

Forty-Eight on case.

FIRST SENATE

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The reading of the journal having been dispensed with by the House of Representatives, Mr. Townsend, of Illinois, offered as a question of privilege a resolution directing the architect of the capitol during the Christmas holidays to remove the desks now in the hall, and make such arrangement of the seats of members as will bring them together in the smallest convenient space without affecting the right of members to occupy the seats already selected by them; and to provide suitable writing tables in the rear of the chamber and in the lobby. He did not ask for its present consideration, and on motion of Mr. Calkins, of Indiana, the resolution was referred to the committee on rules.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, introduced a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle the accounts of certain States and the city of Baltimore, growing out of monies expended for military purposes in the war of 1812. Referred.

The committee on rules was announced as follows: The Speaker, Messrs. Blackburn, of Kentucky, Randall, of Pa., Keifer, of Ohio, and Reed, of Maine.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The chair presented a report from Mr. W. W. Corcoran, chairman of the joint commission on the completion of the Washington monument, showing that during the past year the work on the monument has progressed steadily, and that at its close the monument had reached the height of 410 feet above the level of the floor of the shaft, and stating that no further appropriation is needed to finish the shaft.

Among the bills presented were the following: By Mr. Dolph, of Oregon.—To provide for the formation and admission into the Union of the State of Washington.

[It is the same bill, with unimportant changes, introduced two years ago by Senator Frye, and provides for the admission of Washington territory and a portion of the territory of Idaho, under the name of State of Washington.]

By Mr. Morrill.—To provide for a commission on the subject of the liquor traffic.

[It is the bill which passed the Senate during the first session of the last Congress, but which failed in the House. It provides that there shall be appointed a commission of seven persons, not more than four of whom shall belong to the same political party nor advocates of prohibition, and who shall hold office until their duties shall be accomplished, but not to exceed two years. It shall be their duty to investigate the alcoholic liquor traffic, its relations to revenue and taxation and its general economic, criminal, moral and scientific aspects in connection with pauperism, crime, social vice, the public health and general welfare of the people; and also to inquire as to the practical results of license and prohibitory legislation for the prevention of intemperance in the several States of the Union.]

Section 2. The commissioners shall serve without salary; the necessary expenses incidental to such investigation, not exceeding \$10,000, being paid out of the treasury.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—In the Senate today, after prayer and the reading of the journal, the messages of the President, which were read in the House yesterday afternoon, relating to Indian affairs, were read.

Among the bills presented was one by Mr. Jones to regulate the removal of causes from Circuit Courts of the United States to other Circuit Courts of the United States.

Mr. Van Wyck offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Interior to furnish copies of all papers relating to the attempted transfer by the Texas Pacific Railroad Company of its Arizona, New Mexico and California land grants to the Southern Pacific railroad company of Arizona, New Mexico and California, and copies of any memorials, briefs or letters relating to the matter of land grants or subsidies to the Texas and Pacific railroad. Ordered to lie over until tomorrow and to be printed.

On the conclusion of the morning business the resolution which Mr. Beck offered yesterday was taken up, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for exact information regarding the sinking fund, and Mr. Beck addressed the Senate in regard to it, contending that there is no so large a yearly appropriation as \$50,000,000 for the sinking fund, as recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury.

LATEST NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 17, 8:15 A. M.—O'Donnell was hanged at 8:02 o'clock this morning. Despite boisterous and equally violent a considerable crowd assembled at the prison at 7 o'clock this morning. Hundreds of workmen passing by the jail halted to gaze at the black flag. Among them was O'Donnell's brother, who paced to and fro opposite the flagstaff in a most restless and dejected manner, exciting the sympathy of all present.

The hangman's arrangements were perfect and the execution occurred without a hitch. O'Donnell was calm and collected. He made no statement on the scaffold.

O'Donnell was notified at 7:30 A. M. (which is six hours in advance of our time,) to make ready. He was perfectly resigned. He expressed great sorrow for his outbreak of temper in the dock at the conclusion of his trial. He said he felt the greatest animosity for the witnesses who appeared against him, but that had now disappeared.

Minister Ferry has introduced a bill in the French Chamber of Deputies asking for a supplementary Tonquin credit of 2,000,000 francs. It is stated that on account of the revolution in Hue Admiral Courbet has been ordered to remain on the defensive until reinforced.

King Alfonso opened the Spanish Cortes on Saturday night.

Baker Pasha's departure from Cairo for Suakin has again been postponed.

A cargo of American wheat, the first ever received there, has arrived in Bohemia, Austria.

The mayor of Rome has issued a proclamation announcing the expected arrival of the German Crown Prince in Rome to-day.

Great excitement prevails among the Mussulmans and Christians in Upper Egypt on account of the action of American missionaries.

The Belgian steamer Planty, which sailed from New York November 11, has not been heard from since. It is believed by her agents that her machinery had broken down, and that while attempting to reach Antwerp under sail she was blown out of her course. Including the crew, there were 57 persons on board the vessel.

While Deputies Brokan, German and Berlin were conveying five prisoners to the penitentiary in Pittsburgh, Pa., they made a desperate effort to escape, throwing red pepper in the eyes of one of the deputies and menacing the others with a razor and pistol. Two of them succeeded in getting away from the officers, but were recaptured after a short chase.

In St. Louis, glucose works burned out; loss \$50,000.

At Akron, Ohio, Seiberling's strawboard works burned out; loss \$40,000.

At Corsicana, Texas, seven business houses burned out; \$69,000; supposed to have been incendiary.

B. C. Wickham & Co., bankers, of Tioga, Pa., have failed. Judgments have been entered for \$80,000.

At Winona, Minn., grain elevator, dock and warehouse and 135,000 bushels of barley were burned; loss \$143,000.

Near Franklin, La., Charles H. Walker's sugar-house, one of the largest refineries in Louisiana, burned out; loss \$75,000.

The South Carolina Legislature has passed a bill declaring unlawful all contracts for the sale of articles for future delivery.

Prof. Hastings, of the Johns Hopkins University, says that no satisfactory explanation of the strange red lights in the sky near Cambridge, Mass., can be made yet.

After communion had been administered to the condemned man, Bims, the hangman, entered the cell. O'Donnell submitted to the operation of plianing with a smile and without a murmur.

The procession then moved toward the scaffold. O'Donnell walked with great firmness without the assistance of the warders, who stood close around him. He was perfectly calm and self-possessed. While standing on the drop he looked around unconcernedly.

Bims performed the remainder of his duty quickly. He allowed a drop of eight feet. The noose was placed exactly as Marwood used to place it. Bims pulled the lever of the trap precisely as the neighboring church clocks were striking eight.

In Philadelphia the Judge of Common Pleas Court No. 2 refused the application of Mrs. Carrie B. Kilgore, a married woman, for permission to practice in that court.

An effort is being made in Boston to enforce the law prohibiting the employment of children under fourteen and women in stores more than sixty hours a week. The fine is \$50 for each offense.

Gen. Armstrong, superintendent of Hampton (Va.) College for the education of the young colored men of the South, addressed a large meeting in the Memorial Presbyterian Church, New York.

In consequence of the recent break in the prices of cotton goods, leaving, it is claimed, no good margin for profit, notices of a reduction of wages will be posted in many of the leading mills in Rhode Island.

Some fiefd fired into a south bound train on the Baltimore, Wilmington and Philadelphia Railroad, between Newark and Elk ton, breaking the glass in two windows. The passengers were greatly alarmed, but no one was injured.

A. E. Ancon, Thos. Buckley and E. H. McCaleb have been arrested in New Orleans, charged with participating in the election riot there on Friday. The city primaries resulted in the election of 40 Ogdens and 47 McEnery delegates to the State gubernatorial convention.

A company of wealthy gentlemen have leased a building at Jacksonville, Fla., and will at once commence the manufacture of cigars on an extensive scale, beginning with 150 workmen. In order to produce cigars that will be superior to any ever made in Florida extensive orders have been given for the choicest Havana leaf.

At a meeting of the Central Labor Union at New York, a resolution was passed recommending all workmen to "boycott" the Tribune in consequence of its refusal to grant the demand of the striking compositors, and advising news dealers not to handle it. It was also resolved to "boycott" the manufacturers of several firms because non-union workmen were employed in their factories.

A dispatch from Dubois, Pa., says: Flames were discovered in the second story of the American Hotel. The fire spread rapidly, and people for half a dozen squares hastily loaded their goods on the trucks and moved them out of the burning hotels. There seemed to be an utter lack of confidence in the fire department, and a reign of terror prevailed. The brick block of D. L. Corbett stopped the progress of the flames on the west side of the street, but on the opposite side the frame buildings furnished fuel for the flames. The fire raged until late in the afternoon. About \$75,000 worth of property was destroyed.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The American Bishops in Rome in conference have declared unanimously in favor of holding a council in Baltimore in November, 1884.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that Hicks Pasha has escaped death.

As an outcome of a heated debate in the Hungarian Diet yesterday two members have fought a duel. Both survived, and one will fight again to-day.

The German minister to the Vatican and Cardinal Jacobini yesterday had a conference regarding the proposed visit to Rome of the German Crown Prince.

The report of the killing of the King of Annam is repeated. It is said that the French Admiral in Madagascar waters gave no warning of the bombardment of the coast towns.

Bims, the hangman, has arrived at Newgate to conclude the preparations for the execution of O'Donnell. Sir Wm. Harcourt, home secretary, is reported as saying that on no account will he interfere to defer his execution.

There were 200 business failures in the United States and Canada during last week.

The Standard Theatre in New York was destroyed by fire just before the hour for the performance.

Percy Jacobus, secretary of the Eureka Mining Company, is under arrest in San Francisco charged with embezzling \$50,000 francs. A dispatch from Vincennes, Ind., says: "A week ago Victor Joseph and other boys pelted James Hughes with eggs. Thursday, at Annapolis, Ill., Hughes met Joseph on the street and without any warning shot him dead."

At a meeting of the bar of Fauquier county, Va., a committee was appointed to draft a petition asking the Legislature of Virginia to remove from office W. B. C. Shumate, the present judge of the County Court of Fauquier.

The snow-fall in Colorado during the week was so heavy that it not only suspended railroad traveling, but broke down all the telegraph wires and cut off Denver from communication with the rest of the world. The electric light and telephone wires also demolished by the weight of the heavy sogged snow.

The steambot Jessie Harry, while on route from White River to Memphis, has been burned at Reeves Landing. Her cargo consisted of 600 bales of cotton and a quantity of cotton seed, which, together with the steamer, was totally destroyed. Loss \$80,000.

The Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad has been leased to an eastern syndicate for thirty years. The line extends from Goldsboro to Morehead. The terms of the lease require its extension to Fayetteville within four years. The lease was made by the stockholders, subject to ratification by the directors.

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EGGS... 28 @ 30

CATTLE... 8 75 @ 5 50

SWINE... 5 @ 6

SHEEP AND LAMBS... 8 @ 4 1/2

TOBACCO LEAF—Inferior... 2 00 @ 4 00

Good common... 2 00 @ 3 00

Middling... 7 00 @ 7 50

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