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POLITICAL POINTS.

It is announced from Washington that President Arthur has decided to call an extra session of Congress immediately after March 4, to dispose of revenue questions, believing that no conclusion will be reached on the pending bills.

Ex-Senator Dorsey resigned the office of Secretary of the Republican National Committee.

Hon. Augustus H. Garland was almost unanimously re-elected to the United States Senate by the Arkansas Legislature, receiving the vote of every Democratic and Republican member on the first ballot. The three Greenback members of the Legislature cast their votes for Rufus K. Garland, an elder brother of the Senator. In the Tennessee Legislature, Isham G. Harris was chosen as his own successor in the Senate, and William F. P. Frye was similarly honored by the Maine Legislature.

The Republican Senatorial caucus of the Colorado Legislature balloted nine times on the 10th inst., and the result was that, while the Republicans were successful, they could not recommend the departure of his countrymen to the northern portion of the continent.

A Milwaukee dispatch of Jan. 20 says: "Evidence accumulates against Scheler, who, it is alleged, fired the Newhall House. It has been ascertained that he secreted some of his stock of liquors and removed seven sets of billiard balls before the fire occurred. The prisoner was returned to the jail, and he has not been allowed to speak to his wife or any other person."

Balling for United States Senator in the Colorado Republican caucus was continued on Jan. 19 without result. The ballot yielded Pritch 20 votes, Tabor 17, Hamill 11, and Bowen 5. The Michigan Legislature balloted for a Senator, Ferry receiving 52 votes and Stout 30, the remainder being scattered among a number of aspirants. In the Nebraska Legislature, Thayer and Millard had 16 votes each, and Morton 13. The fourth ballot for Senator in the Minnesota Legislature gave Windom 50, Wilson 33, and "scattering" the remainder.

Friends of temperance in Iowa, in view of the Supreme Court decision, will hold a State Convention at Des Moines Feb. 7, to determine upon their future policy.

The weather throughout the West and Northwest on the 18th, 19th and 20th of January was intensely cold, the mercury in some sections ranging between twenty and thirty below. At Omaha some of the public schools were closed. Railway traffic was much impeded by snow accumulating in the cuts, in some instances trains being abandoned. A great snow-storm prevailed in Ontario during the same time.

At Richfield Springs, N. Y., Harry Taylor killed his wife and mother-in-law and then committed suicide. He had regularly laid out the corpses of his victims.

THE POLISH HORROR.

Four hundred persons burned in the circus at Berdicheff—Frightful Scenes During the Holocaust.

A St. Petersburg dispatch gives the following particulars of the recent burning of a circus structure at Berdicheff, in Russian Poland, by which several hundred human beings were incinerated: "The fire broke out toward the end of the performance, and spread rapidly to the entire building of eleven bodes, making a total of thirty-nine. The only important bill introduced was by Mr. Fletcher, making the penalty for rape castigation of the offender, and for appointment of a State Board Inspector, and for abolishing the office of City Assessor of Indianapolis. Mr. Heffren also introduced a bill to consolidate the State on the 13th inst. for the appointment of seven Commissioners from civil life to investigate the report on the subject of railroad transportation, at a compensation of \$10 per day and traveling expenses. The House passed a bill to extend the franchise to all the states aside from \$35,500,000, and the Fortification Appropriation bill which covers \$325,000. Senator Seaman, from New York, called attention to the fact that the bill was introduced by Mr. Fletcher, and the House adjourned.

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