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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Proceedings in the Senate and House of Representatives.

The Introduction of Bills Being About the Only Business Transacted.

The Figures Which Dr. Bliss Will Present as Bills for Services on Garfield.

Miscellaneous Dispatches From the National Capital.

Congress

National Associated Press.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, January 9.—Some twenty petitions for legislation on commerce by railroads were presented and referred; also, sundry petitions for the repeal of the tax on bank deposits.

Senators Hill (Ga.) and Jones introduced bills looking for abrogating the treaty with the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. Rollins introduced a bill for the organization of the territory of Oklahoma.

Mr. Teller offered a resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury for a copy of the decision of the commissioner of the general land office and the order of the then secretary (Schwarz) overruling the same and restoring the lands to the Northern Pacific railroad company; laid over at the request of Mr. McMillan.

On motion of Mr. Bayard, the house resolution thanking the Khedive of Egypt was then taken up and passed.

Senator Hoar's resolution for a select committee on woman suffrage came up and was passed by 35 to 24—Senators D. Davis and Jones (Fla.) voting aye.

Senator Sherman's 3 per cent funding bill was then taken up.

Mr. Vest offered an amendment making the bonds receivable as a basis for national bank circulation and security for public deposits.

Mr. Bayard characterized the voluntary refunding of bonds by their holders at a much lower rate of interest as unprecedented and a tribute to the republican institutions. He opposed the reduction of interest as a dangerous expedient, holding that if the bonds went below par currency would decline. He appealed to the senators to let well enough alone. He did not believe the welfare of the people would be advanced by the measure. It was of no consequence to Great Britain whether her bonds were at par or not. In this she was unlike our country, and her 3 per cent had been at par but twice in twenty years.

Mr. Rock advocated that congress limit the amount of bonds to \$20,000,000 instead of \$3,000,000 as proposed by the original bill, or \$4,000,000 as proposed by Mr. McPherson, as that would put out of the power of the government to pay its own debt from surplus revenues without bonds at such prices anybody might demand for them.

Mr. McPherson complained that Mr. Bayard's comparison of our bonds with British consols was unfair, as it was in the power of England to tax the entire interest away, while our bonds could not be taxed.

At 2:30 p. m. the senate went into executive session.

At 2:40 p. m. the president sent to the senate the nomination of Col. Jack Whorton as United States marshal for the eastern district of Louisiana.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

The house met at 12 m. After the reading of the journal Mr. Kelley introduced a resolution from the committee on ways and means, referring the message of the president to the several committees of the house.

On motion of Mr. Hiscook the committee on appropriations was authorized to sit during the session of the house. This being the regular bill day, the house proceeded to the call of states for bills as follows:

By Mr. Shelly, to reduce fees to be paid by officers of steam vessels for certificate of license to 50 cents.

By Mr. Page, to make the anniversary of the discovery of America a legal holiday in the United States; also imposing a duty of 25 cents per pound on pyrethrum flowers.

By Mr. Belford, to establish a bureau of mines and mining, and a bureau of manufactures and labor statistics; also a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for information as to the number of ounces of silver bullion purchased by the treasury department each month from March, 1878, up to the present time.

By Mr. Phelps, to provide for the issue by national banking institutions of notes of lower denomination than five dollars.

By Mr. Finley, to reduce letter postage to two cents.

By Mr. Smith (III.), a bill providing for the distribution of pure vaccine to the people.

By Mr. Payson, to establish a court of appeals; also, a bill to regulate the issue of coin certificates; also, resolutions of inquiry as to the number and the amount of capital of banks organized since July 1, 1881, and the number, circulation, capital and securities of banks whose charters expire within two years from January 1, 1882; also, a bill to regulate the reserves of the treasury; also, a bill to give American registers to foreign built iron clad and steel vessels.

By Mr. Ford, a bill to revive and continue the court of commissions of Alabama claims, and to distribute the unappropriated money of the Geneva award.

By Mr. Flower, to abolish the tax on banks on patent medicines, matches and articles affected by the stamp tax.

Mr. Beldshoover offered a joint resolution proposing to so amend the constitution of the United States so

as to apply the principle of minority representation to the election of president and vice president. It proposes to give to the citizens of each state the right to vote directly for president and vice president, and provides for the computation and return of such votes to a board constituted of the highest officials in each state, who shall decide the electoral vote to which each state is entitled in the ratio of the popular vote so cast and returned. The resolution provides also fully for all machinery necessary to effectuate the purpose of the amendment.

By Mr. Payne, giving an additional senator for each million people to states having over two millions and making them elected by the people.

By Mr. Whitthorne, a resolution providing for a commercial treaty with Mexico and to secure protection to capital and labor of United States citizens invested in railroads in that republic.

By Mr. Dzendorf, an appropriation for the navy to be available immediately; for the bureau of construction and repairs, \$275,000; steam engineering, \$50,000; equipment and recruiting, \$175,000; total, \$500,000.

The house, on motion of Mr. Kelley, went into committee of the whole on the distribution of the president's message to proper committees. Mr. Hiscook in the chair. Considerable discussion ensued on that portion of the report referring to that part of the message relating to the discontinuance of silver coinage and silver certificates to the committee on ways and means. Mr. Belford suggesting it should go to the coinage, weights and measures committee. This caused the eastern men, who are opposed to silver, to prick up their ears. Mr. Buckner amended by a resolution to refer to the committee on banking and currency. A vote taken resulted in the adoption of Mr. Buckner's amendment by 106 to 43.

The speaker assigned Mr. Reed to the position on the committee on rules, relinquished by Mr. Orth; also appointed Messrs. Kasson and Tucker regents of the national endowment fund, and Messrs. Deering, Taylor and Cox regents of the Smithsonian institute.

A communication was received from the president of the United States transmitting the report of Tidball and Shallock on straw bids; the communication is similar to that presented to the senate on Friday. The message was referred to the committee on post offices and post roads.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

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THE UTAH CONTEST.

WASHINGTON, January 9.—The Utah election contest which comes up in the house on Tuesday promises to occupy a good portion of the week. It arises on a question of order as to whether Mr. Campbell, who comes with the certificate of the governor, should take the seat on this prima facie evidence of election. Mr. Cannon's claim is based on the fact that he received a large majority of the vote cast. Several questions enter into the contest as to Mr. Cannon's title. The one as to his citizenship is to be determined, as is also whether or not in the absence of proof of naturalization, Mr. Campbell is entitled to the seat. Mr. Cannon received 18,586 votes to 1,357 cast for Mr. Campbell. The former has the certificate of the secretary of the territory of the vote cast, while the latter holds a certificate from the governor, proceeding upon the alleged fact that he was the only candidate voted for because of the disability of the other contestants.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Secretary Hunt left for New York this afternoon to act as a pallbearer at the funeral of ex-minister Staughton.

Senator Beck at 1 o'clock to-morrow intends to deliver a carefully-prepared speech upon the tariff, for which purpose the Morrill bill, now posing a tariff commission, will be temporarily taken up. It will be laid aside and consideration of Sherman's 3 cent bond bill will be resumed.

Senator Vest is entitled to the floor to support his amendment, which is substantially composed of the fifth title of the bill of the last congress, which was vetoed by President Hayes.

The Missouri senator expresses the belief that this amendment will be rejected, but consoles himself with the belief that the bill will also fail.

On the other hand, Sherman is hopeful of the passage of the bill next Wednesday.

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IOWA LEGISLATURE.

Organization of the Nineteenth General Assembly.

George R. Struble, of Tama, Chosen Speaker by a Bare Majority.

Wilson's Friends Confident He Has More Than Enough to Elect Him.

But Other Senatorial Aspirants are Equally Confident.

Special Dispatch to The Bee.

DES MOINES, Ia., January 9.—The nineteenth general assembly convened at 2 o'clock, and after preliminary organization adjourned, and the republicans of the senate and house went into caucus to make nominations for permanent organization. The contest which has waged for a week over the speakership of the house between John N. Irwin, of Lee, and George R. Struble, of Tama, resulted in Struble's being elected by a bare majority.

The senatorial contest will now receive a new impetus. There are strong indications that Kirkwood's friends will put him before the caucus with the assurance that he will accept if nominated. This dispute Wilson's camp, who assert that Kirkwood cannot be a candidate.

Governor Gear's friends are not discouraged and expect to be able to prevent Wilson's nomination on the first ballot. Wilson's friends now claim 67 votes sure, or 8 more than enough to nominate. John A. Kason will receive 18 votes on the first ballot. It is apparent that Wilson's friends will attempt to force an early caucus.

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RAILROAD NEWS.

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Gould Making Many Changes in the Wabash—Other Railway News.

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ST. LOUIS, January 9.—The anticipated changes in the management of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific railroad were announced to-day.

The office of general manager will be abandoned. Mr. Jno. C. Gault has been appointed second vice president, and will take charge of the traffic of the company. The freight and passenger departments will report directly to him.

Mr. Jas F. Howe has been appointed third vice president, retaining his duties as secretary and having supervision of the records, supply and accounting departments.

The offices of general superintendent of the Eastern, Western, and Chicago and Iowa divisions will be abandoned, and Col. Robert Andrews will assume the duties of general superintendent of the entire lines of the company with headquarters at St. Louis.

Mr. W. F. Merrill has been appointed assistant general superintendent, with headquarters also at St. Louis.

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