

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Several Important Land Cases Decided by Secretary Teller.

The Sandwich Island Sugar Monopoly Endorsed by the Treasury.

The Tariff and Shipping Interests Considered by the Committees.

Postoffice Officials Kicking Against the Reduced Appropriations.

Pendleton's Reform Bill Receives Strong Support in the Senate.

Proceedings of Congress—General News.

CAPITAL NOTES.

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