

SPECIAL DISPATCH.

Appointment of the House Committees.

Ellis, Gibson and Levy.

Senator Kerr's Credentials Laid on the Table.

Not Alarmed at the Proposed Investigations.

(Special to N. O. Democrat.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1875.

The Speaker announced the committees to-day, and his selections are pronounced highly judicious and give general satisfaction.

The new delegation alone complain because Wood was not made chairman of Ways and Means.

John Ellis is chairman of Levee Committee and member of War Claims Committee and member of Banking and Currency and Mines and Mining.

Levy is in private Land Claims. Mr. Bayard, in the Senate, presented credentials of Mr. Marr, and they were tabled.

West, alarmed at the steps being taken to investigate his career in Louisiana and California, will leave here to-morrow, for New Orleans, to fix matters.

Ellis and Spencer left this evening for home.

The present organization of the House is regarded as fatal to the prospects of Tilden.

Bayard, Kerr and Thurman are now in the ascendant. L. Q. C. Lamar is chairman of Pacific Railroads.

TELEGRAPHIC.

By the Southern and Atlantic Telegraph Company.

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WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—Senate.—The chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, enclosing the reports and papers relative to the investigation of the Osage Indian agency. Laid on the table and referred to be printed.

Mr. Bayard presented the credentials of Robert H. Marr, appointed Senator from the State of Louisiana by John McEnery, signing himself Governor. The credentials were read and laid on the table.

Mr. Dawes presented petition of insurance companies of Boston asking to be admitted to participation in the Alabama award. He also introduced a bill carrying out the prayer of the petitioners. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill for the improvement of the Monongahela river. Referred to Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Mitchell introduced a bill to repeal the State of Oregon for moneys expended in the Modoc war. Military Affairs.

Mr. Edmunds said, in reference to the resolution he had offered on Friday last concerning the president pro tem. of the Senate, that, after further consideration of the subject and some discussion, he had concluded that the matter should not be left open for discussion from this time until the 7th of January. He therefore asked adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. Thomas W. Ferry, of the State of Michigan, be the President of the Senate until January 7, 1876, and until a fresh appointment shall be made.

Mr. Sausbury asked if this resolution did not involve one of the questions submitted to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. That committee was directed to inquire whether there is a vacancy in the office of the President pro tem, and this resolution assumes that there is a vacancy.

Mr. Edmunds thought not. He had drawn it in such a way as not to assume that we have or have not a President pro tem.; but if by any legal quibble it should happen that we have not a President, then this resolution ends it for the time being, and until the Senate does decide formally in the matter.

Mr. Bayard moved to insert the name of Mr. Thurman in place of that of Mr. Ferry. Lost—yeas 21, noes 21.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Morton said that in voting he did it in the spirit in which it was offered, and disclaimed the expression of any opinion on the subject.

Mr. Ferry, who had vacated the chair during the consideration of the resolution, resumed it and said: "Senators, I desire to thank you for your further courtesy and confidence."

Mr. McDonald gave notice that he will hereafter submit a substitute for the States rights resolutions heretofore offered by his colleague.

Mr. Morton—Hand them in now and let them be printed here.

Mr. McDonald—I prefer to hand them in hereafter.

On motion of Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, the Committee on Commerce was instructed to report by bill or otherwise as to the expediency of increasing the efficiency of the service of steamboat inspection. He said if what was said in the papers was true, there was a shameful neglect of duty on the part of inspectors.

The resolution of Mr. Morton to investigate the late election in Mississippi came up.

Mr. Eaton hoped that Mr. Morton would allow it to go over until after the holidays.

Mr. Morrill consented.

The Senate then went into executive session, and then adjourned till January 5, 1876.

House.—Immediately after the reading of the journal, the Speaker laid before the House two or three executive communications, and then proceeded to announce the standing committees of the House. The following are the principal ones:

Messrs. Harris, of Virginia; Thompson, of Massachusetts; Blackburn, of Kentucky; Beebe, of New York; House, of Tennessee; Debolet, of Missouri; Popelton, of Ohio; Hoar, of Massachusetts; Wells, of Mississippi; Barker, of Indiana; Brown, of Kansas.

Ways and Means—Morrison, of Illinois; Wood, of New York; Hancock, of Texas; Thomas, of Maryland; Geo. Chapin, of Massachusetts; Tucker, of Virginia; Blaine, of Maine; Kelly, of Pennsylvania; Garfield, of Ohio; Burchard, of Illinois.

Appropriation—Randall, of Pennsylvania; Hollan, of Indiana; Weller, of Maine; Atkins, of Tennessee; Hamilton, of New Jersey; Blount, of Georgia; Singleton, of Mississippi; Wheeler, of New York; Hale, of Maine; Foster, of Ohio; Weldon, of Michigan.

Banking and Currency—Cox, of New York; Payne, of Ohio; Goode, of Virginia; Gibson, of Louisiana; Hayward, of Indiana; Burchard, of Wisconsin; Wike, of Illinois; Townsend, of Pennsylvania; Kasson, of Iowa; Eames, of Rhode Island; Hubbell, of Michigan.

Pacific Railroad—Lamar, of Mississippi; Atkins, Tennessee; Luttrell, of California; Walker, of Virginia; Lynde, of Wisconsin; Throckmorton, of Texas; Thomas, of Maryland; Phillips, of Missouri; Garfield, of Pennsylvania; Parsons, of Indiana; Platt, of New York; O'Neil, of Pennsylvania; Blair, of New Hampshire.

Judiciary—Knott, of Kentucky; Hutton, of Virginia; Ashe, of New York; Lynde, of Wisconsin; Lord, of New York; Hurd, of Ohio; Caulfield, of Illinois; McCrary, of Iowa; Lawrence, of Ohio; Fry, of Maine; Starkweather, of Connecticut.

Commerce—Herford, of West Virginia; Ward, of New York; Durand, of Michigan; Reagan, of Texas; Piper, of California; Keir, of Missouri; Pierce, of Massachusetts; Felton, of Georgia; Hunter, of Indiana; Ross, of Pennsylvania; Dunnell, of Minnesota.

Claims—Bright, of Tennessee; Neal, of Ohio; Brown, of Kentucky; Robbins, of North Carolina; Tarbox, of Massachusetts; Cochrane, of Pennsylvania; Phillips, of Missouri; Pratt, of Iowa; Bass, of New York; Bradley, of Michigan; Carson, of Indiana.

Patents—Vance, of North Carolina; J. A. Bayley, of New York; Douglass, of Virginia; Sanders, of Connecticut; Hartsell, of Illinois; Clark, of Kentucky; Smith, of Georgia; Conger, of Michigan; Robbins, of New Jersey; Sampson, of Iowa; Hoge, of South Carolina; Davis, of North Carolina; Rea, of Missouri; Goodin, of Kansas; Anderson, of Illinois; Smith, of Pennsylvania; Rush, of Wisconsin; Van Vorhes, of Ohio; Smeal, of South Carolina.

Railroads and Canals—Jones, of Kentucky; Stone, of Missouri; Savage, of Ohio; Mead, of New York; Schleicher, of Texas; Mackey, of Pennsylvania; Sanders, of Indiana; Davy, of New York; Henderson, of Illinois; Frost, of Massachusetts; Hoge, of South Carolina; Mississippi Levees—Ellis, of Louisiana; Hatcher, of Missouri; Money, of Mississippi; Roberts, of Maryland; Young, of Tennessee; Sheakley, of Pennsylvania; Dunnell, of Minnesota; Whiting, of Illinois; Morey, of Louisiana; Wallace, of Pennsylvania.

Expenditures on Public Buildings—Metcalf, of New York; Wilson, of West Virginia; Bagby, of Illinois; Pratt, of Iowa; Townsend, of New York.

Expenditures of Department of Justice—Caulfield, of Illinois; Candler, of Georgia; House, of Tennessee; Starkweather, of Connecticut; Joyce, of Vermont.

Mileage—Egbert, of Pennsylvania; Bradford, of Alabama; Odell, of New York; Caswell, of Wisconsin; Walsh, of Alabama.

Select Committee on Centennial—Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Hancock, of Texas; Barnum, of Connecticut; Banks, of Massachusetts; Harrison, of Illinois; O'Brien, of Maryland; A. S. Williams, of Michigan; Hardenburg, of New Jersey; Kelley, of Pennsylvania; Blaine, of Maine; Lawrence, of Ohio; Raker, of New York; Rainey, of South Carolina.

Immediately after the announcement of the committees, the House, at 1 p. m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 5, 1876.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—At Moody and Sankey's revival services last evening the following distinguished persons were upon the platform: President Grant, Hon. Geo. M. Robeson, Secretary of the Navy; ex-Gov. Jewell, Postmaster General; ex-Secretary Borie, Hon. Geo. Bancroft, Judge Strong, of the United States Supreme Court; Gov. Hartranft; ex-Gov. Joel Parker, of New Jersey; ex-Gov. Bigelow, Hon. Thos. A. Scott, Col. Fred Grant and lady, Bishop Simpson, of Methodist Episcopal Church; Judge Buell, of New York; ex-Speaker Blaine, Hon. Norton McMichael, Gen. Patterson, Gen. Garfield, Senator Christiancy, of Michigan; Senator Wallace and wife, ex-Senator Cottell, Congressman Wells, of Mississippi; Thompson, of Massachusetts; Purlum, of Florida; Messrs. Geo. H. Stuart, G. W. Childs, and John C. Bullitt.

When these prominent and well known public men appeared on the platform, there was quite a commotion in the congregation, and many evinced a disposition to applaud. Bishop Simpson made the opening prayer, and pleaded very earnestly for a blessing upon the President and his Cabinet, for the Governors of the States, and all in authority. During the service Mr. Sankey sang the ninety-ninth hymn.

New York, Dec. 21.—Washington special says: Speaker Kerr will to-day announce committees. The following will be formed:

Ways and Means, Morrison, chairman; Appropriation, Randall; Banking and Currency, Cox; Foreign Affairs, Swann; Commerce, Hoar; Judiciary, Knott; Elections, Harris; Pacific Railroads, Lamar.

Carter & Eaton, attorneys, have filed in involuntary bankruptcy, petition against Duncan, Sherman & Co., signed by \$2,200,000. The alleged acts of bankruptcy were failures to pay a depositor and forty days suspension of commercial paper. The firm were adjudged bankrupts on Saturday.

The thermometer this morning indicated 6 degrees above zero.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 21.—Weather this morning very severe. Thermometer at 6 a. m. indicated 25 degrees below zero.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 20.—Capt. Peter Sanford, an extensive contractor and builder, died here last night after a brief illness.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The steamer Alaska, from Hong Kong, arrived here yesterday with 800 packages of tea and 646 packages of silk.

The American war vessel Ashcroft and German gunboat Cyclope are now at Nankin, on account of the difficulty there between the natives and missionaries.

BIEMES, Dec. 20.—It is now learned that the real name of the owner of the case of dynamite, which exploded on the wharf at Bremerhaven, was Wm. K. Alexander and not Thompson, as first reported. He was, it is stated, well connected in New York.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The weather here is intensely cold, with thermometer at midnight 7 degrees below zero.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 20.—The weather this morning was the coldest of the season; at sunrise the thermometer stood 35 degrees below zero. Reports from the northern part of the State say that the thermometer ranges from 25 to 35 degrees below zero.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 20.—The White Star Atlantic, from New York, Dec. 11, arrived off Crookhaven at 11 p. m. yesterday.

The French Transatlantic Company steamer L'Americain, which arrived here on Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, made 600 miles tow by the steamer Ville de Brest, of the same line. All well on board.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—Hon. Richard Smith, Ben Eggleston, Thos. Wheelock and Sum V. Reid have been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce as a committee to go to Washington to assist in securing a branch mint at Cincinnati.

O. S. Chumate was attacked by two tramps at Elyria, who attempted to rob him. He resisted, and in the struggle he was thrown under a passing train. His arm was cut off and he was otherwise injured. The tramps escaped.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The report of the Commission on Lunacy to inquire into the condition of the mind of Jacob Standerman, the condemned murderer of Louis Siedenwald, has not yet been made public, but it is stated that they have found that Standerman is insane, and will so report to Gov. Tilden, who will, therefore, commute the death sentence to imprisonment for life in the State Lunatic Asylum for Insane Convicts.

The libel suit of Henry C. Bowen against the Brooklyn Eagle and Thos. Kinross, being an action for \$100,000 damages, in what is known as the Capt. Kidd salvage case, came up in Brooklyn City Court to-day, on motion for stay of proceedings until the January term of court because of absence of material witnesses for defense. After long argument, Judge Reynolds denied the motion of defense for stay, and ordered the case to proceed. The work of impaneling the jury was then begun. The case will occupy two or three days.

The Coroner's inquest in the case of Sarah Alexander, the murdered Polish Jewess, was commenced at Brooklyn Morgue this afternoon. The case was also before the Brooklyn Grand Jury to-day and several witnesses examined.

It is expected that an indictment will be found against Rubenstein for murder in the first degree. The friends of Rubenstein expect to be able to prove an alibi, to show that he was in the Jewish Synagogue of this city, when other witnesses swear he was in the Broadway car, in Brooklyn. The police say it has been boasted by the Hebrews that they will spend a million dollars to save him from the gallows, as no Jew has ever been executed in New York, nor do they intend there shall be if they can prevent it. The near relatives of the murdered girl express their belief in Rubenstein's innocence, and appear to have the utmost respect for him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The troubles on the Southern border are attracting the attention of the military authorities here. A special messenger from San Diego having laid the matter before Gen. Schofield, it is evident that the turbulent Mexicans on the border intend making a raid probably on the city of San Diego.

The Mexicans along the stage road openly boast that war cannot come too soon to suit them. They are all well supplied with arms and other supplies. The prominent citizens on the border all dread the publication of their names as asking for military interference, considering their lives in danger. A troop of cavalry will be sent to San Diego at once.

Several streaks of good ore have been passed in the Suro tunnel during the last few days. The rock is softer and progress is more active.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Net receipts 132,310 bales; gross 285 bales; exports to Great Britain 400 bales; stock 117,068 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—2 1/2 p. m.—Quotations revised. Spot cotton steady and quiet; middling Orleans 15 1/2, middling Alabama 15 1/2, middling upland 15 1/2, strict middling upland 15 1/2, low middling upland 15 1/2, strict good ordinary 15 1/2, ordinary upland 15 1/2. Exchange quiet and firm; exchange bankers, three days, 49 1/2; six days 48 1/2; exchange commercial, sixty days

42 1/2. Futures quiet and firm; January 13 5/8; February 13 1/2; March 13 1/4; April 13 1/4; May 13 1/4; June 13 1/4; July 13 1/4; August 13 1/4; September 13 1/4; October 13 1/4; November 13 1/4; December 13 1/4. Gold 156 1/2; silver 100; sales for consumption 22; sales for future delivery 17,200.

WHEAT.—Closed firm. Sales for future delivery 24,500; January 13 1/2; February 13 1/4; March 13 1/4; April 13 1/4; May 13 1/4; June 13 1/4; July 13 1/4; August 13 1/4; September 13 1/4; October 13 1/4; November 13 1/4; December 13 1/4. Corn 33 1/2; sales for future delivery 1,200; January 13 1/2; February 13 1/4; March 13 1/4; April 13 1/4; May 13 1/4; June 13 1/4; July 13 1/4; August 13 1/4; September 13 1/4; October 13 1/4; November 13 1/4; December 13 1/4.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 20.—Receipts 20,000; shipments 2,000; stock 57,800; market quiet and steady.

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HUNTING TWEED.

Daring Adventures of a World Detective in Pennsylvania.

THE (WRONG) LION BEARDED AND BALD-HEADED IN HIS MOUNTAIN DEN.

Ever since the escape of Tweed World detectives have been silently engaged in tracking the steps of the fugitive, and no other has been so persistent to follow out every clue and investigate each rumor. The main object of this vigorous search was to obtain the reward of \$10,000, and the secondary idea was to gain a thrilling fame. The officers of the Order of Arrowheads, who are in the habit of consulting with them every morning since the escape as to the latest rumors, and action has been taken accordingly. At 6 o'clock on Thursday night the following letter—once among bushels—was received at the office of the World:

MOUNT ALTO, Pa., Dec. 8, 1875. Publishers New York World:

Dear Sirs—A man answering your description of Wm. Tweed has been seen, and he really is a convict, but afterwards learned that when five Funkstown men engaged in an "unpleasantness," only two of that number are usually left to relate the story of the battle. The man I saw was the World detective found in Funkstown, in the basement of Franklin House. It was built just as Benjamin Franklin was born, and judging by the accommodations of the house, the great philosopher had evidently stepped there, eaten a loaf of gingerbread which he had under his arm, and inculcated the principles of economy. The landlord was found suffering from concussion of the brain produced by a stone thrown in a row with a feather bed, and under the Methodist church of Funkstown, in which a revival meeting was in progress. The sleeping accommodations at the Franklin House are primitive and warm. A straw mattress is used to lie upon, while a feather bed serves as a coverlet.

At 6 o'clock Sunday morning the detective was awakened by a Pennsylvania Hebe, who thrust her head into the room and said aloud—very loud—that "Tweed" was ready. After eating sausage and drinking coffee, the detective made his way through the mud back to the Mount Alto Iron Works, and there found Col. Wisting, Superintendent of the Mount Alto Iron Works, and brother of the railroad superintendent.

"Tweed in these parts?" said he; "I guess not much; but if Tweed or any other criminal came into these mountains and frankly told one of the mountains he had stolen a horse and wanted to hide, at the same time being or securing payment to the man for his trouble, he would be hidden and fed in places where a whole regiment of detectives (scarcely) couldn't find him. Speaking of Tweed, the parents of Dr. Hughes, one of the doctors at the Charity Hospital on Blackwell's Island, live here, and they told me how the doctor had written home from New York telling about Tweed helping him in his view of the hospital, and the doctor, the Boss, after hearing the description of Mount Alto given by Dr. Hughes, has often expressed a desire to visit this part of the country." This caused the detective's heart to beat. He pondered the news and glory as he rushed timidly around the mud-covered cottages of Mount Alto endeavoring to get a man to act as guide in the mountains and obtain a wagon to drive him as near the White Rocks as it was possible for a convict to get. Both were a considerable difficulty, and before noon the detective, armed with a revolver and a bottle of pine tar, was seated in the back of a wagon without springs, driving slowly over the worst road in the State. The wind whistled from the mountain, blowing bitterly cold and a thick snow flakes danced about. After a three mile ride the White Rocks could be seen. Guide white bowlers started from every place on the irregular mountain top, and a dozen enormous wags on the summit of the mountain gave the locality its name.

Opposite the White Rock the road branched off through a wood in the direction of the mountain. The timber was mostly spruce and fir, and the winter had robbed the broad barbs of the trees, and among the rocks and underbrush glistened the everlasting white stone. The road went up the mountain in a nearly vertical line, and as the detective stepped from the wagon he secured the detective was obliged to rest largely upon his agility and knowledge of the principles of gravitation. Once or twice a wild turkey flew lazily across the road, and the drum of a flock of quail was occasionally heard. Mr. Bangs gave the reporter instructions about telegraphing, and at the conclusion he said: "If you get Tweed or find he has been in that country, telegraph to us at once, and we will send a hundred men to get him, and bring him to New York. Tell the hunters in the cabin, if the man they describe is Tweed, to hold him, and they will run no risks of ever being punished for detaining him if Tweed should demand his liberty under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania."

So, at 6 o'clock Friday night, the reporter—the detective, he means—took a seat in a passenger car of the Pennsylvania Railroad and went to Harrisburg, arriving there at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. At 8 a. m. the World detective left Harrisburg and arrived in Chambersburg two hours and a half later. There he began the search after Craig McDowell. The McDowells are distinguished people, and the detective had no difficulty in finding the McDowell residence, a large low structure just back of that portion of Chambersburg that was destroyed by fire during the war. A servant came to the door, and in response to an inquiry for Craig McDowell, replied that he was hunting in the South Mountains, near White Rock. So far everything indicated that the letter was a genuine document, and the search was resumed with great interest. Mount Alto is about twenty miles from Chambersburg, and a single track railroad used for carrying iron from the Cumberland Valley Railroad takes passengers to the South Mountains twice a day. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the reporter left Chambersburg for Mount Alto, and arrived at 6 o'clock. The station is a wooden building about twenty feet long