called up the bill authorizing the President to reappoint George M. Bork on the active list of the navy.

The WORKINGMEN SPEAK TO THEIR SERVANTS. The CHAIRMAN before the Senate the memorials from the workingmen of New York, New Jersey, N. Y., and Louisville, Ky., asking Congress to legislate so as to abolish national banks and have the government cancel contracts awarded by it for shipbuilding, and that the work be done under the immediate supervision of the government.

Mr. LOGAN (rep. of Ill.) called up the Senate bill authorizing appointments and promotions in the Medical and Ordnance Departments of the Army of the United States.

Mr. SARGENT (rep. of Cal.) concluded his argument in the case of the minority report, declaring Mr. Stokes to be elected to the seat.

On motion of Mr. MORTON (rep. of Ind.) the Committee on Privilege and Elections was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

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CEASARISM.

Some newspapers are ridiculing the views of the Louisville Courier-Journal on Grant and Cesarism.

This country will never submit to a small usurper—any shoddy Cromwell, any base-metal Napoleon. It will not bow its neck to the yoke of a man of low instincts, of grovelling tastes, of vulgar associates, whose brain never throbs with a large idea, whose lips are incapable of uttering in public those consecutive sentences, and who, wholly destitute of those magnetic qualities which draw a vast and enthusiastic following from among all occupations and conditions of the people.

Grant is not a Cesar of any sort whatever. He has been called "the man on horseback." But those who dread him may rest assured that our Republic will never be crossed by an one-horse man. Nevertheless, it remains true that great evils would spring from his re-election to a third term, should such an absurdity ever occur. Our Cesar may come in time; but he will approach along the seemingly harmless paths of precedent, and he will take possession according to established forms of law. Indeed, it will hardly look like a usurpation to those who witness it. It will come on so gradually and so unobtrusively that the subsequent history will be able to trace the line of its march, and the causes of its triumph. Even the wisest and the doughty who live in the evil day, will have become so disgusted and weary with the corrupt rule of low men, that they will calmly yield to the domination of one of large brain, lofty soul and strong hand.

But a third term for Grant should be opposed, especially by republicans. It would establish a precedent whereon some man of very different mould might hereafter seize, and then under color of law overthrow republican institutions. Resist beginnings, is a maxim as old as Rome, and as wise as it is venerable. "By gnawing through a dike," said Edmund Burke, "even a rat may drown a nation." And thus might it be with Grant and a third term.

THE CZAR'S AMUSEMENTS. To those who know the feeling, amounting almost to monomania, which occupies the Queen of England, it will be no astonishment to hear that the first place to which the unfortunate Czar was taken, on the morning after his arrival, was the mausoleum of the Prince Consort, at Frogmore; thence to St. George's chapel, through the Long Walk in the Great Park to the Virginia Water. The weather was cold and wet. In the evening there was a grand banquet in St. George's Hall, to which 140 guests, including the high officers of State, were invited. Yesterday the Czar came to London and received at Buckingham Palace the members of the Corps Diplomatique.

The afternoon he drove in his carriage, but greatly disappointed were the crowds who had assembled to see him, as he was in a closed carriage. In the evening he dined with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House, and attended a splendid ball given in his honor by the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland.

To-day he visits the Crystal Palace, whither, in order that his movements may be properly recorded in the HERALD, I must at once proceed.

THE IMPERIAL AND ROYAL BANQUET IN Windsor Castle—The Queen and the Czar at Dinner. The following account of the grand State banquet given at Windsor Castle by the Queen to the Czar appears in the London Telegraph:

Three huge sideboards contained, among a multitude of tankards, salvers, chargers, goblets, and spoons, the most magnificent array of silver and gold. The Duchess of Edinburgh, though a member of the royal family, is in the position of a private lady. But the wonder and the scandal were increased a thousandfold when, on the very next day, appeared another paragraph, equally large typed and equally prominent, in the Daily News, the Telegraph and the Standard (but not the Times), stating emphatically that the editors were desired to announce that the paragraph of the previous day was not in any way authorized by the Duke of Edinburgh. Now it was obvious to