

PASSED JUST THREE BILLS.

The Stupendous Showing for Three Months of Congressional Work.

CHEAPER MAIL RATE ON SEEDS.

Interest in the Next Political Struggle in Jersey—Western Postal Changes—Major Reddington's Removal—Notes.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—[Special Telegram.]—The house has just been witnessed in congress. It is the announcement that the president has signed a bill passed by the forty-ninth congress.

SEEDS AS THIRD CLASS MATTER.

The following bill will be introduced in the house Monday by Congressman Baker of New York, and a duplicate will be presented in the senate the same time by Senator Wilson of Iowa.

That section seventeen of an act entitled an act making appropriation for the post-office department for the past fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other purposes, approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, be amended to read as follows:

Section 2.—That this act shall take effect immediately. The effect of this will be to reduce the rates of postage on seeds, bulbs and small plants to the same rates as is now paid on circulars and other third class matter—viz: one cent for every two ounces.

ALL EYES ON JERSEY.

A good deal of interest is felt in the political struggle in New Jersey next fall. Besides the gubernatorial race and the election of congressmen, there is to be a struggle over the election of a legislature, whose duty it will be to elect a member of the senate as successor to Senator Sewall.

WESTERN POSTAL CHANGES.

Samuel H. Kaylor has been appointed postmaster at Stella, a new office in Blackhawk county, Iowa.

Alex Napier has been appointed acting postmaster at Frenchtown.

A new postoffice has been established at New Kirk, Sioux county, Iowa.

The postoffice at Betty, Marion county, Iowa, has been closed, and the mail goes to Tracy; at Duke, Dubuque county, and the mail goes to Duncombe; and at Woodside, Winnebago county, the mail to Decorah.

WHY REDDINGTON WAS REMOVED.

A statement is published in to-day's New York Herald that Major Thomas Reddington, who took leave of the army in 1862, and who was in the interior department, who was recently dismissed by Secretary Lamar, lost his position in consequence of a visit of Charles Francis Adams, president of the Union Pacific railroad, to the white house, and a subsequent demand by the president that Mr. Reddington be dismissed.

BITS OF CAPITAL NEWS.

Senator Wilson introduced a large number of petitions from citizens of Iowa in favor of the bill to promote peace among nations and for the creation of a tribunal for international arbitration.

Thomas S. Kimball of Omaha is in the city.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—After the transaction of routine business, Mr. Mitchell obtained the floor to deliver a speech on the bill recently introduced by him to provide for the abolition of all treaties permitting the immigration of Chinese to the United States.

St. Paul's Bull-Do.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 26.—The case of Bull-Dog Kelly has been adjourned till Monday next. The jury, after a long trial, have been cleared up. Developers show his true name to be Samuel Langhlin and his family live near Springfield, Ill. He has a sister in this city, favorite among a wide circle of acquaintances.

Fishing Property Destroyed.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 25.—A fire on the long wharf last evening destroyed between \$69,000 and \$70,000 worth of property, including 100 seines belonging to vessels along the main coast, which greatly injures the prospects of the fishing fleet.

THE EVENTS OF TWO STATES.

What Was Done at Yesterday's Session of Iowa's General Assembly.

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A Gang of Swindlers Hauled Up at Bloomington—The News of Judge Mitchell's Death at Nebraska City.

The Iowa Legislature.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 26.—[Special Telegram.]—The house passed today the bill for the creation and operation of tribunals of voluntary arbitration to adjust industrial disputes between employers and employees. The bill provides that a board of arbitration, consisting of two employers, two workmen, and a fifth chosen by them, shall be appointed by the district judge.

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