

## NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

**Judge Mackey Makes a Vigorous Defense of Gen. Hazen in the Pending Court-Martial.**

**Senator Van Wyck of Nebraska Attacks the South American Commission in the Senate.**

## THE HAZEN COURT-MARTIAL.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Judge Mackey to-day concluded a very able argument, in behalf of Gen. Hazen, before the general court-martial. He said the return, by the secretary of war, to Gen. Hazen of the letter written by the latter, was a most gracious act, an act that should have awakened only gratitude in the breast of the chief signal officer. It was so felt, but the sense of the gratitude that was felt is marred by the knowledge of the fact that a copy of the letter appears to have been kept. "The secretary in this, kept the word of the promise to the ear, but broke it to the hope. This was not the open blow of the Saxon, but the stiletto stroke of an Italian." Judge Mackey called attention to the fact that the accused is on trial before a court with an unchallenged membership. He said that the accused in thus expressing his confidence in the members of the court has stated his conviction that in this case the stream will rise above its source. The accused, he said, is aware that while the court was authorized by the president of the United States, the order detailing it was from the secretary of war. The accused drew the charge, selected the officers to try it, and appointed the prosecuting officer. In closing Judge Mackey said: "The accused awaits your judgment with confidence. He feels that he is locked up in an armor of triple steel against this assault. He feels that this Parthian shaft will be shattered on the bright shield of his soldierly record; but if your judgment be against him, you inflict a scar broader and deeper than those he now bears upon his body to attest his honorable service in his country's wars."

The judge advocate in summing up simply reviewed the charges and specifications and the evidence which he considered had been adduced to sustain them, and at the conclusion of his remarks the court went into secret session to consider the case.

## THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The resolution for the appointment of an Alaskan committee was laid before the senate this morning and the committee on Nebraska moved its reference to the committee on territories.

A debate ensued, during which Van Wyck of Nebraska attacked the South American commission in vigorous style. He said that the first thing they did was to go to San Francisco, then to New Mexico and then to see the New Orleans exposition. Each member was provided with \$7,500 for his expenses. The commission consisted of two men and a boy. The first thing these two men and the boy did was to hire a palace car at \$85 per day for which the total payment was \$1,447 before they got to New Orleans. Then they furnished themselves with supplies. The Utah commission boldly charged for larger beer and wine. This commission charged only for supplies, which doubtless included liquors and solids. He would ask his friends on the Republican side of the chamber if it was time to stop this. The senate was all the party had left. The Democrats had possession of the other end of the capital and of the administration. About January 1 the commission got ready to start from New Orleans. From the 1st of October to the 1st of January their expenses were \$9,000. The men who robbed safes were comparatively honorable. This money was taken from tax-payers who were hardly able to pay \$2 a night for lodging on Pullman cars when they traveled. In addition to this expense, they paid for their supplies and their cook and were allowed a year each besides. The chairman of the commission, who never left New York, resigned on the 28th of January and drew out of the treasury \$467. It cost the government about \$48,000 for this commission before the two men and the boy got ready to leave New Orleans. This reckless waste of money was a great wrong upon the people who paid the taxes. What made it worse, the outrageous bills of that commission had been approved and paid. He denounced this waste as highway robbery. He said that the man who enters a house at night and robs it is honorable in comparison with those who robbed the treasury by such expenditures as he had described. It was worse, he said, than stealing the public lands, and here he referred to the Backbone patents as a robbery of seven millions of acres at one lick.

Mr. Manderson offered a resolution that Van Wyck's resolution be reconsidered, and asked that it be referred to the committee on improvement of the Mississippi river. Laid over.

The Alaska resolution was referred to the committee on territories.

Mr. Gorman offered a resolution directing the secretary of the interior to furnish the senate copies of the contract entered into between the Union Pacific Railroad company and other railroad companies affected by the act approved July 1, 1862, and the Western Union Telegraph company, together with all statements now on file in the interior department touching on the same. Adopted.

Mr. Sherman offered the following: "Resolved that so much of the several resolutions of the senate passed since the first day of March as provides for a clerk for any standing committee of the senate during the recess of congress be rescinded."

Laid over till to-morrow. Executive session, adjourned.

## NOMINATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The following nominations were sent to the senate to-day: James D. Porter of Tennessee, assistant secretary of state. John D. C. Atkins of Tennessee, commissioner of Indian affairs.

**THE CENTRAL AMERICAN TREATY EXTENDED.**

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The senate in executive session to-day ratified the additional Central American treaty extending until May 20, 1890, the time for the approval of the laws necessary to carry into operation the commercial convention between the two governments concluded at Washington January 28, 1883.

**SIMPLIFYING THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.**

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The secretary of the treasury has appointed Assistant Secretaries Fairchild and Boon and Assistant Treasurer Graves a commission, with instructions to make an examination of the treasury department with special reference to the simplification and improvement of the methods of doing business and a reduction of the official and clerical force.

**A VISIT TO GETTYSBURG.**

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**THE SENATE READY TO ADJOURN.**

WASHINGTON, March 20.—It is understood that at an informal conference of the senators of both parties to-day, it was agreed the senate should adjourn next Monday or Tuesday unless the president shall signify his desire that the session be prolonged.

**WASHINGTON NOTES.**

Mr. Miller, the newly appointed commissioner of internal revenue, entered upon the discharge of his duties yesterday. He was the recipient of many congratulations from callers and by mail, and during the day he received all the principal officers of the bureau.

The president yesterday laid before the senate a memorial from the Montana legislature stating that nearly all the public domain in Montana's desert land and protesting against the repeal of the desert land act.

There is no foundation for the statement that President Cleveland has requested Minister Morton to remain at Paris.

**THE FIRE RECORD.**

**MACHINE-WORKS BURNED.**

BOSTON, MASS., March 20.—The works of the Boston Machine Manufacturing company burned to-night. The loss is \$175,000; insurance \$120,000.

**TWO FIRES AT LEADVILLE.**

DENVER, COL., March 20.—A fire at Leadville late last night destroyed the butter store-house of James Sullivan. The loss is about \$7,000; insurance \$2,000.

Early this morning the Boston block of Leadville, owned by J. W. Faxon of Chicago, was burned. The loss is about \$20,000, fully insured.

**ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY BURNED.**

BALTIMORE, MD., March 20.—The building occupied by the Sisters of Charity at St. Joseph's academy, Emmetsburg, Pa., was burned to-day. The loss is \$50,000, insured. No person belonging to the institution was injured. St. Joseph's is the mother house of the Sisters of Charity of the United States, and among the inmates are many who in their old age have returned to spend the close of life in the home of their early sisterhood.

**FATAL BLAZE IN A HOTEL.**

SEATTLE, W. T., March 20.—A fire this morning at 3 o'clock destroyed the Oriental hotel, a frame building. The house was filled with guests, whose frantic screams were heard.

Eric Johnson, a Swede, aged thirty-five years, was burned to death. M. J. Tobin and Edward Downie were fatally injured.

Ten others were severely injured in jumping from the building, but none fatally.

**FATAL BLAZE IN A BOARDING HOUSE.**

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., March 20.—Mrs. John Mallen's boarding house in East Bridgeport was burned this morning. Mrs. Mallen who slept on the second floor was burned to death.

Jerome Bowen, a boarder, is missing. It is supposed that he met with a similar fate.

George Rutherford, an old fireman, in endeavoring to save Mrs. Mallen was horribly burned about his face and hands. Mrs. Mallen's four children and several boarders barely escaped with their lives. Nothing was saved but the night clothes they wore. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

**THE OKLAHOMA BOOMERS.**

Cattlemen Growing Uneasy.—Another Petition to the President. ANKASAS CITY, KAN., March 20.—Some of the cattlemen in the Oklahoma country manifest an uneasiness on account of the president's proclamation. One prospecting party passed through here to-day with a view of securing a ranch in southwestern Kansas, on which to hold cattle during the coming summer. Two more parties are reported on their way from the territory for the same purpose.

A party of colonists arrived overland yesterday from Colorado, and several others are en route. The main

body of the colony seems determined to remain here for the present. The Oklahoma settlers have prepared a petition to President Cleveland which will be forwarded by mail to-morrow. Nearly 1500 signatures will accompany the petition. It recites that several hundred citizens from nine respective states, many having their families and household goods and farming utensils, are now encamped preparatory to settlement in Oklahoma, having disposed of their homes elsewhere. After reviewing the situation and the recent congressional action authorizing the president to open negotiations with the Indians, they petition him to appoint a commission to adjust the interposing obstacles to the settlement of Oklahoma at once, and ask that the commission include at least one member known to favor the opening of Oklahoma to immediate settlement.

## HOUSTON.

## A Murderous Assault—The Electric Lights Put Out.

HOUSTON, TEX., March 20.—A dastardly attempt to assassinate Henry Renpke, a German merchant, was made this morning between 3 and 4 o'clock. He, with his family, slept upstairs. He heard a noise outside the back door, on the ground floor, and on opening the door to look out he received two balls, from a pistol, in quick succession. One passed through his thigh and the other through his hand. Though dangerous they will not likely prove fatal. He did not positively recognize the party but he believes the assault emanates from an old feud. The matter is in the hands of the police.

In the rain and lightning storm to-night all the electric lights were extinguished and the Western Union telegraph office was shocked by one flash. The increase in the capital prices for the New Orleans drill was received with much satisfaction by the Light Guards, who expect to enter the drill.

## COLD-BLOODED MURDER.

LAREDO, TEX., March 20.—A most atrocious assassination took place here early this morning as P. H. Bullock and Jose M. Herrera were on their way home. The time was about 4 o'clock. Just as they were passing the corner of Hidalgo and Salinas street a soldier stepped out in front of them and said "who are you?" On being told who they were he deliberately drew a pistol and shot Herrera in the stomach, the ball coming out at the small of his back. The miscreant then fled. Neither of the other men was armed. Herrera is still living but he cannot survive. It being dark at the time they could not identify their assailant more than to see that he was dressed like a soldier. The wounded man is a printer by trade. The city marshal has just arrested Joseph Russett of company D, Sixteenth infantry and the wounded man has identified him as the one who did the shooting.

Alderman Peter Steffian an old and prominent citizen, was buried here this evening.

## SAN ANTONIO.

Carcass of a Mexican Horse-Thief—Finding of a Court-Martial.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., March 20.—News comes from Cotulla to-day that the dead body of a man has been found near that place. The body is supposed to be the remains of an American who was shot by Sheriff McKinney in making an arrest for horse-stealing. One of the Mexicans was shot dead in the brush, but his companion who was known to be wounded in the same fight was supposed to have escaped. A coroner's jury is now engaged in investigating the affair.

Second Lieutenant Carter P. Johnson of the Tenth Cavalry, and First Lieutenant James S. Jewett of the Tenth Cavalry, who were recently tried at Fort Davis, by court-martial for conduct unbecoming officers and gentlemen, in visiting a negro bawdy-house and fighting with a soldier, to the great scandal and disgrace of the army, were both convicted. The former is to be confined to the limits of the post for four months and to forfeit \$200 pay and the latter is to be confined one month and forfeit \$100 pay. In reviewing the cases, the general commanding is very severe in his comments.

## THE ILLINOIS SENATORSHIP.

Matters Made More Complicated by Death of a Democratic Senator.

A TIE ON JOINT BALLOT.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., March 20.—Senator Bridges, the Democratic member of the state senate, who suffered from a stroke of paralysis one month ago, and whose condition ever since has been very critical, died at his home near Carrollton this morning. This happening, following the death of representative Logan three weeks ago, leaves the Illinois legislature once more a tie on joint ballot. The house and senate both adjourned this morning when the announcement of his death was made.

**NO RESPECT FOR THE DEAD.**

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., March 20.—Despite the announcement of the death of Senator Bridges, the Democrats decided to proceed to ballot for senator.

On the joint ballot 101 Democrats responded to the roll-call. The balloting proceeded in an uneventful way till the fifth ballot, when Morrison's strength began to disappear.

On the seventh ballot the vote stood: Morrison, 59. Ward, 2. Lawler, 2.

Palmer, Harrison, Curran, Downs, Merritt, Black and Stevenson, 1 each. Neither Herley nor Cantwell voted.

The eighth ballot was the same as the seventh, and the joint assembly then adjourned.

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**THE CORONER'S JURY.**

In the Stovall murder case, brought in a verdict that Stovall was killed by Tom Pearson aided by his brother Bob.

**APPLY TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN.**

A letter from Senator Coke to a state senator, in response to an application for assistance in getting a certain post-office for a friend, states that it should have been sent to the congressman of that district, as it is understood they are to exercise jurisdiction in these matters. Other letters of a similar character have been received here from both senators.

**THE EXEMPTION BILL.**

The bill introduced by Mr. Watson of Falls in regard to the exemption of personal property does not bear upon the relations between landlord and tenant, but simply places exempted personal property in the same attitude as a homestead, subject to attachment only for the purchase money secured by lien.

**ANTAGONISTIC TO THE SETTLER.**

Conservative legislators are beginning to grow suspicious of the Wood amendment to the land bill, which is recognized as an out and out herd law in intention. The possibility of its utility to corporations in harassing settlers who might intrude upon them is so great that it is feared, if retained in its present form, it will operate to neutralize all the actual-settler features of the bill. It will hardly escape amendment.

**THE GREER COUNTY LANDS.**

The house judiciary committee last evening agreed to report unfavorably the senate bill directing suit to be instituted to cancel the patents issued to the Greer county lands, of which Senator Harrison is the author, and which raised such a commotion in the senate. The reason assigned is that the state should first ascertain whether it has any title to Greer county before invoking an opinion as to the validity of its land titles.

**THE SCHOOL LANDS.**

The bill passed by the senate donating all the unappropriated public domain to the school fund, provides that veteran and Confederate land certificates in the hands of the original grantees may be located on any vacant lands outside of Greer county. The attempt to invalidate certificates which have been sold by the original holders looks like collusion on the part of the state with its beneficiaries to swindle the purchasers, and is a petty piece of demagoguery which will not be tolerated by the house.

**VICTIMS OF THE GALLOWES.**

**A NEGRO HANGED.**

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 20.—Stephen Jones, a negro murderer, was hanged here to-day at 12:10 p. m. Jones in jealousy murdered his white mistress, Mary Agnes Riley, June 3, 1883. His wish that a photograph of the murdered girl be buried with him was granted. Father Connelly of the Catholic church attended him in his last moments. Life was extinct ten minutes after the drop fell.

**A DOUBLE EXECUTION.**

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 20.—A. Silvas and M. Martinez were hanged to-day at 3:06 p. m.

Silvas last July stabbed a man named McIntyre to death simply because he brushed up against him on the street and refused to apologize.

Martinez murdered a man at San Francisco, Cal., for \$20.

The execution was private, the gallows being hid from view by a large canvas. The necks of both were broken.

**ANOTHER NEGRO LAUNCHED.**

SALEM OREGON, March 20.—Joseph Drake, colored, was hanged to-day for the murder of David Swartz May 4, 1884. He maintained his innocence on the scaffold. He said he was not present at, and knew nothing of the murder, nor who were the perpetrators. He said his life had been sworn away. A very strong effort was made up to the last moment to induce the governor to commute his sentence. The drop fell at 1:48. His neck was broken.

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