

AT THE CAPITAL.

Interesting Proceedings in the House.

The Reapportionment Bill Under Discussion.

An Attempt to Railroad It Through Does Not Succeed.

It Will Be Voted on Today—Porter's Crooked Census Returns Denounced.

Associated Press Dispatches.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the house today, Mills of Texas, as a privileged question, offered a concurrent resolution providing for a holiday recess from December 22, 1890, to January 3, 1891. Referred to the ways and means committee.

Dunnell of Minnesota called up the apportionment bill and briefly explained its provisions. There was a diversity of opinion among the members of the house as to whether the present representation should stand, or whether it should be increased. Finally it was determined to accept 356 as the proper number. After an ineffectual effort to secure an agreement as to the limitation, in debate, Dunnell gave notice that he would call the previous question at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Flower, of New York, protested against the passage of the bill, and severely criticized the census returns of New York city.

Mills, of Texas, said he believed New York had lost enumeration to which she was entitled, but her loss was not as great as that of his own state, which amounted to 500,000.

McRae, of Arkansas, gave notice of an amendment increasing the representatives to 359.

Outwaite, of Ohio, stated that great injustice had been done in his state, in the taking of the census. Under this census Illinois had become the third state in the union. It was not true that Illinois had grown so rapidly, nor that Ohio had fallen off to such an extent. The whole census ought to be retaken so that representation could be apportioned according to population, and not according to schemes for political advancement.

Frank of Missouri, earnestly advocated the bill, which was based upon the bill originally introduced by himself.

Flower of New York offered an amendment increasing to thirty-five the representation from New York.

Spinola of New York said when the people of New York found that they had been wronged, they applied to the secretary of the interior, but obtained no relief. The secretary wrote a blackguard and impudent letter, which was unworthy to emanate from any man calling himself a gentleman. The census, as taken by Superintendent Porter, was a crime against the republic. It was a wrong perpetrated by the superintendent, and he knew it, and his heels knew it.

Covert, of New York, argued in support of the amendment providing for a recount in New York and Brooklyn, and an additional representative for the state, should the recount show an increase of 150,000 over the federal census.

Lind, of Minnesota, favored McRae's amendment. The apportionment bill, he thought, should be satisfactory and just to the country. It was conceded on both sides that there was difficulty in regard to the census in New York city. In order to appease the feeling of New York (considering its large fraction) it would be but fair and just to give that state an additional representative. The same was true of Arkansas and Minnesota, and this bill, while it might fit the arithmetical theory of the committee, did injustice to those states.

Biggs of California complained that San Francisco had not had a fair enumeration. Not one enumerator there had been a Democrat.

Peel of Arkansas declared that Arkansas had lost 100,000 by failure to count.

Dunnell, in closing the debate, spoke earnestly in favor of the bill, and expressed regret at the attack made on the secretary of the interior by Spinola. It had never seemed reasonable to the committee that New York should be granted a special privilege. No other city had come here disregarding the law, and he regretted that the venerable gentleman from New York should let fall from his lips an attack upon an officer of the government, when the latter could not reply.

The hour of 5 having arrived, Dunnell demanded the previous question.

Blount, of Georgia, interjected a motion to adjourn, and during the progress of the vote, the Democratic members took their hats and overcoats and left the hall, showing a disposition to break the quorum on the next vote.

The motion to adjourn was lost—yeas, 118; nays, 145.

At the suggestion of Blount, of Georgia, it was agreed that after two days' debate tomorrow the previous question should be considered as ordered, and the house adjourned.

IN THE SENATE.

The Franchise, the Elections Bill and Labor Petitions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the course of the morning's business in the senate, today, Senator Hoar read a letter from John I. Davenport, making a vigorous denial of the charges preferred against his conduct as chief supervisor of elections, and professing his willingness to appear before a senate committee to answer the charges.

The pending business was the consideration of Dolph's resolution providing for an investigation as to whether the right to vote was denied or abridged in any state, which West's amendment extending the inquiry as to whether by state legislation any man was denied the right to work on public works by reason of his color. Morgan, in opposing the resolution, called attention to the fifteenth amendment of the constitution, criticizing it and contending that the foundation of the country would be much better had the government been content with the fourteenth amendment.

Pending further debate, the senate proceeded to consideration of the elections bill, Morgan concluding his speech against it. Its discussion was then temporarily suspended, and Pugh gave notice of an amendment requiring deputy marshals, etc., to be of good moral character, and able to read and write.

Blair presented petitions from labor organizations, praying congress to set

aside consideration of the elections bill, so that labor legislation might be acted upon.

Hoar objected, and Kenna then addressed the senate in opposition to the elections bill.

Dolph took the floor, but soon yielded to a motion to adjourn.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

A New Coinage Chairman Elected—New Bills, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house coinage committee today elected Wicksham, of Ohio, chairman, to succeed Conger, who resigned to become minister to Brazil.

THE SUB-TREASURY BILL.

Pierce, of Tennessee, introduced in the house, today, a resolution instructing the ways and means committee to report to the house by January 5th the sub-treasury bill.

CARTER'S COINAGE BILL.

The coinage bill introduced by Carter, of Montana, has been ordered favorably reported. It provides that gold coin may be exchanged for gold bars, but gives the director of the mint power to use his discretion to impose for such exchange, a charge which shall equal the cost of manufacturing them.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO VETO.

In the house today the senate bill was reported, with an amendment changing the boundary line of the Uncompahgre Ute Indian reservation, and restoring to the public domain certain portions of it in Utah, to be disposed of under the homestead laws. A bill having a similar purpose was vetoed by the president last session.

TO PREVENT FUTURES IN BULLION.

Hopkins of Illinois introduced a bill making it unlawful and punishable by fine and imprisonment for any person to agree to sell and deliver at a future time, any gold or silver bullion, or certificates representing deposits of the same, with any trust company or bank, when at the time of making the agreement the party is not the owner of the property. It also prohibits any stock exchange from listing any gold or silver certificates.

TO EXPLORE ALASKA.

A bill providing for a systematic exploration of the interior of Alaska, is likely to receive consideration by congress soon. It provides that the secretary of war shall send a party into the interior of Alaska, and asks an appropriation of \$100,000 to defray the expenses of the expedition. It is proposed that the party remain three years, in order that the observations may be absolutely trustworthy, and finally set at rest the various and conflicting reports regarding the Alaskan territory.

TO PREVENT BRIBERY AT ELECTIONS.

Senator Pasco today introduced an amendment to the pending elections bill.

It provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to pay or promise money to induce persons to vote or refrain from voting; to promise employment as a supervisor of election, to influence to receive money or appointment with that object, and to endeavor to influence employees in their voting, on penalty of \$500 fine and imprisonment of one year. It requires officers of political organizations to file with the clerk of the house itemized statements of the receipts and expenditures of political funds, and the same statements are required from candidates for representatives under like penalties.

SILVER LEGISLATION.

Henry Clews Makes Some Novel Suggestions on This Subject.

New York, Dec. 16.—Henry Clews has addressed an open letter to the secretary of the treasury, in which he makes one or two novel suggestions about silver legislation. Clews wants congress to amend the present silver law by inserting a clause giving the secretary of the treasury authority to change at his discretion the periods of the purchase of silver. The present law provides for 4,500,000 ounces each month, which is absolute. In place of this, to provide for the present money crisis, he wants the secretary to have authority, at his discretion, to purchase a double amount in December, equal to 9,000,000 ounces, and the same for January, February and March, and suspend the purchases provided for in the months of April, June and July, next, entirely.

"What is important for the people of the country to know for a certainty," says Clews, "is that they can rely upon the present law being permanent and not subject to changes at the convenience of every congress. When the present law has been in existence a year, it will bring out new silver money aggregating in amount about \$60,000,000, and each year thereafter an equal sum. In ten years from the date of the passage of the act the amount of this money will be about \$600,000,000. This annual increase, I am of the opinion, will be ample for that class of money, and it would be unwise to increase it. It certainly will be sufficient if congress will also pass, at an early date, the Sherman bill, which provides for national bank bills to be issued up to the par value of United States bonds. This will increase that class of money about \$150,000,000.

SOUTH AMERICAN NEWS.

A New Steamship Line Established on the West Coast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Information is received at the bureau of American republics of the establishment of a new line of steamers on the west coast of South America, in opposition to the Pacific Steam Navigation company and South American Steamship company. The capital is mostly furnished by merchants and bankers of Valparaiso and Santiago, Chili and \$5,000,000 has already been subscribed. The minister of the interior of Chili, has recommended the payment of a subsidy similar to that now paid to the South American steamship company.

The bureau has also received information that the government of Ecuador, which hitherto had no coinage, has recently arranged for the production of a supply of silver money, to be coined at the national mint of Chili.

DID NOT TAKE IT.

Frank Records Acquitted of the Charge of Embezzling Lumber.

Frank Records, one of the directors of the new Los Angeles Driving Park association, appeared before Justice Austin yesterday for examination upon the charge of embezzlement preferred against him by C. E. Paris of this city. The complainant, who is also one of the directors of the association, alleges that on or about August 25, 1889, Records appropriated to his own use 415 feet of pine and redwood belonging to the association. The defendant, however, was discharged.

Frank X. Engler.

Frank X. Engler, piano regulator and tuner, 119 S. Olive St.

ALONG THE COAST.

The Baden Stockyard Scheme Developing.

By Early Spring the Work Will Be Well Begun.

Vacaville Fruit Growers Gather a Golden Harvest.

A Freight Train Drops Through a Bridge. A Heavy Burglary in Oregon. Other Items.

Associated Press Dispatches.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Peter Iler, who has had active management of the Baden stockyards, in this state, has just returned, after an absence of twenty-three months, passed mainly in Chicago. Mr. Iler went east to confer with the principal backer of the enterprise about definite plans upon which it should proceed, and has brought back with him detailed plans and specifications for the principal buildings, which have been approved.

"During my absence," said Mr. Iler, "not much has been done at Baden, except some surveying and the erection of some temporary offices. I will now remain here right along, and will at once begin to superintend the preparations for active operation. Before actual operations of large importance are begun, four companies will be organized and incorporated here. These will be an abattoir company, a stockyards company, land company and banking company. These will be organized about the first of January, on the arrival of E. J. Martin, the legal representative of Armour & Co., and of Albert Veeder, who is with Nelson Morris. As soon as these companies are organized, they will go ahead rapidly with the improvements decided upon. By early spring we will have large forces of men at work, and many buildings will be going up.

MONEY IN FRUIT.

Vacaville Valley Clears \$1,225,000 in One Season.

VACAVILLE, Dec. 16.—During the season of 1890 there were 492 acres of green and dried fruit shipped to eastern points. Of dried fruits: Apricots, 33 carloads; peaches, 5; prunes, 16; raisins, 11; grapes, 5; nectarines, 4; peeled peaches, 2; pears, 2; figs, 2; sundry small lots, 1. In addition to this, fully 1000 carloads of green and dried fruits were shipped to San Francisco and other local points. There are yet remaining in the valley, according to estimates made, about three carloads of raisins, one of apricots and five of peaches. The return from this amount of fruit, according to the best estimates, place the net income, after freight and commissions are deducted, very close to \$1,225,000.

The Bee Boycotters Left Again.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 16.—Judge Buckles of Solano, who sat in the contempt case brought against the managers of the Bee in the instance of parties boycotting that paper, today rendered a decision in favor of the Bee. In the suit for a preliminary injunction against the boycotters before Judge Armstrong, while the matter was under advisement, the Bee published affidavits showing the facts of the boycott as taken under the instructions of the court, but rendered unnecessary because the facts of the complaint were conceded. The boycotters had the Bee managers arrested, claiming that the publication was made to corruptly influence the decision of Judge Armstrong. Judge Buckles holds that no such intent was shown.

A Heavy Burglary.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—The chief of police today received a telegram from Mackie Bros., dealers in general merchandise at Saint Helens, Oregon, stating that last night burglars entered their store, blew open the safe, secured about two thousand dollars in cash and papers and notes to the value of about eighteen thousand dollars. No clue.

Mysterious Disappearance.

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 16.—The cause of Frederick Koester's disappearance is still a mystery. His friends say there is no evidence of foul play on the part of Chinese miners, or anybody else. His son Henry Koester, of this place, offers a reward of \$100 for news of his father's whereabouts. The missing man is 70 years old.

Went Through a Bridge.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 16.—A freight train went through a bridge near here this afternoon. The bridge was being repaired and the rails were without support. The engine went over all right, but five flat cars, loaded with iron and lumber, dropped into the stream below. No one was injured.

Balloting for Senators.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, Dec. 16.—The legislative today balloted in separate session for United States senators. The first ballot resulted: Stevenson, 10; Dobbins, 17; McConnell, 9; Shoup, 8; Claggett, 8. Two members did not vote.

A Tedious Recount.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The O'Donnell recount proceeded slowly today. In some precincts no errors were found, and in others only trifling ones were discovered. The recount will probably occupy three weeks.

Prepared to Fight Fire.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Dec. 16.—A test of the new city water works for fire purposes was made today, and proved very satisfactory, the stream reaching above the highest building in town.

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INYO INDIANS.

Some Talk of Their Going on the War Path.

H. T. Robinson, of Inyo county, is a guest at a Montgomery-street hotel, says the San Francisco Chronicle of Monday. He brings news that the Piute Indians of his region, particularly in the vicinity of Owens valley, are agitated over the Messiah craze, and that there is danger of an uprising should the Indian scare continue.

Mr. Robinson informed a Chronicle reporter that Indian emissaries from the tribes of the Dakotas had reached Owens valley and were endeavoring to excite the Piutes of Inyo county. The older members of the Piute tribe are not averse to going on the war path, and are only held back by the young bucks, who thus far have refused to declare themselves ready for war. At all events the situation is becoming serious.

Inyo county has a population embracing about 1600 Piutes, and they could very easily get together 1000 warriors. There are not more than 500 white men in the whole Owens valley region who could prepare themselves for Indian fighting, and the total quantity of arms and ammunition in the county would not equip over 300 men. Owing to this condition of affairs the residents and settlers are more or less alarmed, and have called the matter to the attention of Assemblyman Hunewill. The settlers claim that the state should at least give them arms sufficient to protect themselves in case the Piutes should go on the warpath. An uprising of the Piutes would cause a great destruction of property and some loss of life, and the fact that the county is so remote from the other parts of California, is in itself a reason that the state should take some action in the matter. It is proposed at the next session of the state legislature to authorize the formation of local military companies in the Owens valley region.

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