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NEWS CONDENSED.
Concise Record of the Week.
DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

Mr. Sherman's resolutions on the Vir- gins and Mississippi elections were taken up in the Senate on the 29th ult. The galleries were full, in anticipation of a fiery political debate. Messrs. Sherman and Mahone made speeches denunciatory of the Southern Democracy; but, to the disappointment of the galleries, the Democratic side of the Senate observed a policy of silence. The resolutions were thereupon passed by a strict party vote—33 to 28. Mr. Vest reported formally a bill to repeal the timber-culture law. Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to establish the Territory of North Dakota. Mr. Platt offered a resolution of inquiry as to the effect of the stock dividend of the Western Union Telegraph company, its consolidation with competing lines, or its regulations for the transmission of press news. The House resolution for aid to destitute Indians at the Crow reservation was adopted, the amount being raised to \$100,000. House bills were passed appropriating \$3,750,000 to pay rebate on tobacco and \$21,950,000 for the expenses of the Legislature of New Mexico. The House of Representatives passed a resolution, offered by Mr. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, for the appointment of a special committee of five members to investigate the case made by ex-Speaker Keifer that H. V. Boynton, a correspondent, attempted in a corrupt manner to influence his action on the McGarran claim. Mr. Keifer caused to be printed a letter which he had written to the offender. Bills were introduced to prevent the adulteration of sugar, to bridge the Mississippi at St. Paul, to prevent the intermarriage of whites and negroes in the District of Columbia, to secure the ability of the paper currency, and to purchase additional acreage for the erection of a public building at Galveston.

PETITIONS signed by several thousand citizens of the Territories of Washington, Dakota, and Idaho, and of the District of Columbia, asking for a prohibitory liquor law, were presented in the Senate on the 30th ult. After some debate on the question of volunteers for the Greely relief expedition, the Senate adjourned to attend the funeral of Representative Mackay. Mr. Hays reported a bill to amend the act to establish a Bureau of Animal Industry, to re- vise H. J. Hunt with the rank of Major General, to make postage on second-class matter two cents per pound, making further appropriations for public buildings at Erie and Council Bluffs, and to provide that no Territory shall apply for admission as a State unless it has sufficient population to entitle it to representation in Congress. The obsequies of Representative Mackay were conducted by Rev. Drs. Huntley and Shippen.

A LARGE number of petitions for a prohibitory liquor law for the Territories and the District of Columbia were presented in the Senate on the 31st ult. Bills were introduced to pay employees of the Government the wages withheld in violation of the right-to-work law, to relieve commercial travelers from license taxes. Mr. Sewell reported a bill providing that no re- gimental or company officer shall be detached for more than three consecutive years. Mr. Godd presented a joint resolution from the Legislature of Texas urging the improvement of Galveston harbor in the manner proposed by the Attorney General. A communication from the Attorney General stated that his clerical force was insufficient to supply the papers called for by Congress. Ad- journed to Monday, Jan. 4. The House of Representatives adopted a resolution asking the Secretary of the Interior to explain by what authority 120,000 acres of land were ceded to the State of Kansas for the benefit of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road. The bill forfeiting lands granted to the Texas and Pacific Railroad company was passed by a vote of 229 to 131. A message from the President was received, trans- mitting the report of the American hog pro- ducers by Germany and France.

AFTER three weeks' deliberation and five days of debate, the House of Representatives, on the 1st inst., passed the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter by a vote of 184 to 78. Stron- g efforts were resorted to by the Republican leaders to stave off a vote by filibustering, but when at 5 o'clock the Democrats con- ceded, the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill. The galleries were crowded, and intense interest was manifested when the House proceeded to record its action. The analysis of the vote shows that 146 Democrats, 18 Republicans, and 2 Independents voted for the passage of the bill, and 77 Republicans and one Democrat voted against it. The bill was introduced to prohibit the removal of House employees during vacation, except for cause. Conference com- mittees were appointed on the special Indian ap- propriation and the Greely relief scheme. The Senate was not in session.

EASTERN.
Mrs. Catharine Mosier, residing near Erie, Pa., was scratched by a cat which she attempted to drive from her house a few days ago, and is now suffering from lockjaw.

At Greensburg, Pa., a body of men have formed an oath-bound society, pledging themselves not to buy French products, and to boycott persons who sold them, until France relieves the embargo on American pork.

Suspended about the neck of Mrs. Louisa Helms, who was killed by a train at Paterson, N. J., were found a quarter-dollar, the wish-bone of a chicken, and a card giving her name and address.

The proposed public exhibition of the Keely motor at Philadelphia has been postponed for a time.

Thomas Salmon, a liquor-seller at Woburn, Mass., was last summer sentenced to jail for a violation of the temperance law. While an appeal was being heard he was elected to the Legislature. The Supreme Court has just decided that he must serve out his term in prison.

At Brooklyn, N. Y., Axel Paulsen skated twenty-five miles in 1 hour 32 minutes and 17 seconds, beating all previous records.

WESTERN.
After an entertainment at Pana, Ill., for the benefit of Emma Bond, unknown persons hung Judge Phillips, who presided at the trial of Montgomery et al., in effigy on the common.

A barrel of gasoline in a hardware store at Alliance, Ohio, exploded with truly frightful results. The building was three stories in height. Five families lived in the upper portions of the structure. The building was totally demolished. Eighteen people were in the doomed place at the time, and half of them perished. The ruins took fire, and were partly consumed. A woman in the street was fatally wounded.

The boiler in the Twitchell shingle-mill, near Blanchard, Mich., exploded, killing two men and injuring several others.

Marquis de Mores reports a new disease among sheep on the Montana ranges, which has carried off 4,000 head of merinos sent from Iowa and Wisconsin.

There is an enormous falling off in the "hog crop." Nearly 200,000 fewer hogs have arrived in Chicago this winter so far than came in last winter during the same period of time.

A recent dispatch from Tombstone,

Arizona, says: "A messenger has just ar- rived from Oposura, Sonora, and reports that the Apaches are murdering and ravag- ing that section. Four men have been killed since Jan. 25. The savages are thought to be a portion of Geronimo's band, for whom Capt. Rafferty, with troops, is on the look- out."

Farmers in the vicinity of Shabbona, Ill., had a ready market for seed corn at from \$2 to \$3 per bushel.

Well-borers near Urbana, Ill., struck a gas vein at a depth of eighty feet, which can be heard roaring at a distance of two miles.

The Secretary of the Illinois Board of Charities has been collecting lithographs from theatrical companies, with which to amuse the insane patients.

SOUTHERN.

The first discovery of tin in this country has been made in King's mountain, Cleveland county, N. C.

The lower house of the Texas Leg- islature has passed a bill to punish fence-cutting by imprisonment from one to five years.

A jury at New Orleans acquitted Troilville Sykes of the murder of Kate Town- send.

Col. John G. Kasey has absconded from Bedford county, Va., of which he is ex- treasurer, leaving \$50,000 for his bondsmen to pay.

The extreme cold weather in South Carolina seriously damaged the oats crop, destroyed early vegetables, and killed doves, mocking birds and poultry.

A negro, named Sandy Robinson, was lynched in Leon county, Tex., for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Lathrop.

Stages running each way between Whitesboro and Gainesville, Tex., were robbed by three men, who secured \$500.

At Lancaster, Tex., Robert Halsh, a maniac, who had been kept confined at his brother's house for six years, escaped from his room, secured a knife in the kitchen, and after a desperate conflict killed his brother and made for the woods.

WASHINGTON.

The Committee on Territories has committed itself to the policy of suppressing the premature formation of States out of Territories, as was done in the case of Ne- vada, by agreeing to recommend the passage of Mr. Townsend's bill, which prohibits any Territory from framing a constitution or applying for admission into the Union until it shall have enough population to entitle it to representation in Congress. This would require about 160,000 people. Nevada has but a little more than one-third of that num- ber.

Of 5,000 bills introduced in the House of Representatives, this session, 1,400 are for pensions.

"I don't think there is any show at all in the House, or Senate either, for the Reagan Interstate commerce bill," said Rep- resentative Robinson, of Ohio, in a conversa- tion at Washington the other day.

The following is a recapitulation of the debt statement issued on the 1st inst.:
Interest-bearing debt—
Four and one-half per cents..... \$ 250,000,000
Four per cents..... 73,741,000
Three per cents..... 274,758,550
Refunding certificates..... 307,590
Navy pension fund..... 14,000,000
Total interest-bearing debt..... \$1,276,057,553

Matured debt..... 11,348,163
Debt bearing no interest..... 1,348,163
Legal-tender notes..... 846,379,676
Certificates of deposit..... 16,880,000
Total cash in treasury..... 213,387,671
Practical currency..... 681,250

Total without interest..... \$41,594,477
Total debt (principal)..... \$1,870,000,000
Total interest..... 9,498,360
Total cash in treasury..... 213,387,671
Debt, less cash in treasury..... 1,656,612,329
Decrease during January..... 11,938,003
Decrease of debt since June 30, 1881..... 65,007,487

Current liabilities—
Interest due and unpaid..... 2,733,373
Debt on which interest has ceased..... 11,348,163
Interest thereon..... 308,111
Gold and silver certificates..... 213,387,671
Certificates of deposit..... 16,880,000
Cash balance available..... 150,735,412

Total..... \$ 393,415,233
Available assets—
Cash in treasury..... \$ 303,415,233
Bonds issued to Pacific railway com- panies, interest payable by United States..... 64,032,512
Interest accrued, not yet paid..... 323,117
Interest paid by United States..... 61,168,000

Interest repaid by companies—
By transportation service..... \$ 7,516,100
By other payments..... 5 per cent net earnings..... 655,138
Balance of interest paid by United States..... 42,083,499

Washington dispatch: "The Randall men are not pleased that Mr. Morrison has so nearly completed his tariff measure, and that there is probability that the subject will soon come up for discussion. The Morrison bill will provide for a general reduction of 20 per cent, but the silk and liquor sched- ules will not be changed."

Mr. Denny, American consul Gen- eral at Shanghai, is said to have received pre- emptory orders from Washington to rent an office building owned by George H. Sew- ard, at an extravagant price, and in conse- quence tendered his resignation and came home. Representative Springer threatens to introduce a resolution calling for all the pa- pers in connection with the case.

POLITICAL.

The Ohio State Prohibition con- vention to nominate a State ticket and delegates to the national convention has been called to meet at Columbus March 6.

Beatrice, Neb., dispatch: "About 1,000 citizens met at the opera house in this city for the organization of a John A. Logan Republican club. Over 500 signed the roll of membership, and unbounded enthusiasm pre- vailed. Logan clubs are being formed all over this State."

A petition to President Arthur, ask- ing the reappointment of Eli H. Murray as Governor of Utah, has been largely signed at Louisville, Ky., by citizens of all shades of political belief.

President Arthur has sent to the Senate the names of Richard S. Tutthill, to be United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, vice Gen. Leake, term expired, and James A. Connolly, of Charleston, Ill., to be United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, a renomination.

The Republicans of the Second district of Kansas have nominated Edward P. Funston to succeed the late D. C. Haskel.

Ex-Senator Dorsey, being interviewed

at Washington as to President Arthur's chances for the Republican nomination at Chicago, said that nine-tenths of the peo- ple were against him (Arthur), and that his chances of nomination were no better than his (Dorsey's) own.

THE DEATHS OF A WEEK.

Hon. John Letcher, who served as Governor of Virginia during the war period; Hon. Joseph Bond, of Waukesha, one of the pioneers of Wisconsin; John B. Wood, prom- inent in New York journalism; Judge E. Has- senmuller, a leading German citizen of Cleve- land, Ohio; William Myers, a pioneer settler of Dubuque, Iowa; George T. Jenkins, of Baltimore, nearest surviving relative of President Madison; Giles B. Slocum, one of the oldest citizens of Detroit; O. F. Bump, a prominent Baltimore lawyer and litterateur; Commodore Francis Bleeker Ellison, one of the oldest officers of the United States navy; E. W. M. Mackey, Congressman from South Carolina; Prof. Klinkerfuss (by judge John I. Campbell, an eminent lawyer of Nashville, Ill.; Jonathan Lundy, a pioneer settler in the Maumee valley of Ohio; Henry D. Bannard, a prominent citizen of Detroit.

A WEEK'S FAILURES.

Failures reported by telegraph dur- ing the week were as follows:
G. T. Comins, prison contractor, Con- cord, N. H., \$140,000
W. P. Bard, lawyer, Reading, Pa., 50,000
J. B. & W. H. Anderson, grain, Mendon, Mich., 40,000
A. W. Underwood, dry goods, Terrell, Tex., 20,000
John Borden, boots and shoes, Phila- delphia, 50,000
Heath & Jones, axle manufacturers, Philadelphia, 35,000
Leopold Steiner, boots and shoes, Phila- delphia, 25,000
Joseph Kuhn, money broker, Detroit, 200,000
M. Gossett, dry goods, Independence, Mo., 21,000
Vass Slicker's cotton mill, Pittsfield, Mass., 70,000
J. B. Pond, lecture manager, Bos'ton, 11,000
Kable Bros., stock traders, Vincennes, Ind., 10,000
Cleveland Paper company, paper manu- facturers, Cleveland, Ohio, 200,000
Daniel F. Beatty, organ manufacturer, Washington, 175,000
James Bland, cotton goods, New York, 78,000
D. M. Hawkins, tobacco, Cincinnati, 30,000
E. J. Beame, shoes, Providence, R. I., 30,000
B. Dru & Co., dry goods, Augusta, Ga., 36,000
J. H. Bettine, general store, Manor, Tex., 40,000
J. H. Vaden, restaurant, Detroit, 250,000
Morrisville, N. Y., 72,000
Wilcox & Co., boots and shoes, Detroit, 150,000
P. Worth & Co., commission merchants, Boston, 1,000,000
Thos. Swan, restaurant, Detroit, 28,000
Jackson Bros., leather, Montreal, 40,000
Taylor & Moore, queensware, Cin- cinn., 100,000
Perine & Co., hardware, New York, 100,000
Merchants and Mechanics' Bank, Lead- ville, Colo., 75,000
Pope and Son, Co., St. Louis, 50,000
Malloy Bros., dry goods, Watertown, Wis., 30,000
T. H. Baxter, dry goods, Birdseye, Ind., 20,000

MISCELLANEOUS.

Advices from South Australia are to the effect that the surplus of wheat for ex- port will be 18,000,000 bushels. A Cincinnati journal estimates the supply of wheat in the United States at 175,000,000 bushels, with 35,000,000 more in flour.

Mr. Shaffer, Secretary of the Iowa Agricultural society, estimates the corn crop of the State at 171,500,000 bushels. Consider- able corn is being brought from Kansas for feeding, but farmers will have no more to do with seed from the southwestern States.

Hon. Judah P. Benjamin telegraphs from London a denial of the letter published in Thurlow Weed's autobiography, and at- tributed to him, in which he proposed that the Southern States might, under certain circumstances, conclude to return to their allegiance to Great Britain. The letter is printed in another column.

Business failures in the United States and Canada, according to Dun's report, rose again to the neighborhood of 400, the pre- cise number being 373, and the increase for the week 56. The average number in flush times by the same report has been 100.

The first legal execution in Claiborne county, Missisippi, since 1846, took place last week at Port Gibson, where Simon Bon- ner was hanged for the murder of James R. Light. J. C. Collins was executed at Ne- vada City for robbing a stage in 1879, and killing a banker named W. F. Cummings. The latter was carrying bullion bars valued \$7,000, which his murderers sold in New Orleans and Louisville.

Frederick L. Ames is a director in fifty-two railway companies, Jay Gould in twenty-four, and Hugh J. Jewett in twenty.

FOREIGN.

John Bright, in a speech at Birming- ham, England, declared that Henry George should have tried his foolish land scheme in America, where it could be cheaply tested, before attempting to foist it upon countries with institutions ten times as old.

Agrarian irritation is so bitter in the Russian provinces of Pskov and Vitebsk that a collision between the peasants and the troops is imminent.

The inhabitants of the beleaguered city of Sinkat have eaten all the dogs in town, and nothing remains but the horses and one bag of barley.

C. W. Thomas, Sons & Co., London stock brokers, have defaulted, and one mem- ber of the firm has absconded. While their assets are large, their liabilities are about \$4,100,000.

The Egyptian government sent the wrong man with Gen. Gordon who was to be the new Sultan of Darfour, and the youth has been drunk ever since he left Cairo.

The hired men who cheered when the Comte de Paris went into the Paris depot on his way to Spain have been sentenced to eight days in jail.

The Chief of Police of Budah-Pesth, Hungary, has sent to the Police Department at New York full details of the robbery of a chest containing 240,000 florins from the post- office in that place Jan. 5 last. Rewards are offered for the recovery of the money and arrest of the thieves, who, it is believed, fled to America.

Capt. Austin, an American marks- man, is giving exhibitions of his skill in Great Britain. At Leicester he twice shot a potato from the head of his daughter, but at the third attempt the ball plowed the scalp, and he was placed in arrest.

The chambers of agriculture in sev- eral counties of England have requested that

the importation of cattle be restricted, in order to prevent the spread of disease.

Gallmeyer, the singer, who has just died at Vienna, left a will directing that her body be dissected in the death chamber and then consigned to a pauper's common grave like that of a beggar. She wished that there should be no flowers, no service, and no coffin.

William Meagle, a witness in the Phoenix park trials at Dublin, complains of constant persecution and assaults at the hands of sympathizers with the assassins of Cavendish and Burke.

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

J. P. Whitehead, formerly a minis- ter of the United Brethren church, hanged himself at an Ohio town near Columbus.

Capt. Kirkland, of the receiving-ship Colorado, volunteered to command the Greely relief expedition, and will be assigned to that duty.

The Mississippi Senate has passed a bill for the formal trial of habitual drunk- ards, and, at Judges' discretion, for the ap- pointment of guardians for the same class on their confinement in the lunatic asylum.

The President of the West Shore road says that \$5,000,000 would complete and equip it, when annual earnings of \$12,000,000 would be insured.

The Legislature of British Columbia represents to the Dominion Parliament that there are 18,000 destitute Chinamen in that province, and petitions for a law imposing a tax of \$100 per annum on each Celestial.

German capitalists are organizing at Hamburg to acquire possession of territory in the island of Borneo in opposition to the British Company.

The commander of the Turkish forces has informed the Council of Ministers that a Turkish expedition to the Sudan is impossible without English help.

Nineteen members of Parliament at- tended the Parnell conference at Dublin, E. Dwyer Gray presiding. Edward Shiel and John E. Redmond were appointed "whips."

The meeting decided to oppose the London municipal bill unless a similar measure is in- troduced for Dublin. Other plans were formulated, and resolutions of regret at the death of Wendell Phillips were adopted.

The Vigilance Committee of Brown County, Nebraska, suspecting Thomas Durand of being a bad horse-thief, hanged him six miles from O'Neill, but he afterward managed to cut himself loose and fled the country.

From Nov. 10 to Jan. 30 102 business houses closed operations in Idaho, mostly in the mining camps. It is said they are only resting during the winter and will resume business again in the spring.

Peter Clifford, a brakeman, was as- sassinated in his doorway at Rendville, Ohio, and lived only long enough to charge the crime upon the Hickey brothers. Four of the latter and a brother-in-law named Reddy were placed in jail. The following evening a large body of citizens took Richard Hickey and Reddy from the jail. The former was executed, but the latter was returned to custody after the rope broke.

Mr. VAN WYCK, of Nebraska, introduced a resolution in the Senate on the 4th inst., which was agreed to, providing that no dividends shall be made by the Union Pacific road except from the net earnings, and that no new stock shall be issued or more axes created without leave of Congress, under penalty of fine and imprison- ment. Various petitions from Union soldiers for laws for their benefit were handed in. Mr. Logan presented a protest against the passage of the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter. Bills were introduced to provide for the payment of day wages for legal holidays. Bills were in- troduced to improve the people of Dakota to form a constitution; to provide artificial limbs for ex- soldiers; to erect a public building at Tyler, Tex., and to provide for the payment of ad- vertisements in the Territories. The Ohio presented resolutions adopted by the Legisla- ture of Ohio favoring a tariff for the State of Ohio.

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