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NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

MR. SHERMAN's resolutions on the Virginia and Mississippi elections were taken up in the Senate on the 20th ult. The galleries were full, in anticipation of fiery political debate. Messrs. Sherman and Mahon 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 however passed by a strict party vote—20 to 20. Mr. Verplanck reported a bill to repeal the timber-culture law. Mr. Cameron introduced a bill to establish the town of North Dakota. Mr. Platt offered a resolution of thanks to the officers of the railroad division 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, with a report of the committee. House bills were passed appropriating \$3,550,000 to pay the expenses of the Legislature of New Mexico. The House of Representatives passed a resolution, offered by Mr. Hopkins of Pennsylvania, that the appointment of a special committee of five members be given to investigate the charge made by ex-Senator Keifer that H. V. Boynton, a correspondent, attempted in a corrupt manner to influence his action on the McCarran-McDowell bill. The Senate voted that he be given the right to do so. 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 post office to pay, and to provide additional funds 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 20th ult. After some debate on the question of volunteers for the Greely relief expedition the Senate adjourned to attend the funeral of Representative Mackay. The House of Representatives voted to enlarge the Greely relief bill, and to appropriate \$100,000 for the same. Mr. Gossell introduced a bill providing 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 Hon. E. W. M. Mackay were conducted by Rev. Drs. Hunley 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 21st ult. Bills were introduced to pay employees of the Government the wages withheld in violation of the eight-hour law, and to reward the men who had been discharged. Mr. Gossell reported a bill providing that no regimental or company officer shall be detached for more than three consecutive years. Mr. Coke presented a joint resolution from the Legislature of Texas urging the improvement of Galveston harbor in the manner proposed by Captain McRaven. A memorandum from the Attorney General stated that his clerical force was insufficient to supply the papers called for by Congress. Adjourned to Monday, Jan. 4. The House of Representatives adopted a resolution, authorizing the Secretary of State to present to the Senate in writing a title to 180,000 acres of land were certified 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 100 to 1. The bill was received, transmitted, and the report of the Secretary of State in regard to the restriction of American hog production 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 124 to 75. Strenuous efforts were resorted to by the Representatives to stave off a vote by filibustering, but when at 5 o'clock the Democrats concurred at hour for debate the opponents of Porter accepted the situation. Mr. Wolford, the first speaker, argued that the bill was in favor of the bill. Following Mr. Calkins made a speech against Porter. Mr. Phelps next spoke at length in favor of the measure. Several short speeches were made, and then Mr. Curtis closed the argument. The galleries were crowded, and intense interest manifested itself. Mr. House proceeded to record its verdict. After an analysis of the vote showed that 164 Democrats, 18 Republicans, and 2 Independents voted for the passage of the bill, and 77 Republicans and one Democrat (Conover, of Ohio) recorded their opposition, the bill was passed. It prohibits the removal of House employees during vacation, except for cause. Conference committees were appointed on the special Indian appropriation 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 sell 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 of a mile, the web-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 6,000 head of merinos 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 than came in last winter during the same period of time.

A recent dispatch from Tombstone,

Arizona, says: "A messenger has just arrived from Oposura, Sonora, and reports that the Apaches are murdering and ravaging 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 lookout."

Farmers in the vicinity of Shabbona, Ill., find 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 Legislature has passed a bill to punish fence-cutting by imprisonment for one to five years.

A jury at New Orleans acquitted Troisville Sykes of the murder of Kate Townsend.

COL. John G. Kasey has absconded from Bedford county, Va., of which he is ex-treasurer, leaving \$60,000 for his bondmen 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 Whiteboro and Gainesville, Tex., were robbed by three men, who secured \$500.

At Lancaster, Tex., Robert Halsch, 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 Nevada, by agreeing to recommend the passage of Mr. Townshend'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 number.

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 Representative Robinson, of Ohio, in a conversation 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 cent..... \$ 250,000,000
Tenth per cent..... 73,641,190
Ten per cent..... 274,641,350
Refunding certificates..... 307,050
Navy pension fund..... 14,000,000

Total interest-bearing debt..... \$1,276,657,353

Matured debt..... \$ 11,346,163

Debt bearing no interest—

Legal-tender notes..... \$ 246,739,676
Certificates of deposit..... 16,880,000
Gold and silver certificates..... 211,387,671
Fractional currency..... 6,367,250

Total without interest..... \$ 681,994,577

Total debt (principal)..... \$ 1,870,000,629

Total interest..... 1,498,360

Total cash in treasury..... 398,111

Debt, less cash in treasury..... 1,480,083,719

Decrease during January..... 11,938,003

Decrease of debt since June 30, 1881..... 65,007,487

Current liabilities—

Interest due and unpaid..... \$ 2,753,373

Debt on which interest has ceased..... 11,346,163

Interest thereon..... 306,111

Gold and silver certificates..... 211,387,671

Fractional currency..... 6,367,250

Total..... \$ 393,415,233

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Principal outstanding..... \$ 44,623,519

Interest accrued, not yet paid..... 323,117

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POLITICAL.

The Ohio State Prohibition convention 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 unbound enthusiasm prevailed. Logan clubs are being formed all over this State."

A petition to President Arthur, asking 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. Tuttle, 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 nomination.

The Chief of Police of Budal-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 marksman, 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 was placed in arrest.

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

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 people 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, prominent in New York journalism; Judge E. Hasenmuller, a leading German citizen of Cleveland, 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. Mackey, Congressman from South Carolina; Prof. Klinkerfus (by suicide), an eminent German astronomer; Judge John I. Campbell, an eminent lawyer of Rushville, Ill.; Jonathan Lundy, a pioneer settler in the Maumee valley of Ohio; Henry D. Bannard, a prominent citizen of Detroit.

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 minister 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 drunkards, and at Judges' discretion, for the appointment 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 in the Greely relief expedition is to be appointed at Dublin, to command the Greely relief force to the South.

Nineteen members of Parliament attended 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 introduced for Dublin. Other plans were to make a protest against the Greely relief force, 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 assassinated 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 Reddy were placed in jail. The following