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Telegraphic Tidings

WASHINGTON MATTERS.

ARID LANDS TANGLE.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The conference committee of the two houses on the sundry bill had another meeting yesterday. In conversation, Mr. Cannon said he was willing to so modify the act of 1888 as to validate all entries made since that act became a law, but not to repeal it, and he would insist upon the reservation of canal and reservoir sites already made or to be made, and a modification of the land laws which would repeal the pre-emption law and leave only the homestead and desert land acts in force and would restrict all entries under the latter to 160 acres.
He intimates that if the senate does not want to accept this they will have another conference. On the other hand, the senators say they will not consent that there should be any tinkering with the land laws on an appropriation bill. Thus the matter is getting into a considerable tangle.
That the public may understand how important this matter is, a statement has been made from the general land office showing how many entries are affected and rendered invalid by the attorney general's opinion as to the scope of this act.
It appears from this statement that there have been 134,000 entries in the entire country and over 9,000,000 acres of land entered.
There were 10,000 entries in Colorado alone, covering 700,000 acres. The area which it affected in Utah is over 1,000,000 acres, in New Mexico 300,000, in Arizona 3,000,000 and in Wyoming 700,000.
Said in the Senate.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—In the senate the house amendment to the senate bill which adopts regulations to prevent collisions at sea, and to amend an act relative to shipping commissioners was concurred in.
The senate then proceeded to the consideration of executive business. The resolution offered by Edmund yesterday, limiting debate on the tariff bill, was reported to the committee on rules.
Blair's resolution, authorizing provision for the previous question, took the same direction on his own motion. Quay's resolution, providing among other things, for a vote on the tariff bill on the 30th of August, was also on motion referred to the committee on rules. After a statement by Quay that the resolution for the general appropriation bills included the river and harbor bill, Hoar offered an amendment so as to include the federal election bill among the measures to be taken up for consideration at the present session. Also referred to the committee on rules.
The house joint resolution extending the provisions of existing laws providing for the temporary expenditures of the government to the 29th of August was taken up and passed.
The tariff bill was then taken up, the pending question being on Vest's amendment, which was offered Monday, reducing the duty on tin plates from 2 1/2 to 2 cents per pound to 1 cent per pound. Gray continued his argument in support of the amendment.

Little Commonwealths.
LEWISTON, Me., Aug. 14.—By the census the population of Maine has increased 9,500 since 1880. The population of Vermont is 332,000, a decrease of 286.
Bests 'Em all.
NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The steamship Pontonic has smashed all records, making the run from Roche's Point to Sandy Hook in 5 days, 19 hours and 5 minutes.
Ex-Governor Foster Declines.
Tiffin, Ohio, Aug. 14.—Ex-Governor Charles Foster has written a letter to a prominent Republican leader in this city announcing that under no circumstances will he accept a nomination for congress.
List of Religious Houses in Rome.
ROME, Aug. 14.—Premier Crispi has ordered a list to be made of all religious houses in Rome, with a view to confiscating those that are liable to suppression under the law.
Charges Against Army Officers.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The charges and specifications in the cases of Col. A. V. Kauntz, 8th infantry, and Gen. J. R. Brooke, have been submitted by Gen. Schofield to the secretary of war for his action.
A Talk About the Farmers' Alliance.
NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada, expressed himself very freely in an interview on the Farmers' Alliance. He thought that farmers might secure twenty or thirty or even forty Alliance members in the next congress. "Then the end of the movement will come," said he, "because when they are there they will have nothing for which they can unitedly ask or which they will demand to have done that is not now being done. That part of their movement on which I look with most interest is the demand for the issuance of money upon products—corn, wheat, oats, etc. It is going to make the men who have been crying for years that money must have an intrinsic value take a new view of things."

Still Squabbling.
Nearly as many Optics as New Mexico are read in Santa Fe. Shameful, but true.—Las Vegas Optic.
Raton's Infant Industry—The Latest.
August 4.—Mrs. F. Mayott presented her husband with a son.
August 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Tyrell rejoice over the advent of a bouncing twelve pound boy.
August 6.—Dull day; no arrivals.
August 7.—A little daughter arrived to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Carr.
August 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams gave thanks to Him from whom all blessings flow—a son.
August 9.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bruggeman was made more interesting by the arrival of a daughter.
Total for week ending August 9, five; total for corresponding week of last year two. Future developments are anxiously awaited.
Census Supt. Porter will be asked for a new count or a supplement to the old one.—Reporter.
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