FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

In the Senate, on the 18th, a concurrent resolution to extend the session until Wednesday evening was adopted. The Sundry Civil Appropriation bill occupied nearly the entire session, and was finally disposed of by the Senate, but the House refused to concur in some of the Senate amendments and a Conference Committee was appointed. The resolution of the House of Representatives in reference to the attendance of Senator Matthews as a witness before the House Committee was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The House bill for the relief of settlers on public lands passed. It extends the provisions of the act of March 3, 1877, so as to allow settlers who had their crops injured by grasshoppers to leave their homesteads temporarily for the purpose of obtaining subsistance. The House concurred in the Senate concurrent resolution declaring that the treaty with China, allowing unrestricted immigration to this country, should be modified, and calling the attention of the President to the subject. After concurring in the Senate amendments to various bills, the Senate substitute for the bill repealing the Resumption act was read, and Mr. Fort moved to concur in the Senate amendments. Mr. Ewing said: "I object to the present consideration of the Treasury Department substitute for the bill." [Cries of "Order."] The Senate amendments were finally non-concurred in for want of the necessary two-thirds majority—140 to 105—so that the bill fails. The amendments were to make greenbacks receivable for 4-per-cent bonds and for customs duties. The vote was taken after much uproar and excitement, and was a mixed one, both as to politics and localities. Mr. Butler submitted his views on the Kimmel resolution. Ordered printed. Mr. Stenger moved to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill providing for the manner in which James B. Eads shall be paid for opening the channel at the South Pass of the Mississippi River. Agreed to without the yeas and nays. Mr. Townsend (Ill.) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill to repeal that section of the Resumption act which authorizes the sale of United States bonds for the purposes of resumption, and to provide that United States notes shall be receivable for duties on imports. Rejected—yeas 114, nays 113—not the necessary two-thirds in the affirmative. Mr. Pound moved to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill extending for 10 years the time to complete the Northern Pacific Railroad. Defeated—yeas 89, nays 127. The Senate resolution extending the time for adjournment until Wednesday, 6 p. m., was concurred in.

In the Senate, on the 19th, after the appointment of several committees of conference on the Sundry Civil bill, the amendments were finally agreed upon and the bill passed. The President pro tem. announced as a committee on the part of the Senate to consider the subject of the reorganization of the Army: Messrs. Burnside, Plumb and Butler. The House bill relating to claim-agents and attorneys in pension cases, passed. It makes it unlawful for any attorney, pension agent or other persons to demand or receive for services any greater sum than $10, and provides that no fee contract shall hereafter be filed with the Commissioner of Pensions in any case. The select committee appointed to make inquiry concerning the alleged connection of Senator Matthews with matters relative to the late Presidential election in Louisiana was authorized to sit during recess. Mr. Saunders called up the Senate bill to establish the Territory of Lincoln and to provide a temporary government therefor, which was discussed at some length and further consideration postponed until December next. The usual resolutions of thanks were voted to officers of the Senate. The hour of adjournment was twice extended, the last time to 7 a. m., at which hour the Senate finally adjourned..... In the House, Mr. Ewing moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill to retire national bank notes, and substitute Treasury notes for them. Rejected—yeas 109, nays 114. The result was greeted with applause on the Republican side. Mr. Southard moved to suspend the rules and pass the following bill: That on and after the 1st of October, 1878, legal tender notes of the United States shall be received at par in payment of customs duties. Agreed to and the bill passed—yeas 153, nays 53. Mr. Haskell moved to suspend the rules and pass a bill providing that all pensions, on account of death, wounds received or disease contracted in the service of the United States during the late war, shall commence from the date of death or discharge, and for the payment of arrears of pension on that principle; and also providing that no claim agent shall be entitled to any compensation for making application for arrears of pension. Agreed to—yeas 161, nays 62. Mr. Clark (Mo.) moved to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill to create an Auditor of Railroad Accounts. Agreed to—yeas 187, nays 13. Mr. Conger moved to suspend the rules and pass joint resolution proposing constitutional amendment forever prohibiting the payment of any claim for property taken, used, injured or destroyed by the United States troops during the war of the rebellion unless the owner was loyal to the Government, and gave neither aid nor encouragement to the enemy. Agreed to—yeas 144, nays 61. Mr. Crittenden moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill known as the "pro rate" bill to establish a Board of Pacific Railroad Commissioners. Rejected—yeas 15, nays 103, not the requisite two-thirds in the affirmative. Mr. Cox of New York moved to suspend the rules and pass a bill to fix the pay of letter-carriers. Agreed to—yeas 149, nays 94. The result was hailed with applause. The bill provides that in all cities containing a population of 75,000 or over there shall be two classes of letter-carriers, the first class to have a salary of $1,000 and the second class a salary of $800; that in cities of less than 75,000 there shall be but one class of letter-carriers, whose salary shall be $850; that a third class may be established on application of the Postmaster, to be called auxiliary letter-carriers, and to receive $400 a year, and that the letter-carrier system may be established in cities of 20,000 inhabitants. The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committees: On Reorganization of the Army—Messrs. Banning, Dibbrell, Bragg, Strait, and White (Penn.). On Transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department—Messrs. Scales, Boone, Hooker, Van Voorhees and Stewart. On the Labor Question—Messrs. Hewitt (New York), Riddell, Dickey, Tucker, Thompson, Rice and Boyd. The Post-route bill passed. The Speaker announced the death of Representative Quinn, of New York, and appointed a committee to attend his funeral. The Conference Committee's report on the Sundry Civil bill having been passed, and other minor matters disposed of, at 7 a. m. the House adjourned sine die.

Prior to the adjournment of the Senate, Senator Bruce, by request, introduced a bill to establish a National Academy of Education, giving preference to the genius and talent of the land and to the orphans of the republic. Referred. It provides that the President and Vice-President of the United States, Chief-Justice, Speaker and Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and Commissioner of Education shall be a body corporate, to be known as the National Academy of Education. They are to establish academies in the several States, and Congress to appropriate annually one-third of the amount necessary for their support—providing the State Legislatures and people of the States contribute the other two-thirds. It further provides that there shall be established in the District of Columbia an academy upon a basis of equality with any university in the world, which shall be the model for the State academies.....In the House, Mr. Franklin offered a resolution declaring that, in the investigation of the charges preferred against the late Doorkeeper of the House, J. W. Polk, nothing has been shown affecting his personal integrity or reflecting on him as an honorable man, and allowing him two months' extra pay. Agreed to.

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The Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The Sundry Civil Appropriation bill as passed contains the Senate provision for the payment of the fisheries award of the Halifax Commission. The Senate amendment providing for antebellum Southern claims is stricken out. The items for continuing the work upon public buildings at Boston, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis, which were made $300,000 each by the House of Representatives, but increased one-third by the Senate, are compromised by the Conference Committee at $350,000 each. The Senate amendment of $327,500 to construct a building in Washington for the Printing and Engraving Bureau is retained, but the Senate provision for the purchase of the Freedman's Bank building is stricken out.

The Senate item of $400,000 for commencing the north wing of the new State, War, and Navy Department is agreed to, after reducing it to $350,000, and the amount for continuing the work on each wing is compromised at $325,000.

The other items for public buildings are, as finally fixed in the bill, as follows: Evansville, Ind., $45,000; Grand Rapids, Mich., $47,000; Lincoln, Neb., $12,500; Topeka, Kas., $40,000; Memphis, $25,000; Little Rock, $30,000; Helena, Mont., $10,000; Nashville, $35,000; Parkersburg, W. Va., $9,000; San Francisco, $102,000.

The Senate provisions for continuing the Hot Springs Commission are retained after being amended in sundry matters of detail. [By a clerical error in engrossing the bill, this section is rendered entirely nugatory.]

The Senate amendment authorizing the President to detail an engineer officer for service as Commissioner of the District of Columbia, without regard to rank, is stricken out, so the requirement of the recently-enacted law requiring a permanent form of government for the District that such officer shall not be below the rank of Captain remains in force. This excludes Lieut. Hoxie, present District Engineer.

All the Senate amendments providing for an increased number of life-saving stations and for the salaries of superintending officers created under the Cox bill are retained.

The Senate amendment is retained which appropriates $40,000 for a light-house on Racine Point, Lake Michigan.

The Senate clause authorizing commercial rates to be paid for the Government advertising since April 10, 1877, and hereafter, is retained.

The Senate item of $12,000 for the purchase of Washington relics is stricken out.

The Conference Committee agreed to the amendment appropriating $40,000 for erecting the American building at the Paris Exposition.

The Senate item of $50,000 for a military telegraph line from Bismarck, Dak., to Fort Ellis, Mont., is retained.

The Senate appropriation of $250,000 to indemnify States for enrolling and equipping troops during the late War is stricken out.

The Conference Committee agreed to the Senate provision for the payment of Capt. Eads for the improvement of the South Pass of the Mississippi.

The Senate provisions for the construction of a free bridge across the Mississippi River near Fort Snelling, Minn., are retained.

The Senate appropriation of $75,000 for the completion of the development of the water power at Rock Island Arsenal is retained.

The Conference Committee agreed to the Senate amendment providing for the report by the Secretary of the Interior as to the value of lands adjoining the Capitol grounds, with a view to selecting the site for the proposed new Congressional Library building.

The clause authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to appoint a commission of three persons to visit the Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Indians to confer with them about their permanent location and to provide for their removal is retained.

The Senate item appropriating $220,000 to pay the arrears of the interest on the Chickasaw Indian Trust-fund bond is agreed to.

The Senate amendments providing for an investigation of the diseases of swine and to complete the work of the United States Entomological Commission are both retained, but reduced in amount to $10,000 each.

The item of $83,333 to pay the balance due the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for service in 1866, under the China mail contract, is stricken out.

The deficiency item for the compensation of Postmasters is reduced from $150,000 to $75,000, and that for deficiencies in the postal revenues is reduced from $500,000 to $250,000.

The Senate provision for $250,000 for deficiencies in the expense of United States Courts is reduced to $150,000.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

COOKING EGGS.—A teaspoonful of vinegar put in the water will keep the eggs from breaking when being poached.

WAFFLES.—Take 2 eggs, 1 quart of flour, 1 tablespoonful of butter, 1 pint of sweet milk, 2 teaspoons yeast-powder, a little salt; mix very lightly; bake in waffle irons. Muffins can be made as above, only a little thicker, and add a spoonful of sugar, and bake in the oven in rings.

CHILDREN'S PUDDING.—¼ pound finely chopped suet, ½ pound bread crumbs, ¼ pound of brown sugar, and a small quantity of any fruit sirup or dissolved jelly. Mix the dry ingredients, add the sirup, and a little milk if not sufficiently moist. Put the mixture into buttered cups and bake for half an hour, turn them out, and serve with sauce flavored with fruit sirup or with dissolved fruit jelly.

DUCHESSES.—Take half a dozen potatoes, boil them, pass them through a sieve and work into them in a bowl 1 gill of cream and yelks of 3 eggs; add pepper, salt, and nutmeg to taste, and some parsley chopped fine. When they are well mixed and smooth, take them up by tablespoonfuls, roll each in a ball, flatten it, and flour it slightly. Lay them all in a saute pan with plenty of butter melted, and cook them slowly. Turn them over when one side is done, and serve hot as soon as both sides are colored.

YEAST.—Peel 3 potatoes, boil till quite tender, crush with a fork, add ¾ pound brown sugar, 3 dessertspoonfuls of flour, a teaspoonful of salt; mix the whole with cold water to the consistence of batter; next put 2 quarts of water in a saucepan with 2 good handfuls of hops, boil for 30 minutes, then add the above mixture, heat again to boiling, take it off and strain into a stone bottle. Let it cool till milk-warm, then add ½ pint of a previous make. In default of this, add ½ pint of brewer's yeast, or a little German yeast mixed with warm water. Allow the stone bottle, with contents, to stand loosely corked in a warm place near the fire till the following morning; then cork tight, and put away in a cool place. The yeast will keep for a month.

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