

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WAR AND SNOW.

The Japanese Soldiers Not Thought to Be Suffering Greatly.

The Japanese authorities here have not received any information concerning the reported extreme suffering of the Japanese soldiers from the cold in China.

The Nicaraguan Canal.

The judgment of those senators who have remained in the city during the recess is that the Nicaragua Canal bill cannot pass at this session.

Beer and Bank Checks.

The formidable opposition to the income tax which has developed in congress, it is understood, finds partial relief in the support in administration circles of the struggle centers around the paragraph in the urgent deficiency bill, making an appropriation to carry the law into effect.

Congressman Payner Resigns.

Representative Thomas H. Payner, of Kentucky, who was last fall elected a member of the court of appeals of that state, has notified Speaker Crisp that he had forwarded to the governor of Kentucky the resignation of his seat in congress.

Income Tax Collectors.

On the recommendation of Postmaster-General Bissell the president issued an order extending the civil service regulations to all superintendents of stations in the post-offices of the United States.

Give Labor Leaders Hearing.

An opportunity will be given by the house committee on labor to parties interested in the new arbitration bill, revised by Commissioner of Labor Wright, to present their views on the plan.

Quickly Lynched.

Vigilantes Make Short Work of Three Oklahoma Horse Thieves. News comes from Kingfisher, Oklahoma, of the hanging of three horse thieves in the Cheyenne and Arapahoe country.

Antitoxin's Good Work.

Successful Results Obtained in Two Towns in New York State. Antitoxin has been in use in Middletown, N. Y., for the past three weeks, and four cases of diphtheria have been cured by it.

Eight Negroes Cremated.

Eight negroes were burned to death at a day or two ago at East Jarvis, while at East Branch, Delaware county, after the physicians had given up a boy afflicted with the disease, antitoxin was administered and the lad is now convalescent.

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PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Both Branches Get Down to Hard Work.

Both branches of the Pennsylvania legislature met at noon Tuesday and proceeded with their respective organizations. The senate was called to order by Lieut. Governor Watres and the House by Chief Clerk Verbeke.

TRADE REVIEW.

The Number and Extent of Failures Compared With Former Years.

E. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review. Failures for 1901 are fully reported this week, being 12,835 in the United States and 1,356 in the Dominion of Canada.

GOVERNOR PATTON'S MESSAGE.

Gov. Patton's message was read in both Houses of the Legislature. He says that the financial credit of the state is of the very highest order. It will be only a few weeks until the last dollar of the debt is extinguished.

WASHINGTON RECEPTIONS.

New Year's Guests Received By the President and Other Officials.

According to the time-honored custom of Washington, which was observed to the letter New Year's day, all the officials called at the White House to pay their respects to the President.

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FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

An Outline of the Work in the Senate and House.

SENATE.—The senate reassembled at noon Thursday, after the holiday recess of the week. The session being opened with prayer by the chaplain, Rev. Mr. Milburn. There were some forty senators present.

that of the 27 which occurred in 1891 but three failed to effect the purpose at which they were aimed.

With respect to railroad discriminations, he says: That common carriers should not afford superior facilities or lower rates to one person or corporation under like conditions than another.

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Chinese Profiting By Experience, and Resain Confidence.

A dispatch to the London Times from Tien Tsin says that letters received there from New Chang state that the fighting on December 22 about the village of Kang Wang had lasted six hours. Gen. Sung marched back on December 23 toward a new position which appears to be still in the hands of the Japanese.

Severe earthquake shocks were felt on Thursday morning at Milazzo.

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It is stated that the mikado has conferred upon Emperor William the grand order of the Imperial Chrysanthemum.

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BELGIUM ALSO.

Sho Joins the Ranks of Our Enemies Against American Cattle.

Nelson Morris, of Chicago, has received a telegram from his agent at Antwerp that the government has prohibited the importation of live cattle from the United States on the ground that pleuro-pneumonia is prevalent in that country.

The most dangerous hole in a man's pocket is the one at the top.

MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH.

(THE WHOLESALE PRICES ARE GIVEN BELOW.)

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—No. 1 red, 57 3/4; No. 2 red, 56 3/4; No. 3 red, 55 3/4; No. 4 red, 54 3/4; No. 5 red, 53 3/4; No. 6 red, 52 3/4; No. 7 red, 51 3/4; No. 8 red, 50 3/4; No. 9 red, 49 3/4; No. 10 red, 48 3/4; No. 11 red, 47 3/4; No. 12 red, 46 3/4; No. 13 red, 45 3/4; No. 14 red, 44 3/4; No. 15 red, 43 3/4; No. 16 red, 42 3/4; No. 17 red, 41 3/4; No. 18 red, 40 3/4; No. 19 red, 39 3/4; No. 20 red, 38 3/4; No. 21 red, 37 3/4; No. 22 red, 36 3/4; No. 23 red, 35 3/4; No. 24 red, 34 3/4; No. 25 red, 33 3/4; No. 26 red, 32 3/4; No. 27 red, 31 3/4; No. 28 red, 30 3/4; No. 29 red, 29 3/4; No. 30 red, 28 3/4; No. 31 red, 27 3/4; No. 32 red, 26 3/4; No. 33 red, 25 3/4; No. 34 red, 24 3/4; No. 35 red, 23 3/4; No. 36 red, 22 3/4; No. 37 red, 21 3/4; No. 38 red, 20 3/4; No. 39 red, 19 3/4; No. 40 red, 18 3/4; No. 41 red, 17 3/4; No. 42 red, 16 3/4; No. 43 red, 15 3/4; No. 44 red, 14 3/4; No. 45 red, 13 3/4; No. 46 red, 12 3/4; No. 47 red, 11 3/4; No. 48 red, 10 3/4; No. 49 red, 9 3/4; No. 50 red, 8 3/4; No. 51 red, 7 3/4; No. 52 red, 6 3/4; No. 53 red, 5 3/4; No. 54 red, 4 3/4; No. 55 red, 3 3/4; No. 56 red, 2 3/4; No. 57 red, 1 3/4; No. 58 red, 1/2; No. 59 red, 1/4; No. 60 red, 1/8; No. 61 red, 1/16; No. 62 red, 1/32; No. 63 red, 1/64; No. 64 red, 1/128; No. 65 red, 1/256; No. 66 red, 1/512; No. 67 red, 1/1024; No. 68 red, 1/2048; No. 69 red,