

WALKERTON INDEPENDENT.

WALKERTON, INDIANA

SOLDIERS EXEMPTED.

RELIEVED FROM RESIDENCE ON HOMESTEADS.

Ominous Outlook at Connelville—Bloody Riot at Kansas City—Election Results Mixed at Chicago—Grain-Laden Boat Founders in the Straits.

Soldiers Homestead Rights.
The Senate Committee on Public Lands has agreed to report favorably Senator Kyle's amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill providing that any honorably discharged soldier of the late civil war, not now the owner of 160 acres of land, and who has not availed himself of the privileges under the land laws of the United States, may acquire title to 160 acres of land by making application therefor in person at any Government land office and paying the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre. The law now requires a residence of six months on the part of the ex-soldiers.

Bullets Mixed with Ballots.
BITTERLY opposed by both religion and politics, two Kansas City, Mo., factions came together in a bloody conflict at the polls in that city Tuesday. It cannot be stated which side is responsible for the affair, as the participants of each loudly charge the other with being the full cause of the trouble. More than a hundred shots were exchanged between the combatants in less than that many seconds, and when the firing ceased men were lying dead, dying, or injured on the pavement. The riot was the culmination of a bitter feeling which had been manifested by actions and words ever since the polls opened in the morning. The two antagonistic elements were solidly divided in their choice of candidates for Mayor. The aggressive support that each side gave to its candidate during one of the hottest campaigns ever known in the city engendered a strong sentiment. It was, therefore, in no amiable mood that the workers of the respective factions came together at the different polling places throughout the city, and that these workers came expecting trouble to occur before the day was over was apparent from the number of deadly weapons that were drawn when the first pistol-shot was fired. The riot that resulted so fatally was the climax of a series of smaller riots that took place at other points earlier in the day between the same opposing religious factions.

Barge Barge Sinks.
THE steam barge William H. Barnum, laden with 55,000 bushels of corn, struck an iceberg and foundered about six miles from Mackinac City. The crew was rescued by the tug Crusader. Ice is flowing in the Straits, but it was not thought sufficient to do any damage. The barge was owned by J. J. H. Brown, of Buffalo. The cargo is fully insured and the boat partly insured.

NEWS NUGGETS.

PRESIDENT J. H. CULLOWAY, of Douglasville, Ga., College, shot himself through the heart.

PEACE has been restored in Samoa, an armistice having been arranged between the opposing forces.

THE weavers in the Riverside Mills at Olneyville, R. I., went out in a body. A general strike will follow.

FOR the first time in the history of Harvard University a Catholic priest conducted the regular Sunday services for the students.

OBITUARY: At Newark, N. J., ex-Congressman George A. Halsey, aged 67; at Pittsburgh, Edward B. Wall; at Wilmington, Ill., Franklin Mitchell, aged 82.

R. D. WALSH, County Commissioner at Rockport, Texas, was killed by B. S. Weir. The difficulty was about the occupancy of a house. The slayer is at large.

THE Daily Telegram, a new afternoon penny paper, is announced to appear at Boston. It is to be published by Torrey E. Wardner, will be Democratic, and will advocate the advanced school of bimetallicism.

A MANUFACTURED ice palace is to be built in Baltimore, to be opened June 1. Skating will be had the year round. It will resemble in construction the one constructed in the Cold Storage Building at the World's Fair.

REPUBLICANS made gains in Chicago's aldermanic election on Tuesday, and the body stands 42 Republicans and 26 Democrats, instead of 38 to 30 as formerly. Political lines, however, were not closely drawn, and the positions of Assessor, Collector, Supervisor, and Clerk, in the various towns, are filled by men in many instances who do not belong to the leading party.

A CONNELLSVILLE (Pa.) dispatch says the situation in the coke region is now at the most critical stage. At first it was thought the Frick men would remain at work, but this impression was dispelled when the men at Trechter came out. The company has made no attempt to resume, and will probably not do so until the strikers cease hostile demonstrations. The feeling among the foreigners is very bitter. They are said to be well supplied with dynamite, and will not hesitate to use it if the occasion presents itself.

BILL DALTON, the notorious outlaw, was fatally wounded in a fight with officers in the Indian Territory.

THE Iowa Senate has passed a House bill allowing the manufacture and sale at wholesale of intoxicating liquors in the State.

A FIRE in which three children, aged two, six and twelve years, lost their lives occurred at Calumet a small station on the Nickel-Plate four miles south of Hammond, Ind. The victims were children of Edward Price, section foreman of the road.

EASTERN.

ALEX. ROSS has pleaded guilty at Pierre, S. D., to an indictment charging him with embezzling \$25,000 from the First National Bank of Leadville.

T. V. DICKINSON's jewelry store at Buffalo was seized by the Sheriff on executions for local banks and New York merchants.

AN employee of the American Exchange National Bank of New York conspired with an outsider and swindled the concern out of \$33,000.

REV. SYLVESTER MALONE, of Brooklyn, is to succeed the late Bishop McNiery, of Albany, as Regent of the University of the State of New York.

A GENERAL strike of the 10,000 coke workers and miners of the Connellsville, Pa., region was ordered by the executive committee of the United Mineworkers, to go into effect next Monday.

A. J. MOXHAM, president of the big steel company at Johnstown, Pa., and T. M. L. Johnson, one of the heaviest stockholders, are in Cleveland seeking a site for a new steel mill to cost about \$2,000,000.

A G. A. R. DELEGATION representing the State of Michigan arrived at Pittsburgh, Pa., to secure quarters for the State Department during the annual encampment next fall. The delegation also arranged for headquarters for Judge Charles D. Long, who is a candidate for Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army.

A SPECIAL from Middletown, Mo., gives particulars of a frightful dash down South Mountain of a runaway team of six horses driven by Albert Miller. The rubber on the wagon broke; the saddle horse, a valuable animal, fell and broke his neck, throwing Mr. Miller and sojourning him that he now lies in a comatose condition, with his death anticipated.

JUDGE DALLAS has filed an opinion in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia, holding that Chinamen cannot be naturalized. Judge Dallas says that the act of Congress of May 6, 1882, entitled "an act to execute certain treaty stipulations relating to Chinese," forbids the admission of Chinese to citizenship at any time after its passage, and is still in force.

FRITZ KLOETZER, a Dolgeville (N. Y.) shoemaker, killed his wife and four children at his home and then committed suicide. He had been out of work for a long time and despondency is supposed to have led to the deed. For weeks he had been selling off his furniture piece by piece to pay for bread for his family. The bodies of the entire family of six were found stretched on a few blankets in a back bedroom.

WESTERN.

JUDGE CALDWELL has made a ruling in favor of the Union Pacific employees in the wage scale hearing at Omaha.

SIX HUNDRED cigarmakers employed by Eugene Valens & Co., Chicago, went on strike Thursday on account of the discharge of one of their number, Albert St. Cyr, for coming late to work.

GOLD has been discovered at the summit of Hahn's peak in Colorado, and prospectors are already on the mountain above the clouds staking claims on the south slope, where there is not much snow.

THE report of the receivers of the Bear Valley Irrigation Company filed at Los Angeles shows an indebtedness of \$1,221,250, not including expenses of \$1,500 per month. The enumerated assets of the corporation appear to be fully \$2,000,000.

THE Paddock Hotel people at Beatrice, Neb., endorsed a draft of \$50 for J. T. Marshall a week ago, in accord with a telegram purporting to come from the Red Cross Vinegar Company of St. Louis. The telegram was forged, and the draft protested.

INDIANA has inaugurated a movement that promises to prove the nucleus of a great national organization by the formation of a State fish and game protective association. The first step will be to ask the United States Fish Commissioner to restock Indiana streams.

OBITUARY: At Dayton, Ohio, Major W. D. Bickham, editor of the Dayton Journal, aged 67; at St. Paul, Anson Northup, aged 76; at Los Angeles, Cal., H. C. Lett, of the Utah commission; at St. Paul, Captain George Hayes, inspector of steam vessels, aged 60.

AT Spokane, Wash., John Horton, a carpenter, fell from the new Post street bridge into the Spokane River above the main falls and was swept down to death. He made a gallant fight for life, cheered by 400 persons on the shore and bridges, but it was hopeless.

THE most appalling disaster Pecora, Ill., has known since the wreck of the steamer Frankie Folsom, three years ago, occurred Friday morning. An immense standpipe belonging to the Pecora Water Company suddenly burst, causing terrible damage. One boy was killed and at least ten other persons were seriously injured. In addition to this five houses and barns were crushed, several others were swept from their foundations and an immense amount of damage was done to surrounding property.

AT Bozeman, Mont., a man culling himself Robert Dutton made oath that he is the man who, a few months ago, killed an old farmer and his wife named Williams at Brompton, Canada, near Toronto. Robert said that one Walter McWhirrell was accused of crime and has just been found guilty and sentenced to be hung next June. Dutton had seen an account of the trial and conviction of McWhirrell in a newspaper and did not wish to have an innocent man suffer for a crime he himself had committed. After signing the affidavit Dutton made his escape.

REPORTS from districts widely separated, including Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and Nebraska, say that the recent frosts were not so disastrous to the growing wheat as had been reported. Since the thaw, the plant has come out in good shape, and backward enough to be out of danger from any frost not more than ordinarily late. Although in the aggregate large areas were damaged, the percentage will not be more than ten, and the

yards that were killed will be replaced in corn, and it is expected that the field of the latter will be greater on account of the increased cultivation.

THREE families, consisting altogether of between twelve and fourteen persons, were buried by the snows near Wallace, Idaho, Thursday. The bodies are buried under thousands of tons of snow, and any possibility of their being rescued alive is far from certain. The snow accumulated on the mountains to a depth of fifty feet, and the late rains caused the heavy mass to move at several places. A large section 300 feet in length, near Black mine, became detached and slid down the steep mountain side. He the inhabitants of the cabins in its path could get away the avalanche was their only chance.

THE hopes of the lake vesselmen are now centered in the iron trade, and the key of lake business for the coming season is to be found. Business is thus turning boats to bring it from the Superior and Green Bay is at the lowest notch ever reached by lake commerce. In past seasons vessels carried freight for less money than these charges for the season, but never before have large fleets been tied up in contracts which promised so slight a margin of profit. Some say that the margin is so small that it is infinitesimal, and that only the best luck can save the boatsmen from a disastrous season.

WHEAT jumped 3 cents a bushel in about as many minutes on the Chicago Board of Trade, Wednesday. The weather was the prime factor. Some of the morning papers had existing crop-damage reports, and these were re-enforced by quite a run of the same kind of news through private dispatches received on the floor. The pit was aflame with excitement. The market went up from 58 1/2 cents early to 61 1/2 cents, and closed at 60 1/2 cents. But other markets did not follow so fully. Liverpool was quoted lower, and there was free selling against calls, all of which led to a reaction of 1 1/2 cents, followed by a good recovery.

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., was started Saturday night by a terrific noise as if a powder magazine had exploded. It was a natural gas explosion in a building which accommodated a barber shop and the American Express office. This structure was blown to pieces and the ruins were fired. The rear of the Whitesides block was blown away. Seven men were in the barber shop. Buried in the ruins and dead were: Harry Bouryer, Jessie Harrell, Ora Ball, Charles Hoover. The following were rescued by the firemen from the ruins, but more or less injured: James Scott, William Pyle, Henry Heard. Harrell and Hoover leave families. The others were all single men.

SOUTHERN.

ISRAEL JOHNSON, colored, was hanged at Union Springs, Ala., for the murder of Wash Roberts.

RITCHIE & CO.'s warehouse at South Camden, Ark., was burned. Loss, \$250,000; insurance, \$16,000.

THREE workmen were killed and five seriously injured Friday afternoon while tearing away an old bridge over a creek near the town of Radford, Va. This structure fell carrying the eight men with it.

THE Augusta (Ga.) cotton mills are reported to be in splendid condition, with sufficient orders on hand to run them for six months, even if no more orders are booked. One mill has just received a \$250,000 order from a Northern firm.

IN the embers of a watchman's shanty on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Road near Denison, Texas, the body of an unknown man was found with his skull crushed. He had been murdered and the cabin fired to conceal the crime.

THE expected has happened, and the bitter animosities stirred up by the endeavor to enforce the dispensary law in South Carolina has resulted in a bloody clash between citizens and constabulary. A fight took place between citizens and constables at the railway station in Darlington, Friday afternoon, as the constables were leaving town, and four men were killed and three desperately wounded.

EDUARDO R. GONZALES, Manning Davis and Jim Upkins, Federal convicts, were hanged at Paris, Texas. The crime for which Gonzales paid the death penalty was the murder of John Daniels, a singing school teacher, in Blue County, Choctaw Nation, May 16, 1893. Manning Davis' crime was the murder of John Riden, a neighbor, Dec. 26, 1891. The crime for which Jim Upkins yielded up his life on the gallows was the murder at Ardmore, T. T. Sept. 6, 1893, of his 6-year-old step-daughter.

ON the farm of Capt. Harwood, on Dry Creek, near Pulaski, Tenn., John Inman and his wife left their three children alone in the house. The smallest, a boy 4 years old, was left alone and was burned to death. The other two children were saved. On the farm of George Wheelless, on Weakley Creek, two negro women living in the same house left home and left their young babies in the house. On returning they found the house destroyed and the babies burned to death.

WASHINGTON.

THURSDAY it was reported from Washington that Speaker Crisp declined the nomination by Gov. Northen as successor of Senator Colquitt from Georgia.

THE Senate Military Committee has ordered a favorable report on the bill to pay \$3,951,915 to California; \$104,000 to Nevada, and \$335,152 to Oregon for money expended in the suppression of the rebellion.

THE President has approved the act to regulate the making of property returns by officers of the government, the act repealing section 311 of the revised statutes, and the act for a charter for the Iowa and Nebraska Pontoon Bridge Company.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has sent to the House a letter recommending an appropriation of \$3,325 to reimburse the Bishop of the Greek Church of Alaska for funds expended in furnishing the people of St. Paul Island with necessary supplies. The affair has been the

subject of diplomatic correspondence with Russia.

THE Bland bill for coinage of the seigniorage silver bullion has been vetoed. The President's objection to the bill, in brief, are that the bill is loosely drawn and would rob us of our gold. He says he believes the coinage of the bullion seigniorage might be safely and advantageously done provided authority were given the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds at a low rate of interest. He expresses a hope for a comprehensive adjustment of our monetary affairs in a short time in a way to accord to silver its proper place in our currency.

FOREIGN.

THE wreck of the Kearsarge on Ronador reef has been blown up and the debris buried by natives.

AMBAASSADOR BAYARD has been pressing upon the attention of the British Foreign Office the necessity of speedy action upon the proposition to replace the existing mode of trade relative to the seal fisheries by one on broader lines to conform more closely to the decision of the arbitrators. There is reason to believe that Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador here, will soon receive authority to consummate such an agreement, by which the small differences between the two parties to the treaty respecting the extent of the closed zone will be adjusted on the basis of the forty-second parallel. This would make it impossible for sealing vessels to lawfully take seals anywhere in the Pacific north of the boundary between California and Oregon after May 1.

IN GENERAL.

A COMMITTEE of the Toronto Legislature recommended the granting of a charter to the Huron and Ontario Ship Canal Company.

PENSION ATTORNEY M. D. ELLIS, of Indianapolis, has been disbarred from practicing before the Pension Department for unprofessional conduct.

OBITUARY: At St. Augustine, Fla., William S. Hall, of Chicago; at Baden, Jacob Rosenbaum, the composer and pianist, aged 79; at Dublin, Most Rev. Charles Parsons, D. D., Protestant Lord Bishop of Meath.

R. G. DUN & CO.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

The more active tone in business is due to several causes. Firstly, but yet quite perceptibly, the force at work increases. The advent of spring compels the dealers to replenish stocks, and the aggregate of orders, if smaller than usual at this season, is distinctly larger than in January or February. Except in speculative markets, prices do not recover, and in some instances have gone lower, but the absence of sensational records inspires hope that the bottom may have been reached. Business, though slow, is exceptional in its steadiness and safe, and its slow gain is most encouraging than a heavy expansion. Failures for the week number 238 in the United States, against 166 last year, and thirty in Canada, against twenty-eight last year.

THE Western Union Telegraph Company and the Bell Telephone Company are on the verge of a legal battle. Their community of interests has sustained a truce that has now become much worn by the ravages of inherent antagonism. The whole network of telegraphic harmony is in jeopardy with total collapse. It remains for time to reveal whether diplomacy can avert what promises to be the giant corporation struggle of the era. The present upheaval, which has not yet taken definite shape, is interwoven with the merged histories of the two concerns very intimately, and has been brewing since 1879, the year the Bell company assumed position as a rival for business.

THE White Star steamer Teutonic, from Liverpool and Queenstown, arrived at New York quarantine after a passage which the officers say was one of the most severe in their experience. Sunday morning the wind blew with hurricane force, accompanied by hard squalls and high seas. Seamen McCoomb and Coleman, who had been ordered to secure a ventilator on top of No. 2 house, forward, were knocked down by a heavy sea. McCoomb was picked up in a badly bruised condition, having an arm and a leg broken. Coleman had his jaw broken, besides being badly bruised about the body and head. The cabin passengers were much alarmed, and a few of them were thrown down and bruised. One of them named M. Schleifer slipped on deck and broke his leg. The storm lasted up to Monday night. Sunday the vessel logged but 394 knots, and Monday the day's run was only 302 knots.

MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Common to Prime.	\$1.50	64 7/8
HOGS—Shipping Grades.	4.00	66 00
SHEEP—Fair to Choice.	3.75	67 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	60	61
CORN—No. 2.	36	37
OATS—No. 2.	21	32
RYE—No. 2.	49	51
BUTTER—Choice Creamery.	21 1/2	22 1/2
EGGS—Fresh.	10	11
PORK—Ham.	50	50
INDIANAPOLIS.		
CATTLE—Shipping.	\$1.50	64 7/8
HOGS—Common to Prime.	2.75	65 3/4
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	61	62 1/2
CORN—No. 2 White.	37 1/2	38 1/2
OATS—No. 2 White.	33 1/2	34 1/2
ST. LOUIS.		
CATTLE.	3.00	64 50
HOGS.	3.00	65 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	62	63 1/2
CORN—No. 2.	34	35
OATS—No. 2.	31	32
RYE—No. 2.	50	52
CINCINNATI.		
CATTLE.	3.00	64 50
HOGS.	3.00	65 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	62	63 1/2
CORN—No. 2.	34	35
OATS—No. 2.	31	32
RYE—No. 2.	50	52
DETROIT.		
CATTLE.	3.00	64 50
HOGS.	3.00	65 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	62	63 1/2
CORN—No. 2.	34	35
OATS—No. 2.	31	32
RYE—No. 2.	50	52
TOLLEDO.		
CATTLE.	3.00	64 50
HOGS.	3.00	65 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	62	63 1/2
CORN—No. 2.	34	35
OATS—No. 2.	31	32
RYE—No. 2.	50	52
BUFFALO.		
CATTLE.	3.00	64 50
HOGS.	3.00	65 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	62	63 1/2
CORN—No. 2.	34	35
OATS—No. 2.	31	32
RYE—No. 2.	50	52
MILWAUKEE.		
CATTLE.	3.00	64 50
HOGS.	3.00	65 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	62	63 1/2
CORN—No. 2.	34	35
OATS—No. 2.	31	32
RYE—No. 2.	50	52
NEW YORK.		
CATTLE.	3.00	64 50
HOGS.	3.00	65 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	62	63 1/2
CORN—No. 2.	34	35
OATS—No. 2.	31	32
RYE—No. 2.	50	52

TOWED INTO FAYAL.

NEWS OF THE SAFETY OF A BIG OCEAN LINER.

Annual Disturbance in the Connellsville Coke Region Occurs on Schedule Time—Omaha Alive with Burglars—Le Caron, the Spy, Is Dead.

Steamer En Route Safe.

THE North German Lloyd steamship Ems, Capt. Reinhold, from Bremen March 17 and Southampton March 18, for New York, long overdue at the latter port, was towed into Fayal, Azores Islands, Monday by the British steamer steamer Wild Flower. The Ems has her propeller frame broken. Her 1400 passenger list embraces twenty-nine names, among them Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dahlgren and Comte de Borchetto. The steamer passengers number something over a hundred. The agents of the company have instructed Capt. L. Steormer, who is in command of the Kaiser Wilhelm II., to call and tranship the passengers for New York. It will be necessary to send a ship to Fayal with a new rudder frame, to take the place of the broken one.

Riot of Coke Miners.

THE threat of strike of the Connellsville, Pa., coke workers occurred Monday and was immediately followed by wild scenes of rioting and disorder. The reports received at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers' Union in Uniontown say that over 5,000 men went out. To get the men out in one case intimidation in the shape of dynamite used to destroy the property of the operators was used. A midnight special from Uniontown says the officials of the miners' union have received advice to warrant them in the statement that from 15,000 to 17,000 men will be out. This means a total suspension of work in the region. Sheriff Wilhelm has sworn in 500 deputies and will distribute them through the region. A number of arrests were made. The rioters were immediately bailed out.

Bad Place for Thieves.

WILLIAM EDGE awoke Sunday night at Omaha to find a man ransacking his house. The burglar fled and Edge followed him. Becoming bewildered the thief returned past the Edge house, and Mrs. Edge captured him and turned him over to her husband. He proved to be John Webb. Elmer Buchner was caught by Charles Wilson going through the latter's bedroom. Buchner fled, but Wilson caught him after a long chase. Patrick Huley went through several houses, and was captured by an officer with the stolen property in his possession. Ed Matthews found a man in his room. He grappled with him, but the burglar was the stronger and escaped.

Chopped His Head Off.

LEWIS J. RATLIFF was killed at Howardstown, Ky., by a man named Mahoney. Ratliff went to Mahoney's distillery early and quarreled with the owner, who struck him a fearful blow in the head with a hatchet. The infuriated man then dragged Ratliff's lifeless form a short distance and placing his neck across a log, completely severed the head from the body. Ratliff leaves a widow and several children. Mahoney is a quiet and peaceable man and has never been in trouble.

BREVITIES.

JUDGE DALLAS has filed an opinion in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia holding that Chinamen cannot be naturalized.

PHILIP M. ISENSEE, convicted of embezzling \$60,000 public money while City Treasurer, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment at New Whateam, Vt.

PATRICK WALSH, editor of the Augusta Chronicle, has been appointed by Governor Northen of Georgia to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the death of Senator Colquitt.

A DELEGATION of letter carriers appeared before the House Postoffice Committee in advocacy of the bill providing for a salary of \$12.0 in cities where the postal revenues exceed \$50,000.

ATTORNEY H. W. HOBSON of the Gulf Road claims the abrogation of all traffic agreements with the Union Pacific is more in favor of than against the Gulf R. R., as it leaves it free to make advantageous agreements.

GEORGE BARKUS, an employee of the Standard Oil Company of Columbus, Ind., while working at the pumping station went near a red hot stove and his clothing, saturated with gasoline, ignited and he was horribly burned.

HEIRS living all over the United States are to read a Pittsburgh lawyer to England to recover \$100,000 of the estate of James Holmes paid to the crown and held in trust. Holmes died at Belfast in 1727. He was a projector of the South Sea Bubble, once chairman of the company, and worth many millions.

MAJOR HENRI LE CARON, the British Government spy who acquired such world-wide and unenviable notoriety in the investigation of the charges against the late Charles Stewart Parnell some years ago, died Sunday at London from an internal tumor, with which he had been afflicted for some years.

THE body of Joseph Olds, the ninth victim of the Cayland mine disaster at Wilkesbarre, Pa., was recovered.

THEODORE A. ROCKFORD, a lawyer, whose office is at 150 Broadway, New York, died at Cincinnati of heart disease.

MRS. MARY ANTONIA CASTRO MAJORS, member of a California Spanish family, has begun suit for \$50,000 for breach of promise in the United States Circuit Court at San Francisco against Harry S. Cowell, son of the Santa Cruz millionaire lime king.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has refused to authorize Minister Thompson to join the British and Italian ministers in a petition to the Brazilian Government to withdraw its demand for the surrender of the insurgent Admiral de Gama, now a fugitive or a Portuguese man-of-war.

THE NATION'S SOLONS.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Our National Law-Makers and What They Are Doing for the Good of the Country—Various Measures Proposed, Discussed and Acted Upon.

Doings of Congress.

Wednesday, the House was engaged with contested election cases, the seat of Mr. Joy (Rep.) of Missouri, being at stake. The majority report of the Committee had gone against Mr. Joy. The vote on the substitute for the report of the majority of the committee, presented by the minority, declaring Mr. Joy entitled to the seat, resulted: Yeas, 102; nays, 146. The substitute was rejected. Mr. Burrows of Michigan moved to reconsider, and Mr. Springer, of that state, moved to lay that motion on the table. Friends of Mr. Joy then precipitated another filibuster by making the point of no quorum on the division, and the roll call was taken. No quorum. On motion of Mr. Patterson the House at 5:45 adjourned. In the Senate Senator Berry, of Arkansas, called up the resolution authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to receive at the subtreasury in New York from R. T. Wilson & Co. assignments of the money, amounting to \$6,740,000, to be paid to the Cherokee Nation, and to place the same to the credit of the Cherokee Nation. It was then taken. Then the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business, and when the doors were again reopened on the McGarrhan bill Senator Morrill of Vermont speaking in opposition to the claim. Mr. Hunt of Virginia followed Mr. Morrill, and argued in favor of the bill. At 4 o'clock Mr. Huntion called his speech, and Senator Vilas rose to address the Senate, but yielded to a motion for an executive session made by Mr. Pugh, which was carried. At 4:05 the Senate adjourned.

The House Thursday renewed consideration of the Joy-O'Neil contest, but it is still undecided in order to get a quorum to transact business, the Sergeant-at-Arms was directed to arrest all absentees, and the Speaker counted a quorum, as was done in the days of the Fifty-ninth Congress by ex-Speaker Reed. Scenes of the wildest confusion prevailed. In the Senate, the bill prescribing limitations of time for the completion of title to certain lands disposed of under the act of Congress known as the "donation act," and for the protection of purchasers and occupants of the lands, which are situated in the States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, was passed by a vote of 40 to 7. The House joint resolution appropriating \$100,000 additional to carry out the provisions of the Chinese exclusion act was passed. The McGarrhan bill, which was passed without division, refers the claim of William McGarrhan to the Rancho Panocho Grande to the Court of Private Land Claims, which shall report its findings to the Secretary of the Interior, who shall issue a patent to McGarrhan if this decision shall be in his favor.

In recognition of the personal sacrifice Speaker Crisp made in declining the Speakership there was a burst of applause again Saturday morning when he ascended the rostrum to call the House to order. Immediately after the reading of the Journal, Mr. Payne, of New York, arose to a question of personal privilege and made an explanation of the incident which occurred late Thursday afternoon when the Speaker had stated in reply to a seeming defiance of the Chair by Mr. Payne, when the latter was ordered to take his seat, that he was going to the toilet. A motion to bring the contumacious member to the bar of the House, Mr.