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## CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.—Monday.—The petition in regard to furnishing the Indians with stock was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

A resolution was adopted in relation to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to inquire whether the recent postal treaties with foreign governments do not grant privileges to citizens of such governments not granted to our people.

The Committee on Military Affairs reported back the following bill: A bill declaring that no disarmed officer shall be restored except by confirmation of the Senate; and authorizing the sale of Harpers Ferry; and also a bill directing the claims of soldiers and sailors to be settled.

The mentioned bill, was on motion, referred back. A bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee regulating the service of final processes in suits at law, and of orders and decrees in equity.

The Committee on the Judiciary reported back a bill to amend the Constitution, so as to create a tribunal of one from each State to decide constitutional questions, was informally laid aside.

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House.—As the first business in order, the Speaker proceeded to the call of States for bills and joint resolutions for reference, which were appropriately referred.

The select committee on the treatment of prisoners of war and Union citizens was continued in power, with the proviso that it incur no further expense. The rules were suspended to allow of a resolution being introduced authorizing the Reconstruction Committee to report.

Also, that the House will lay to rest the consideration of the report, and will, at the close of Wednesday's debate, proceed to vote on the same, Adjourned.

SENATE.—Tuesday.—A bill for the better regulation of the passengers by water, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The resolution instructing the Finance Committee to inquire into the expediency of funding the national debt into obligations whose principal shall never become due, bearing interest at four per cent, was laid on the table.

The bill to restore confiscated lands to their former owners, was referred to the Judiciary Committee. Adjourned.

House.—The Ways and Means Committee reported back the Senate amendments to the bill exempting cotton from the internal revenue tax, which, on the recommendation of the committee, were not concurred in.

A joint resolution, to amend the act relating to the Virginia relative to the communication between Lake Erie and the Ohio river was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A communication from General Meade, setting forth that the offices in the States under their commands rescinds the test oath, its execution in his district will be impracticable. Referred to the Reconstruction Committee. Adjourned.

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The morning hour having expired the special order to prevent further contraction of the currency was taken up and passed by the heavy vote of 38 to 4. Adjourned.

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The President has as yet taken no action on the subject.

The Hon. Allen G. Thurman, Democrat, has been elected United States Senator from Ohio, for the term beginning March 3, 1869.

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The "Grand Army of the Republic" in Kansas has passed resolutions favoring Gen. Grant for President.

Gen. Meade has issued an order removing Charles H. Jenkins, Governor, and John Jones, Treasurer, of Georgia. Gen. Ruler is appointed Governor, in place of Jenkins, and Capt. Rockwell, Treasurer, in place of Jones.

The Virginia Convention tabled a resolution of thanks to the United States Senate for reinstating Secretary Stanton.

The lot and roof of the old Pennsylvania Hotel, located at Nos. 48 and 50 North Sixth street, Philadelphia, on Wednesday morning last, were destroyed by fire.

The officers sent by Gen. Meade to examine the Georgia Treasury, report there is no money in it.

The people of St. Thomas and St. Johns have been unanimously for annexation to the United States.

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## EDITORIAL &amp; MISCELLANEOUS.

—Flooding Capital—Venice.

—Grant's favorite champagne—Mumm's.

—Vanderhoff's title is now read Secretary of State.

—Vanderhoff is a better reader than Dickens.

—Ex-Gov. Smythe, of New Hampshire, is President of a Grant Club.

—Charlotte takes a long walk daily—a good exercise for American ladies.

—Breck Pomeroy has an office which cost \$100,000. It pays to be a brick.

—Horse Greely is giving free lectures on "Self-made Men" in Connecticut.

—Can bankers on a strike be properly termed robbers?

—A vivacious lady describes Central Park as "Nature with her hair combed."

—Eaves-droppings are as disagreeable as eaves-drops, but by no means equally contemptible as nuisances.

—An architect proposes to build a "machine" which will draw dirt from most houses in having no Eves.

—London Punch was not very palatable to the residents of this side of the Atlantic, and it has not recovered its original flavor since.

—What's the worst I call capital punishment, as the boy said "when his mother shot him up in the closet among the preserves."

—What is the difference between a young girl and an old hat? One has feeling and the other has felt.

—If you let trouble sit upon your soul and keep you from your work, you must expect the hatching of a large brood.

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