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General News Summary.

Washington News.

The note of Earl Granville, sent to Secretary Fish through General Schenck, was read to the Cabinet at Washington on the 23d. A general conversation ensued, continuing several hours, in which the merits of the questions presented concerning the interpretation of the Treaty of Washington were discussed.

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ed the lines. The interior decorations of St. Paul's Cathedral were fine. It is estimated that 14,000 persons were within the Cathedral at noon. The decorations on the route of the procession are said to have surpassed anything ever before known. At one of the street crossings was a splendid triumphal arch which cost \$4,000, and other arches hardly less splendid are mentioned. Several serious (and one fatal) accidents happened during the day, owing to the pressure of the great masses of spectators on the line of the procession.

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At a recent meeting of the Illinois Democratic Central Committee, it was decided not to issue a call for a State Convention at present. The Committee adjourned to meet again on the 8th of May.

Two large mass meetings were held in Chicago on the evening of the 23d to ratify the recently enacted liquor law of Illinois. Addresses were made and a firm determination was expressed to have the law enforced.

Great excitement was caused in the Utah Constitutional Convention, at Salt Lake, on the 23d, on the passage of an article agreeing "that the terms prescribed by Congress as a condition precedent to admission, if ratified by a majority vote, at the time, and under the regulation prescribed by this Convention, shall thereupon constitute a part of this ordinance." This sacrifices polygamy, and the Mormons are reported as being generally indignant thereat.

The Ohio State Prohibition Convention assembled at Columbus on the 23d. J. A. Spencer, of Cleveland, was chosen President of the Convention.

Alderman Carney, of Chicago, indicted for bribery, has been acquitted, and Alderman Walsh has been declared not guilty on one indictment, and convicted on another.

The great bridge over the Missouri River at Council Bluffs is completed.

Chief-Justice Sprague, of the California Supreme Court, died on the 24th.

The Japanese Embassy arrived in Chicago on the 26th, and were received in a cordial manner by the Mayor and prominent citizens.

The East Saginaw Courier figures up the total amount of lumber manufactured on the Lake Huron shore of Michigan, last year, including shingles, lath and pickets, at 667,882,878 feet, and puts the total value thereof at \$5,000,000.

Joachim Geist, who assaulted his wife because she did not get breakfast in season, and killed her by scalding her externally and internally has been found guilty by a Chicago jury, and by them awarded a penalty of sixteen years in jail.

The Japanese Embassy left Chicago for Washington on the 28th. They donated \$5,000 to the sufferers by the Chicago fire.

The South. Information from Florida states that the Legislature adjourned sine die on the 19th. It is stated that the counsel of Governor Reed asserts that the adjournment of the High Court of Impeachment without day is tantamount to a dismissal of the charge against him.

A passenger train coming north on the Louisville & Cincinnati Short-line Railroad, on the afternoon of the 23d, fell through a bridge three miles north of Ellettsville, Ind. About sixty passengers were on the train, of which number two were killed and fifty-two wounded, many seriously.

The National Catholic Temperance Convention adopted a constitution and effected a permanent organization at Baltimore on the 23d. Rev. J. McDervett, of Washington, D. C., was chosen President. A dispatch from New York on the 24th denies a report that Collector Casey, of New Orleans, had been removed.

Very Rev. Henry Benedict Coskey, Vicar-General and Administrator of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, died on the evening of the 27th, of pneumonia. He was in his 64th year.

The "Southern States Convention of Colored Men" is to meet at New Orleans on the second Wednesday in April.

Congressional. In the Senate, on the 23d, bills were reported to abolish stock gambling; with amendments, authorizing the construction of railroad bridges across the Ohio River at Mount Vernon, and near Evansville, Ind. Creating the harbor and river of Washington, D. C. The resolution to investigate the alleged sale of arms to the French was taken up and discussed in Executive session, and adjournment to the 26th.

In the House, on the 23d, petitions were presented for a law licensing distilleries according to their capacity; from Philadelphia, asking for the erection of Government buildings in that city.

The Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was taken up, and the amendments advancing the Russian mission to the first-class, and the Japanese mission to the second class, and reducing the Central American missions to one Minister at Nicaragua, were severally agreed to, and the bill was passed.

The bill to reimburse the College of William and Mary, in Virginia, for property destroyed during the war by disorderly soldiers of the United States was taken up and discussed in Committee of the Whole. Adjourned, the session on the 24th to be for general debate only.

In the Senate, on the 26th, bills were introduced providing that persons held as prisoners of war, or in the hospital at the time, or subsequent to the issuing of their commissions, shall have the same pay and emoluments as if captured at that date; removing political disabilities from all persons engaged in the rebellion, on condition that they shall not be enabled to maintain any office in the United States before removal of such disabilities, unless the same accrued prior to April 11, 1861, or subsequent to April 19, 1865. A resolution was offered by Mr. Conkling requesting the President to inform the Senate of the number of recommendations for appointment to, or removal from, office, so far as can be ascertained, made to the present Administration by persons now Senators from the States of New York, Missouri, Illinois and Nebraska, respectively, with particulars relating thereto. Amendments were accepted, to include South Carolina, and to inquire as to who go around the Departments to seek information as to how many recommendations were made by any particular Senator. After discussion of a personal nature between Messrs. Conkling, Trumbull, Sumner and Morton, the resolution was passed, and the bill was passed.

In the House, on the 26th, bills were introduced for Government buildings at Evansville, Ind., and at Racine, Wis.; for a bridge over the Missouri River at Booneville; to preserve the independence of the several departments of the Government and to fix the actual responsibility of appointments to office in the Civil Service, and for removals from office. Bills were passed for the removal of political disabilities from persons in various Southern States; Senate bill removing political disabilities from 3,224 persons named in it; extending the time for the completion of the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship-canal to the 3d of March, 1873; repealing the requirement of stamps on packages of jewelry, necessaries, sauces, canned and preserved fruits, vegetables, meats, etc. Resolutions were adopted providing for teaching the German language at the expense of the War Department; to inquire into the sale of ordnance stores in the late French-German war, with power to send soldiers to the battle field, and to have the Civil Rights bill came up and went over to March 4.

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In the House, on the 27th, petitions were presented from Pennsylvania miners, remonstrating against a reduction of the duty on coal and iron, and from citizens of Harrisburg to repeal the duties on tea and coffee. The Senate amendment to the House bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri at St. Joseph was considered in, and the Senate amendment was concurred in, and the Senate bill was passed, extending the time for the completion of the Green Bay & Sturgeon Bay & Lake Michigan Ship Canal; setting apart the Yellowstone Valley in Montana and Wyoming Territories as a national game preserve. The Deficiency bill was further considered in Committee of the Whole. Adjourned.

In the Senate, on the 28th, a report was made from the Committee on Elections adversely to the claim of Mr. Abbott to a seat from North Carolina, and a minority report was made in favor of Mr. Abbott. The Senate bill was passed, and after a speech in its favor by Mr. Sumner, a motion to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Sumner's amendment directing the Committee to inquire whether any American Senator or citizen had held unauthorized communication with any foreign Government, or its agents, was adopted, was laid over. 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