

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Arguments on Mississippi River Improvements.

Mr. Frye Talks of Capitol Restaurant Drinks.

The Republican Members Hold a Love Feast.

The Abuses in the Department of Justice.

Hewitt Caught Saying One Thing and Meaning Another.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, January 17.—A joint republican caucus of senators and representatives was held to-night to appoint a congressional campaign committee, and more than 125 members of congress were present.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that a republican congressional campaign committee be immediately organized, consisting of one member from each state and territory having republican representatives, for the preparation and circulation of documents concerning subjects pending before congress, other political information and the execution of such other campaign work as may be agreed upon by that committee and the republican national committee.

Resolved, That we express our sympathy and will extend our co-operation in all practicable ways to all southern republicans struggling to exercise the vital and fundamental right of free suffrage in popular elections, and no less do we pledge our friendship and assistance to all citizens of the southern states who have not been republicans, but are manfully contending against the proscription of murder of voters and favor freedom in politics, honest political methods, public education of the whole people, and we recommend the prompt and cordial union of republicans with all such patriotic citizens in combined efforts to redeem their state from the fatal domination of false ideas and dishonoring practices.

The resolutions were warmly applauded by the caucus when read, and after being favorably commented upon by Senators Hoar, Logan and Hawley, and Representatives Hiseock and Mayo were unanimously adopted.

When a call was made for a member of the committee from Utah, Senator Edmunds remarked: "Of course that is represented by a democrat." Other state delegations not being fully represented, those present asked leave to present the name of a member of the committee at some future time.

Mr. Potter (dem., N. Y.) introduced a bill to maintain the currency and prevent injurious fluctuations by issuing 2 per cent. bonds and providing for their deposit as security for national bank notes; also to remit the taxation on circulating bank notes when secured by a deposit of the 2 per cent.

Mr. Hatch (dem., Mich.), chairman of the committee on agriculture, reported a resolution requesting the president to transmit to the house the correspondence had by the state department with all foreign governments on the subject of the importation of American hogs in their country.

Mr. Lamb (dem., Ind.), from the committee on foreign affairs, reported a resolution calling on the secretary of state for information concerning the arrest, imprisonment and torture of E. Wheelock, a citizen of the United States, by the government of Venezuela in 1876.

Mr. Wemple (dem., N. Y.) introduced a bill for the improvement of the Erie canal and maintaining the same free to the commerce of the United States. It appropriates \$1,000,000 for the purpose.

Mr. Van Alstyne (dem., N. Y.) from the committee on expenditures in the department of justice, reported a resolution asking the secretary of the treasury for a statement of the gross net earnings yearly of each United States marshal, attorney and clerk for the fiscal years 1873 to 1883.

Mr. Shelly (dem., Ala.) offered a resolution asking for reports from the secretary of war on the necessity of immediate appropriations for continuing the work on important river and harbor improvements.

Mr. Nutting (rep., N. Y.) introduced a bill authorizing the construction of a ship canal around Niagara Falls. Referred.

Mr. Throckmorton (dem., Tex.) offered a resolution instructing the committee on ways and means to inquire into the expediency of abolishing or consolidating any internal revenue districts.

During the consideration of the joint rules of the senate to-day, when the rule forbidding sales of spirituous or malt liquors in the capital was reached Mr. Bayard moved to strike out the words "or malt." Mr. Bayard said he favored the exclusion of spirituous, but not of malt liquors.

of these "nourish become an open, notorious, law, mischievous groggery, I have seen a man with his pantaloons inside his boots and his coarse blouse on, standing at the bar of the restaurant of one of the houses of congress drinking miserable whisky out of a cup."

"No," said Mr. Frye, "a crochery cap; and I have seen whisky ordered again and again and called tea, and served in a cup and saucer."

The matter was finally compromised by substituting the word "intoxicating," for the words "spirituous or malt."

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Mr. Varner (dem. Ohio) said the real purpose of the bill was not to improve navigation but to build levees. It will be known whether the river is navigable from New Orleans to Memphis no matter how high the levees are.

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THE RAILROADS.

Samuel's Hand is Once More Raised to Strike.

The Burlington to Have a New Division.

By Consolidating the Hannibal and Bluffs Roads.

The Trunk Lines Again Put Up Rates.

A Warning to the Dominant Party of Nebraska.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

NEW YORK, January 16.—A bill has been filed in the United States circuit court for the appointment of a receiver for the Ontario & Western road, in behalf of Conrad N. Jordan as a common and preferred stockholder.

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stituted in their own households. They organized into a solid column and marched over their oaths, the law and justice. The people were unprepared for such a reception. They did not believe their chosen advocates to represent the commonwealth would turn out to be their enemies and in their might and power inflict a disgraceful wound—"turn and rend her." What is the result? The republican party deliberately refused to take up this railroad question at the last session of the legislature, and handle it in the interest of the taxpayers of Nebraska. They stood sponsors and championed the cause of railroads, they were loud in their pretensions that nothing should be done in the way of regulation. The leading journals of the party showed their indignation and labored for the U. P. and B. & M., thus showing up the brass collar of their masters. How dole the Republican has become of late, going abroad throughout the length and breadth of this state asking for enquiries and consolation relative to the injustice done by the railroads—such wonderful excellence, to wash away the guilty stains of a subsidized and corrupt paper. Their eagerness for reform in this direction is pretty much like the shearing of sheep, in a measure, on account of the high tariffs demanded by corporate monopoly, whose exactions mow down with a remorseless sweep, and swallows up from day to day the bulk of humble toil! It is evident that something must be done to allay the pillage of these highway robbers; something must be done to allay the pillage of these highway robbers; something must be done to allay the pillage of these highway robbers.

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FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

China will Fight if France Does Not Back Down.

The Most Troublesome Nation in Existence.

The New Brunswick Thermometers Go Crazy.

One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Idle Men.

Various Matters of Note from Abroad Briefly Told.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

VIENNA, January 16.—The minister of commerce has approved a scheme for a regular monthly line of steamers between Trieste and New York. The steamers begin running the 1st of February. Railway and shipping rates on goods from Buda Pest and Vienna to New York via Trieste will be exceptionally cheap.

LONDON, January 16.—A letter from Canton, dated December 13th, says China is determined to fight and war can only be avoided by France backing down. France made an awful muddle of the whole affair by not acting with force at first. Chinese troops are pouring in from the north and being raised at Canton. The feeling is that the Chinese must rise up as one man and crush the pride of Europe which they pronounce the most troublesome nation that ever existed.

PARIS, January 16.—The Working Men's delegates had a conference to-day with members of the chamber of deputies, and pointed out that 150,000 hands were out of employment and asked the chamber to provide work. A number of deputies said it would be necessary to have an explicit statement of the men's wishes before action could be taken.

LONDON, January 16.—Gladstone has issued a circular to the liberal members of the commons requesting their attendance at the opening of parliament on the 5th of February. It says it is the desire of the government to submit to the commons, at the earliest day possible after the opening, proposals of much public interest and importance.

HONG KONG, January 16.—The Chinese expect if Beuchin falls into the hands of the French, the southern city either occupy Yu Lin Kan, the southern city on the island of Hainan, or bombard Canton. The French repudiate any such idea.

ST. JOHN, N. B., January 16.—Last night was the coldest of the season. Andover, Victoria county, reports 52 below zero at 6:30 a. m., to-day, Woodstock 50 below, St. John 12 below.

LONDON, January 16.—A telegram to the Austrian consul at Khartoum says all the higher Egyptian officials of El Obeid were massacred.

CAIRO, January 16.—Governor Baker, of El Ghazal, asks reinforcements to quell a revolt caused by emissaries of El Mahdi.

LONDON, January 16.—Schwegert, the explorer of Khartoum Africa is dead.

CAIRO, January 16.—It is rumored that Khartoum has been captured.

DALLAS, Texas, January 16.—While resting at Fort Worth, a cowboy and noted desperado was shot and killed on the reservation at Pena Colorado, Texas, last Sunday, by a detachment of soldiers. One of the soldiers was killed and two wounded.

NEW YORK, January 16.—The Bartholdi pedestal committee announce the Travelers Insurance company of Hartford, subscribed \$1,700 to the fund. A special engraving of the statue complete will be prepared for the American press.

LONDON, January 17.—A furious fire is raging in the premises of S. W. Silver & Co., colonial merchants and publishers, Sun Court 67, Cornhill. The whole city is illuminated. Fire engines are arriving on the scene from all parts of the metropolis.

Both Burned to Death. FALL RIVER, Mass., January 16.—Charles P. Stickney was probably fatally burned to-night trying to extinguish a fire in his wife's clothes. The wife was burned to death.

Shot Down at His Door. EASTON, Pa., January 16.—D. P. Hill, a merchant at High Bridge, was called to his store at 3 o'clock this morning and shot by three masked men. He was killed in his head. He is not expected to live. No property disturbed.

THE LOCKWOOD STITCH.

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HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA. A carefully prepared extract of the best remedies of the vegetable kingdom known to medical science as Alterative, Blood Purifier, and Tonic, such as Sarsaparilla, Yellow Dock, Sillitana, Dandelion, Juniper Berries, Mandarins, Wild Cherry Bark and other selected roots, herbs and barks. A medicine, like anything else, can be fairly judged only by its results. We point with satisfaction to the glowing record Hood's Sarsaparilla has entered for itself upon the hearts of thousands of people in New England who have personally or indirectly been relieved of terrible sufferings which all other remedies failed to reach.