

A Summary of Important Events.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies has approved the commercial treaty with Austria.

The Senate committee on privileges and elections decided on the 15th to seat Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia.

A duke in Paris, on the 16th, between M. Edwards and M. Mayer, journalists, resulted in both being slightly wounded.

The Chamber of Commerce of Salt Lake City, Utah, has issued a protest against the reduction of the tariff on lead or lead ore.

Mr. Charles Tupper is quoted as saying members of the Fisheries Commission are hopeful of arriving at a satisfactory conclusion.

Only 183,162 immigrants arrived in Canada from January 1 to November 30, as compared with 309,452 for same period last year.

LAND-OWNERS of Ireland will demand compensation from the British Government for losses by reduction of rents and other causes.

CONGRESSMAN MILLS, of Texas, says that a proper reduction of the tariff by this Congress would greatly improve the condition of the country by next November.

ROBERT F. LEAFMAN, a well-known business man of the firm of Taney, Budge & Co., Cincinnati, died on the night of the 12th after a week's illness, of erysipelas.

The trial of Benj. Hopkins, late assistant cashier of the Fidelity Bank of Cincinnati, has been laid over to the 20th, on account of the serious illness of Judge Sage's wife.

The Secretary of the Treasury has awarded a silver medal to Henry H. Everett, of Chicago, for heroic services in rescuing drowning persons during the past few years.

SOME very sensational charges are made by United Ireland to the effect that Mr. Fenwick's mission to Ireland is the result of a bargain between the English Government and the Pope.

The Minnesota State Dairywomen's convention adopted a memorial to Congress, at its session on the 15th, asking that the manufacture of fraudulent butter be prohibited to the manufacturers by compulsion to color their product pink.

Mr. DENBY, American Minister to China, has written a letter to Secretary Bayard, saying that whatever concessions had been made to the Barker-Killbuck syndicate have since been revoked by the Chinese Government.

APPOINTMENT CHIEF HIGGINS, of the Treasury says he intends to resign and leave the Government employ at an early date. His retirement, he says, is voluntary, and is brought about by an opportunity to engage in profitable private business.

A PETITION of the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Montana was presented in the United States Senate on the 15th in favor of an amendment of the alien land law, so as to exclude mineral lands in the Territory from its operation.

The annual meeting of the New York State League of Anti-Saloon Republicans convened on the 15th. There was a good attendance, including representative men from all parts of the State. Sessions were continued two days, closing with a mass-meeting.

The Ohio State Grange convened at Canton on the 15th. Among the resolutions adopted was one opposing the placing of raw materials on the free list, protesting against any further reduction in the wool tariff and demanding restoration of the tariff of 1857.

A BOSTON firm, having petitioned Congress for the passage of a bill requiring that adulterated lard be stamped, and having asked for a hearing, the Senate committee on agriculture has decided to give a hearing to all interested at some time about the middle of January.

The vote polled the municipal election at Boston on the 13th aggregated 51,457, which is larger than any municipal vote since 1885. Of this number O'Brien, Democrat, the incumbent, received 25,021; Hart, Republican and Independent, 24,868, the labor vote falling to materiality.

WONG AN HUNG, the Chinaman who was convicted in the United States District Court at San Francisco on the charge of importing Chinese women for immoral purposes, was sentenced on the 14th to ten years imprisonment in the California State prison, at San Quentin, and to pay a fine of \$2,000.

The grand jury of Jones County, Ia., is deep in the investigation of the alleged malfeasance of E. A. Martin, ex-warden of the State penitentiary. They have accumulated a mass of evidence, but found the task one of unexpected magnitude. It is not improbable that an indictment will result.

PRESIDENT CANNON'S message to the French Chambers dwells upon the necessity of slow, cautious reforms, the danger of utopian projects, and the importance of settling aside all violence and uniting the French Republic in a common front. The President concludes with the promise that he will use every effort to show himself worthy of the honor done him.

THE total values of exports of beef, hog and dairy products for November, 1887, were \$7,076,891; 1888, \$7,570,789; for eleven months ended in November, 1887, \$73,273,222; 1888, \$77,050,048. Exports of dairy products November, 1887, \$811,937; 1888, \$938,675; eleven months ended November 30, 1887, \$9,138,142; 1888, \$7,488,881. Beef and pork products November, 1887, \$67,455,261; 1888, \$4,982,091.

The members of the fishery convention at Washington were taken to Mount Vernon on the 12th, on board the United States steamer Dispatch, as the guests of Secretary Bayard, who invited several diplomatic representatives and others prominent official life to join the party. The customary programme of visitors to Washington's tomb, was followed by a lunch on board the Dispatch.

A COMMITTEE of citizens of Utah, headed by Delegate Cairns, waited on Speaker Carlisle and Senator Ingalls on the 16th and presented to them copies of the State Constitution adopted at the last Utah convention. The Constitution makes punishable by fine and imprisonment, and also provides that this provision can not be changed without the consent of Congress.

SECRETARY FAIRCHILD has taken adverse action on a proposition to allow the assistant treasurer at Chicago to become a member of the Clearing House Association. Similar action was previously taken in the case of the assistant treasurer at St. Louis. The only treasury official who is a member of the Clearing House Association, and the department is not anxious to increase the number.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

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In the Senate, on the 15th, after the presentation of a large number of petitions, Mr. Morrill from the committee on finance, reported back the Senate bill to credit and pay to the several States and Territories all money collected under the direct tax act of August 15, 1861. Mr. Dolph, bill providing for fortifications and other second defenses, was called up and read by Mr. Callom. One to amend the Interstate Commerce act, and the other to provide for the establishment of a United States postal telegraph.

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The death of Miss Cassie Smallwood, an old resident of St. Joseph, announced. Deceased was born in St. Joseph, December 10, 1848, and after leaving St. Joseph moved to Wathena, Kas., and then to San Jose, Cal., after the death of her father, several years ago, to live with her sister, Mrs. Nast.

Hart Christopher went to St. Joseph a few days ago, and sending for Pharrin Anderson gave himself up, stating that he had killed Dick Sullivan, a farmer living nine miles southwest of town, in self defense. Christopher's words of manslaughter, \$2,000 worth of iron and 175 pounds of lead to the town.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is said to have recently taken occasion to inspect upon several Senators and Representatives the importance of early action upon revenue measures.

WARNER by the experience of the friends of the late E. A. Martin, of New York, precautions are being taken to preclude the possibility of the remains of Mrs. John Jacob Astor being disturbed. Two guards, engaged by the trustees of the cemetery, and two private detectives are on duty nightly at the tomb.

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Patrick Edmondson, a wealthy farmer of Leona, Ark., died last week of an unusual mind, and Jud G. Guinote, at Kansas City, ordered him to be taken to the new insane asylum at Nevada. Edmondson's antics the past few years have occasioned much talk in the neighborhood where he lived. He was in the habit of getting out of bed in the middle of the night and walking several miles regarding the moon, and on one occasion he went from house to house and announced that he was Christ. On another he declared himself to be the President of the United States, and displayed a paper containing what he said to be the names of his cabinet. During the examination Edmondson attempted to hurl an inkstand at the clerk of the court, for whom he had previously professed great friendship.