

BRIEFS ABOUT NEBRASKA.

Robert Covin was drowned at Florence on Sunday last, while bathing. His companions had missed him for some time and supposed he had gone home, but his clothing being found on the bank, search was made which resulted in finding his dead body.

The Lincoln Democrat says Judge Mason, who is part owner of the well-known Alton mine, on Silver creek, Colorado, has just returned from his possessions, and says they have a lode in sight for which he advises to his partners the refusal of \$30,000, which has been made them.

Mollie Brown, a woman of the town, suicided in Omaha last week. The jury brought in a verdict of death from alcohol or an overdose of morphine. She was 21 years old and her parents reside in New York state.

A little child of Mr. Bundicks was bitten, in Buffalo county, by a rattlesnake the other day, and the presence of mind and bravery of Mrs. Bundick is to be commended, for she sucked the poison from the wound and thus saved the child's life.

The Ponca creamery now manufactures the butter of 3,000 cows.

Ex-soldiers of Buffalo and adjoining counties will hold a reunion at Kearney on the 21st, 22d and 23d of August.

The public library at Crete contains 1,064 volumes. There were 117 books added during the year past and 2,744 books taken out by patrons during the same time.

The total assessment of Buffalo county for the year 1883 is \$1,570,840. That of 1884 is \$2,479,711. Of this amount for 1884 the city of Kearney has a valuation of over \$600,000; the Union Pacific roadbed, 36 miles in length, is something over \$450,000, and that of the A. & M. a trifle over six miles in length is \$77,875.

The assessment roll of Saline totals \$3,005,692, an increase of a quarter of a million.

Mr. J. W. Gannett having tendered his resignation as regent of the university, Gov. Dawes has appointed Mr. Leavitt Burnham, of Omaha, his successor during the remainder of the term for which Mr. Gannett was elected. Among other business transacted at the recent meeting of the board was the election of Prof. E. H. Hicks, of Ohio, to the chair of geology and natural science, vacant for more than a year; also, the election of Prof. A. E. Blount, of the Colorado agricultural college, and Prof. C. E. Pessy, of the Iowa agricultural college, to the chairs of agriculture and botany, made vacant by the resignations of Profs. Thompson and Culbertson.

The mayor and marshal of Omaha have been indicted by the Douglas county grand jury for bribery in connection with gambling houses of that city. The mayor and marshal are found to have taken a good deal of money from gamblers and prostitutes for the privilege of allowing them to continue their illegal calling.

At a fire in a stable at Lincoln a few days ago nine horses were burned to death. Loss, \$6,000.

Crete is making preparations for a lively celebration on Independence day.

The population of Greeley county has increased 750 the past year, being a gain of 30 per cent. The taxable valuation has also increased to the amount of \$211,000.

A party of New Yorkers are negotiating for a tract of 3,000 acres in Greeley county with which they want to make a model farm.

The crop of wild fruit promises to be unusually abundant.

Tramps by the score are constantly meandering through the country, but they do not seem anxious to be worked.

A Nebraska City man has started a new industry and seems to have a monopoly of it. In that city quite a number of cows are owned. These cows are driven to the outskirts of the town to feed. The man has rented two lots near his residence, and under our law is taking a good deal of cultivated land and raising potatoes, a crop that a cow would not eat, and when one of these animals steps onto his potato field, he takes her to a fenced corral that he has and collects from seventy-five cents to a dollar for the trespass and trouble.

A special election is called by the mayor and council of the city of Lincoln, on the 11th day of July, for the purpose of voting upon a proposition to bond that city to the amount of \$90,000 for the purpose of establishing water works. The proposition is for twenty year bonds drawing six per cent annual interest.

Mrs. Sumner, of Bloomington, took by mistake a dose of belladonna. Fortunately the doctor was soon at hand, and by the most thorough and skillful treatment followed up for hours she was saved. Her life was utterly despaired of all through the night and her recovery is a wonder.

B. F. Bromley, a brakeman on the Burlington and Missouri river railway, while switching in the Burlington and Missouri river yards, at Grand Island, fell from the top of a box car and was run over and killed.

At the sale of blooded cattle on the Turlington farm, in Otoe county, on the 16th, forty head brought \$14,610. Canada, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska were represented. The average was \$365.50 per head.

The G. A. B. post at Auburn is making preparations for a grand reunion on the 4th of July.

Bennie Rogers, 9 years old, of Gage county, was drowned in the Blue river last week while bathing. Several boys were with him, but were unable to render any assistance.

C. C. Azier, residing fourteen miles south of Pawnee City, had his barn, including five head of horses, \$350 worth of carpenter's tools and 5,000 feet of lumber destroyed by fire last week. No cause is given for the fire. Total loss, \$8,000.

A drove of cattle, said to be a mile long and a quarter of a mile wide, passed up the valley last week, says the Ogallala Reflector.

The Hampton Herald says it has yet to hear of a failure in the creamery business in Nebraska when managed by experienced men. From all directions come the most satisfactory reports, the only complaint being of a lack of cows, and this, to farmers, is an encouragement rather than a drawback. If there were two creameries in each county of Nebraska there would be a ready market for the product of them all.

The city marshal of Omaha, whom the council were about to oust for crooked transactions, took time by the forelock and sent in his resignation.

A man named O'Reagan, who acts in the capacity of telegraph editor on the Omaha Bee, stepped into a saloon a few nights ago with two strange men for the purpose of taking a drink. After indulging in liquid refreshments the strangers slugged the newspaper man, putting a head on him eclipsing anything, as to size at least, that he had ever placed over the news wrings.

The grand jury of Douglas county are ferreting out a good deal of rottenness in the municipal affairs of Omaha. Gamblers and prostitutes are found to have connived with officials to evade the law, illegal proceedings allowed to go on undisturbed, and crime hoodlums to govern in the interest of decency and order.

The sheriff of Lancaster county has

just placed in jail at Lincoln two horse thieves who were overhauled ninety-five miles northwest of Creighton with the animals in their possession.

Bell Brothers, two miles west of Leland's mill, in Thayer county, have a calf with a remarkable displacement of one of its principal organs. Its heart hanging in a bag suspended from its neck in front where its action can readily be seen. The calf is doing well, notwithstanding its curious appearance.

Mr. Ellyson, of Iowa, left at the Ponca Journal office a remarkable petrification which he found in the bluff near the volcano. It was the petrification of a part of the upper jaw bone of some species of saurian which lived thousands of years ago. From the size and strength of the jaw, the animal it belonged to must have been several larger than the alligator.

Postoffice changes in Nebraska during the week ending June 14, 1884—Established—Athens, Cuming county, Wm. H. Ransom, postmaster; Boardman, Sioux county, Peter B. Nelson, postmaster; Chappell, Cheyenne county, John O'Neill, postmaster; Chase, Greeley county, Rebecca A. Lambert, postmaster; Phillips' Station, Hamilton county, James O. Bator, postmaster; Roton, Curzon county, J. C. Postmaster; Swanton, Saline county, Jos. T. Cook, postmaster. Postmasters appointed—Belmont, Cass county, Mrs. Melanah P. Stone; Sand Creek, Saunders county, John Gidley.

The mayor of the Capital City has commanded the marshal to clear the sidewalks of obstructions and the alleys and sink holes of filth. The whole power of city authority is brought to bear to compel cleaner and better living in certain quarters.

The Aurora Republican says that a young man named Maxwell, who was almost raised in Scottville precinct, that county, who took a trip to Wisconsin some two or three weeks ago, and was shot and instantly killed by a man in Grant county, that state. The murderer was arrested and held in custody.

The Seventh-Day Adventists camp meeting held last week near Beatrice, was largely attended and successful in every manner. The headquarters of this sect are held at their branch office in that city. Their organized churches in this state now number 38, with 38 unorganized companies, the first being organized in Burlington county, in 1872. Their greatest drawback is the lack of ministers engaged in the work.

During a severe storm the stable of John Hollenbeck, two miles southeast of Table Rock, was struck by lightning, and three horses killed there. Another standing in the stable escaped without injury. The stable and a stack of hay near by were burned to the ground, although a heavy rain was falling at the time.

At the recent storm in Pawnee county, says the Republican, the queerest freak which has played by the heavy wind with an ice wagon. It lifted the cover and carried it against a house near by, striking the corner of the roof, tearing off the shingles in its course and landing several hundred feet away. An ice-knife, hanging to the bows of the cover, was taken up with such force as to carry it through a window of the house, breaking the glass all to smash and landing in a high chair in the center of the room.

The total assessed valuation of all property in Johnson county, amounts to \$1,900,693.20, just one-ninth of the real value.

The death of Mrs. Mary Coard, of Pawnee City, was one of the most tragic events in the history of that county. She was struck by the east-bound cannon ball train and instantly killed. She was struck while on a bridge and hurried forty feet into the ravine below. The train was running at the rate of 35 miles an hour, and was within two rods of her before she was struck by the engineer, who instantly reversed his engine at the risk of his train and passengers.

Dr. Otto H. Dogge, of Lincoln, was fined \$20 and costs in the district court for practicing without a state license. He had diplomas from Germany and from the Missouri medical college, and had an application in the Lancaster county clerk's office, but it was not enough.

The public library at Crete contains 3,054 volumes. There were 117 books added during the year past and 2,744 books taken out by patrons during the same time.

F. Grover, of Nebraska City, attempted to take his life by hanging a few days ago. He was discovered and cut down before the breath was entirely out of him, though so weak that he could not stand. Domestic infelicity upset his equilibrium.

Henry Westphal, six miles from Omaha, while under the influence of strong drink, to which he was chronically addicted, cut his throat from ear to ear. The verdict was "death by his own hand, while suffering from temporary insanity."

Twenty Ponca Indians, of both sexes and all ages, passed through Beatrice the other day, going to the territory. They were from the old reservation in the northern part of the state.

Republican campaign clubs are being formed in most of the towns of the state. The Democrats will take similar action at a later day—say after the Chicago nominees are named.

A "high roller from Bitter creek" started out to paint the town of West Point red, but there is always uncertainty attending the undertaking of tasks of this kind. Thus it was, says the Republican, with the work of this sketch artist. Instead of painting the citizens before him like a flock of frightened sheep, as he no doubt proudly pictured himself as doing, he was knocked down, his "weepers" taken from him and he was unceremoniously hustled into the cooler, where he had lots of leisure to call the roll to see if he was all there.

Another accident occurred on the cannon ball line a few days ago which was fortunately less serious in its results than the one near Hubbell. One coach and the sleeping ear of the passenger train going west were thrown from the track, about three miles south of Falls City, at 2:15 in the morning. Both cars went down the bank, the sleeper being thrown about fifty feet. The accident was due to the soft condition of the grade, caused by recent rains. The track sank suddenly and the effect was to throw the two rear cars from the track. One passenger, an old gentleman, had a finger broken, another received a high blow, and another was cut on the chin. Others were bruised, but no one was seriously injured.

The Mormons Highly Indignant.

The Mormon press and prominent Mormons consider the bill just passed in the senate a cruel measure, harsh, unjust, and in some respects revolutionary and unconstitutional, and designed to rekindle the fire of persecution by many of its provisions. They think it will not stand the test of judicial examination, and that it is a gross violation of the constitution of the United States. They assert the circumstances here do not call for any such enactments, and that the existing public opinion which prompted the senators to vote for this measure had been created by the persistent circulation of false reports concerning the affairs at Salt Lake.

One of the best rules in conversation

is never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish we had rather left unsaid; nor can there anything be well more contrary to the ends for which people meet together, than to part unsatisfied with each other or themselves.—Swift.

A RECORD OF EVENTS.

Mr. Blaine Officially Notified of His Nomination for President.

The Situation in Europe of a Character Exciting Unusual Attention.

A Train Wrecked by Tramps—Political, Foreign and Other News of Interest.

NEWS NOTES.

A Deadwood (Dak.) special says: Alexander Fiddler, a man of many aliases, was found in Chicago, Saturday, hanging to the limb of a tree. He and two companions robbed an emigrant family en route to the hills recently and he is supposed to have met his fate at the hands of the vigilantes. He bore a bad name and had been several times convicted of crime.

Nicholas DeGroot, assistant secretary and cashier of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company at Portland, Me., committed suicide at his summer residence on Little Diamond Island. He has been suffering with mental depression for six weeks, and was evidently insane.

It is officially stated that a meeting of Union Pacific directors, at which the July dividend question will be considered, will be held soon in New York. Vice-President Atkins states that Dillon will probably tender his resignation and that Charles Francis Adams will be chosen president. The earnings of the company for May, though not fully made up, will now, it is estimated, show a decrease of \$250,000 and \$300,000 net.

Steve Anderson (colored), fireman in the mills at East Pt. Coated, Ky., a man of good reputation, and recently married, quarreled with his wife over plans for a proposed fishing party. The woman shut him out of the house. He requested her to open the door, and when she complied he shot her three times in the breast with a pistol, and shot himself in the head and died instantly.

Rev. Alexander J. Baird, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., died suddenly recently in the Park avenue hotel, New York. He was on his way to attend the meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance at Belfast, Ireland.

Judgments to the amount of about \$125,000 were entered up lately against O. M. Bogart & Co., bankers and brokers, New York, who recently failed. Among the larger creditors are Mary S. Stickwell, \$42,000, and Mary H. Burnham, \$50,000.

There is trouble between the members of the Western Trunk Line association and the eastern trunk lines regarding the rate on wool from the Mississippi river to the seaboard. The western trunk lines demanded the right to make through rates. This had been refused by the eastern lines through their joint agent at Chicago. The western lines assert that the rate should be 15 per cent. more than the rate from Chicago, and assert they will demand their full pro rata on that basis.

The war against gamblers at Dallas, Texas, culminated in one of the indicted gamblers paying a fine of \$1,000 in a compromise, and agreeing never again to gamble in Dallas county. All the others left rather than pay the large compromise.

The officers of the Chicago Humane society have returned from Monee, Ill., where they arrested Mrs. Sophia Hinder for starving into idiocy, beating with savage cruelty and maiming in a nameless way her 2-year-old stepson.

C. C. Morris, a prominent citizen, was assassinated at Greenburg, Ky., on the 17th. The deed is shrouded in mystery.

Ike Buzzard, a member of the notorious Pennsylvania mountain outlaw gang, whom the military of that state have been in pursuit of and for whose capture a reward is offered, was arrested at Chicago on the 17th.

Luke Phipps, who shot his wife on a ferryboat between Detroit and Windsor one night in August last year, was hanged at Sandusky on the 17th.

The ceremony of presentation to the city and unveiling of the status of Bolivar, the great liberator, took place in Central park, New York, in the presence of 5,000 persons, mostly Spanish-Americans.

The entire business part of the town of Pinos Altos, Mexico, was destroyed by fire May 29th. The loss is stated at \$300,000, with no insurance.

Bishop Simpson died at Philadelphia on the 18th, aged 73 years.

In an interview Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, said he had decided to make war on the gamblers and drive them out of the city, and that there would be no more temporizing with the evil.

At the meeting of the Union Pacific directors in Boston, on the 18th, Mr. Dillon resigned as president and Charles Francis Adams accepted the position. It was voted that in lieu of the dividend payable on July 1st, the sum of \$718,314 be paid for the month of August next to the directors of the company's treasury to the United States to meet the demand of the secretary of the treasury for payments under the Thurman act for the year ending December 31st.

The Fitz John Porter bill has passed both houses and will now go to the president.

On the night of the 18th, Thomas Walling, who went to California during the gold fever of 1849, leaving a wife and three children at Muncie, Ind., returned from the far west and spent the evening in company with his wife and children and granted the names to the company's treasury to the United States to meet the demand of the secretary of the treasury for payments under the Thurman act for the year ending December 31st.

A Chicago dispatch says the rumor circulated in Wall street and on 'Change in Chicago that S. H. Clark, of the Union Pacific, had resigned his position as general manager of that road is entirely without foundation.

The dedication of the Washington monument will take place the 22d of next February. Extensive preparations are being made for the event.

Mrs. Warren, wife of Bishop Henry W. Warren, of Denver, has donated \$100,000 to Denver university for the establishment of a department of divinity, to be known as the Cliff School of Divinity, on condition that others endow a single professorship.

An important change has been made in the internal management of the Grand Trunk and the Great Northern systems, including the Chicago and Grand Trunk, Detroit and Grand Haven and Milwaukee, Flint and Pere Marquette railroads, will be so amalgamated as to be under the management of M. G. Spicer, a newly appointed general manager of the Chicago and Grand Trunk.

The Connellsville (Pa.) Coke producers' association, in view of the unsatisfactory condition of the trade, has decided to close down 10 per cent of the ovens, in addition to the 15 per cent that have been idle since the formation of the pool. There will be no change in the selling price.

Gardner & Gates, cotton merchants, Mobile, Ala., are signers. Liabilities, \$105,000; assets, \$38,000.

The Ohio state miners' association had asked the miners in the Hocking valley to resist a reduction from 70 to 66 cents to the last. All the miners in the state are

directed to hold themselves in readiness for a general order to suspend.

General Superintendent Breed, of the St. Paul and Duluth railroad, has telegraphed his resignation, to take effect as soon as his successor is appointed.

FOREIGN.

Sir Charles Dilkes' paper, the Weekly Dispatch, says Gladstone, in frank conversation with one of his warmest supporters, declared that he expected to be out of office in a few weeks. The Daily Telegraph says Gladstone if defeated on the Egyptian policy, not to resign but to carry the franchise bill to the house of lords and then dissolve parliament and appeal to the country on the general policy of the government.

Egyptian advices report an Arab at Korosko, who claims to be the sole survivor of the Berber garrison. He says he was present when the rebels attacked Berber, May 23d. The garrison defended the town two hours, but the rebels forced their way into the city, where they immediately massacred 1,500 men of the garrison and 2,000 of the male population. The women and children were spared.

Patti has signed an agreement with Mapleson to sing in America next season. She is to receive \$4,000 for each concert and all expenses.

The court fined William O'Brien, editor of United Ireland, £500 for contempt in connection with the action for libel against O'Brien by Bolton.

The public were alarmed by an explosion in a house in Calles villa caused by a bomb placed inside the doorway. The door was blown out and the windows shattered.

Mayer has leased the Porte St. Marthe theatre in Paris, and engaged Sarah Barnhardt for seven years.

The porte, not reconciled with the outlook of affairs in Egypt, has addressed a circular to the powers insisting on England's self-imposed task. The restoring of order in Egypt is so completely a matter of occupation ought to be withdrawn.

The article in the divorce bill, abrogating the law of 1816, which abolished divorce, was adopted by the French senate—158 to 115.

Droysen, an eminent professor of history at the University of Berlin, is dead.

POLITICAL.

A member of the Pennsylvania delegation says that the delegation will vote for Blaine in the Chicago caucus next month for the first choice and then probably will all vote for Governor Cleveland for president.

At the Pickaway (Ohio) county democratic convention the delegates were instructed to vote for ex-Senator Thurman as a potential candidate.

A club of 100 members was organized at Indianapolis to work for the nomination of Joseph E. McDonald for president. The attendance showed union and harmony among the local democrats.

M. G. Norton, of Winona, Minn., elected at Chicago a member of the national republican committee from Minnesota, has sent his resignation to the state central committee owing to extensive business interests. It is thought that the committee will appoint ex-Governor Davis, who seconded the nomination of Blaine.

The committee of 100 appointed at the meeting of independents organized at Boston by choosing Bol. Charles R. Codman, president.

The prohibitionists in Kansas are falling in line under the leadership of ex-Governor St. John in opposition to Blaine and Logan, and say they will bolt the state republican convention if the prohibition plank is not inserted.

Benjamin F. Butler accepts, in a letter to the committee, the nomination for president, and the recent green-back convention at Indianapolis.

On the arrival at Waterville, Me., of the special train with Blaine, Logan and Hale, the citizens turned out en masse. A delegation of Colby students were present, and citizens from surrounding towns were largely represented. Much enthusiasm was shown.

The New York democratic state convention chose delegates at-large to the national convention not pledged to any particular candidate.

The Colorado delegation to the Chicago convention will go unrepresented.

A Washington special says: Hon. W. H. English states that Thos. A. Hendricks said to him that he would accept the democratic nomination for governor of Indiana.

Republicans of the Eighth Iowa district renominated Col. W. P. Hephurn for congress by acclamation.

TENDERED AND ACCEPTED.

Mr. Blaine Officially Notified of His Nomination for the Presidency.

The committee from the Chicago convention to notify Mr. Blaine of his nomination for president performed that pleasing duty at Augusta, Me., on the 21st. As the day was oppressively hot, and the rooms of Mr. Blaine's mansion were crowded almost to suffocation, the committee that the presentation address be made upon the lawn. Accordingly the committee and guests proceeded to a well shaded portion of the grounds, where a semi-circle was formed. All present stood with uncovered heads, and the usual notice of the rustling of the spreading branches of the great elms and the buzzing of the insects were the only sounds to disturb the stillness. When all was in readiness Mr. Blaine was escorted to the lawn, where he stood with the committee in a circle. Gen. Henderson then stepped forward and presented the address of the committee, reading from manuscript, to which Mr. Blaine responded as follows:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the National Committee: I receive not without deep sensibility your official notice of my selection to the national convention, already brought to my knowledge through the public press. I appreciate more profoundly than I can express the honor which is implied in the nomination for the presidency by the republican party. It allows the investment of the sinking funds of the United States government interfering with it. The bill was then passed—33 yeas to 15 nays.

The house proceeded to the consideration of the Pacific railroad bill, known as the Thurman amendment bill. It extends the provisions of the Thurman act to the Kansas Pacific, Sioux City & Pacific, and Central branch of the Union Pacific Company, \$50,000 each; Kansas Pacific and Central branch of the Union Pacific Company, \$150,000; Sioux City & Pacific Company, \$150,000; or as much of such sums as will make the total annual payment into the sinking fund equal to 35 per cent of the respective companies. In case the residue of the net earnings is insufficient to pay the interest on the first mortgage bonds the amount necessary for that purpose may be remitted. The companies are required to pay into their sinking fund, on or before January 1, 1885, the following sums, less the amounts due them for government service: Central and Union Pacific, each \$500,000; Kansas Pacific, \$200,000; Sioux City and Pacific and Central Branch of the Union Pacific, \$500,000 each. The payment of dividends while the companies are in default in respect to these requirements. Definite action was not taken when the house adjourned.

HOUSE.

Butler called up his resolution providing for an inquiry

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

The Pacific Railway Bill Under Consideration in the House.

The Campbell-Morey Contested Election Case Settled in Favor of the Former.

Appointment of a Governor for Dakota

Miscellaneous Matters at the Capital.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

MONDAY, June 16.—The following resolution was offered by Mr. Van Wyck and laid over till to-morrow:

Resolved, That the committee on judiciary be directed to inquire whether the Union or Central Pacific railroad companies have become responsible for a guaranteed interest in any bonds other than those specifically authorized by congress or outstanding at the date of the passage of the act making appropriations for legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1874, and if so, to what extent and under actual or alleged authority; also, whether any new stock has been issued by either of said companies in violation of said act.

The senate concurred in the action of the house on the senate amendment appropriating \$180,000 for necessary and special facilities on trunk lines. The house increased the amount to \$250,000, in which the senate now concurs. The senate unanimously insisted upon its remaining amendments.

Consideration of the Utah bill was resumed, Mr. Brown having the floor.

Brown's amendment permitting divorce for only one cause in places where the United States has executive control was rejected.

Mr. Vest offered an amendment providing that in no case shall husband or wife be a competent witness, except as to the fact of lawful marriage having been contracted between the witness and the defendant.

Mr. Follett introduced a bill granting 100 acres of the public domain to every honorably discharged union soldier or sailor of the late war.

Lowry, from the committee on elections, submitted a report on the contested election case of Campbell vs. Morey, declaring the contestant entitled to the seat. Laid over.

Handal moved that the bill be referred into committee of the whole on the deficiency appropriation bill. Agreed to.

Mr. Cannon moved to strike out the paragraph relating to the compensation of fourth-class postmasters, confining it to box rents and commission on the sale of waste paper, postage stamps, etc., not to exceed \$1,000 a year.

After a long discussion the motion, which was in the interest of postmasters, was adopted—84 to 64.

SENATE.

Tuesday, June 17.—After reading the journal, Brown rose to a question of privilege. He had the clerk read the remarks of Mr. Ingalls made yesterday, relating to his (Brown's) remarks made in debate on Friday last. When the clerk had concluded reading, Brown said he had not replied to Ingalls' remarks yesterday because he did not wish to speak under the irritation which Ingalls' remarks were calculated to provoke. In what he had to say he would keep in the decorum of the senate, and reduced his remarks to writing.

The Utah bill was taken up. Vest's amendment, providing that in no case shall the lawful husband or wife be a competent witness except as to the fact of lawful marriage having been contracted, was rejected—18 to 37.

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The house went into committee on the whole on the deficiency bill. All amendments were agreed to and the bill passed.

The house proceeded to consideration of the bill reported from the committee on Pacific railroads to amend the several Pacific railroad acts. A vote was taken on the passage of a substitute for the bill and amendments. It provides that if railway companies shall not within sixty days from receipt of notice pay the costs of surveying the land then their titles to the land shall terminate and the land shall be restored to the public domain for settlement under the homestead laws. The substitute was agreed to and the bill (in that shape) passed.

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