

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.
The range of the thermometer at the Times office yesterday was as follows: 5 A. M., 40; 12 M., 48; 2 P. M., 55; 6 P. M., 42; 9 P. M., 46; 12 M., 42; average 46 1/2.

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ROBERTS' CASE IN THE HOUSE

Second Day's Debate Less Dramatic Than First.

THE RESOLUTIONS Of the Majority Greatly Strengthened by the Debate.

CHAIRMAN TAYLER CONFIDENT

That the House Will Vote to Exclude Roberts From Entering His Seat.

Mr. Roberts was not present during the day. Had he been he would have heard the most scathing exhortation of the Mormons ever delivered upon the floor of the House.

Mr. Landis of Indiana, the young orator who distinguished himself during the last Congress in an oratorical duel with Mr. Johnson, of his State, won new laurels to-day. He charged that Utah had been admitted to the Union as a result of a Mormon conspiracy, and reviewed the history of the Apostles of the Church, whom he charged with living in open and flagrant violation of the statute against polygamy, to show that they had basely broken their solemn pledge to the government.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

The other speakers to-day were Messrs. Powers, of Vermont, and Miers, of Indiana, for the majority resolutions; Messrs. Snowgrass, (Dem.) of Tennessee, and Wilson, (Silver Rep.) of Idaho, for the minority resolutions. Mr. Lacey, (Rep.) of Iowa, for his proposition to expel without swearing in, and Mr. Crumpacker, (Rep.) of Indiana, for exclusion by a two-thirds majority.

The speeches to-day greatly strengthened the majority resolution, which seemed in danger of falling after Mr. Littlefield's speech yesterday, and Chairman Taylor was confident to-night that they would be adopted when the House votes to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Landis contended that Mr. Roberts was not entitled to admission because he had violated Utah's compact with the United States.

Mr. Landis resented as unworthy of belief the charge made, he said, by Senators Roberts and Miers, that he had appointed notorious polygamists. The Senator might as well accuse the House of endorsing polygamy, as it had passed a bill appropriating \$40,000 for the Agricultural College of Logan, Utah, which was to be organized by a man who was a polygamist, living in open and notorious polygamy with three wives. One of his leading professors is a polygamist, living with two wives. A trustee is a polygamist, and another is a polygamist with seven wives, (laughter) and they have blessed him with thirty-nine children (laughter).

After detailing the polygamous relations of the Mormon leaders, he continued:

and they had lived up to their promise. The House then adjourned.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Routine business occupied the members of the Senate to-day in a brief session. The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, calling upon the President for information regarding the treaty entered into with the Sultan of Sulu, was passed, after Mr. Pettigrew had made an attack upon the administration for entering into an agreement, which, he said, authorized slavery.

An extended debate was precipitated by the conference report on the census act, which the Senate Committee had passed. Mr. Allen offered a resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for all information and correspondence relating to the invasion of customs affairs in Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Philippines since the war with Spain.

CENSUS MATTER.

Mr. Carter, of Montana, chairman of the Census Committee, made a partial report of the conference on the bill conferring additional authority upon the Director of the Census. The partial report was then agreed to.

Mr. Cockrell, of Missouri, moved that the Senate recede from its disagreement as to the collection of statistics of the deaf, dumb and blind.

THE SEABOARD CONSOLIDATION

Injunction Proceedings Before Judge Speer Continued Until Ten O'clock This Morning.

MACON, GA., Jan. 24.—Judge Emory Speer, in the United States Court, to-day took up the consolidation of the Georgia and Alabama, and Florida Central and Peninsular railways, with the Greater Seaboard Air-Line system. Mr. Dady was represented by Joseph M. Terrell, Attorney-General of Georgia, and Mr. Marion Erwin, Morris Brandon represented Edward W. Rider, an intervener; Walter G. Charlton, the Georgia and Alabama railway; J. A. Henderson, the Florida Central, and Peninsular railway, and Doxkin Wright, J. Skelton Williams' interest.

FAIR AND PULL INQUIRY.

In passing the order Judge Speer said: "It is not the purpose of the Court to allow its powers to be used to arrest a legitimate enterprise upon which the defendants and their associates may have embarked, nor is it our purpose to inquire into the propriety of the opportunity of a fair and full inquiry in order that they may, if they can do so, sustain the averments of their bill or have their sufficiency passed upon in a judicial way. The proper remedy in such a case is to be sought in the courts, and not in the hands of a legislative body."

CARTER LOST HIS CASE.

Decision of Judge Lacombe Affirmed by U. S. Circuit Court.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals to-day affirmed the decision of Judge Lacombe, dismissing the habeas corpus proceedings in the case of former Captain Oberlin M. Carter, of the United States Engineers, convicted by court martial of frauds in connection with the Savannah River and Cumberland Sound improvements.

BULLER STILL AT A STANDSTILL

Spion Kop is Yet in Possession of the Boers.

THEY RESIGN A KOPJE

And the British Infantry at Once Seized Upon It.

ROBERTS' REINFORCEMENTS.

Nobody Seems to Know What He Has Done With the 12,000 Men at Cape Town, and Military Critics are Hoping He Has Sent a Good Part of Them to Help Buller Break the Deadlock.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—4:45 A. M.—The morning papers went to press with conjectures and forecasts of all sorts, striving to guess out something from Spion Kop.

Spion Kop is the highest part of a rocky plateau. Eastward for eight miles are the Boer positions along the Tugela. Northwestward from Spion Kop the plateau runs gradually up to a great spur of the Drakensberg.

General Buller's infantry, to reach the summit of Spion Kop, must cross natural glaciers three-quarters of a mile wide and climb 500 feet up a steep slope.

RESIGN A KOPJE.

SPEARMAN'S CAMP, Tuesday, Jan. 23.—9:30 P. M.—The British field artillery and heavy guns shelled the enemy posted on the crest of the ridge this morning.

SITUATION DESPERATE.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—German press tacticians are almost unanimously of opinion that the situation of the British force around Ladysmith is desperate.

PEACE AGITATION.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Tuesday, says:

AFGHAN FRONTIER.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—The Afghan Ameer, according to a dispatch from St. Petersburg, has ordered all roads leading from Herat to Kutchik, in Trans-Caspia, to be guarded. This morning all passengers booked for the Transvaal were stopped by government order with the exception of the members of the Russian Ambulance Corps, who proceeded by special train.

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LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS.

Farmville Determined on Stopping Sale of Liquor.

THE TRIAL OF ERNEST CHAMBERLAIN WAS EXPELLED YOUTH

Ernest Chamberlain Was Found Guilty.

TWELVE YEARS OLD.

But He is Proficient in the Use of Profane Language.

HIS FATHER PAYS THE FINE.

FARMVILLE, Va., Jan. 24.—Special Judge Miller, of Cumberland County, granted petition for a referendum for a local option election to be held in Randolph District of Cumberland county, on the 24th of next month, when on same day a like election will be held in Farmville.

THE TRIAL CONSUMED THREE HOURS.

Exhaustive Arguments on Both Sides of the Case—Testimony of Professor Williams and the Scholars—Mayor Starritt Talks.

EXAMINATION OF MR. WILLIAMS.

The examination of Mr. R. Wesley Williams, the teacher, elicited almost the same facts as have already been published in the Times.

SENATORS MEET IN CONFERENCE

Democratic Members Consider Party Policy on Various Questions Before Congress.

OPEN FOR TRADE.

Western Coast of the Island of Panay. Several Minor Engagements.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local.

—Legislative proceedings.
—Further investigation of the Soldiers' Home.
—Banquet of the Windy Point Club.
—General Manager George W. Stevens may be president of the Chesapeake and Ohio.
—Counterfeit coins found in the State penitentiary.
—W. J. Bryan's proposed visit to Richmond.
—Democratic caucus; considers constitutional convention proposition.
—Enterprise Lumbee Company chartered by Judge Prentiss at Suffolk.
—Bridges of Norfolk to Berkeley.
—Moonshiners at work on a farm near Portsmouth.
—Unknown man killed on Chickahominy river.
—Norfolk Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce take action against the Dupuy bill.
—Ashby Cabbage, of Rappahannock county, killed himself on account of disappointment in love.
—General.
—Captain Oberlin M. Carter loses his case in United States Circuit Court of Appeals.
—Mr. Bryan makes many speeches.
—Argument on Roberts' case continued in House.
—Bodies of the Maine victims laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery yesterday.
—Firemen.
—General Butler apparently unable to break deadlock at Spion Kop.
—West coast of Island of Panay opened to trade.
—Mr. Bernard expelled from French Chamber of Deputies by force of arms.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—General Otis reported to the War Department to-day that the western coast of the Island of Panay is now open for trade, and the coast of Laguna de Bay and the neighboring sections of the country will also be opened to unrestricted traffic by the end of the week.

General Otis' dispatch is as follows: "MacArthur, 20th to 23rd, reports four minor engagements, in which five insurgents were killed, several wounded and captured; also captured five rifles and other property. The enemy met with the usual success. The army lost heavily, and a large amount of arms and ammunition was captured."

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Thursday—Warmer and probably rain; Friday—colder; Thursday night, frost; to south winds. Friday partly cloudy and colder.

North and South Carolina and Georgia: Fair—except on coast Thursday, fresh to brisk northwesterly winds. Friday fair, with lower temperature.

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