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## CONGRESSIONAL.

### Senate.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17.—Bills were introduced as follows: By Howe, to furnish free obstruction to inter-State commerce by railroads—referred to the Committee on judiciary by Terry, for the consideration of mail matters and rates of postage thereon—referred to the Senate Committee on post-offices. A resolution was agreed to appointing President Noah Porter of Yale College, a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, Jas. B. Dana, reporter of the Senate, and Jas. S. of law. Senator Morton found among his papers his views as a member of the special committee in regard to Chinese immigration, and the Senate having given the late Senator leave to present his views, the bill, which the majority report was submitted on Jan. 27th, was referred to Wadleigh now presented his views, moved that they be printed. So ordered. Senator McDonald submitted resolutions of respect to the late Senator Morton. Remarks were made by Senator McDonald, Thurman, Conkling, Morgan, Bruce, Edmund, Arnside, Booth, Anthony, Wadleigh, Paddock, and Voorhees. The Senate then adjourned.

### HOUSE.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Davis, of California, to restrain Chinese immigration by Knapp, extending the jurisdiction of the Lighthouse Board over the Illinois river. By Hewitt, granting pensions to the survivors of the officers, soldiers and sailors, or their widows, of the Mexican Creek, Florida and Black Hawk wars—referred to the House.

By Banning, a bill directing the Secretary of War to pay all expenses of the campaign of 1847, at par for gold in silver coin of less value than gold. A resolution was passed directing the Secretary of the Treasury, at par for gold, to issue a bill providing for the payment of the amount of interest on the bonds held by the government to national banks, and for the payment of interest to them. House went into committee of the whole on the state of the Union. After some discussion on the finance question, the committee and the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18.—Bills were introduced as follows: By Voorhees, revising and continuing the Court of Commissioners on the Alabama claims, and for the distribution of the unappropriated moneys of the Geneva award—referred to the Committee on judiciary. By Conkling, petition of New York and Albany citizens against the passage of the Bland-Hovey bill. Tabled, the bill having been reported to the Senate. The Senate resumed the consideration of unfinished business—Matthews' silver resolution. After executive session the Senate adjourned.

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Dunham reported the military academy appropriation bill. The bill appropriates \$272,155. It was made a special order of Tuesday. Stetson introduced a bill to extend the jurisdiction of the Southern Claims Commission. Referred. Springer from the Election Committee presented the majority report of that committee regarding the contested election of the 1st district of the 4th district, the report declares the Democratic contestants, Wiggin, entitled to the seat. Hisecock from the same committee submitted the minority report declaring Pacheco, entitled to the seat. Pringle, of Texas, introduced a bill of Texas, intended to hold dominion lands in the United States and Territories which may provide colleges for the education of females. Referred. Freeman presented a remonstrance of the Union League, Philadelphia, against the payment of bonds other than gold coin. Referred. A number of bills were introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. The secretary of War transmitting, in answer to the Senate resolution of Jan. 10th, a report of the Maj. Luter corps of engineers upon the survey of the Missouri river at Omaha—referred. Bissell submitted a bill to impose a resolution deeming it unnecessary to have a resolution to impose the taxes at this time asked for by the Secretary of the Treasury to provide \$37,000,000 for a sinking fund, and directing the Secretary to purchase more bonds for the liquidation of the public debt until ordered to do so by Congress. Lathorn and ordered printed. Bills were introduced as follows: By McDonald, to establish a mint at Indianapolis. By Cameron, authorizing the coining of the silver dollar and half dollar that gold and silver jointly and not otherwise shall be legal tender. By Ennis, to authorize the establishment of a mail steamship service between the United States and Brazil. By Conkling, for the relief of Mr. A. Hammond, late Surgeon General of the Army. By Rutherford B. Hayes, the meaning and intent of the 15th section of the Hartford R. R. act of July 1st, 1862. The Senate resumed the consideration of the Matthews' Silver resolution, and then went into executive session. Adjourned.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Pars eats a thousand horses a month. There are 730 fair banks in the Black Hills.

Russia has 12,000 miles of railway, nearly all built since 1868.

A saddle-rock oyster shell 12 inches long is exhibited by a New York dealer in bivalves.

Five thousand six hundred and seventeen males suicided in France during 1877.

Charleston, S. C., has a Huguenot Church, nearly 200 years old. It was organized in 1686.

The French Cabinet recently made up contains five Protestants to four Catholics.

Kansan farmers estimate corn at 15 cents a bushel, at which price it is cheaper fuel than coal or wood.

The oil regions in the Black Hills are attracting considerable attention, and many parties are locating claims.

The Liberian Exodus Association, of South Carolina, report that 100,000 colored persons have signified a desire to emigrate to Liberia.

Great Britain and her colonies have contributed over \$3,000,000 to relieve the suffering by famine in India.

A Boston paper says that there are in South Boston 850 tax-paying women, who own nearly \$5,000,000 worth of property.

The opponents of tobacco are making an earnest protest against furnishing tobacco to the army, for which purpose \$177,444 was spent last year.

Americans are exporting coffins to London and putting them in the market, at prices little more than half of those charged by her Majesty's native undertakers.

A temperance newspaper asserts that there are in this country 600,000 habitual drunkards, and of this number more than five per cent are females.

The fine old ruins of the college that the Jesuits began at Panama in 1730, but never finished, are now the property of the Jews that they persecuted so fiercely.

English authors produced and had printed last year 3,094 books. There were also 2,046 new editions, making the total book production of England 5,095, against 4,888 the preceding year.

Immigration statistics show that there has been a falling off of 16,729 souls since last year, and 178,882 as compared with 1866.

In Northern China, people of all ages are dying of actual starvation by thousands. The famine extends over a district which includes at least 5,000,000 people, and it is said that at least 500 die daily.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture estimate the total yield of corn in the State in 1877 at 269,889,742 bushels, and the value \$77,562,879. In 1876 the yield was 208,112,910, and the value \$62,992,541.

Among the acts of the British Parliament which took effect on January 1st, was one to secure to married women in Scotland their property and earnings. With regard to husbands, they are only to be liable for ante-nuptial debts on the property derived from their wives.

An authoritative report just published in regard to the great cyclone and storm wave which visited certain districts in Bengal, on the morning of November 1st, 1876, that the total number of persons drowned was 90,000, and that the outbreak of cholera which followed carried off 75,000, making a total mortality of 165,000.

Is it possible that Mr. Godfrey is up and about? I can't say so simple a remedy!

"I assure you he is not. He is entirely cured, and with nothing but hot Bitter, and only ten days ago his doctors gave him up and said he must die."

Well-day! If that is so, I will go the minute and get some for my poor George I know heapare good."

### SENATE.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22.—Petitions for the removal of the Bank of America, and committees on finance reported a bill to remit taxes on insolvent savings banks. Committee on military affairs reported with amendments the House bill for the aid of the officers and soldiers of the Mexican war three years prior to that of July 10th, 1877.

A bill was introduced by Butler to repeal the section of the Revenue Statute that refers to a tax of 10 per cent upon the circulation of State banks. Other bills were introduced and referred. After the morning hour the state of Gov. Wm. King was contributed by Maine to the national statutory, and was accepted. Adjourned.

### HOUSE.

Committee on ways and means reported back

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### Nebraska.

A city directory of Lincoln is to be published.

Nebraska has 137,000 acres of University and Agricultural College lands.

Grazing in the western part of the State is excellent, and cattle are in fine condition.

The trial of Dr. George St. Louis at Fremont, promises to be a long one. Sixty-nine witnesses have been subpoenaed.

Hon. E. B. Washburne, late United States Minister to France, lectures at Lincoln, February 6th. Subject: The Siege of Paris.

Reuel Nine and V. S. Ashman, late clerk and deputy clerk of Richardson county, have opened a bank at Falls City.

Mrs. Blaine, a widow, near Fremont, has sixty tons of hay destroyed by a prairie fire a few evenings since. The loss is more serious to her from the fact that she is engaged in the dairy business, and dependent upon this continued his remarks in favor of the resolution.

Blaine introduced a bill to coin a silver dollar of no more grain, as the director of the mint said from time to time that the standard of weight was too heavy.

Mr. E. V. Clark, of Omaha, who was

recently terribly burned at Grand Island by the explosion of a kerosene lamp, has since died. Her daughter, Mrs. Ackerman, who was sick in bed at the time, was also badly burned.

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F. B. James, the well-known manufacturer of boilers, Cincinnati, has committed suicide. Cause, financial embarrassment.

Geo. L. Walrus & Co., jobbers in hats, furs and straw goods, New York, have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$100,000; assets known.

A fire at Wheeling, West Virginia, Jan. 22d, destroyed the oil refinery of Warren & Co., including 500 barrels of refined oil. Loss, \$20,000.

A fire at Chapin, Ill., January 16th destroyed Cooper's drug store, the postoffice and Dr. Bates' residence. Loss, \$14,000; insurance, \$5,000.

Royal N. Hilliers, postmaster at Athens, Mo., has been arrested for hypothecating postage stamps and embossing post-office funds.

The State Probity Convention of New Hampshire has nominated Asa S. Kendall for Governor. Strong prohibitory resolutions were adopted.

Francis Calligan, a second-hand store man, was found dead in his store in Davenport a few days since. Intemperance and exposure were the causes.

J. J. Jones, a reputed wealthy farmer and stock raiser of Wyandot County, Mo., has failed. Indebtedness, \$50,000; assets less than one-third that amount.

Bear & Sons, fancy goods dealers, New York, have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$180,000; nominal assets, \$112,000; actual assets, \$40,000.

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Benj. V. Page and Wilbur Sprague, constituting the wholesale glass, paint and oil firm of Page & Sprague, Chicago, have filed a petition in bankruptcy. Secured liabilities, \$195,000; unsecured debts, \$50,000; liabilities on bills discounted, \$16,500; assets, \$30,000 in lands and \$50,000 in personal property. The individual liabilities of Page are \$54,000; assets, \$40,000. Sprague's liabilities are \$11,000.

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Four persons, attachés of the Holiday street theater, Baltimore, were fatally injured a few nights ago by the explosion of a cylinder containing gas for the calcined light.

Mrs. Caroline Roberts, who suicided at Dubuque because of her inability to leave liquor alone, was the wife of the church sexton of the Episcopal and Christian churches there.

The house of George Cole, of Appanoose county, was burned during his absence a few days ago, and his little three year old girl was so badly burned that she died the following evening.

The Ohio Senate has passed a joint resolution favoring the remonetization of silver dollars and favoring the passage of the Bland bill without the amendment restricting free coinage.

The legislature of Maryland has chosen ex-Gov. James B. Gormeau United States Senator, to succeed George R. Dennis, whose term expires March 4, 1879.

The wife of McCollum, who was assassinated in Chicago a few nights ago, died Jan. 24th, partly from the effect of the shock occasioned by her husband's death.

Dr. Volkammer, of Burlington, for the murder of Chris. Range last summer has been found guilty of manslaughter. Sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and \$100 fine.

For two months past United States detectives have been shadowing a man named Major D. H. Conkling returned from his second trip to the newly discovered oil region near Jenney's stockade. He reports the people from every section of the Hill's arriving to secure land. There are at present twenty-two claims located. Messrs. Bascom and Randall, who have had much experience in oil regions, have claims, and pronounce the indications for oil the best they have ever seen.

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On the 3d of January, in San Francisco, a large body of unemployed working men marched to the mayor's office, and a committee waited on the mayor and demanded work or bread, and to work on the streets or other public improvements. The mayor addressed the crowd, stating his inability to take such action, and counseled application when necessary to the various benevolent organizations. His speech was received with sullen silence. The crowd, to the number of several thousand, then marched to the new city hall lot, where they were addressed by the agitators, the speeches being to the effect that they must help themselves by force if other means failed.

The second annual meeting of the Northern Iowa Butter and Egg Association will be held at Manchester, Delaware county, on Wednesday and Thursday, February 2d and 3d, 1878, commencing at 10 a. m., of the 2d. Addresses will be made, essays read and discussions had on topics pertaining to the dairy interest. The attendance of all persons interested in this important element of commercial and agricultural wealth is particularly requested. Persons having appropriate facts or papers are invited to present them. If the authors cannot possibly be present, their communications may be forwarded to the Secretary, or to any member of the Executive Committee.

The government has commenced suit against James McArthur, late postmaster at Chicago, and his bondsmen, for \$300,000, the sum which he is charged to be deficient in his accounts. The bondsmen have set up an answer which alleges that the government was cognizant of and approved the deposit by McArthur

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