

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Yesterday's Proceedings in the Senate and House.

But Little Business of Interest Transacted in Either Body.

Conkling Has Not Yet Notified the President He Will Not Accept.

Miscellaneous Notes of a National Character.

CONGRESS.

National Associated Press.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE. WASHINGTON, March 1.—Mr. McPherson presented memorials of leading glass blowers asking legislation to prevent evasion of duties on glass by importation therein of vinegar and other non-dutiable articles.

Mr. Windom called up the resolution reported by him yesterday, instructing the committee on foreign relations to inquire in the abstraction of certain papers from the department of state.

On motion of Mr. Bayard the enquiry was extended to include an investigation as to whether any officer of the government was directly or indirectly interested in any of the alleged contracts.

The resolution was then adopted for the erection of a building for the congressional library and Mr. Voorhes addressed the senate.

At 2:45 the Chinese bill came up and Mr. Hoar took the floor and spoke for two hours. His speech was an able defense of the Chinese as a race, either in the past or present.

The senate adjourned at 5 p. m.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

The bill to erect a public building at Detroit was favorably reported.

The bill appropriating \$500,000 for the purchase of movable torpedoes for use in the war and navy departments was favorably reported.

The committee on contested elections reported adversely on Mr. Lannier's claims to the seat to represent the Fifth Louisiana district and confirmed King's claim. Adopted.

The committee on coinage reported the bill to exchange standard dollars for trade dollars and the recoinage of the latter.

The house at 2:15 took up the Indian appropriation bill, which appropriates \$5,841,713 for Indian affairs for the fiscal year. This is divided as follows: Current expenses, salaries, etc., \$252,000; fulfilling treaties with and support of Indian tribes \$3,009,796; general incidental expenses of the Indian service, \$22,200; trust funds, \$99,218; miscellaneous support, \$1,412,200; miscellaneous, \$44,800. During its consideration quite a discussion arose over a motion by Mr. Hutchins (N. Y.) to strike out the paragraph for expenses of the peace commission and his claim that such a board was no longer needed. It was favored by Messrs. Hutchins, Scales and Hooker and opposed by Messrs. Robeson and Atkins. The motion was defeated by a decisive vote.

After spending the entire afternoon on the bill it was passed without any important amendments.

Bills were introduced by Mr. Harbord, extending indefinitely the existence of national banks organized under existing laws.

By Mr. Calkins, to regulate the method of coupling cars on railroads; also, to create a commission to create a system of test and rules regarding metals for bridges and other structures.

Adjourned at 5 p. m.

CAPITAL NOTES.

CONKLING HAS NOT YET DECLINED.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—It may be stated that President Arthur has not, as reported, received from Conkling his declination to accept the position of associate justice.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The commissioner of the general land office has decided to reject the application of Edward A. Merrigold to locate Peterfield scrip on land in a fractional section lying on the lake shore in Chicago.

In accordance with an act of congress the postmaster general to-day delegated the third assistant postmaster general the power to sign all post-office warrants. This relieves the postmaster general of much work, the number of warrants required to be signed each day averaging 500.

The comptroller of the currency to-day authorized the first national banks at Tucson, Ariz., and Cawker City, Kas., to commence business, the former with a capital of \$1,000,000, and the latter \$500,000.

The house committee on foreign relations held a meeting to-night at Mr. Kasson's house and heard Captain Phelps in support of the bill to incorporate the Maritime Canal company in Nicaragua. Captain Phelps' arguments, modified by statistics, were directed to the feasibility and practicability of the enterprise without going into legal or international questions.

Admiral Ammen, who is named as one of the incorporators, sent a note regretting his inability to attend. Other persons are to be heard on the same subject.

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Active Preparations of the Government to Hang a Couple of Indians.

General Notes of Crimes and Criminals.

HORRIBLE CRIME.

National Associated Press.

SCHOOL TEACHER OUTRAGED AND MUTILATED. CHICAGO, March 1.—A special from Richmond, Ind., says that when the door of the school house near Salem was opened yesterday the teacher, Miss Emma Numbers, was found lying on the floor, one arm cut off, her tongue torn out and lying on boards beside her, and her neck pinned to the floor with a large dirk knife.

Alarm was at once given and an examination proved that she had been outraged and then murdered. The school house is located in a wild country, a long way from railroad or telegraph station. A few miles east of this place in Ohio is an immense forest, covering thousands of acres of land, that has long been the rendezvous of bands of horse thieves and other outlaws. It is believed some of these villains had seen the pretty little school mistress, and formed a plot to outrage her. They evidently entered the school room during the night or early in the morning, and when she arrived before the pupils in order to build the fire they caught her, violated her person, and then to prevent her telling any tales, hacked her with an axe, and stabbed her with a knife until her arm was chopped off and her bowels ran out on the floor.

Still fearing that she might tell on them, they cut her tongue off, hung it down on the floor, and left the knife sticking in her neck. Miss Numbers was between 16 and 17 years of age, and is described as youthful, with a plump, well developed physique.

GENERAL CRIME.

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PREPARING FOR THE INDIANS' EXECUTION. WASHINGTON, March 1.—The secretary of war this afternoon directed General Wilcox, commanding the department of Arizona, to issue ten thousand rounds of ammunition to the Indian agent at San Carlos, in anticipation of trouble with Indians next Friday, when the Indian scouts are to be hung.

SENT UP FOR HIS BROTHER'S CRIMES.

National Associated Press.

LOUISVILLE, March 1.—The Commercial has a special from Russellville, Ky., stating that the man convicted in November, named Wood Hill, charged with being a member of the James brothers gang of outlaws, is Jeff Hill, a brother of Wood Hill, who is still at large. Jeff Hill was kidnapped from his home near Russellville by officers with a warrant, and taken to Missouri. A friend of his who saw him at Kansas City says he was threatened with lynching if he did not plead guilty under his brother's name. He was sentenced to twenty-five years. It says Jeff Hill is an innocent man, while his brother has been suspected of such conviction. It is proposed to bring these facts to the knowledge of the governors of Kentucky and Tennessee and have them investigated.

THE ANDRE MONUMENT DEFACED.

National Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Geo. Hendrix, who was arrested on Sunday, charged with being the person who defaced the Andre monument at Tappan, was taken to court to-day in answer to a writ of habeas corpus obtained on Monday last by his counsel, and discharged, but was immediately rearrested on another warrant. His counsel served the detective who made the arrest with a writ of habeas corpus made returnable on Friday next in the supreme court in chambers. The prisoner then was conducted back to police headquarters.

STAR ROUTE INDICTMENTS.

National Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The grand jury returned the following indictments this afternoon: Mrs. Kate M. Armstrong, J. W. Donohoe, E. W. Jackson, A. E. Boone, and S. C. Able, for conspiracy; John W. Dorsey, two for perjury; John R. Miner, for perjury.

Railway Matters.

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CHICAGO, March 1.—Col. C. K. Hallaway, of Topeka, a director of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, is in the city en route to Boston to attend a meeting of the board of directors. The object of the meeting is understood to be to decide upon the proposed arrangement with the Gould-Huntington combination regarding a traffic agreement on California business. It is said the proposal will be ratified in spite of the opposition of western directors. In that case the settlement or compromise will be considered as nothing more than a graceful submission on the part of the Santa Fe to the directors of the Gould-Huntington combination.

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