

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

Blair of New Hampshire Nominated as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to China.

EXHAUSTIVE REPORT ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

A New Bill Agreed Upon That Will Entirely Change the General Land System of the Government.

An Important Measure That Bears Particularly to the Northwestern States.

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The resolution heretofore offered in the senate by Manderson, instructing the committee on Indian affairs to inquire into the condition of the Indian tribes in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and elsewhere, and whether the care and control of the Indians living in tribal relations should be transferred from the interior department to any other department of the government, was taken up and agreed to.

The conference on the bill to repeal the timber culture law and amendatory of the land laws generally, have practically reached an agreement on an entirely new bill, which will be brought forward at the first opportunity.

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for the transfer of Indians, \$6,000. Sisseton and Wahpeton Indians at Devils Lake, for lands excluded from their reservation, \$80,000.

The senate took up the Indian appropriation bill. A provision for the purchase of irrigating machinery in Arizona and Nevada for the use of Indian reservations was amended by addition of the states of Idaho and Montana.

On motion of Pettigrew the rate of interest to be paid to Sisseton and Wahpeton Indians was increased from 3 to 5 per cent. The proposition by Pettigrew to reduce the settlement price of the Sisseton and Wahpeton lands to \$1.25 per acre instead of \$2.50 as proposed in the substitute was the subject of some discussion.

DEW'S TRADE REPORT

The Condition of Trade, Though Not Brisk, Is Encouraging.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: "There is not much change in the condition of trade, but there is little more dullness at the south and in the northwest, with a little more stringency in the money market, and complaint about slowness of collections.

Southern reports generally not a fair demand, but no improvement in trade, while northwestern reports are on the whole less favorable than before as to state of business.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 27.—Suit for \$20,000 damages has been commenced against the editor of the New York Druggist circular by Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, attorney for Radam Microbe Killer company.

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The Missoula & Northern Railway Secures Right of Way Through the Flathead Reservation.

THE LAND BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

It Includes the Repeal of the Timber Culture and Pre-emption Claim Laws.

An Extra Session Probable—An Important Bill for North Dakota Passes the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—On motion the senate bill was passed granting to the Missoula & Northern Railway Co. the right of way through the Flathead Indian reservation in Montana.

GENERAL LAND BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The general land bill passed the house today without friction. A fight on the measure was made Saturday night. This bill carries with it the provisions outlined in Washington dispatches last Friday.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—There are signs at the white house today which indicate that Gilbert A. Pierce, the present senator from North Dakota, may be appointed minister to China.

AN EXTRA SESSION

MINNEAPOLIS, March 2.—A Journal special from Washington says: The indications today are that President Harrison will call an extra session of the senate.

MRS. PORTER GETS A PENSION

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The public debt has increased \$2,994,750 during February.

The house today passed the bill granting a pension of \$2,500 a year to the widow of the late Admiral Porter.

WEATHER-CROP BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The weather-crop bulletin for February says the weather for the month was generally mild throughout the winter-wheat region, attended by excessive precipitation.

PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF TITLES

A resolution introduced by Senator Casey and adopted by the senate Saturday having for its object the permanent settlement of titles of settlers in the northeastern part of North Dakota is of great importance.

The ruling in that case will govern in the present case. No grant up to time of the Phillips' decision having been recognized in North Dakota, the government has disposed of and patented large tracts of these lands which, under this decision must be held to have enured to the company.

SUNDY CIVIL BILL

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The sundry civil bill as agreed upon appropriates \$37,509,363, being \$1,651,175 less than when it passed the senate, and \$3,208,893 more than when it passed the house.

AN AGREEMENT REACHED

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The conferees on the sundry civil bill have reached an agreement on points of difference between the houses. The paragraph relative to the world's fair is amended so that as reported it will appropriate \$150,000 as proposed by the house instead of \$300,000 as proposed by the senate.

The Northern Pacific Wins

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The supreme court of the United States today affirmed the decision of the United States circuit court for Minnesota in the case of the St. Paul & Pacific railroad against the Northern Pacific road.

Will Test the Anti-Lottery Law

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Bannis Taylor, as counsel for the publishers of the New Orleans States and Mobile Register, who were convicted of violation of the anti-lottery act, today moved in the United States supreme court for leave to file petitions for writs of habeas corpus and certiorari on the part of the publishers in order that the constitutionality of the anti-lottery law might be tested.

Needy Settlers Get Relief

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Senator Pettigrew has worked through a \$150,000 appropriation for the purchase of seed wheat for the needy settlers in North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

Buying Silver

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The treasury department today made the first purchase of silver for the current month. The amount offered was 748,000 ounces and the amount purchased 105,000 at 93 1/4.

IN WASHINGTON

The Missoula & Northern Secure the Right of Way Through the Flathead Reservation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In the senate today the senate bill granting to the Missoula & Northern Railroad company the right of way through the Flathead Indian reservation in Montana was passed.

The Indian appropriation bill was then taken up pending the question being on an amendment offered last night by Mr. Pettigrew to section 25. The amendment makes the settlement price of the Sisseton and Wahpeton land \$1.25 an acre instead of \$2.50. Agreed to.

A Commercial Congress

St. Louis, Feb. 27.—The state senate passed the bill similar to that passed by Kansas and other legislatures calling for a commercial congress, to meet at Kansas City, April 15, to consider economic measures of interest to the west and southwest.

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

Representative Bartine of Nevada Submits a Favorable Report on the Free Coinage Silver Bill.

SENATOR HEARST OF CALIFORNIA DEAD

Much Dickered Indulged in Over the Adjudication of Indian Depredation Claims.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Representative Bartine of Nevada in behalf of the minority members the house coinage committee today submitted a report in favor of the passage of the silver free coinage bill.

Senator Hearst of California died at 9:10 o'clock this evening.

The bill to provide for the adjudication of Indian depredation claims, as agreed upon in conference and passed by the house today, gives the court of claims authority to hear and determine these claims.

The senate bill provided for the consideration of claims arising from depredations committed by Indians in amity with the United States.

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Engines Demolished

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 27.—A bad accident occurred here today caused by an open switch. An Erie freight engine was standing still when it was struck by a Lehigh Valley engine, which was coming at a rapid rate of speed. Both engines were a heap of ruins.

Receiver Discharged

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Devastation in Mexico

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 27.—The port of San Felipe has been flooded by a storm. One schooner, one lighter, and thirteen smacks were wrecked. Eighteen houses were destroyed and many families made homeless. A number of lives were lost and many cattle drowned.

National Republican League Convention

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—President John M. Thurston of the Republican League of the United States will tomorrow issue a call for the fourth annual convention, to be held at Cincinnati, beginning April 21st.

press was called to the matter by the visit of one of the prominent members of the diplomatic corps. In reply the Emperor Frederick said: "I went there for reasons of sentiment; so many recollections of my husband center there." This remark was made before the newspapers of the city. They took up the incident and gave by their unfavorable criticisms of the imperial visitor's action to tax the smoldering spark of discontent in flames.

PROCEEDINGS IN HELENA

No Important Work Done by the Senate Either House.

HELENA, Feb. 27.—[Special to the TRIBUNE.]—No important work has been transacted in either house during the past two days. Several bills of minor interest have passed both bodies.

The two county division bills in the house are enjoying a season of innocuous desuetude. Their outlook is not so encouraging to friends as it was a few days ago.

The house is holding 28 senate bills, which have passed the upper house. This action of the house is provoking much criticism.

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Little prospect of Titon and Valley counties bill becoming a law. It will not be reached in the house.

By a party vote the house knocked out the state public examiner's bill this afternoon.

The bill locating the university at Missoula was discussed in the senate committee of the whole this afternoon. The committee recommended that the bill be placed on the general file to be taken up immediately after the disposition of the agricultural college bill.

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