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FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

THE Senate, after considerable debate, adopted a resolution on the 19th inst. extending the privileges of the floor to Mr. Moody, of Dakota. A joint resolution was passed to appoint Gen. John F. Hartranft, a manager of the National Soldiers' Home in place of Gen. McClellan. A resolution was agreed to directing the Secretary of the Treasury to state the details of each purchase of silver bullion for coinage since last July. Mr. Teller argued against a gold standard, and Mr. Morrill gave notice of his intention to propose that the mint of silver be suspended. Speaker Carlisle laid before the House of Representatives a letter from the Chief of Engineers, asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 for surveys on the Mississippi River. Bills were reported back for the purchase of the old Produce Exchange Building in New York, to place Fitz John Porter on the retired list as a Colonel, and to increase the pensions of widows from \$8 to \$12 per month. A resolution was adopted accepting the statue of James A. Garfield presented by the State of Ohio. A bill was passed appropriating \$12,000 for the relief of the Northern Cheyennes in Montana.

A RESOLUTION directing the Secretary of the Treasury to forward all papers relating to the contract to put an additional story on the Post-office at Peoria, Ill., including a protest against the work being performed by convict labor, was agreed to by the Senate on the 23d. The discussion of Mr. Beck's silver resolution was then resumed. Mr. Morrill declared that the only hostility to silver arose from what seemed to be a fixed and passionate purpose of some of its advocates to promote such an excess of silver coinage as will drive gold out of the country and leave our vast trade and commerce based upon silver only. He stated that no man proposed to demonetize the white metal; but the public would be better off that out of a coverage of \$15,000,000 silver dollars, and only 1,000,000 gold, 50,000,000 into circulation. Mr. Morrill denied that there had been any failure on the part of the Treasury officials to comply with the laws regarding the application of the money received from customs duties. He contended that the public faith was pledged to the payment of the bonds, both principal and interest, in gold, and that our credit would be dishonored by paying them off in silver worth 79 cents on the dollar; that a continuance of the coining of silver meant the banishment of gold, a monetary crisis, and an insolvency of the banks. Mr. Beck said that to stop coining silver money in order to make silver money more valuable was like stopping the grinding of wheat into flour in order to make wheat more valuable. The purpose was to suspend it now and never to resume coining. He gave notice that in due time he would reply to Mr. Morrill's speech. Mr. McPherson (N. J.) expressed himself in favor of as much silver as would keep it on a par with gold. Mr. Beck said the people of the West had shown their confidence in silver. They had sent East 66,000,000 of gold dollars and took silver certificates for it, estimated by silver alone until the Treasury stopped it. Mr. Teller, in whom the majority of the debate had taken place, declined to yield any longer, and continued his remarks. He repudiated the idea implied by the gold advocates that the people whom he represented meant to scale the debt. Mr. Maxey said the bankers had been doing all they could to bring about their own predictions, and a little ring of them had been formed for the purpose of shipping a little gold. President Cleveland sent to the Senate the name of Charles J. Canfield to be Assistant Treasurer at New York. The House of Representatives passed the Senate bill for the purchase of the old produce exchange building at New York, and the bill was referred to Acting Lieutenant W. B. Randall as a Lieutenant Commander, and to authorize the voluntary retirement of naval officers who have served for thirty years or who have been conspicuous for heroism. A lively debate took place on the bill to increase the pensions of widows from \$8 to \$12 per month.

BILLS were introduced in the Senate on the 21st to enable the people of Dakota to form a State Government, and to prevent the demonetization of American coin by making contracts for gold payments void. Mr. Edmunds' electoral count bill was discussed. The House spent the day in discussing the bill to increase the pensions of soldiers' widows. The two political parties came to a deadlock in the House soon after the reading of the journal on Jan. 22, when Chairman Herbert, of the Naval Committee, asked the passage without debate of the Bontelle resolution calling on the Secretary of the Navy for information regarding the erosion of inscriptions and the discharge of Union soldiers at Norfolk Navy Yard. The Republicans insisted upon having an hour and a half or two hours' debate on either side. Mr. Herbert took the position that as the resolution was simply one of inquiry of the Secretary of the Navy in regard to the removal of inscriptions and discharge of Union soldiers, about which the House had no knowledge, any debate should be had in the place before the information was sent to the House. The position of the Navy would be premature. Reed, of Maine, and Mr. George Wise, of Virginia, after a sharp partisan debate, the resolution was passed, with an amendment inserted by the Democrats extending the inquiry to dismissals made at the navy-yard and light-house district at Norfolk, during the terms of the immediate predecessors of the present Secretary of the Navy. The Senate was not in session on the 22d.

EASTERN.

Advices from Pittsburgh, Pa., say that the strike in the coke region is assuming serious proportions. Four thousand ovens and 6,000 men are idle. The Hungarians, who constitute the majority of the strikers, are well armed, ferocious from drink, and threatening trouble. Three hundred of them visited the works at Stonerville and compelled the men working there to knock off and join their ranks. Adjutant General Guthrie has been requested to send a regiment of the State Guard to the disturbed districts, but he hesitates to comply.

Gov. Patterson, of Philadelphia, in a public address at Lockhaven on the evils of railroad discriminations, alluded to the Standard oil monopoly as having disbanded Legislatures, mocked the law, and corrupted the avenues of justice.

The Delaware Oil Works at Chester,

Pa., were almost entirely burned out. The fire started from an explosion. Nearly all the buildings employed in the manufacture of lubricating and paraffine wax were burned. The loss is about \$40,000.

An explosion occurred in the Oriel coal mine, at Newburg, W. Va., resulting in the imprisonment of forty-five persons in the shaft. The first dispatches report that it is feared most, if not all, the imprisoned miners are dead.

A Boston dispatch says "a notable strike ended yesterday, when it was announced at Lynn that the firm of Morgan & Dore, which operate shoe factories in Lynn, Richmond, Me., and Pittsfield, N. H., had yielded to the demands of the Knights of Labor. This strike, which has been in progress a year and a half, originated with the lasters in the Richmond factory. The firm has now decided to discharge all the men not belonging to the unions who have been hired in the place of strikers, and to adopt a scale of wages satisfactory to the Knights of Labor. This is one of the most decided victories won by the Knights in New England, and causes great rejoicing."

WESTERN.

Three men, alleged to be dynamiters, were found guilty at San Francisco, of having illegally stored gunpowder within the city limits, and each was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

At the mass convention of Iowa Prohibitionists held at Des Moines last week it was resolved to assist the Governor in the enforcement of prohibitory laws, and also that women should be allowed the right of ballot in municipal and school affairs.

The theater managers of Cincinnati have signed an agreement to give no more Sunday performances.

C. L. Foss, Secretary and Treasurer of the St. Paul (Minn.) Trust Company, has been arrested for the embezzlement of \$10,000.

Federal officials at Salt Lake arrested N. V. Jones and F. Treseder, who were held to answer the charge of attempted bribery. They offered a Deputy Marshal \$100 a month to inform them whenever process was to be issued for the arrest of Mormons.

The County Poor House near Jackson, Mich., was destroyed by fire, and five of the inmates perished in the flames. A number of the rescued had their feet badly frozen, as they were compelled to stand on the snow for some time before aid came.

Eight men were buried in a cabin by an avalanche near Aspen, Col. Three were killed, and the rest were insane when taken out.

SOUTHERN.

A dispatch from Harold, Texas, reports how another festive cowboy came to die with his boots on:

Gaines Sullard, a cowboy, who it seems has been in the habit of getting drunk and riding into the saloons and stores, came into town, and, as usual, attempted to repeat his old tricks, but was foiled. Private Y. D. Murray, of the ranger, attempted to arrest him by grubbing his bridles. He requested Sullard to wait. At that Sullard leveled his Winchester rifle at the ranger, but Murray proved too quick, and shot him through the heart with a six-shooter, killing him instantly.

Near the village of Manchester, Clay County, Ky., Theodore Benge, Dick Stivers, and Dan and George Gray, all young farmers, went together to the house of Kate Harvey, a woman of ill-repute. They were drinking, and grew quarrelsome, the woman being the cause of the trouble. In the end pistols were drawn and a duel fought in the house between the Gray boys, who were brothers, on one side, and Benge and Stivers on the other. The woman ran out of the house at once and obtained assistance from the village. When she came back with several men half an hour afterward George Gray, and Benge, and Stivers were found lying upon the floor dead, each having several bullets in him. Dan Gray was still living, but is mortally wounded.

At Minden, in Webster Parish, La., Henry Jackson was hanged for the murder of R. A. Britton.

An expert's report estimates the damage done to the orange crop of Florida by the cold at \$1,100,000. Small-pox is said to be prevalent among the Mexican population of San Antonio, Texas.

WASHINGTON.

The minority report of the House Committee on Military Affairs on the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter was laid before the House last week. The minority says: The only tenable ground on which the report can be sustained and finding of the court-martial reversed is that the court wickedly, corruptly, and maliciously conspired to sacrifice Porter to save Pope from theodium of defeat, and it would be a bold man who affirms that proposition. The minority argues that the bill is unconstitutional inasmuch as it is a usurpation by Congress of the functions of the co-ordinate branches of the Government. They say that if the bill does not nominate Porter to office it is an absolute nullity. If it does nominate him, it is an invasion of the executive prerogative. It is advice or law. If advice it is useless, and if law it is usurpation. If the court-martial erred, there was no appeal. The minority respected Porter for his persistence, still it could not but believe that his disobedience and inaction cast a shroud of woe over thousands at home and brought disaster to the national cause.

A proposal has been laid before the Senate to consider nominations in future with open doors.

The fortifications board has estimated at \$126,000,000 the cost of a good system of coast defenses.

H. W. Cannon has resigned the Comptrollership of the Currency to become Vice President of a New York bank.

In receiving a delegation from the South Atlantic Harbor Improvement Convention, at Washington, the President said that his views on the transportation question had changed, and that he was now profoundly impressed with the importance of developing the natural waterways of the country. He expressed himself as in favor of a judicious ex-

penditure of public money on such improvements.

Congressman Rankin, of Wisconsin, died in Washington on the 24th ult.

The Mississippi Legislature has memorialized Congress in favor of the Eads Ship Railway.

POLITICAL.

Hon. A. P. Gorman has been re-elected United States Senator by the Maryland Legislature.

In the Ohio Senate, on the 22d of January, General Kennedy, the President, ruled that the four members from Hamilton County, whose seats are in dispute, were not entitled to vote, thereby placing the Senate in control of the Republicans, who, after a noisy debate, caused an adjournment under the President's ruling. The Democrats remained in the hall, and passed a motion of adjournment until Monday evening. The questions affecting the contested seats will now be decided in open Senate. Senator Payne wrote to Chairman Cowgill, of the House Committee on Elections, saying that he was ready for an investigation of the bribery matter, and tendering his account books and private papers for the use of the committee.

Col. Knight, of Wisconsin, a prominent Democratic politician, states that a combination to drive Postmaster General Vilas from the Cabinet has been formed by the owners of the Central, Southern, and Union Pacific Roads, the Bell Telephone and Western Union Telegraph Companies, the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and the New York Tribune, all of which, he claims, are controlled by substantially the same persons.

In an interview with the Committee on Labor of the House of Representatives, on the eight-hour law, the President said he believed the law a sound one and should be enforced to the letter. He promised to see that its abuse should be remedied, as the Government can not afford to set the example of non-enforcement of its own enactments.

Civil-Service Commissioner Dorman B. Eaton has sent his resignation to the President, to take effect March 9.

President Cleveland gives it as his opinion that the Senate has no right to request the information upon which he had suspended officials.

MISCELLANEOUS.

All hope has been abandoned of recovering alive any of the men entombed in the Newburg, W. Va., mine.

Five deaths have already resulted from the explosion of a distillery boiler at Fort Wayne.

The inquiry in progress at Montreal respecting customs frauds shows that officials have acted in collusion with importers to pass goods under their actual value, often for one-third of their original cost.

John L. Sullivan, who is to continue on the stage another season, expresses a desire to meet any pugilist in private for any sum not exceeding \$10,000.

Harvey, a young son of Hon. H. D. Hadlock, of Portland, Maine, killed himself with a revolver rather than be sent away to school. The tragedy occurred at his father's feet.

A collision of freight trains at Ringtown, Pa., owing to the blunder of a dispatcher, caused the instant death of two men and the fatal wounding of two others.

The health authorities of New York seized seven hundred boxes of frozen orange, from Florida, saturated them with carbolic acid, and dumped them into the North River.

FOREIGN.

A Nihilist headquarters, containing bombs and a printing press, was discovered opposite one of the palaces in St. Petersburg.

The Duke of Abercorn characterizes the Irish problem as "the one cloud which hangs over the empire and casts its shadow on Tories and Liberals alike."

Turkey proposed that the cost of English occupation in Egypt be reduced by the gradual withdrawal of troops; that the Turks garrison the country; that the Egyptian troops become part of the Ottoman army, and that a date be fixed by England for the evacuation of Egypt.

Three of the men who robbed the residence of Sir Frederick Graham, at Carlisle, England, and murdered Police Constable Byrnes have been sentenced to death.

Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, has been appointed manager of the work of building a line of railway into the Congo country.

The British Government has commenced negotiations with China for the joint construction of railways to the frontier of Burma.

An Irish enthusiast in London cables the statement that the downfall of Lord Salisbury is simply a question of tact and days; that he will be thrown out on some minor question.

The Italian Minister of Finance announced that the cholera and the expedition to Massowah have brought about a deficit of 50,000,000 francs in the budget. He proposes an increase in the duties on sugar, coffee, and spirits.

The British Cabinet had decided to give preference to the proposal to change the rules of procedure, making one hundred votes necessary to a motion to adjourn before business. It is possible that the opposition of the Parnellites to the scheme may cause a defeat of the Ministry.

The police of Dublin telegraphed the departure of a suspected person for Chester, and the Prince of Wales was induced to ride past that town and proceed directly to the residence of the Duke of Westminster. Guards around the principal buildings of London have been doubled, for fear of dynamite outrages, and the Cabinet councils are protected by an extra force of police.

A Constantinople correspondent says he has information from high sources that war between Greece and Turkey is almost certain.

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

The Republicans of the Ohio Senate assembled on Monday, Jan. 25, at 10 a. m., but the Democratic Senators or the Clerk did not put in an appearance until 4 p. m. The lobbies were crowded, and great excitement prevailed. The contest was opened upon a motion to dispense with proceedings under the call, which motion President Kennedy would not entertain, but after an hour's debate the question was voted on. Next, the Republicans endeavored to bring up the contest cases, while their opponents desired to offer a resolution to consider the constitutional relations existing between the Senate and its President. Mr. Pavey, Republican, reported rules to govern proceedings in the contests, upon which motions to adjourn and for other purposes were made, but the President declared them to be out of order. Another motion for adjournment was offered, and the Clerk proceeded to call the roll, the President in the meantime vigorously using his gavel to drown the Clerk's voice. Twenty members voted to adjourn, and the Democrats and clerks quitted the hall. The President then read Pavey's rules, which were adopted, and the Republicans adjourned till Tuesday, the Democrats voting to adjourn till Wednesday. There was great excitement in the Ohio capital over the conflict of authority in the Senate.

A snowslide in Poverty Gulch, eight miles north of Crested Butte, Cal., carried away the cabin and bunkhouse at the Excelsior Mine, burying William Alexander, John St. John, a man named Goss, and Jack Grimes. The latter, after several hours' work, succeeded in extricating himself. The other three were killed.

Thirteen cases of trichiniasis are reported at Rib Lake, Taylor County, Wis., and four cases exist at a camp near Medford, Wis.

Farmers in Dodge County, Wis., who have disbarred a large number of cattle, will be prosecuted by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

United States Judge Love rendered a decision at Keokuk, sustaining the constitutionality of the prohibitory law, and giving the State courts full powers. In the case of breweries and beer-gardens erected before the passage of the act, it is set forth that proceedings shall be by condemnation.

In the suit of the Government against Maxwell and others, involving 1,700,000 acres of land in New Mexico and Colorado, Judge Brewer, at Denver, decided in favor of the defendants.

The St. Cloud Hotel and six stores on Arch street, Philadelphia, were wiped out by fire. The loss is estimated at over a quarter of a million dollars.

The Court of Claims has awarded the Choctaw Nation judgment against the United States for \$386,605.

The final fight in the telephone litigation will soon begin. All the attorneys employed by the contesting parties are in Washington and ready for battle.

A formal motion for the abolition of the office of Viceroy of Ireland has been made in the British House of Lords. A dispatch from Rome says that the *Moniteur* expresses disgust at the opposition displayed in the Queen's speech to the sundering of the legislative union between Great Britain and Ireland. It longs for the time when Protestantism shall be entirely extirped from Ireland and Catholicism recognized.

THE Chair presented a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, at the session of the Senate on Jan. 25, stating that national banks held \$1,000,859 of the bonds called for payment next month, and a communication from the Secretary of the Interior asking for additional workers for the Commission of Railroads. C. E. Walther was sworn in as Senator from Mississippi. Mr. Hoar reported a bill to provide for the settlement of the debt of the Pacific railroads. Messrs. Dawes and Ingalls made some severe comments upon the misspelling of words in bills and resolutions received from the House, particularly as to a measure for the relief of the Northern Cheyenne Indians. In his opening prayer the House Chaplain feelingly referred to the death of Representative Rankin, of Wisconsin, and invoked the divine blessing and protection upon the sorrowing family. The House then adjourned out of respect to the memory of the deceased.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

BEEVES.....\$4.50 @ 6.50
HOGS.....4.00 @ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 1 White.....93 @ .95
No. 2 Red.....88 @ .89 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....51 @ .51 1/2
OATS—White.....89 @ .89
PORK—Mess.....10.50 @ 11.00

CHICAGO.

BEEVES—Choice to Prime Steers.....5.50 @ 6.00

Good Shipping.....4.50 @ 5.00

Common.....3.50 @ 4.00

HOGS.....4.00 @ 4.50

FLOUR—Extra Spring.....4.50 @ 5.00

Choice Winter.....80 @ .80 1/2

CORN—No. 2.....36 @ .38