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WASHINGTON.

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Conkling Considers Hamburg Butler a Squint-Gun of Very Small Calibre.

The Senate Proposes Several Amendments to the Pension Bill.

CAPITAL NOTES.

SENATORIAL REVENUE.

WASHINGTON, February 8.—A Senatorial dignity was again at a discount yesterday. Senator Butler, who has been making some of the loudest and most unbecomingly personal attacks on the late President, was yesterday in the Senate, and in the latter's speeches during the campaign, gave vent to his indignation by denouncing a "volley of family personalities" against the late President. Conkling retorted by intimating that Butler was a "squint-gun" of very small calibre. The senator did not appear at all disturbed by this manifestation of senatorial politeness, and immediately resumed his sum-drum proceedings.

Congressman Page and his brother returned yesterday from New York, whither they had gone to attend the funeral of their father. It is expected that the senate will begin the debate on the ratification of the Chinese treaty Thursday or Friday. Friends of the treaty are quite confident that the instrument will be ratified without amendments.

The point raised by the house that the senate had no right to originate an appropriation bill for the relief of the steamer "Demeter," was overcome by completely ignoring the senate bill, and starting the matter in the house. A similar bill to the senate bill has been introduced in the house, and the appropriation committee. The house will adopt the bill, and will send it to the senate for concurrence. As there is no opposition in the house it will be speedily passed by both houses.

HAZARD DEFEATED.
WASHINGTON, February 8.—A. M. The shadow of the next administration fell across the house yesterday. The bill to elevate the rank of cabinet officers was brought up under a suspension of the rules. Active preparation had been made to pass the pending measure, and it was fully believed before it was attempted, that a sufficient number of votes had been secured to insure its passage. The roll call, however, showed a deficiency of two votes. The action of the Massachusetts delegation caused the defeat of the bill. The measure for the curious reason that Dr. Loring, a representative from that state, is a prominent candidate for commander in chief of the army, and the roll call was taken on the ground that the measure would not be passed.

GRANT'S REWARD.
WASHINGTON, February 8.—The Chicago Times. The general belief prevails that some bill relating to the retirement of Gen. Grant from the army with full pay, which belonged to the president when he resigned to accept the presidency of the United States, will be withdrawn to such an extent as to deprive the general of the full benefit of the pension law. It is expected that the bill will come up again in the senate this week, and that, with the active services of the emergency clause attached to it, it will pass by a small majority. Many democratic congressmen, as well as senators, think it is a disgraceful thing that Grant's partisan services during the late campaign, to deny him some kind of financial reward of a permanent nature at the hands of the government.

COMMITTEE WORK.
At a meeting of the ways and means committee the bill repealing the stamp on exports of tobacco, and repealing the internal revenue tax on refined sugar, was ordered favorably reported to the house.

The foreign relations committee ordered the Grapo bill on the canal favorably reported, and also recommended the adoption of very strong Monroe doctrine resolutions. The committee was before the senate foreign relations committee today, on his proposed inter-oceanic railroad. The committee took no action on his bill.

The house appropriation committee refused yesterday to grant money asked by the state department for a compilation of the monthly consular departments. The senate committee on postoffice and post roads agreed to an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the encouragement of the foreign mail service during the coming year. It is to be used to compensate the various steamship companies for carrying mail in accordance with the recommendation of the Postmaster-General. The only condition imposed is that the steamships must be iron, and manned by American crews. The attempt was made to require them to be American built, but this failed in the committee.

The house committee decided to report adversely on Fernando Wood's joint resolution relating to treaty power. The senate finance committee in definitely postponed further consideration of the house bill imposing special duty on mail of twenty-five cent per bushel.

STANLEY MATTHEWS.
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