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DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

A BILL for the relief of the Jeannette survivors passed the Senate on the 2d inst. A memorial was presented from William Webster, an American citizen, asked to be secured in the ownership of $\frac{1}{2}$ million acres of land in New Zealand bought from native chiefs before the British took possession. A bill was reported for ascertaining the expenses incurred by Idaho in suppressing the Bannock and Nez Perce outbreaks. Bills were introduced to regulate the letting of mail contracts in Alaska, and to make gold and silver certificates legal tender. Mr. Connelley introduced a bill to give General Grant and Boles the courtesy of the floor. In the House of Representatives, bills were favorably reported for the naturalization of the dependents of aliens who serve honorably in the army and navy, the revision of the laws of Federal courts within the limits of Indian reservations; to provide for the inspection of live stock, hog products, and dressed meats; to forfeit the Marquette and Onondaga to the government for the labor of Federal prisoners, and to pay Government employees wages withheld in violation of the eight-hour law. A bill to redeem the trade dollars was passed, by 180 to 46, after the erasure of the fourth article which provided that they should be coined in the composite coinage. The special committee appointed to investigate the charge made by ex-Speaker Kefler against H. V. Boynton reported that they were not sustained by the evidence.

The Senate held its usual debate on the educational bill on the 2d inst. No legislative work worthy of record was accomplished. In the House a memorial from bondholders of the Northern Pacific road was presented, praying to be heard before the Public Lands Committee in regard to the educational bill. A resolution of fifteen minutes was taken to receive Gen. Grant, who leaned on a crutch at the clerk's desk and was introduced to members by Speaker Carlisle. A message from the President was received, recommending an appropriation of \$100,000 for the protection of levees on the lower Mississippi.

A JOINT resolution of the Legislature of Iowa, asking immediate steps to recover unearned portions of railroad land grants, was presented in the Senate on the 3d inst. by Mr. Wilson. A petition was received from 8,000 citizens of the Western States, asking for a pension of at least \$8 in money for each honorably discharged soldier who had served in the war. Variable reports were made of bills to erect public buildings at Sacramento and to authorize the bridging of the Cumberland at Nashville and the Missouri at White Cloud. The Library Committee was instructed to inquire into the proposed legislation from the Lewis family, the sword worn by Washington when he resigned his commission. When the education bill came up, Mr. Pendleton opposed it. Mr. Beck made a political speech. Mr. Williams advocated the measure, and Messrs. Hoar and Higginson supported it. Mr. Pendleton proposed to introduce The House of Representatives adopted a joint resolution authorizing the loan of flags and bunting for the fair at Richmond in aid of disabled Confederate veterans. The Secretary of the Interior was authorized to inquire into the massacre of Dr. Marion Whitemore and others in Oregon in 1847. Forty-six pages of the Indian appropriation bill were dispensed with.

A BILL to authorize the appointment of a commission by the President to run and mark the boundary lines between a portion of Indian Territory and Texas was reported to the Senate on the 4th inst. Mr. Logan presented a petition from the Chicago Board of Trade against the coining of silver dollars. Mr. Lamont introduced a bill to authorize the re-enlistment of volunteers in the disabled officers honorably discharged from the regular army. Mr. Jones submitted a joint resolution making an appropriation of \$100,000 for the protection of levees on the lower Mississippi. Special funds for the education were introduced by Messrs. Garrison and Morgan. Mr. Burwell gave notice of an amendment that the money required shall be raised by a direct annual tax on the States. In the House a bill was reported to provide for the adjustment of Congressional and state within the borders of Kansas. The Indian appropriation bill was passed. An even-number session was held for the consideration of pension bills.

BILLS were reported to the Senate, on the 5th inst., for the erection of public buildings at Dayton and Springfield, Ohio. Bills were passed making it a felony to pretend to be an officer or employee of the Government, and to authorize the construction of a railroad bridge across the St. Croix River. After some debate on the education bill, an amendment by Mr. Logan, appropriating \$15,000,000 the first year and \$10,000,000 the second year, was defeated. Another amendment to the bill, adding \$200,000 to aid in building school-houses in sparsely populated parts was lost. An amendment was agreed to that the fund should be distributed regardless of race or color. Mr. Hoar then proposed an amendment to the bill, appropriating \$700,000 per annum and give \$15,000,000 the first year. The House of Representatives passed the agricultural appropriation bill, with an amendment increasing by \$2,000 the appropriation for the distribution of seeds and plants. Amendments by the Senate to the bill, making it a felony to personate a government officer or employ were concurred in. The question of forfeiting the Oregon Central land grant was debated for some time, without action.

EASTERN.

Trichiniasis carried off Mrs. Galle and daughter at Loyal Hanna, Pa., and Mr. Galle and another daughter are not expected to recover.

Seven Austro-Polanders looking for work were struck by a backing engine at Scranton, Pa. Five were killed, one lost an arm, and one is unhurt. They were dismembered, and heads and limbs scattered over the road for many rods around.

At Northeast, N. Y., Edward House, while firing at a mark, shot his wife dead.

Mrs. Johnson, a maniac, murdered her 16-year-old daughter, near Forestport, N. Y.

A bloody tragedy was enacted at a prize fight near Hyndman, Pa. Two Hungarian bruisers, Vesi and Kilarne, entered the ring and fought fifty-eight rounds, pounding each other to a jelly. During the fifth-eight Kilarne struck a blow which laid Vesi out. There were cries of "Foul! foul!" when the referee and umpires jumped in and drew their guns. A horrible riot followed. The results of the whole affair, collected when it was over, were Vesi dead, another man shot dead through the body, three others apparently dead, and half of the rest of the crowd badly used. Ben Hogan, the ex-prize-fighter, was present exhorting the crowd to "flee from the wrath to come."

WESTERN.

Frank Elliott, a negro who assaulted a white girl in County, North Carolina, was taken to Rock Hill for examination. The citizens overpowered the Sheriff's posse and lynched the offender. Edwin McCullough, a negro murderer, was hanged by a mob at Dallas, N. C.

Buffalo gnats are killing mules in Western Mississippi. Deer are fleeing to the high lands of Arkansas to escape the pests.

At the close of the year the Western Kansas Stock-raisers' Association, recently in convention at Dodge City, had a membership of ninety-five, who owned 350,000 head of cattle, valued at \$10,000,000.

A passenger train on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad jumped the track at Belleville, Ill., throwing the coaches down a

twelve-foot embankment. Both coaches were filled with passengers, twenty-five of whom were injured, some quite seriously. A babe was killed.

Cincinnati dispatches of the 3d inst. inform the world that the barricades about the Court House had been removed; that the 17th Regiment was still guarding the jail, while "the gallant 5th" was at Music Hall; and that it had been ascertained that the casualties in the three days' fighting numbered 45 killed and 138 wounded. The feeling of ill-will against the militia was wearing off. A good deal of discussion was going on touching the question as to who gave the first orders to fire on the mob, and the general drift was that Sheriff Hawkins would have to shoulder the responsibility. At Columbus, Gov. Hooley suggested to the Legislature that it offer a reward for the arrest of the murderer of Capt. Desmond, and that an appropriation for the relief of Desmond's mother be made. A bill was also introduced that citizens may recover from the State damages for property destroyed during riots.

A committee of fifty citizens of Lincoln, Ill., appointed at the mass meeting held there last month to express indignation at the acquittal of Orrin Carpenter, tried for the murder of Zora Burns, went in a body to the residence of Carpenter, last week, to present him with a copy of the resolutions, among which was "that we demand of the said Carpenter that he leave Logan County without necessary delay." The Chairman advanced to the door and presented the paper inclosed in an envelope, which Carpenter refused to receive, and it was laid on the floor at his feet, and in response to which he said: "I do not recognize your authority to pass or to present to me any such resolutions, and I refuse to accept them. I have lived a law-abiding citizen in this county for the last thirty years and don't know more about the killing of that girl than you do. I shall use my own judgment and discretion as to my future course. I thank you all for your friendly visit." The committee then retired.

The farm-house of Carl Schultz, near Tawas, Michigan, was visited by three masked men, who battered down the front door with a fence-rail. They secured nearly \$3,000 in German gold coin, and brutally assaulted the family. As the latter fled toward a neighbor's house the villains fired upon them, killing a son of Mr. Schultz.

The tug Peter Smith exploded her boiler at Vermilion, on Lake Erie, killing John Perew and John Cado, engineers, and Capt. Smith, of the schooner Sherman, who was on a pleasure trip.

Five boys, from 9 to 13 years of age, crossing the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway track, near Cincinnati, in a one-horse wagon, were struck by a train and three of them killed. The other two were so badly injured that their recovery is despaired of.

SOUTHERN.

George Lee, colored, for assaulting a 4-year-old child, was hanged by a mob at Magnolia, Miss.

Capt. W. N. Robinson, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Eighth Alabama District, killed himself at Scottsboro by driving a pen-knife into his breast.

The steamer Rebecca Everingham burned to the water's edge in the Chattahoochee River at Fitzgeralds Landing, Ga. Thirteen persons lost their lives, and of the passengers who escaped in their night clothes, many were severely burned. The boat, valued at \$24,000, is a total loss; 307 bales of cotton and other freight were consumed.

FOREST fires are doing vast damage among the plantation sand pine trees in the Carolinas. The flames extend over six counties in each State.

A Texas Pacific train was wrecked near Cisco, Texas, the baggage car and three coaches tumbling down an embankment. Seven persons were killed and many injured.

Forest fires have broken out in various sections of North and South Carolina through the attempts of the farmers to clear the planting grounds by burning the "brush." The fires have spread with alarming rapidity. Hundreds of farmhouses and outbuildings have been destroyed. Berkley and Chesterfield Counties have suffered severely.

The schooner Shooters, which left Key West a few days ago in a mysterious manner, has returned to that port. The pilot in charge states that when the vessel was clear of the harbor Aquero, a Cuban chief, with drawn pistol, forced him to take a party of filibusters to the Cuban coast; landed them near Cardenas.

WASHINGTON.

The following is the regular monthly statement of the public debt, issued on the 1st inst.:

	Interest-bearing debt	Four and one-half per cent.	Four per cent.	Three per cent.	Refunding certificates	1904, 200,000	1905, 200,000	Total
Interest-bearing debt	\$250,000,000	767,643,151	324,808,650	305,400	14,000,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	\$250,000,000
Interest on principal	1,100,000	346,729,411	154,475,000	149,262,899	14,238,224	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000
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