

# THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

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## CONGRESSIONAL.

**Business Very Light in Both Houses.**

**The Electoral Vote of Several States Received By the President and Senate.**

**The Various Committees Appointed.**

**Arrival of Col. Oyama, Japanese Minister of War, and Suite.**

**A Bill to Prevent Fraud in Collecting the Whiskey Tax.**

**Bill to Establish a Court of Appeals Revived.**

**A Bill to Establish the Office of Government Architect—The Cincinnati Deputy Marshals.**

**Senate.**

**WASHINGTON, December 4.—** Bills were introduced and referred by Mitchell granting a pension to General Grant, Cameron, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following: After viewing the depressed state of the American shipping and export trade, "Resolved, That the committee on finance be, and it is hereby directed to, inquire into the practicability of expending any portion of the surplus revenue for the purpose of reviving the shipping and export trade by allowing a rebate from the tariff duties on foreign goods imported in ships built and owned in the United States, and also by allowing a rebate on American grown products, and articles of American manufacture exported in American vessels, and report by bill or otherwise."

Hill submitted the following: "Resolved, That in the existing depressed condition of the industrial interests of our country, the time of the fall which has taken place and is still in progress, in the wages for labor and prices of products, the recommendations of the president and secretary of the treasury that the coinage of silver dollars and issue of silver certificates be prohibited, are absurd and unnecessary, and that the public mind may be quieted by the assurance that the volume of currency is not to be enlarged in correspondence with the increasing population and exchanges of the country, it shall not at least be reduced by suspending the coinage of silver dollars, and sending its opinion to be that no valid reason exists at the present time for imposing any new or additional restrictions upon either the coinage of silver dollars or in the issue of silver certificates."

A bill providing for a national regulation of interstate commerce was made a special order for Thursday next.

After executive session the senate adjourned until Monday.

The confusions of Dunwoody, Iowa, as member of the national board of health, Hatton, Iowa, postmaster general, Crosby, New York, first assistant postmaster genera-

**HOUSE.**

**WASHINGTON, December 4.—**Bills were introduced and referred by Dunn to provide for the Arkansas river commission. By Dickey to repeal all laws authorizing the appointment of special deputy marshals, and also to appropriate money for the collection of debts.

By Morrison, relative to the surplus revenue. The text is as follows: It is enacted that the secretary of the treasury be, and is hereby authorized and directed to apply the surplus revenues at any time in the treasury in excess of \$1,000,000 to the reduction of the debt of the United States, and when any of the said bonds are re-deposited at the pleasure of the government, it shall not be lawful to apply any portion of said surplus to the purchase of bonds at a premium.

**A Bill for a National Regulation of Interstate Commerce.**

**A Bill to Establish a Court of Appeals.**

**A Bill to Establish the Office of Government Architect.**

**Cincinnati Deputy Marshals.**

**Senate.**

**Washington, December 4.—**Bills were introduced and referred by messenger was Pennsylvania. The first by mail was New Hampshire. Shefield, the new senator from Rhode Island, has been appointed to a membership of the committee on claims, mines and mining, revolutionary claims, and woman suffrage; Teller to the committee examining service and organization of the civil service. Danier to the committee on naval affairs; Slatar to the committee on Indian affairs; Morgan to the committee on fish and fisheries; and Manderson to the chairmanship of the committee on public lands.

A bill to establish a court of appeals was introduced in the House to-day by Gates is the same measure introduced in the Senate in 1881 by Davis of Illinois.

The attorney general appointed ex-Representative B. Bates to represent Virginia, to be part of the delegation to the legislative.

Col. Oyama, Japanese minister of war, and suite, arrived in Washington to-day.

The Swain court martial to-day, counsel for the accused assumed a line of defense that the stock transactions between Gen. Swain and Bateman & Co. were illegal, because any pretended claim Bateman & Co. had upon Gen. Swain in these transactions could not be recovered in a court of law as actual shares of stock ever came into Swain's possession, neither actually nor constructively.

Delegates representing clerks of postoffices throughout the country called upon Postmaster-General Hayes, laying before him a proposition classifying post office clerks, and placing them on an equality with clerks in other branches of the government service.

The delegates brought with them a draft of a bill intended to secure their rights, and the committee general suggested that the bill be introduced into Congress, when he would pass his opinion upon its merits.

To the representatives of the Philadelphia letter carriers who seek to secure the benefits of the eight hour law, Postmaster-General Hayes said: "I am sorry to say that the law you have given us is not good, because it is not good for the letter carriers, and it is not good for the public, and it is not good for the government."

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