

NEWS OF THE WEEK. Gathered from All Quarters.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE, Dec. 6.—The Senate was called to order at noon. James L. Pugh, successor of George B. Houston, of Alabama, and Joseph E. Brown, who succeeds General Gordon, of Georgia, took the oath of office.

SENATE, Dec. 7.—Mr. Morgan presented the credentials of Thomas G. Manning, appointed by the Governor of Louisiana to fill the place of H. M. Spofford, deceased, until the next meeting of the Legislature.

SENATE, Dec. 8.—Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, introduced a joint resolution providing for the construction of a canal connecting the Gulf of Mexico with the Atlantic Ocean.

SENATE, Dec. 9.—On motion of Mr. Fessenden, so much of the President's annual message as related to the administration of Government employees for political purposes, etc., was referred to a select committee.

HOUSE, Dec. 10.—Mr. Rubbell, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Pension Appropriation bill.

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CAPTAIN H. W. HOWARTH, of the Signal Service Office, on the 8th, tendered his resignation unconditionally.

A MAJORITY of the leading members of Congress are said to be favorably disposed to the Panama canal scheme.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says the members of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee on the part of Congress in the construction of the Panama canal.

SENATOR BLAINE has announced his intention to introduce a bill providing for the reduction of letter postage from three to two cents.

SENATOR COKE says there is not a word of truth in the reports that there is a scheme planning to divide Texas into four states.

R. G. ARNOLD & CO., coffee dealers at New York City, made an assignment on the 7th.

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The widow of General Sumner died at Charleston, Va., on the 10th.

THE COURT house of Madison County, Ind., containing all the county records, was destroyed by fire on the 10th.

FIFTEEN buildings at Versailles, Ky., were destroyed by fire on the 10th.

CAPTAIN PAYNE'S expedition started from Arkansas City, Kan., on the 9th, for the Indian Territory, followed by a company of United States cavalry.

CHARLES MARSHALL, a noted desperado, who, on the 7th, murdered an innocent old man named J. M. McLaughlin, of Belleville, Mo., was taken from the sheriff by a party of citizens on the 10th and hanged.

THE DEMOCRATS have a majority of three in the Tennessee Legislature.

THE DUTY on salt in Russia has been abolished.

HORRIBLE crimes are reported to have been done by the escaped convict of Victorio's band in the vicinity of Chihuahua, Mexico.

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