

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

A Bitter and Acrimonious Partisan Debate in the House.

NORFOLK NAVY YARD MATTER.

Boutelle's Resolution as to the Conduct Thereof Leads to the Predicted Stormy Session—Wise on the Defensive.

House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Mr. Herbert, from the committee on the navy, reported today Mr. Boutelle's resolution calling on the secretary of the navy for information relative to the alleged erasures of certain inscriptions and the dismissal of Union soldiers at the Norfolk navy yard, with an amendment extending the inquiry to the navy yard at Norfolk and the high school district at Norfolk during the term of the immediate predecessor of the present secretary of the navy. Mr. Herbert stated that the resolution was the same as that offered by Mr. Boutelle, except that it was somewhat broader, and demanded the previous question, which was ordered. The Republicans resisted this, but were outvoted 87 to 84.

Tellers were ordered, and the body of the Republicans refrained from voting, and on announcement of the result—111 to 70—Mr. Perkins raised a point of order that no quorum and no vote. "It is evident," said Mr. Herbert, "that the gentleman want our own interrogations answered. I will not make a report. (Applause on the democratic side.)" Mr. Boutelle—"It may say I object to the report of the committee. The report is being acted on and cannot be withdrawn. The speaker told that as the report was made the committee on the navy, it could not be withdrawn without leave of the house. (Applause on the republican side.)" Mr. Reed—"I suggest that the gentleman from Alabama allow the amendment to be offered by my colleague. I have no instructions to allow any amendment."

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DEATH BY POISONING.

Death of Donagan, who shot Smith, brought in a verdict that he did it with premeditation and grand larceny as murder in the first degree.

W. C. Childers, a freighter between Chadron and Fort Robinson, was found frozen to death in a cabin on Cottonwood creek, ten miles west of Chadron, on the 19th inst. He left a large family in destitute circumstances.

SATURDAY NIGHT A SECOND named Ben Bowers was whipped by a crowd from the city to the Missouri Pacific depot, a distance of nearly half a mile, for writing an insulting letter to the wife of one of Fall City's citizens.

THE HAFTINGS COMPANY offers to put in a \$15,000 plant in Grand Island, provided an exclusive franchise is given by the city council. The latter body has declined to examine the works at Hastings before taking final action.

A freight train on the St. Joe & Grand Island railroad struck a broken rail near Hansen, and the last two cars and caboose tumbled down a ten-foot embankment. Two passengers were injured, and Fred Staugler, a brakeman, had his shoulder dislocated.

A little child belonging to a family named White, who had recently arrived at Rapid City from Elkhorn, Neb., was shot to death on the main street, presumably a screw, which found its way into the windpipe. Medical aid was summoned, but it was too late.

SEVENTEEN SCHOOLS prevent a prohibition drouth in Maquoketa.

LAST YEAR, a corn and small grain crop of 3,000,000 bushels of corn last year, and at Fort Assiniboine 49 below, cold and clear to-day.

CECIL RAPIDS blood was fined \$10 and costs for attempting to kiss a water nymph at a hydrant.

A deficiency of over \$700 has been found in the accounts of Auditor F. M. Speares of Fayette county.

FOUR WIVES are laying for Matlock, the bigamist, at Logan. They are determined to send him over the road.

A convention of colored men to consider the condition and needs of the race is being called for the 23rd inst. at Rapid City.

A business association designed to take the place of the board of trade has been formed at Davenport to secure greater railroad facilities.

EIGHTY head of cattle belonging to G. M. Young of Union county, wandered away from some of the late blizzard and had not been found at last accounts.

DURING THE TWENTY-two weeks that the Spencer creamery was in operation in 1885 it turned out 135,000 pounds of No. 1 buttermilk and 1,000 gallons of cream.

TWO POLICEMEN made a raid on a bachelor sleeping apartment at Creston Sunday night, and captured two prominent young men of that city and two damsels.

THE IRON HILL mine is earning about \$35,000 over expenses.

BON HOMME county farmers sold \$1,850 worth of fruit last year.

THE SUBSTITUTION of Sioux Falls for the new capital is now estimated at \$10,000.

PETITIONS are in circulation in Sanborn county praying for the removal of Commissioner Sparks.

SEVERAL of the heaviest stock raisers in the vicinity of Yankton have joined to keep the wolf from the door.

SOME 8,000 acres of land have been purchased in the south part of Bon Homme county by parties supposed to be in the interest of the Milwaukee railroad.

THE GRAND JURY at Des Moines has returned a verdict against Sheriff Garland, C. R. Tracy, John McCarthy and others, charging them with issuing false evidences of indebtedness.

THE NEW COURT HOUSE completed at Brookings is a surprisingly commodious and complete structure for the \$7,000 it cost. The city of Brookings gave \$4,000 of the amount.

THE LEGAL fee for marrying a couple in Dakota is but \$2.50, which is said to be the lowest in any of the states.

THE CITY OF BROOKINGS has a population of 1,000, and is the largest city in the territory.

MR. HENRIETTA Swift, of Binghamton, N. Y., who says that she is a widow, young and pretty, advertises in the Yankton Herald and Dakotan for a husband.

SHE WANTS one with a good home and kind-hearted.

A CLAIM to a quarter section of land has been filed for record in Brookings county, by virtue of a military land warrant issued to the name of Almon Howard, of Captain Pierce's company, New York militia, war of 1812.

SINGULARITIES.

A Virginia curiosity is a woodchuck with a hairy pig.

A dog named Followed like a dog at the heels of a wild cowboy in the streets of Portland, Ore., the other day.

Mice recently took possession of two beehives in a house, drove out the bees and ate half the honey.

Jacob Markel, residing three miles from Corydon, Indiana, has a mare thirty years old which has calved every year.

The largest tiger in the United States," says a news item, "died last week in the Philadelphia zoological garden."

An unknown species of large rosin and turpentine has been discovered in the home for some time past with a flock of sheep belonging to a farmer of Dalton, Ore.

A baboon on Staten Island is a confirmed drinker and his billiard balls are made of a man of himself, as it were, and will not tolerate the noise of a band in his vicinity.

In Satocoe, Ga., lives Col. Hutchinson, six feet seven inches high, and his three sons, measuring respectively six feet seven and a half, six feet six and a half, and six feet six inches, each weighing about 300 pounds.

Some Indian arrow-heads were lately shown at the Societe d'Anthropologie which measured over a foot in length, and rose two feet higher than the foot of any arrow, 1884. Over fifty houses were washed away or completely wrecked. Every bridge across the Los Angeles river was swept away and also hundreds of feet of track of the Southern Pacific and local railroads. Telegraph poles were measured and found to be in the general destruction and for three days the place was cut off from telegraphic and railway communication with the rest of the world. The damage done in the city and county of Los Angeles is estimated at half a million.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings.

Gage county is kept warm by twelve newspapers.

Lewis Talmage, of Butler county, lost \$1,000 worth of sheep in the late storms.

Crete failed to support a democratic paper, and the editor of the Nonpariel has departed for fresher fields and pastures new.

The Sutton creamery has declared a dividend of 10 per cent for 1885, notwithstanding a large amount paid for improvements.

A good share of the \$25,000 distributed every three months to the Indians at Pine Ridge finds its way into the hands of the merchants at Valentine.

The Kansas, Nebraska & Dakota railroad company has a corps of surveyors operating north from Norfolk along a branch of the Elkhorn river.

Mrs. Auhl, an employe of the packing house at Nebraska City, is at the point of

DROPPED SEVERAL DEGREES.

The Present Cold Wave Knocks Its Predecessors Completely Out.

SEVEREST IN THE NORTHWEST.

Forty-Seven Below Recorded at St. Vincent—Railroads Again Interfered With—The Storm in California.

The Manitoba Icelets.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The signal service predicts another cold wave, which will cause the temperature to drop fifteen to twenty-five degrees within the next twenty-four to forty-eight hours. The weather west of here is very severe.

THE BLIZZARD struck this section at 2 o'clock this morning and everything is snowed in, with a blizzard of high snow blowing, and at 5 o'clock the snow was blowing in from the railroads the cuts are all filled and packed hard and solid. All roads are knocked out. No trains are running and not likely for forty-eight hours.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 22.—Today was the coldest yet recorded here. The mercury this morning ranged from 10 to 25 below zero. At noon it marked 20 to 25 below with high wind blowing, making it exceedingly disagreeable. The railroads are experiencing serious difficulty from drifting snow. The greatest trouble on the Milwaukee road is near Lake Fenwick, where the wind is blowing snow off the ice on the lake into the cuts along the road, forming a heavy blockade and greatly delaying trains. Four engines are at work to-day to clear the track.

WINNEPEG, Jan. 22.—At Medicine Hat last night a blizzard struck the town at 4 o'clock, and at Fort Assiniboine 49 below, cold and clear to-day.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 22.—The weather has been raining since last night, the worst known among the railroads for years. In every direction it is very cold and blowing at the rate of 20 to 30 miles an hour.

A division of the Milwaukee have been abandoned, and on the Iowa & Minnesota none will arrive until about 10 o'clock this evening.

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SHOT ON THE UPPER DECK.

Fatal Sequel to a Poker Game on a River Steamboat.

Sweetheart and Lover Meet at the Pistol Point—A Gambler Wins His Stake at the Sacrifice of Two Lives.

My earliest recollection of dueling connected with the poker-table goes back to a few years after the war. I was an unwilling spectator of a tragedy on board of a Red River steamboat that will haunt my memory until I die. The railroads that now reach in all directions through Texas were not built, except on paper, at the time of this episode. All the trade in the northern part of the state went to Shreveport, a city at the head of navigation on Red River and not far from the Texas line. Magnificent steamboats departed daily