

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Senate and House.

Very Little Business of Interest or Note Transacted in either House.

A Number of Land Office Confirmations, but None of Them Nebraskians.

Miscellaneous Notes From the National Capital.

CONGRESS.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, January 24.—Mr. Edmunds, from the judiciary committee, reported a bill to amend the revised statutes for the punishment of polygamy and for other purposes, with sundry amendments, and gave notice that an early consideration of the bill would be urged.

Mr. Allison presented the credentials of James F. Wilson, as a senator from Iowa, which were laid on the table, and Mr. McMill, elected senator to fill vacancy, was sworn in by the president pro tem.

The senate passed the bill for the relief of the widow of President Lincoln, giving her \$15,000 cash and increasing her pension from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Mr. Call then addressed the senate on the funding bill.

Mr. McPherson withdrew his proposed amendment extending the time for payment and increasing the amount to be funded \$4,000,000, and said he would support the funding bill with Mr. Vest's amendment.

Debate on the funding bill was continued by Messrs. Bayard, McPherson and Beck, and at 4 p. m. the senate went into executive session and soon after adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

A resolution was passed calling on the secretary of the navy for his reasons for refusing to establish a coaling station at Panama, as directed by the last house; calling on the state department for all correspondence between the department and governments, companies and persons relative to the Chile-Panama trouble, and asking the heads of departments for opinions as to the best way to improve the merchant marine.

After further discussion the bill appropriating \$375,000 for harbor and coast defence passed without amendment.

The report of the committee on accounts, giving clerks to the various committees, was taken up. The demerits of the appointment of a large number, and after discussion the house adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

CAPITAL NOTES.

STAR ROUTE CASES.

WASHINGTON, January 24.—The star route cases were resumed to-day. Hazby, an editor of M. Ryan county, testified that Cabell owned 23,000 acres of land of a vendible value of 25 cents per acre and assessed value of 50 cents per acre in that county.

NOMINATIONS.

Among the nominations sent to the senate to-day were Solomon S. Matthews, of Michigan, to be United States marshal of the East district of Michigan; Sullivan McCutcheon, of Michigan, attorney of the United States for the East district of Michigan; Henry M. Lewis, of Wisconsin, attorney of the United States for the West district of Wisconsin; Samuel Post, of Michigan, pension agent at Detroit; Frederick K. Jones, of Louisiana, coiner of the mint of the United States at New Orleans, La.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The senate in executive session to-day confirmed the nomination of D. T. Bowton, pension agent at Knoxville, Tenn.; C. B. Luce, of Illinois, white Earth, Minn. Registers of land office—John F. Fisher, at Topeka, Kas.; B. J. Hanna, of Kansas, at Wa-Keeney, Kas.; M. J. Salter, of Kansas, at Independence, Kas. Receivers of public money—Henry Booth, of Kansas, at Larned, Kas.; Henry M. Waters, of Kansas, at Independence, Kas. Postmaster—W. H. D. Noyes, at Carthage, Ill.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The charges against Gen. Carr by Wilcox have been laid before the president.

Secretary Folger says that he will remain in the cabinet until the end of the presidential term.

All members of the cabinet were present at the meeting to-day to consider the bills on Indian affairs prepared by Secretary Kirkwood. Several important nominations were discussed.

Commissioner Raum heard committees of the National Distillers' association and the Wine and Spirit Traders' society on the details of the bill proposed by them providing for a reduction of the tax on whisky to 50 cents on imported spirits to \$1.50, and bond extension on both.

Preparing for Ryan and Sullivan.

JACKSON, Miss., January 24.—The bill to prevent and punish prize fighting in Mississippi passed the senate.

CHICAGO, January 24.—Charles C. Davies, "the Parson," leaves to-morrow morning for New Orleans to effect the concluding arrangements for the Sullivan-Ryan fight. He stated that the proposed laws prohibiting prize fighting in the state of Mississippi would probably not be in force in time to interfere with the proposed mill, but should it be, the affair will

DOWN OUT OF SIGHT.

The Mercury Skirmishing Around the Bulb.

And Paralyzing the Cold-Blooded Denizens of the Cold-Blooded East.

The Same Kind of Weather General from Richmond to Manitobas.

And Cold Enough to Freeze the Brass Balls of a Pawnbroker's Sign.

National Associated Press.

ALBANY, January 24.—The thermometer was between 12 and 13 degrees below zero in this neighborhood at 10 a. m.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., January 24.—The thermometer was 20 below in this neighborhood this morning. During the night it went to 30 below.

CHICAGO, January 24.—The weather at this point is moderating rapidly. At 8 a. m. the thermometer stood at 18 degrees above, but by half-past 11 it had risen to 38 above. Clear and moderating weather is reported generally from the northwest.

SARATOGA, January 24.—The thermometer at 8 p. m. yesterday was 13 below zero; at 6 a. m. to-day, 33 below. No winds, and the air is cool.

NEW YORK, January 24.—The extraordinary cold snap in this locality culminated to-day in the fall of the mercury to two below, which point was reached at 6 a. m., remaining stationary till 10 a. m., when it began to rise, and at 3:30 p. m. marked ten above and at midnight eight above.

Fires.

BRAINERD, Minn., January 24.—The explosion of a lamp started a fire in a saloon on Laurel street, which soon destroyed the entire block between Fifth and Sixth streets. All the buildings were small frame structures, belonging to J. L. Starcher. Loss, \$6,000.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., January 24.—A fire in the wholesale notion house of Havana & Geades caused a loss on building of \$2,000, and on stock of \$18,000 or \$20,000; fully insured.

AURORA, Ill., January 24.—A directors' car valued at \$14,000, a steamer, a wacker and several caches, valued in all at \$60,000, were burned this morning at the C. B. & Q. shops. The fire is supposed to be incendiary.

NEW YORK, January 24.—This evening a fire, causing a loss of \$15,000, occurred in George Truberg's furniture factory, No. 197 Chrystie street. The building is in the rear of the London theatre, and for a few moments there was some excitement among the audience, but being assured by the manager that there was no danger, they left the theatre in good order.

RICHMOND, Va., January 24.—The weather to-day has been colder than at any time this year. The thermometer this morning stood at 12 degrees above zero; at noon, 28, and at 6 p. m., 22 degrees.

AT WILLIAMSON, on the Richmond and Allegheny railroad, at 6 P. M. the weather was reported clear and cold, 18 above, with similar reports from Lexington and Lynchburg, all on the line of the above road.

BOSTON, January 24.—The weather throughout New England has been colder to-day than in any city years. The thermometer in this city ranged from 10 to 30 below zero this morning and in some sections of New England went to 40 below. At 6 this evening it was 5 degrees below zero here.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., January 24.—Received here show the state of the thermometer as follows: Risford, Pa., 24 below zero; Tipton, 16 below; East Mahoning, Junction, 40 below; Pottsville, 6 below; Allentown, Bethlehem, Williamsport and Shamokin, 5 below; Norristown, 3 below; and Reading 1 above zero. Ice is from 9 to 11 inches thick in this vicinity.

WINNEPEG, Minn., January 24.—The weather has been intensely severe for the past four days, the thermometer ranging steadily from 20 to 40 below. The mercury is now rising and it is snowing. There is good sleighing but not much snow.

Small Pox.

PIKE BLUFF, Ark., January 24.—Small pox is still raging in Hamburg and the surrounding country. A hotel where three cases have broken out has been quarantined.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., January 24.—The city authorities are erecting a small pox hospital here in order to properly treat expected cases of the disease.

CHICAGO, January 24.—Eight new cases of small pox and ten deaths are reported for yesterday.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., January 24.—Small pox is spreading fast. There have been 67 cases thus far reported and 7 of them fatal.

WASHINGTON, January 24.—The national board of health has had reported to it for the week ending the 21st, 23 deaths from small pox in Philadelphia, 1 in Hlon, N. Y., 1 in Erie, 1 in Indianapolis, 1 in Moline, Ill., 19 in Allegheny, Pa., and 2 in St. Louis.

WILMINGTON, Del., January 24.—The city is to-day reported to be entirely free from small pox for the first time in 16 months. There is not a case in the hospital.

PHILADELPHIA, January 24.—Dr. Maleomb McFarland, a prominent West End physician, was fined \$50 by the health board to-day for neglecting to report a case of small pox.

Mrs. Helmboldt, proprietress of a fashionable boarding house, was taken ill with a malignant type of the disease and died in three days. The body was kept in the house several days before the funeral took place. In the building were twenty-five

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YOUNG BLAINE IN PERU.

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Thinking the United States Government Was About to Side With Them.

But Blaine and His Fellow Commissioners Leave Them No Consolation.

And Depart for Chili to Hear the Other Side.

National Associated Press.

PANAMA, January 24.—The strike among the laborers on the Isthmus was brought to a close. There were nearly 300 men who held out for over a week for increase of wages. After many days lost on either side it was agreed to pay the laborers \$1.50 per day.

Latest dates received from Lima are to the 28th of December. The United States steamer Lackawanna arrived at Callao on the 23d, bearing United States Commissioners Trecoet and Blaine on board with their secretaries. Great pleasure was evinced by all as it appeared something definite will have been made public during the commissioners' stay there, but they were disappointed. Great preparations had been made by the Peruvians to entertain Trecoet and Blaine but they did not appear over-pleased at the idea of being made the lions of the hour. They were received on board by representatives of the Chilean authorities, and by a committee of Peruvian gentlemen, one of whom, Senor Dorteau, offered them his house. This offer was rejected and the commissioners selected the Franco-Argentine hotel for their residence during their stay in Lima. Nothing official seems to have taken place. It is said every word uttered by the commissioners was caught up as indications of the intentions of the United States government, even the complimentary remark of Mr. Blaine at lunch in Mr. Dorteau's house, in which he expressed the wish that on his return, in that changed which governed the city. That was rapidly converted into meaning that the United States would at once order the withdrawal of the Chileans from Peruvian territory. The Lackawanna, with the commissioners on board, sailed for Valparaiso on Christmas day.

There has been an attempt at revolution in Tacna, where the cavalry tried to turn out the celebrated prefect Mass. They failed and eight of the men were shot. The movement was made in favor of declaring Tacna a free town. The Tacuanos have always been more Bolivians than Peruvians in sympathies and connections.

Garca Calderon is still in Chili, where he is in controversy with the newspapers and even, it is asserted, with the government.

Relics of the '80 Campaign.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., 24.—The Times will publish an interview with W. H. English giving the facts relative to the alleged claims of one Murphy, of New York, against him on account of speeches in the late campaign, and showing that Murphy was paid in full by the national committee, accompanied by a statement of prominent democrats showing that Mr. English contributed over \$30,000 to the democratic campaign of 1880, and that more money was spent by democrats in this state that year than in ten campaigns. Democratic defeat in this state was owing to the decision of the supreme court overthrowing the constitutional amendments, which made this an October state, which decision was made in the interests of Hendricks, and was earnestly opposed by Mr. English.

Bolt Among the Readjusters.

RICHMOND, Va., January 24.—There was a bolt among the readjusters in the senate this morning. For the first time during this session all the senators were in their places. Mr. Riddibeger nominated, on the part of the readjusters, Mr. S. Brown Allen for auditor. Senator Newbury, who is a readjuster, once moved to adjourn, and the motion was carried.

Patent Medicine Taxes.

PHILADELPHIA, January 24.—The annual meeting of the Philadelphia drug exchange resolved to-day to agitate for the repeal of the internal revenue taxes on patent medicines, bank checks and matches and a gradual reduction of taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco until finally and entirely abolished; also, favored the appointment of a tariff commission.

Indications.

WASHINGTON, January 25.—For the lower Missouri valley: Light rain or snow, and partly cloudy weather; winds mostly from south to west, falling barometer and rising temperature during the day.

Postoffice Changes.

in Nebraska during the week ending January 24, 1882. Furnished by William Van Vleck, of the postoffice department.

NAME CHANGED.

Bell Creek, Washington county, to Arlington.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

Cloverton, Webster county, W. W. Howgate; Hubbell, Thayer county, Wm. M. Cooley; Leonard, Hamilton county, Chas. A. Betz; Willow Grove, Red Willow county, George White.

RIOTS FREEMEN.

TRENTON, N. J., January 24.—The Mercer county grand jury has found twenty indictments against students for malicious mischief. All the culprits are freshmen of '85, and their special crime was smashing sixteen street lamps. They had persistently indulged in other amusements, but not to such extent. Among the indicted are young Riggs, son of the Washington banker, and Halsey, nephew of Congressman Halsey. Efforts will be made to keep their names quiet, but all will have to plead to the indictment on Friday.

Marine Intelligence.

NEW YORK, January 24.—Sailed—The Wisconsin for Liverpool.

PLYMOUTH, January 24.—Arrived—The Bohemia and the Friesland from New York to Hamburg.

HELVET, January 24.—Sailed—The Walscott for New York.

LIVERPOOL, January 24.—Arrived—The Bavarian from Boston, and the British Queen from Philadelphia.

GLASGOW, January 24.—Arrived—The State of Florida and the State of Alabama from New York.

The Conductor Also Arrested.

NEW YORK, January 24.—George T. Hanford, conductor of the train ran into at Spring Duyl on the 13th, was arrested this afternoon and held in \$3,000 for trial by order of Coroner Meikle, who said the evidence demanded Hanford should be put on the defense for not strictly obeying the rules of the company requiring him to see the approaching train was warned, and holding him equally responsible with the brakeman Melius.

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