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IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THE DAY TOLD BY TELEGRAPH.

Foreign and Domestic Intelligence Transmitted by Wire—A Kaleidoscope of Interesting Occurrences—Political, Criminal, Accidental, and Industrial.

A CRISIS IN CANADA.

The Dominion Claims the Right to Make Its Own Copyright Laws.

An Ottawa (Ont.) special: Matters have come to a crisis between the imperial and Canadian Governments in reference to the copyright question. The English publishers have been making strenuous efforts to induce the British Government to disallow the Canadian act of last session, and recently the Ottawa authorities forwarded to England a strong justification why the Canadian act should not be disallowed. Under the ninety-first section of the British North American act—the Canadian Constitution passed by the Imperial Parliament in 1867—the Parliament of Canada is empowered to legislate on copyright. If this right be taken away the act itself will become a dead letter and serious complications may arise. Besides claiming home rule on this the Canadian Government has asked England to give the requisite one year's notice for the withdrawal from the provisions of the Berne convention.

PRICES FOR MINING COAL.

A Scale Adopted by the United Mine Workers.

The United Mine Workers, at their convention in Columbus, Ohio, agreed upon the following scale of prices:

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| Hooking Valley, Ill. | 80 |
| Western Pennsylvania | 90 |
| Indiana bituminous | 95 |
| Indiana bituminous | 85 |
| Wilmington coal field | 90 |
| Streator, Ill. | 90 |
| La Salle, Ill. | 1.00 |
| Spring Valley, Ill. | 1.00 |
| Springfield, Ill. | 71 1/2 |
| Stanton and Mount Olive, Ill. | 69 1/2 |
| Peoria District | 85 |
| Moundsville, W. Va. | 85 |
| Flat Top, W. Va. (run of mine) | 50 |
| Monongahela River | 50 |
| Kanawha River | 90 |
| Pomeroy, Twenty-second Division | 50 |
| Reynoldsville (low grade region, run of mine) | 50 |

Price for work in veins under 4 1/2 feet at same proportion as present prices. The price for the Wilmington coal field, exclusive of brushing, is fixed at 15 cents per ton, the scale to take effect May 1.

BOUGHT THE FOREPAUGH SHOW.

An English Syndicate Secures a Controlling Interest in the Concern.

At Philadelphia, Pa., it is stated authoritatively that the English syndicate has concluded negotiations with the representatives of the late Adam Forepaugh, and that his show would pass into their hands. They secure a \$600,000 interest in the affair. Adam Forepaugh, Jr., will be retained in charge of the show this season.

Austria's Empress Insane.

The Empress of Austria gives undoubted evidence of the insanity hereditary in her family. She refuses to see anybody, and spends her time in singing dirges to the accompaniment of an organ. Thrice a day she goes to the cathedral to pray for the welfare of her son's soul, and has a large picture of him draped in crape over her bed.

Missouri Valley Cut-Stone Contractors.

The Missouri Valley Cut-Stone Contractors and Quarrymen's Association held its annual session at the Chamber of Commerce at St. Paul, Minn., and elected these officers: President, A. Sutermeister of Kansas City; Vice President, A. Schall of Omaha; Treasurer, James Cuthbert of Topeka; Secretary, W. E. Emery of Kansas City.

To Clear Their Wives' Reputations.

Sir Francis Cook and John B. Martin, husbands respectively of Tinnie C. Clavin and Victoria Woodhull, as they are known in America, are making every effort to hunt down the parties who have for years assailed the reputation of their wives.

Brazil's Leader Dying.

Advices from Montevideo, under date of Dec. 21, assert that General De Fonseca, the head of the provisional government of Brazil, is dying from angina pectoris in a hotel in a suburb of Rio Janeiro.

St. Paul to Have a Library and Art Hall.

A number of citizens of St. Paul, Minn., headed by James J. Hill with a subscription of \$50,000, have subscribed already \$150,000 for a library and art hall, for which the city will furnish a site.

The Newfoundland Fisheries.

It is believed that the dispute between the English and French Governments over the ancient French right to fish in Newfoundland waters will be settled by the former buying the claim of the latter.

Terrible Infantile Death-Rate.

The fact that but 23 per cent. of foundlings live that are sent to the Russian Government institutions has caused an order to be issued for a rigid investigation to be made.

Seized the Sigs with Oil.

The captives of three steamships used oil successfully to break the waves of turbulent seas in their recent passage across the Atlantic.

Floods in California.

California valleys are being visited by terrible floods, the Sacramento, Russian and other rivers having greatly swollen.

Diphtheria in a Theological Seminary.

Augsburg Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, has been closed on account of an epidemic of diphtheria prevailing there.

KILLED AT A FUNERAL.

Four People Overtaken by a Most Horrible Death.

An appalling accident, involving the lives of four persons, occurred at the entrance to Rose Hill Cemetery, Chicago. The victims were: Frederick Payne, killed instantly; Mrs. Rosa Payne, horribly mangled, died within ten minutes; Mrs. William Repogel, horribly mangled, died after removal to Chicago; Simon Anderson, died after removal to Chicago. The catastrophe was due to the Milwaukee express on the Northwestern Road, which, while running at the rate of fifty miles an hour, dashed into a funeral procession that was crossing the track to enter the cemetery. It struck one of the carriages, containing four persons, instantly killing one, injuring another so badly that death ensued in a few minutes, and mangled a third, and also the driver so horribly that death soon followed. The only occupant of the carriage who escaped serious injury was a little girl 8 years old, who, by what seems little less than a miracle, sustained only a few scratches. Mr. and Mrs. Payne were the parents of the corpse being buried. Mrs. Repogel was a friend of theirs, and Simon Anderson was the driver of the carriage. The engineer of the train has been arrested.

CLEVELAND ON TARIFF REFORM.

He Is as Enthusiastic as Ever on the Subject—Presidential Possibilities.

A New York dispatch says: Editor Munford, of Kansas City, has had an interview with ex-President Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland expressed his gratification at the interest taken throughout the country in the question of tariff reform. Mr. Munford then called Mr. Cleveland's attention to the fact that the Democratic party was already preparing for 1892, claiming that it was virtually unanimous that Mr. Cleveland should be the leader. "As to that," Mr. Munford quotes Mr. Cleveland as saying:

It is the cause and the personal considerations that should concern us. I am so well situated now that I have some one else to lead. Men who have been in the leadership develop rapidly, and it is a long time till 1892. It is not a matter of men, but of principles. I rejoice to feel that the Democratic party is the repository of the best principles and purposes that the race has. It is the young manhood of the country, and that it enjoys a complete monopoly of every American policy not merely sectional or time-serving.

CENSUS SUPERVISORS.

A Large Number Appointed by the President.

The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations: John R. Berry to be Collector of Customs at San Diego, Cal., and Daniel C. Clark to be assistant appraiser at Philadelphia. To be supervisors of the census: Ohio—Isaac Minor Kirby, First District; John Devor, Second; Lot Wright, Third; Mark Sternberg, Fourth; Samuel H. Peterman, Fifth; James P. Wood, Sixth; William Grimell, Eighth; Nebraska—William S. Randall, First; Benjamin E. Shouffer, Second; Thomas M. Cook, Third; Nevada—John H. Sharr, First; J. W. Strange, Second; Washington—Will D. Jenkins, First; South Dakota—Charles W. Mather, Second; New Mexico—Horatio W. Ladd, Utah—Anassa St. Cannon, Illinois—Carl C. Jones, Second; Michigan—James N. McBride, Third; Wisconsin—Luther B. Noyes, Fourth; Minnesota—Edward J. Davenport, Second; Elmer E. Adams, Fourth.

NORTHWEST LUMBER INDUSTRY.

A Decrease Over the Output of the Previous Year—Prospects for 1890.

The Mississippi Valley Lumberman, published at Minneapolis, gives a thorough and carefully compiled review of the white pine industry of the Northwest. It places the total lumber cut for 1889 at 3,467,436,593 feet, a decrease of 756,404,777 feet over the figures of 1888, the shingle production at 1,581,576,550, an increase of 196,326,900 over the preceding year, and the lath output at 687,260,671, which represents a decrease of 23,048,539 over 1888. The low water which prevailed during the season of 1889 left on the various streams a large number of logs. It is estimated that these amount to 120,000,000 feet on the Upper Mississippi, 100,000,000 on the St. Croix, and 500,000,000 on the Chippewa. The stock on hand for the same districts is 2,313,843,834 feet of lumber, 696,925,790 shingles, and 201,719,130 lath, the first two items showing a heavy increase over 1888.

ACCUSING AN EDITOR OF TREASON.

A Toronto Man Charged with Revealing State Secrets to American Senators.

A Toronto special says: For several days the Empire newspaper, organ of the Dominion Government, has formulated charges of treason against the Mail newspaper and its editor, Edward Farrar, based upon alleged secret information furnished by Farrar to the Republican members of the Senate committee on Canadian affairs, which information tended to serve in coercing Canada into annexation. The Mail editor denied the charges, and upon their reiteration the Mail has caused to be served a warrant for criminal libel on David Creighton, M. P., managing editor of the Empire. The leading constitutional lawyers of the Dominion have already been retained by both sides.

WILL STARVE HIMSELF TO DEATH.

A Kansas Defaulter Announces that He Proposes to End His Days in Agony.

A Manhattan (Kan.) dispatch says: "James Fortner, the defaulting Treasurer of Riley County, announces his intention of committing suicide in a novel manner. He prefers death, he says, to the punishment for his crime, and he has resolved to die by starving himself to death. Since leaving Memphis he has eaten nothing nor has he drunk so much as a mouthful of water nor slept. He is already thin and emaciated."

SAMUEL J. RANDALL.

Admitted to the Metropolitan Presbyterian Congregation at Washington.

The stories that Congressman Randall's condition has become critical are revived by the announcement that he has been admitted to the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church. Dr. Chester, who was called in by Mrs. Randall, baptized the ex-speaker and admitted him to the fellowship of the church. The fact has been announced from the pulpit. It is still claimed by Mr.

Randall's family that his health is improving.

CAPT. CASTLE TO BE POSTMASTER.

Minnesota Senators Have Agreed on Him for the St. Paul Office. A St. Paul (Minn.) dispatch says: It is stated that Senators Davis and Washburn have agreed on Capt. Henry A. Castle for Postmaster at St. Paul, and President Harrison will nominate him for the place soon. Postmaster Lee's term does not expire until December, 1891, and Democrats are disposed to protest over the proposed summary decapitation.

DEATH BY AN EXPLOSION.

Five Men Killed and Thirteen More or Less Seriously Hurt.

A Charlotte (N. C.) dispatch says: A report reaches here of a terrible explosion of powder in Wilkes County on the line of the new railroad. A great quantity of rock was thrown up and fell upon several men. Five were killed and thirteen injured more or less seriously.

Named for Office.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of George P. Fisher, of Delaware, to be First Auditor of the Treasury, and Marcus Johnson Collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Minnesota. Mr. Fisher's nomination has been huzup in the Committee on Finance for some time because of charges made against him, but the committee unanimously decided that there was no reason why he should not be confirmed, and so reported. The President has nominated John A. Percival to be Receiver of Public Money at Devil's Lake, N. D.

Claim There Was No Counterfeiting.

A San Antonio (Tex.) dispatch says: Bankers here pronounce the New York counterfeiting story as a "fake." They say it would be a waste of time to counterfeit United States dollars in Mexico, as the banks of that country would pay no more for them than for silver bullion. In Mexico the laws against counterfeiting are severe and most rigidly enforced. The penalty is horrible. The convict has his right hand struck off at the wrist and is confined on a small island off the coast, near Vera Cruz, for the remainder of his life.

Result of the Danish Elections.

A Copenhagen cable says: In the elections just held for members of the lower house of Parliament the candidates of the ministerial party polled 91,150 votes, the opposition candidates 139,854, and the socialists 17,232. This is a gain of 2,987 votes for the ministerialists and 2,195 for the opposition. The new House will comprise 23 ministerialists, against 28 in the preceding House, 57 compromise members, and 17 irreconcilables. In the last House the united opposition numbered 74 votes.

Death of Chief Sappo Vo-Na-Ro.

A Price Station (Utah) dispatch says: "Old Sappo Vo-Na-Ro, head chief of the Uncompaghe Utes, died at his village on the Agency, Jan. 11. Charley Shavenau has been chosen head chief. He is an intelligent man and reads, writes, and talks English quite well. He is a pronounced friend of schools and education, and the tribe will no doubt be greatly improved under his rule."

The Indians and Oklahoma.

William L. Byrd, Governor of the Chickasaw nation of Indians, in a communication laid before the Senate, protests against the proposed establishment of a territorial form of government in Oklahoma as a violation of the treaty made with the Indians in 1830, and therefore a violation of justice and fair dealing with them. The Governor also says that any such change would tend to the annihilation of the Indian tribes in the Indian Territory.

Accident to the Sardinian.

The British steamer Sardinian, Capt. Richardson, from Portland, Jan. 9, has arrived at Liverpool. She reports heavy weather. Jan. 16 an alarm of fire was given, caused by the bursting of a steam-gauge. In the meantime the funnel was smashed, and the fires were smothered by the water pouring down on them.

Criminal Carelessness of Railway Employees.

An engineer and a fireman on the Long Island Railroad have been arrested for criminal carelessness. They drove a train at full speed over the Dutch Kill Creek bridge, which was only closed in time by the draw-tender by desperate exertions to prevent the train, with its hundreds of passengers, from plunging to destruction.

Two Trainmen Less.

An accident occurred on the Alabama Midland Railroad near Gordon, Ala., by which Engineer Raleigh and Fireman Flood lost their lives. The tender left the track, and carried with it the engine and several cars. The cause of the accident is not known.

Voted to Unseat the Democrat.

By a strict party vote the House Elections Committee have decided to report in favor of unseating Jackson, the Democratic Representative from West Virginia, and declaring Smith, the Republican contestant, entitled to the seat.

Loss by the Big Boston Fire.

Official announcement is made that the loss by the fire in Boston on Thanksgiving Day was \$3,441,383; that the insurance involved amounted to \$5,395,533; and that the loss to insurance companies aggregated \$3,173,433.

Fugitives Released on Bail.

Muldoon, Cleary, and Donovan gave bail before the court at Purvis, Miss., Charles Rich, at whose place the fight occurred, going on their bond. They were at once released to appear before the court for trial in June.

Worked the Gold-Brick Game.

Clark Adams, a wealthy farmer living near Lima, Ohio, was swindled out of \$6,000 Thursday by a pair of clever rascals who worked the old gold-brick game.

An Absconder Sentenced.

At New York Henry M. Jackson, the teller of the United States Sub-Treasury who ab-

sconded in 1887 with \$10,000 of public money, has been sentenced to an imprisonment of six years and a fine of \$10,000.

Bank Clearings of Montreal.

The report of the Montreal Clearing House Association for the last twelve months shows that the total transactions during that period amounted to \$451,500,000, a daily average of about \$1,503,000.

Grain in Sight.

The visible supply of grain, as reported by the New York Produce Exchange, is: Wheat, 32,540,631 bushels, a decrease of 637,790 bushels; corn 12,215,237 bushels, an increase of 382,172 bushels.

Will Resume Work on the Big Canal.

The Rio Grande Immigration and Colonization Company has notified the Pueblo Indians, and work will be resumed on the big ditch near Albuquerque, which is to cost several million dollars.

Negroes Emigrating to Texas.

A Corsicana (Tex.) dispatch reports that over 150 negroes have passed through there on their way to Brazos County from North Carolina and that many more are expected.

New England Blazes.

At North Troy, Vt., Hardy's lumber mills and thirteen dwellings were burned. A brick block at Boston has been destroyed by fire. It was occupied by a half dozen firms; who lose in the aggregate \$100,000.

Internal Revenue Receipts.

The receipts from internal revenue the first six months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, were \$69,077,832, being \$5,766,266 greater than during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

A Vapor Stove "Combine."

It is reported from Cleveland that at a recent meeting in Chicago a vapor-stove "combine" was organized with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, and including a dozen corporations.

Short in His Accounts.

A telegram from Washington states that Charles Spaulding, the retiring receiver of the land office in Topeka, Kan., is \$3,000 short in his accounts with the Government.

Mr. Spurgeon's Condition.

Advices from Mentone, France, say there has been a further development in the case of Mr. Spurgeon, and that he is now unable to leave that place.

Robbed a Postmaster.

The postmaster at Albuquerque, N. M., was bound and gagged and the office robbed of several hundred dollars' worth of stamps and jewelry.

Sued the Eiffel Tower Man.

Gustav Eiffel, engineer of the famous tower, has been sued by a New York firm for money due it on the elevators which were put in the tower.

Affects Rubber Goods.

It is reported from Para that the concessions granted to mercantile companies of 20 fells per pound on rubber has been revoked by the provisional government.

Cost of Maintaining Niagara.

It cost New York State last year \$27,000 to maintain its Niagara Falls property. It is proposed to spend \$63,000 this year in improvements.

An Ohio Railway Sold.

By judicial sale at Portsmouth, Ohio, the Scioto Valley Road was sold to a representative of the New York Trust Company for \$3,563,000.

Senator Quay's Niece to Wed.

It is reported that Miss Theta Quay, a niece of Senator Quay, is to marry Mr. Robert Franks, Secretary of the Hartman Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Smuggled Goods Confiscated.

Cotton goods valued at \$2,000, which had been placed on a Mexican Central train by smugglers, were confiscated at Paso del Norte.

Players' Games Arranged.

The Players' League has arranged its schedule of games for next season, but declines to make it public until March 11.

Will Not Issue Silver Notes.

There is no truth in the report that the Bank of England is to issue silver notes.

THE MARKETS.

| CHICAGO. | | |
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| CATTLE—Prime | \$4.75 | @ 5.50 |
| Good | 3.50 | @ 4.50 |
| Common | 2.50 | @ 3.50 |
| HOGS—Shipping Grades | 3.25 | @ 4.00 |
| SHEEP—Common | 4.00 | @ 5.00 |
| WHEAT—No. 2 Red | 70 | @ 76 1/2 |
| CORN—No. 2 | 29 1/2 | @ 29 1/2 |
| OATS—No. 2 | 20 1/2 | @ 21 1/2 |
| RYE—No. 2 | 44 | @ 45 |
| BARLEY—No. 2 | 23 | @ 26 |
| POULTRY—Choice new, per bu. | 37 | @ 40 |
| POULTRY—Mixed | 37 | @ 40 |
| POULTRY—Mess | 9.75 | @ 10.25 |
| ST. LOUIS. | | |
| WHEAT—No. 2 Spring | 72 | @ 74 |
| CORN—No. 3 | 28 | @ 29 |
| OATS—No. 2 White | 22 1/2 | @ 23 1/2 |
| RYE—No. 2 | 44 1/2 | @ 45 1/2 |
| BARLEY—No. 2 | 41 | @ 42 |
| POULTRY—Mess | 9.50 | @ 10.00 |
| DETROIT. | | |
| CATTLE—Prime | 3.00 | @ 4.00 |
| HOGS—Prime | 3.00 | @ 3.75 |
| SHEEP—Common to Prime | 3.50 | @ 5.25 |
| WHEAT—No. 2 Red | 70 | @ 76 1/2 |
| CORN—No. 2 Yellow | 29 1/2 | @ 30 1/2 |
| OATS—No. 2 White | 20 | @ 21 1/2 |
| CLEVELAND. | | |
| WHEAT—No. 2 | 80 1/2 | @ 81 1/2 |
| CORN—No. 2 White | 22 | @ 22 1/2 |
| NEW YORK. | | |
| CATTLE—Prime | 3.75 | @ 5.25 |
| HOGS—Prime | 3.75 | @ 4.25 |
| SHEEP—Common | 4.25 | @ 5.25 |
| WHEAT—No. 2 Red | 80 | @ 88 1/2 |
| CORN—No. 2 | 38 | @ 40 |
| OATS—Mixed Western | 27 | @ 31 |
| POULTRY—Prime Mess | 10.50 | @ 11.25 |
| ST. LOUIS. | | |
| CATTLE—Prime | 4.25 | @ 5.00 |
| HOGS—Prime | 3.00 | @ 3.75 |
| WHEAT—No. 2 Red | 77 | @ 78 |
| CORN—No. 2 | 25 1/2 | @ 26 1/2 |
| RYE—No. 2 | 21 | @ 21 1/2 |
| INDIANAPOLIS. | | |
| CATTLE—Shipping Steers | 3.50 | @ 5.00 |
| HOGS—Choice Light | 3.00 | @ 4.00 |
| WHEAT—No. 2 Prime | 3.00 | @ 5.00 |
| CORN—No. 2 | 30 1/2 | @ 31 1/2 |
| OATS—No. 2 White | 24 | @ 25 |
| CINCINNATI. | | |
| HOGS—Prime | 3.50 | @ 4.00 |
| WHEAT—No. 2 Red | 82 1/2 | @ 88 1/2 |
| CORN—No. 2 | 38 1/2 | @ 40 |
| OATS—No. 2 Mixed | 24 | @ 24 1/2 |
| RYE—No. 2 | 42 | @ 43 |
| PITTSBURGH. | | |
| CATTLE—Good to Prime | 4.00 | @ 4.50 |
| HOGS—Prime | 3.50 | @ 4.00 |
| WHEAT—No. 1 Hard | 91 | @ 91 1/2 |
| CORN—No. 2 | 38 1/2 | @ 39 1/2 |

THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

NATIONAL LAW-MAKERS AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives—Important Measures Discussed and Acted On—List of the Business.

In the Senate, on the 21st inst., Mr. Blair presented a number of petitions praying for the passage of the Blair educational bill. Mr. Quay introduced a bill to present to the Gettysburg Memorial Association specimens of the arms and equipments used by the Union army during the war. Mr. Berry made a few remarks in favor of the bill to instruct the Census Commissioner to ascertain what percentage of farms in the United States are under mortgage or free from incumbrance. Some discussion of the bill followed. Mr. Berry's remarks for a division of business was taken up and the following bills were passed: The Senate bill to create the office of Surveyor General for the States of South Dakota and North Dakota; the Senate bill granting to the State of California 5 per cent. of the net proceeds of the cash sales of public lands in the State; the Senate bill creating three additional land offices in Colorado; the Senate joint resolution granting authority for the purchase of the Apache Indian prisoners and their families from Alabama to Fort Sill, Indian Territory. The Senate then went into executive session and adjourned soon after. In the House a hot discussion arose over the absence of rules. A demand was made for a division of the pending question when the right to such a demand in the absence of rules was questioned. This led to a general discussion over the absence of rules in which Messrs. Mills, Crisp, Oates, and others on the Democratic side denounced the delay of the Committee on Rules and the majority side of the House for the delay in offering and adopting rules. Mr. Carlisle also spoke, urging that the rules of the last Congress be considered a precedent upon which the enforcement of common parliamentary law should be based, but also urging that definite rules be adopted. On the Republican side Messrs. Cannon, Payne, and Boutwell spoke. The Speaker ruled that under common parliamentary law the right to demand tellers does not exist. Mr. Mills appealed from the decision, and a yeas and nays vote was ordered on a motion to table Mills' appeal. The motion was carried by a strict party vote. The House spent the afternoon on the Oklahoma bill and adjourned at 5:30.

In the Senate on the 22d Senator Chandler presented a concurrent resolution directing the House and Senate committees on immigration to investigate the immigration laws and asked its immediate consideration. Laid over. Discussion of the resolution was taken up during the percentage of farms under mortgage through the census bureau followed. Mr. Teller moved that it be recommitted to the Census Committee. Adopted—yeas, 22; nays, 20. Calendar business was then taken up and a number of bills passed, among them a bill to present badges to the officers and men of the Greeley Relief Expedition. The Senate then went into executive session and shortly adjourned. In the House Mr. Grover of Ohio, from the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, reported back the Senate joint resolution appropriating \$250,000 for the removal of snags and other obstructions from the Missouri River between St. Joseph and its mouth. The committee proposed that the appropriation be reduced to \$75,000, and appropriating \$75,000 for the removal of snags from the Columbia River, Oregon. On motion of Mr. Herndon of Oregon, the substitute was amended so that the appropriation for the Columbia River be expended for continuing the jetty work. The substitute was agreed to and the joint resolution as amended passed. The Oklahoma town-site bill, after some unimportant amendments, was passed. The bill as passed provided for the appointment of five boards of commissioners, each board to consist of three members, to make entry of town sites in Oklahoma and examine the claims of occupants to lots which they claim to have entered, and to make titles to those whose proof is sufficient. The members of these boards are to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and may be selected from any part of the country, and shall receive as compensation \$10 per day