

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

TO NEBRASKA WOMEN.—It is desirable that Nebraska women's work be well represented at this New Orleans World's Exposition. Through the efforts of some of our enterprising ladies we have a very fair exhibit—consisting mainly of knitting, needle and decorative work, besides a good culinary exhibit, but we are deficient in lines of work in which I am sure many of our Nebraska women are proficient, and by which they are enabled to support themselves. Desirous of obtaining articles which represent such occupations, I make this appeal to Nebraska women who are interested in the following lines of work, and ask that models or samples be sent to my address: Inventions, domestic or other, originating by women; a copy of every book, pamphlet, or newspaper edited by women; editorials, poems or literary articles written by women; type-writing, stenographic work, penmanship, business cards; samples of silk, wool, flax, or cotton grown by women; samples of same spun or woven; samples of grain grown by women.

Let Nebraska women interest themselves in these things, thus aiding toward making the Nebraska woman's work a feature of the woman's department as our state exhibit is of the states display. Send by registered mail or express to my address.

MRS. S. C. ELLIOTT, Commissioner for Neb. Woman's Work, New Orleans, La.

THE STATE IN BRIEF.

Beatrice Methodists are arranging to build a \$5,000 church.

The Gage county poor farm has been let for \$25 per month.

Over eight hundred pupils are enrolled in Kearney public schools.

The Hastings Journal claims for that city a population of about 8,000.

Tom Miles, near Loup City, recently died from the effects of a gunshot wound.

The coming session of the Nebraska legislature will convene on the 6th day of January.

The grand encampment of the G. A. R. will be held in Beatrice the latter part of January.

Twenty thousand bushels of corn was sold at Hastings the other day at 8 cents a bushel.

Neligh wants a new hotel, water-works, a pork packing establishment and a public square.

Many farmers are leaving their corn in the field, saying it does not pay to gather at present prices.

Kearney is put down by a correspondent of the Lincoln Journal as having a population of eight thousand.

A. J. Larson is confined in jail at Kearney awaiting action of the grand jury on the charge of forgery.

Mrs. Shaffer, a Lincoln lady, was found on the streets with a babe in her arms, in a deplorable condition.

The cattle mortality and hog cholera is giving Schuyler druggists a big run on sulphur and condition powders.

The grand jury of Harlan county failed to indict Nora Rhyker, who was accused of murdering her baby at Orleans.

The Bugle says Cedar Rapids is badly in need of a calaboose, and hopes early steps will be taken to procure the same.

George Brigham, a dry goods clerk at Juniata, has left for parts unknown, and numerous creditors mourn his departure.

The new city directory of Lincoln contains nearly 6,000 names, and from this it is figured that the city's population is about 20,000.

George Hickman, an electrician, was found on the street apparently intoxicated and taken to jail, where soon after he died.

It is stated that 20,000 head of sheep and about 10,000 head of cattle and hogs are being fed in the immediate vicinity of Kearney.

The republican senators in caucus selected Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, for the chairmanship of the joint committee on printing.

August Safstrom, of Omaha, has deserted his wife, taking all money accumulations and leaving a letter saying that the parting is for all time.

Frank Heldt, the train wrecker, came near getting out of jail at Schuyler. He got the cell door open, but could not get out of the hall doors.

R. J. McKeon, near Superior, has lost several pigs with some kind of throat disease. They only live about six hours after being taken sick.

Warden Nobes, of the state penitentiary, offers a reward of \$100 for the arrest of William Wilson, a convict, who escaped a few days ago.

The "Omaha Light Guards" is the name of an organization recently effected. The membership, which is limited to fifty-three, now numbers thirty.

The Omaha police made 274 arrests in November. Of this number 53 were for disturbance of the peace, 37 for intoxication and 94 for prostitution.

August Lambrecht, proprietor of Rock Creek mills, Cuming county, had four of his fingers cut off from his right hand by a circle saw last week.

Antelope has a musical organization called the "Cyclone" band, members of which have just received instruments from Philadelphia at a cost of \$225.

The question of closing the Schuyler schools is being seriously contemplated by the board and other citizens, owing to the diphtheria among the children.

A new disease among horses has broken out in the western part of Cuming county. The throat swells up, and unless it gathers and breaks dead ensues.

A Masonic lodge has been organized at Coleridge. It being the first organization of the kind in Cedar county, it was appropriately christened Pioneer lodge.

A boy named Bertwell, of Wilber, while out hunting rabbits accidentally shot himself through the head, dying instantly. The entire charge entered his forehead.

Mr. Eaton, of Jefferson county, wishing to satisfy himself as to whether smut would kill cattle, experimented on a calf. He gave it all it would eat, and it died soon after.

Mrs. Lena Wilson, of Omaha, wants five thousand dollars damages from a saloon-keeper in that city named Rasmussen for selling liquor to her husband. The case is now before the courts.

Goods stolen from Duke's hardware store in Omaha, some weeks ago, have been located in a town on the Kansas border and a man started after the same.

Mr. Landeryou, of Omaha landscape painter, is off his mental balance by too close application to work. He finished a fine picture of Shoshone Falls and then deliberately took a brush and daubed it over with yellow paint.

Joe Cook, the Blue Hill murderer, has been taken from the penitentiary to Red Cloud for trial. It will be remembered that

Cook was hung by a mob on November 17, but was subsequently cut down and resuscitated by the sheriff.

The four lodges of Knights of Pythias in Omaha have decided to form an incorporation and to erect a Knights of Pythias building, which should contain a "Cattle Hall" for use of the order and also stores and apartments for business use.

The latest Kansas-Nebraska railroad company incorporated is for the construction of the Wyandotte, Nebraska and Northwestern line. It is to cross the state line at the northern boundary of Marshall county, Kansas, and have its northern terminus at Beatrice.

In Beatrice and vicinity, says the Express, real estate business continues active, and the number of inquiries for land increases every day. December starts out well, and there is every prospect that the land dealers will do a largely increased business over last month.

Last week a horse-thief or thieves entered the barn of Wm. Huxtable, who lives five miles southeast of Hastings, and took there from a span of horses valued at \$500. They hitched the horses to a wagon, procured robes, drove off and have not been heard from since.

Postoffice changes in Nebraska during the week ending December 6, 1884: Discontinued—Glenary, Fillmore county; Okane, Phelps county; Norval, Seward county. Postmasters appointed—Oxbow, Nuckolls county, W. P. Jewett; South Bend, Cass county, Oliver Jacobs.

John Davids, of Boone county, asked a man who was looking for employment to ride with him. After reaching a lonely part of the journey the stranger made a savage attack on Davids with a knife and would doubtless have killed him had he not been the fleetest footed of the two.

William Wilson, a laborer, escaped from the penitentiary the other day while working outside. He is an Irishman, born in Limerick, five feet six inches high, weighs 160 pounds, beard sandy when he has any. His hair is dark brown. He is 36 years old. One hundred dollars reward is offered for his capture.

The refusal of the supreme court to give Simmerman, the Mindon murderer, a new lease of life, has knocked the nerve clean out of him, and a comical crook, occupying apartments in the Kearney jail, has been assigned as a companion to Simmerman to cheer him up. The Lincoln Journal learns that L. C. Burr, Simmerman's attorney, will make an attempt to secure a rehearing of the case in the supreme court, and if he fails in this he will go to the supreme court of the United States.

At the Johnson sale of stock, near Lincoln, the other day, prices were realized as follows: Twenty-two yearling steers brought \$35.50 each; twenty-two 2-year olds, \$50.50 each; thirty thoroughbred short horn cows brought prices ranging from \$75 to \$205; four grade Galloway bulls averaged \$90 each; two Galloway calves, pure bred, averaged \$144. The grade short-horn yearling and 2-year old heifers bred to a Galloway bull sold like hot cakes and ranged from \$38.50 to \$43.75, selling in lots of ten and fifteen.

The present pools on California, Utah, Colorado and Nebraska cattle business, and also the traffic agreement for the maintenance of dead-freight rates to and from Nebraska points, will terminate January 31, 1885, if any of the roads parties to those agreements gives thirty days' notice of withdrawal previous to January 1, 1885. It is understood that several of the roads have decided to give the required notice, and consequently the pools and agreements will cease to exist on the above named date unless in the meantime the general managers of the roads interested should succeed in effecting new arrangements.

A bold attempt to release the Union Pacific train wrecker, Frank Heldt, from jail, is reported from Schuyler, where Frank languishes behind the bars in default of \$8,000 bail. Heldt's mistress, U. P. Mary, smuggled some tools into his cell, and gave him a pointer as to how he could break out. At a given hour she fired Hughes' livery barn to draw attention from the jail and allow Heldt an opportunity to escape. The plan worked so well that but for the unexpected return of the jailor on an errand the prisoner would have gotten away. As it was Heldt had made his way to the front door and was just leaving the building when he was recaptured.

The grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska have elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Henry E. Palmer, grand high priest; John D. Moore, deputy grand high priest; J. T. Benjamin, grand king; E. B. Carter, grand scribe; J. B. Dinsmore, grand treasurer; W. R. Bowen, grand secretary; A. B. Irwin, grand chaplain; James Tyler, grand lecturer; Milton J. Hull, grand captain of the host; L. D. Richards, grand principal sojourner; Frank H. Young, grand royal arch captain; F. M. Dinning, grand master third veil; B. F. Rawalt, grand master second veil; C. B. Stellman, grand master first veil; Ross Gamble, grand steward; Jacob L. Miller, grand steward; Wm. J. Mount, grand sentinel.

CHOKED BY A MOB.

A Desperado Known as "Omaha Charlie" Sent to Eternity

Charles Stevens, a desperado known as "Omaha Charlie," who killed Herbert Kramer at Maryville, Mo., December 3, was on the 10th taken from jail by a mob and hung from the railroad bridge, despite the efforts of the sheriff to prevent it. Stevens was pardoned out of the penitentiary for a previous murder last winter.

Sixty masked men went to the jail at 2 a. m., and called up Sheriff Anderson and demanded he deliver Stevens to them. The sheriff refused, and told the crowd he would fight to the last. A committee of three was sent to consult with the sheriff, but he remained firm. The mob then rushed upon the door of the jail, and notwithstanding the sheriff repeatedly fired into the crowd, dangerously wounding several, they forced an entrance, overpowered the sheriff, seized the murderer, and marched him, under cover of a score of cocked revolvers, to a railroad bridge a mile and a half away, and hung him.

THE COMING EXPOSITION.

President Arthur Asked to Open the Show by Electricity.

A delegation of congressmen, headed by Commissioner-General Morehead, of the New Orleans exposition, and Senators Lamar and Hampton, called upon the president and requested him, in view of his inability to be present at the opening of the exposition, to consent to open the exposition by electricity. The plan is to attach a telegraph wire to the motive power of the machinery in the exposition, the wire to be connected with the white house, and at a fixed moment, everything being in readiness in New Orleans, the president, surrounded by his cabinet, members of congress, judges, government officials and foreign representatives, will press a button in the executive mansion at Washington, and instantaneously set the vast machinery of the exposition in motion. The president agreed to take the proposition under consideration.

Train Wreckers Arrested.

Julius Prebs and Herman Bellman, about 24 years of age, were arrested at Chicago, charged with a deliberate attempt to wreck the incoming Omaha passenger train near Mount Clair, on the Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, Monday, and it is claimed was only frustrated by a resident of that village who made the discovery in time to warn the trainmen. They were held to the grand jury in \$5,000 bail each.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

The house resolution for the continuing of work in the census bureau was passed.

Telegraph operators throughout the country have been notified of a reduction in their wages.

The general feeling among business men of Pittsburgh is daily growing more hopeful. Large orders for railroad supplies have been given this week and many bids asked for.

The jury, at Fort Worth, Texas, in the case of young Dawson, who had his hand mangled in a coupling car, rendered a verdict of \$15,000 against the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio railroad.

News is received from Golden City, British Columbia, that a commercial traveler named Baird was killed and robbed of \$4,500 near that place. A large number were in hot pursuit of the perpetrator.

At a meeting of Chicago socialists, a speaker named Griffin declared that "workmen must be incited to absolute resistance, and that all monopolists were enemies of the country and ought to be hung."

The Hocking Valley strike seems to be practically ended. Many of the old men have offered to go to work, thus breaking the lines. Others want to compromise at sixty cents with the privilege of remaining in the union.

The general assembly of Virginia passed over the governor's veto the electoral board bill. This is the second time this year the assembly has done this, the court of appeals having decided the first bill to be unconstitutional.

Reuben R. Springer died at Cincinnati last week. He was widely known for his musical gifts to the public in the form of Music hall, exhibition building and college of music, to which he has contributed in the past nine years about three hundred thousand dollars.

The message sent by the president to the senate with the Spanish treaty briefly alludes to the lengthy negotiations of which the proposed treaty is the result. He says a perusal of the convention now submitted will suffice to show how fully it carries out the policy of intercourse outlined in his late message to congress, and he commends it in confident expectation that it will receive the sanction of the senate.

In Lincoln county, Arkansas, Joel Thornburg, a prominent planter, heard a suspicious noise while passing Theodore Smith's residence. Thornburg approached, and while looking through the window was shot in the breast by a negro who was robbing the house. The negro then went to the house of James Wilkes, near by, robbing it also. At sundown the murderer was captured in the woods by citizens and shot dead. Thornburg will recover.

CAPITAL BRIEFS.

An Indian territory dispatch reports a tragedy at Kany creek. George Christy fatally shot Sanders, a son of Senator Sanders, of the Cherokee council. Christy is highly connected.

An attempt to suspend the rules and pass the bankruptcy bill will be made in the early part of January. The suspension requires a two-thirds vote. It is not probable that the attempt will be successful.

The case of Robert Carwick, who petitioned for a writ of mandamus on Secretary Teller, has been certified to the general terms. Carwick claims title as a settler, under the preemption act, to Arsenal island, opposite St. Louis, and wants a mandamus to compel Secretary Teller to order a survey.

George Cook was hanged at Laramie, Wyoming, for the murder of his brother-in-law, Henry Blount, one year ago. Cook made no remarks on the scaffold and maintained to the last he was too drunk to know he was committing murder. He died easily in ten minutes.

A terrible duel was fought between two cowboys in Idaho, opposite Assotin, Washington territory. The duelists tried their left hands together and fought with knives until both fell dead. One received twelve stabs and the other seventeen. The affray was witnessed by the friends of both men.

It is the opinion of a number of the members of the house committee on naval affairs that no action will be taken by the committee on the recent recommendation of officials of the navy department for appropriations for new vessels for the navy. They also think the recommendations will not be favorably considered by the house committee on appropriations.

Jerome Blanton, of Malden, Mo., a well-known farmer, was met on the railroad track by two tramps armed with guns who demanded his money. "Don't murder me, and I'll give you what I've got," cried Blanton, but instead of his pocket-book, drew a revolver and shot one of the men dead in his tracks. The other fired, hitting Blanton in the shoulder, and escaped. Blanton will recover.

In the executive session of the senate the nomination of McCulloch to be secretary of the treasury was taken up. Senator Riddleberger moved the consideration be postponed until after the holidays, which motion was lost, as also was another by the same senator to postpone until next Monday. Riddleberger then said he was not fully prepared to state his objections to the confirmation, but he would, as a preliminary, ask for the reading of one of McCulloch's annual reports during his former administration of the treasury department. Riddleberger yielded, however, for a motion to adjourn, which was carried unanimously.

CRIMINAL.

At Bedford, Ky., Lefe Gammons and James Davine were quarreling, when the son of the latter shot Gammons through the head, killing him instantly. The father of the murdered man then seriously stabbed Davine twice with a penknife.

Perry Kelly, of the two negroes who fatally assaulted F. P. Jones and wife at Sulphur Springs, Texas, was lynched by a crowd of citizens. Kelly confessed the robbery of Jones' house and told how Jones and wife were struck on the head with a hammer.

Charley Palmer, on a carousel, at Sago, Pittsylvania county, Va., accosted William Akers, with whom before he had an altercation, and commenced shooting. Several shots took effect. Akers soon died. Palmer then beat an inoffensive negro nearly to death and fled.

Deacon Terry, who eloped from Northville, Long Island, with the wife of Rev. Mr. Downs, has, Mrs. Terry says, written her stating he was sorry for what he had done, and that if he didn't forgive him he would kill himself. I have forgiven him, but he mustn't do so any more. Mrs. Downs has written her mother at Bridgehampton asking forgiveness.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The Congo conference is expected to finish its deliberations by December 20th.

One hundred operatives have left Nottingham for America, where places have already been engaged.

A dispatch from Odessa says: Turkish atrocities in Macedonia are increasing. Two hundred christians have been murdered within in the past few weeks and three villages

burned. Kidnapping is common, and the inhabitants are afraid to leave their houses.

The nihilist executive of Russia has issued a manifesto condemning Count Tolstol, minister of the interior, to death. The trial of eight nihilists was begun on the 11th, but was postponed, owing to the important arrest just made. Many arrests are being constantly made throughout St. Petersburg.

A Hong Kong dispatch says the affairs at Kee Lung and Toinquin are in statu quo. Gen. De Lisle threatens to resign in protest if reinforcements are not sent. Each mail steamer brings more Germans for the Chinese military service. One hundred and twenty-six Germans have already entered the Chinese service.

The French senate on the 11th began discussion of the Tonquin credits. Duc De Broglie took a leading part in the debate. He said the government should be held responsible for increasing the gravity of the situation between France and China. He declared the members of the right would refuse to vote the credits. In his opinion the pursuance of a colonial policy could only be permitted to states which have surplus forces.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Edwin Packard and Alexander Forman were expelled from the Kings county (N. Y.) republican general committee for disloyalty to Blaine.

The legislature of South Carolina has re-elected Wade Hampton United States senator. He received every vote of both houses, except three colored representatives, who voted for Small, and two colored senators who voted for Whipper.

The celebration of the election of Cleveland and Hendricks began in Charleston, S. C., on the 12th, by the firing of a gun for every electoral vote—219. The jollity was unbounded during the day. In the evening the city was ablaze with lights.

The Eastern Pig Iron association, of Pennsylvania, Henry S. Eckert, of Reading, president, has issued circulars to every class of manufacturers and prominent men in the United States, asking their co-operation in the formation of tariff clubs.

In the Boston municipal election the vote for mayor was: O'Brien (dem.), 27,257; Martin (rep. and citizen), 24,176; O'Brien's majority, 3,111. Board of aldermen: 6 republicans, 5 democrats and 1 independent democrat. The common council will stand: Democrats, 41; republicans, 31.

The persons indicted for participation in the election frauds in the Second precinct of the Eighteenth ward of Chicago, appeared before Judge Blodgett in the federal court and gave bail in \$10,000 each. The accused declared they had not had time to examine the indictments, and were allowed until next Tuesday to plead.

Hon. Levi P. Morton having been cabled as to his position on the tariff, replies as follows: "In regard to my views on the question of protection, I stand fully committed to the policy and platform of the republican party. I earnestly believe in protection of American industries and of the interests of the working masses in the United States."

ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS.

The Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and Laity Under Their Charge.

The pastoral letter of the archbishops and bishops of the United States composing the third plenary council held at Baltimore, to the clergy and laity under their charge, is made public through the Catholic Mirror. It is a lengthy document, but the following abstract gives the main points of the leading matters which engaged the attention of the council: Reference is made to the great increase in Catholic institutions during the past eighteen years, especially in the west. The assembly by Pius of a general council at the Vatican is alluded to as one of the most important events of our age and a detailed account of its work is given. The Catholics of Prussia are commended for their good work in availing themselves of every legal means to check the advances of despotism and save their own freedom and that of their country. The letter then discusses the following terms: "We think to be acquired, both by the church and the institutions, and the spirit of the Catholic church and with the laws, institutions and spirit of the country; and we emphatically declare that there is no antagonism between a Catholic faith and home in the United States. For the influence of the church has constantly been exercised in behalf of individual rights and popular liberties, and a right-minded American nowhere finds himself more at home than in a Catholic church, for nowhere else can he breathe that atmosphere of divine truth which alone can make us free. We repudiate with equal earnestness the assertion that we need to lay aside any of our devotedness to our rights as Americans, and the institution that we need to lay aside any of our loyalty for our country's principles and institutions to be faithful Catholics. To argue that the Catholic church is hostile to our great republic because she teaches that there is no power but in God, the people, the people, the people, the events which led to the formation of the republic she sees the providence of God leading to that issue, and back of our country's laws the authority of God as their sanction, this to the committee on ways and means. Consideration of the inter-state commerce bill was resumed, but no definite action was taken.

IN SENATE.

In the senate, on the 11th, after routine business, Mr. Van Wyck offered the following: WHEREAS, A commercial treaty of great importance has been negotiated between the United States and Spain, which is made public by the king of Spain to such an extent that it was called from Madrid by the Times of New York City, and given to the American people by that journal before the same was presented with becoming solemnity in the senate; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of said treaty materially affecting revenues and taxation and involving no serious questions of diplomacy or state secrets, the discussion thereof should be held in open session, so that the people may be fully apprised of the reasons why said treaty should be ratified or rejected; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the committee on rules be directed to report an amendment or additional rule requiring that treaties which concern matters of revenue be considered in open session.

On objection of Wilson, the matter went over one day.

Consideration of the Oregon Central land grant forfeiture bill was resumed.

An amendment offered by Plumb was agreed to—33 to 11—repealing the act of March 3, 1873, which allowed settlers on railroad lands subsequently forfeited to locate an amount equal to the original entry without additional cost.

HOUSE.

The house resumed consideration of the inter-state commerce bill.

Mr. O'Neill (Pennsylvania) gave notice that at the proper time he would move to recommitt the whole subject.

On motion of Mr. Warner (Ohio) a resolution was adopted calling upon the secretary of the interior for information relative to fees of claim agents in pension cases.

On motion of Mr. Weaver the senate bill passed authorizing the First National bank of Omaha to increase its capital stock.

No Pacific Road Legislation.

Owing to the crowded condition of the calendar of the house, the committee on Pacific railroads informally decided not to urge the consideration of the bill introduced at Washington by Representatives Bell and Bedford relative to the regulation of rates of transportation on the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads.

We hope the Sunday laws on this point will not be relaxed, but even more rigidly enforced, and we implore all Catholics, for love of God and country, never to take part in such Sunday traffic, nor to patronize or countenance it, and we not only direct the attention of all pastors to the repression of this abuse, but we call upon them to induce all of their flocks that are engaged in the sale of liquors to abandon as soon as they can the dangerous traffic and embrace a more becoming way of making a living.

The pastoral "Invokes a blessing on the cause of temperance and on all who are laboring for its advancement in the true christian spirit."

"Forbidden societies" is the next subject treated of, and while Catholics are instructed to shun bad or dangerous secret societies, they are counselled to take part in good and useful Catholic associations, always remembering, however, that the surest guide is the church of Christ. The letter closes with an appeal for generous co-operation of the catholic people in the work of foreign missions and missions among the Indians and negroes.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

In the senate on the 8th inst. Mr. Mitchell read a letter from General Grant in which the general expressed the hope that the bill to pension him would be withdrawn, as under no circumstances could he accept a pension, even if the bill passed.

Chair introduced a bill for the appropriation of \$50,000 to promote the colored people's world's exposition, to be held at Chicago in September, 1885.

By Mr. Ingalls—To amend the revised statutes so as to make the day of the inauguration of a president a legal holiday in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Allison submitted a joint resolution, which was passed, extending the time fixed for the submission of the report of the joint commission to consider the organization of the signal service and other bureaus of the government.

HOUSE.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the postmaster-general, asking an appropriation of \$130,000 for the railroad postal-car service for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Referred.

Bills were introduced and referred: By Mr. Townsend—Proposing a constitutional amendment providing that treaties shall be made by and with the consent of the house as well as the senate.

By Mr. Ryan—To open to homestead settlement certain portions of the Indian Territory.

By Mr. Ellis—Appropriating \$25,000 for the erection of a monument to the officers and men who perished in the Greely expedition.

The house then resumed consideration of the inter-state commerce bill, but adjourned without final action.

SENATE.

In the senate on Tuesday Mr. Hale called up the naval appropriation bill, which, at the close of the last session, was in the hands of the conference committee, and as to which that committee reported it had been unable to agree.

The bill to provide for the sale of the Cherokee reservation was passed.

The bill to amend sections of the revised statutes which prohibit the delivery of registered letters and payment of money orders to foreign companies was passed.

A bill was passed providing for the pressing claims of American citizens for spoliation by the French prior to the 31st of July, 1881.

HOUSE.

Chalmers introduced a bill to restore a republican form of government to the state of Mississippi. Referred. Derisive laughter from the democratic side greeted the reading of the title of this bill. It provides that congressional and state elections shall be held on the same day in that state and that each candidate for congress shall be permitted to appoint, in writing, one inspector and one clerk to attend the polls, who shall be permitted to witness all the proceedings. It is made a crime punishable by a fine and imprisonment for any person to assault, intimidate, threaten, or insult any inspector or clerk.

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SENATE.

In the senate the Dakota bill was taken up. Mr. Vest addressed the senate in opposition to admission. He contended that the population was not enough to entitle it to a representative in congress, and it would, to a certain extent, be the disfranchisement of states already in the union to give the present population of Dakota two representatives in the United States senate, as well as a representative in the lower house of congress. The demands, said to have been made since 1870, for the admission of the territory, had been the demands of ambitious politicians who were willing to cut each other's throats politically and physically had been urging these "demands." Gen. Grant had been credited, Vest said, with the statement while president that Dakota territory gave him more trouble than all the other territories put together; that the trouble there was that there were two streets in Yankton and when one street did anything or got anything done the other street rebelled, and it would require almost all the civil and military power of the United States to keep the peace between the factions.

HOUSE.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from Representative Scales (N. C.) announcing his resignation, to take effect December 30th. Tables.

Morrison offered a resolution providing for a holiday recess from December 3 until January 5. Referred.

Morrison offered a resolution, which was adopted, distributing the president's message appropriately among the standing and select committees of the house. So much of the message as refers to revenue, provisions of the treaties with Hawaii, Mexico and Spain is referred to the committee on ways and means.

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