

THE ROBBERS' RAID.

A General Assault on the State Treasury.

Cheeky Claims Defended With Brazen Impudence.

An Union Pacific Official as a Lobbyist.

Frantic Effort to Defeat the Railroad Tax Bill.

Special Correspondence of The Bee. LINCOLN, February 18.—The raid on the state treasury still continues. After voting away about \$900,000 in the general appropriation bill and imposing a special tax for a \$500,000 addition to the capitol, the lower house has put through the committee of the whole another batch of claims that rival in sublime cheek the bogus \$3,000 claim of quartermaster Governor Pezma. These fraudulent claims were sandwiched into the miscellaneous appropriation bill which was a few righteous claims that should be paid. The debate over this bill was in some respects interesting. Before the various items were passed upon, Rotberta, of Butler, moved an amendment that the claim of Pat O. Hawes to \$1,048 25 be incorporated in this bill. This motion met with some opposition. Hatch argued that as the claim was a perfectly fair one it ought to be allowed. Johnson hoped the amendment would prevail, as the general sentiment of the house was that the claim was a just one.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Complete Exoneration of De-Long and Party by the Court of Inquiry.

Programme of the Republicans for the Remaining Days of Congress.

No Prospect of the Passage of the Tariff Bill This Session.

Items of Interest from the National Capital.

Special Dispatches to The Bee. THE JEANETTE INQUIRY. WASHINGTON, February 18.—The Jeanette court of inquiry reports the following facts as deemed established by evidence adduced concerning the circumstances of the loss of the Jeanette and death of DeLong and others of her officers and men. Although the weight of the evidence shows the Jeanette was not especially adapted in strength or model to the expedition, the fact that an experiment explorer had made two cruises in her to the arctic sea, sustains the judgment and care shown in her selection. When last purchased she was strengthened and improved, and the condition of the vessel on her departure from San Francisco was good and satisfactory.

THE OLD WORLD.

Impressive Funeral Ceremonies of the Great Composer.

The Conspiracy Trial Still Creating Great Excitement in Ireland.

President Grey Announces His Acceptance of the French Ministry.

Miscellaneous News from All Over Europe.

Special Dispatches to The Bee. WAGNER'S FUNERAL. BAYREUTH, February 18.—Wagner's widow was so overcome on the arrival of the funeral train here that she was obliged to be lifted from the car. A guard of twenty-seven citizens watched the bier throughout the night. The remains were borne from the car to the station platform, the band playing a funeral march from Siegfried. Herr Maenner, in an address alluded to Wagner's services at Bayreuth, and laid on the altar of his memory.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Special Dispatches to The Bee.

THE ROCK ISLAND DUMMY.

THE NEW MINISTRY.

PARIS, FEBRUARY 18.—At a meeting of the cabinet to-day President Grey accepted the resignations of the ministers and officially announced that M. Ferry had been entrusted with the formation of a new ministry.

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THE FLOODS.

Relief Coming in from All Parts of the Country for the Ohio Valley Sufferers.

INDIANAPOLIS, FEBRUARY 18.—Information from the flooded districts give a most gloomy account of the suffering. At New Albany the river has fallen two feet. The weather is very cold. One thousand three hundred families are driven from their homes. By the stoppage of the factories 1,000 families are dependent on charity; most of them lost everything. It will require months to rebuild the factories, meantime the employes must be cared for. The Wabash at Terre Haute reached the highest point this afternoon.

ST. LOUIS, FEBRUARY 18.—The cold weather has not affected the rise in the rivers. All streams are booming. Numerous bridges have been carried away. All trains are from one to twelve hours late. Some roads are using track of other lines in order to run trains at all.

ICE GORGE BROKE.

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LINCOLN LAW-MAKERS.

The Job of the Militia Brigadiers to Draw Big Pay for No Work.

Mrs. Colby Occupies the Senate Floor for an Hour in Favor of Brown's Resolution.

And the Senate Heartlessly Kills the Resolution by Indefinitely Postponing.

Lancaster Statement Put in Their Claims for the Fat Offices.

Special Dispatches to The Bee. LINCOLN, February 18.—The records show that Douglas county has three senators, although one of them is sometimes called the gentleman from Barry county, and Lancaster has two senators according to the same record. It is generally conceded, however, that Senator Canfield is a first class Lincoln representative and is under the special care of Brown, of Lancaster county. The bill providing for county attorneys instead of district attorneys, passed the senate with but one dissenting vote. The bill known as the occupying claimants' law, which provides that the person who may pay the taxes on any real estate, supporting that the property belonged to him or her, shall have a lien upon said real estate for all taxes and interest paid thereon. This is intended to cover the claim of a large number of people who have been occupying and paying taxes on land that has recently been decreed to belong to the St. Joe & Denver railroad company or their assigns. This bill met with very little opposition, only two votes being recorded against it.

TELEGRAPH NOTES.

Special Dispatches to The Bee.

At the funeral of ex-Governor Morgan, Saturday, President Arthur and ex-President Grant were pall-bearers.

Ex-Governor Stephen Hempstead, second governor of Iowa and the first lawyer who settled in Iowa, died suddenly at Dubuque Saturday of heart disease, aged 70. He was for many years an active politician. He died much respected, but poor.

A prize fight between Chinamen was fought at Philadelphia in the presence of forty spectators, who paid \$2 each. The contestants were Loo Hing and Hui Sing Foon. After a desperate but unscientific battle of eleven rounds Loo Hing gave up.

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