

XXXIXth Congress—First Session.

[LOSS OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.]

SENATE.—The unfinished business of yesterday, which was the bill for the relief of certain naval contractors, was taken up.

The pending question was the amendment of Mr. Nye to the amendment of Mr. Grimes, viz: Strike out 10 per cent, and insert 15 per cent, so as to make the bill read that the contractors named shall be entitled to receive the sum awarded them by the Board of Inquiry, provided that the same shall in no case exceed 15 per cent, of the original contract price.

The bill was, after a few remarks from Mr. Johnson, postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson called up the resolution of thanks to General Hancock, which was passed.

Mr. Wilson called up the House resolution appointing managers for the National Asylum for Disabled Soldiers. It appoints nine managers, divided into three classes—three to serve for six years, three for four years, and three for two years.

Mr. Sherman called up the Post Office Appropriation bill.

Mr. Hendricks offered an amendment providing that in all cases in which persons have been appointed as assistant postmasters during the recess of the session of the Senate, and whose appointments have been suspended by the House, the same should be removed before the adjournment of the Senate, no money shall be drawn from the Treasury to pay the salary of such persons under such appointments.

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of the words "for any injury to person or property," for those now in the bill.

The amendment of Mr. Edmunds was agreed to.

Mr. Howard moved to amend the first section by inserting after the words "for whom it was intended" which was agreed to.

Mr. Edmunds offered an amendment to insert at the close of the first section the following words: "or so as it operates as a defence for any act done or omitted in any State represented in Congress during the rebellion, and in which at the time of any such act or omission martial law was not in force."

It was opposed, he said, to throwing the shield of an ex post facto law over officers who had transcended their power in regions where there was no occasion for it. He was not in favor of shielding the man who, while recruiting a company in the North had committed some other breach of law. He saw no necessity for it. He thought a bill of indemnity, rather than edict of mercy, would be the proper course.

Mr. Cowan endorsed the amendment of Mr. Edmunds and the views expressed by him. He was very well aware of the difficulty of protecting officers in the company of their discharge of their duty, and at the same time of protecting citizens from the tyranny and oppression of malicious officers. He believed the most entitled to the protection of the Government were the loyal people of the rebel States.

Mr. Clark hoped the amendment of Mr. Edmunds would not be adopted. There were three thousand units pending in the North which had never receded, against loyal men and Union officers, for acts done in putting down the rebellion. He was surprised that Mr. Clark should have come from Mr. Edmunds, but he was not surprised that it should be endorsed by Mr. Cowan.

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from that gentleman not having an opportunity to speak against the joint resolution passed some days since appropriating twenty-five thousand dollars for the temporary relief of the poor of the District. If any injustice was done him by moving the previous question he (Ingersoll) regretted it. He hoped the explanation would be satisfactory, and that the gentleman would make no objection to his re-appointment on that Committee.

Mr. Shanklin accepted the explanation and apology as entirely satisfactory.

The Speaker thereupon announced the re-appointment of Mr. Shanklin to the Committee for the District of Columbia, and the House at 4 P. M. adjourned.

Coal Statement.—The following shows the shipments of coal over the Delaware, Lehigh and Western Railroad for the week ending April 14, compared with same time last season:

Table with columns: Week, Year, Shipped North, Shipped South, Total.

BOARD OF TRADE.—Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

IMPORTATIONS.—Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

ARRIVAL AND SAILING OF OCEAN STEAMERS.—Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA.—April 19.

ARRIVED.—Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

SAILED.—Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

MEMORANDA.—Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

REPORTS.—Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.—Reported for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

MILLINERY GOODS.—Advertisement for millinery goods.

Mrs. R. Dillon.—Advertisement for Mrs. R. Dillon.

GLUE, CURLED HAIR, & C.—Advertisement for glue and curled hair.

NEW PAINTS.—Advertisement for new paints.

RAISINS AND LEMONS.—Advertisement for raisins and lemons.

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