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TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Extra Session Problem.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Judging from the expressions of the members of congress, when speaking for themselves alone, and to some extent from the course of events last week, and extra session congress is no longer probable, but may be possible, as expressions of fear or convictions are heard on all hands that some party or faction, not including the persons speaking, would welcome an extra session; and it is conceded everywhere that the condition of public business is such that the purpose, if entertained may be effected, and perhaps without disclosure of the responsibility therefor in any quarter. Even if every one be credited with the straight-forward purpose of working to secure the passage of the appropriation bills before the 4th of March, the fact remains that under the long existing rules of the house the roads to entanglement are many and short, while the ways to the solution of possible parliamentary difficulties are few and involved. Five of the most important appropriation bills are yet to be acted upon by the house, and these, in addition to the postoffice bill, must yet be considered by the senate committee on appropriations.

The Indian Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Indian appropriation bill as reported to the senate increases the house bill \$152,000. The committee has struck out all provisions for the payment of private claims growing out of Indian depredations, but has substituted a general provision requiring the secretary of the interior to report at the next session all claims of this nature, together with such information regarding them as may have been gathered by agents of the department. The bill contains a new provision, as follows: "To supply food and other necessities of life in cases of distress among Indians not having treaty funds, arising from emergencies not foreseen or otherwise provided for, to be used at the discretion of the president, \$25,000." The provision for the Indian school at Santa Fe is stricken out. A new provision is inserted for the establishment of a school in Colorado for Utes. Ten thousand dollars is appropriated for the construction of an Indian school at Albuquerque. The feature of the house bill prohibiting, under heavy penalties, the sale of fire arms to Indians, that amending the statutes relating to selling spirituous liquors to Indians, that authorizing the president to open negotiations with the Creeks, Seminoles and Cherokees, for the purpose of opening up and settling the Oklahoma country, and that which subjects Indians charged with the commission of crimes against person or property to the laws of the territory where the act is alleged to have been committed, are stricken out.

Randall's Plan Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—At a meeting of the house committee on appropriations tonight, for consideration of the naval appropriation bill, Randall's proposition to increase the navy was adopted with amendments. The amendments provide that the board to consider designs shall consist of three civilians, one line officer over the rank of captain, naval constructor, naval engineer, and secretary of the navy; that awards for designs of vessels shall be limited to \$10,000 and \$5,000; that there shall be but four different kinds of vessels, and that the report of the board shall be submitted to the president before the first Monday in December, and he in turn shall transmit it to congress. The naval appropriation bill will be completed in the morning and reported to the house.

Dynamiters in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The Chronicle publishes an article to-day in which it claims to have discovered the existence of a brotherhood of dynamiters in this city, numbering eighty-five members. One of the members in an interview stated that the brotherhood had sent \$700 to O'Donovan Rossa, and two agents were sent to Great Britain from this city.

GENERAL NEWS.

Examination of Rossa's Assault.

New York, Feb. 16.—Yessult Dudley was arraigned in the police court this morning, for shooting O'Donovan Rossa. Rossa was not in court, and the prosecuting officer announced that he had not called him because there was so much excitement about dynamite at the present that extraneous matter might interfere with the orderly administration of justice. Ex-Judge Fullerton and lawyer Butts appeared for Mrs. Dudley, who sat composedly near her counsel and listened intently, but with little evident concern to the testimony of witnesses for the people. When the prisoner was asked by a witness whom she shot, she said, "O'Donovan Rossa." The witness asked why, and was told by the prisoner that she wanted to kill him. The reason for such a desire was "O'Donovan was an enemy to my country." The justice consented to fix bail at \$3000 for prisoners appearance before the grand jury. Mrs. Dudley was remanded, pending appearance of bondsmen.

Iowa Liquor Law.

CEDEAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 16.—Letters from Iowa postmasters concerning the operation of the prohibitory law in 410 cities and towns heard from, including all sizes from the smallest to the largest, are published. The law is reported as enforced in 160 places and in 100 of these there were saloons previous to last July. In many places where the law is reported as enforced there is still drunkenness, and intoxicants in various forms are sold. In many of the towns where drinks are sold openly some of the saloons have quit, and occasionally the reports show more saloons now than before the law went into operation.

Cleveland's Cabinet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The Examiner's Albany, New York, special to-night says: Definite information has been received that Senator Bayard yesterday informed President-elect Cleveland that he would accept the portfolio of the state department, and that Mr. Manning has consented to go into the cabinet as secretary of the treasury. It has also been decided that Mr. Garland will be offered the position of attorney general. Mr. McDonald will probably go into the cabinet, but this has not yet been definitely determined upon. Vilas will, it is stated by good authority, be offered the portfolio of the war department.

ALBANY, Feb. 16.—There are some people here this evening who profess to know and declare that up to this time President-elect Cleveland has not made a definite selection of any single member of his cabinet. Others insist he has already given the appointment of secretary of state to Bayard. A prominent democrat here to-night predicts the following as the names of Cleveland's cabinet: Secretary of state, Bayard of Delaware; secretary of the treasury, Manning of New York; secretary of the interior, McDonald of Indiana; secretary of the navy, Thurman of Ohio; secretary of war, Vilas of Wisconsin. Senator Thurman was expected in Albany to-night, but is supposed to be detained by the storm.

Not in a Hurry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A democratic member of congress, who recently conversed with the President-elect in New York, and who also conversed with gentlemen who are intimate with Mr. Cleveland, says that he is satisfied that the cabinet has not been determined upon. He adds that from what he heard the President-elect is in no haste about the final formation of the Cabinet.

The Great Strike Ended.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 15.—The announcement was made in all parts of the Hocking valley to-day that the commissary had given out and was no longer coming in, and advising men to get to work. This ends the strike, which started last April. Many men went in last week in anticipation of the climax.

Soldier's Home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The annual report of the board of managers of the National home for disabled volunteer soldiers has been laid before the house. A new home has been located near Leavenworth, Kansas. This will be designated as the Western branch. The board also determined to recommend to congress the location of a branch home at some point in California for the disabled volunteers of the Pacific Coast, the site to be selected hereafter. The board has curtailed admission to the home as much as was in its power without absolute disobedience to the law, but notwithstanding its efforts the number of inmates have increased in a much greater proportion than was anticipated a year ago. December 1, 1884, the total number of the four branches was 8,138.

Amendment to the Silver Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—An amendment was to-day proposed by Senator Morgan to the anti-silver coinage bill. It strikes out the present provision for suspension of the coinage of the standard dollar, and authorizes the president, on and after April 1, 1885, and in any succeeding month until April 1, 1886, to direct the secretary of the treasury to suspend, in whole or part, the purchase of silver bullion for the coinage of standard dollar.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 1885.

Mr. Cleveland's New York headquarters have been the Mecca of Democratic pilgrims from Washington. Many members of Congress and Senators have utilized the occasion to impress themselves upon the President-elect, and many yet will visit him during the next week. Some of the State delegations, that of Virginia, for the Postmaster-Generalship, go in a body to present the claims of Cabinet aspirants. Mr. Cleveland has probably heard more small gossip, and petty backbiting since he opened his office in N. Y., than during any equal period in his life, and any reputation that passes this ordeal without being torn to tatters may be depended upon to wear. Politicians reserve most of their enlogies for the dead. Mr. Cleveland will have to refer to the Congressional Record for any good opinion of public men. According to the obituary oratory of that book they will all be angels after they die, in spite of the defamatory scandals whispered about them, while living by their associates and rivals. It is well known that a number of party leaders were insulted by the failure of Mr. Cleveland to invite them specially to a conference, and that they declined to join in the promiscuous procession to New York. It is said that when Mr. Cleveland was apprised of this dissatisfaction he sent private invitations to the eminent but nettled statesmen.

The notable debate of the week in the House of Representatives has been on the River and Harbor bill. Several Louisiana and Texas members, who want James B. Eads entrusted with the management of the Mississippi river, and Galveston harbor improvement championed his cause with great earnestness. Mr. Ochsleiters felt compelled to speak as the accredited agent of the little city. He denounced the army Engineers as incompetent, said they had for a series of ten years, conducted experiments with the aid of money appropriated by Congress, and that the bar was still there but the jetty was not. He claimed to be no hero worshiper, but wanted justice done to Eads, called attention to the world wide fame of his engineering feats, and thought his success had been as brilliant as the failure of the Army Engineers at Galveston had been complete. Mr. O'Neil, of St. Louis, made an amusing speech in favor of more liberal appropriations. He wanted enough money to get the benefit of deep water at once. We are all supposed, said he, to be legislating for this generation, and not for posterity—at least in the matter of river improvements. Mr. McAdoo, of New Jersey, then made the startling, if not original announcement that posterity had never done anything for us.

Senator Sherman presented a petition to Congress from thirty-seven persons, asking that the electoral votes of certain states may not be counted. They ask on this ground that in some of the states, among them South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Ohio persons were kept away from the polls by threats and acts of violence and bloodshed during the last election, and Congress is asked to examine these charges of criminal interference with free suffrage.

President Arthur is an admirer of Henry Irving. He went to see the famous actor in the "Merchant of Venice" on last Tuesday evening. The President, with his sister, daughter and guests occupied the orchestra chairs, the party seeming to enjoy the play thoroughly. On the following evening, the President gave his annual dinner in honor of the Justices of the Supreme Court. Owing to the absence of Chief Justice Waite, who is now in Florida with Mrs. Waite, seeking recuperation from his late severe illness, and the absence of Justice Matthews in consequence of the recent death of his wife, the affair differed from the banquet of last year when all the members of the Supreme Court were seated at the White House board. The Attorney General, the Chairman of the Senate and House Judiciary Committee, and number of President Arthur's friends in private life increased the number of guests to forty. Seven wine glasses, a goblet, and carafe were set at each plate, and the ladies' bouquets were clusters of large roses tied with pink or blue satin ribbon.

The funny member from Colorado, Mr. Belford, who has not been in Congress this session, made his appearance on the floor of the House on Wednesday, and held an impromptu reception. When he arose to speak he was applauded by both sides of the chamber. He began at the outer row of seats on the Republican side, but before he closed he had been all over the floor, and finally ended with the Democrats. He shouted, as of old, for the unlocking of the Treasury and the disbursement of the surplus, wanted reservoirs with which to irrigate Colorado, and made some high flown reference about the sun "just stopping in East to drink the dew, and sinking in the West to cool his axle."

Sharon Alimony.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Judge Sullivan this morning rendered a decision on the question of alimony and counsel fees in the Sharon divorce case. He granted the plaintiff, nee Miss Hill, \$2,500 a month from date of application and \$55,000 counsel fees.

Bills Passed.

The following bills were passed by the legislature during the week ending February 14th:

S. B. No. 28, by Cartwright, to create the county of Gilliam, from that portion of Wasco, north and east of the John Day river.

S. B. No. 52, by Lee, Dallas charter.

S. B. No. 23, by Prim, Jacksonville charter.

S. B. No. 76, by Bilyeu, amending the school law.

S. B. No. 149, by Simon, to regulate the manner of pleading ordinances.

S. B. No. 70, by Enmitt, prohibiting swine running at large.

S. B. No. 103, by Vorhees, to pay Territorial warrant No. 100, in favor of Col. Shield for \$250 for services.

S. B. No. 111, by Reed, to provide a State pilot boat at the Columbia bar.

S. B. No. 110, by Hare, Hillsboro charter.

S. B. No. 112, by Burch, Amity charter.

S. B. No. 134, by Davenport, Silverton charter.

S. B. No. 143, by Cauthorn, Yaquina City charter.

S. B. No. 39, by Simon, mechanics' lien, giving laborers and materials new liens on buildings to secure pay.

S. B. No. 84, by Simon, creating office of additional Circuit Judge for the County of Multnomah.

S. B. No. 136, by Carson, giving Portland school district authority to borrow \$100,000.

S. B. No. 40, by Hoult, regulating freights and fares on transportation lines.

S. B. No. 140, by Hare, fixing time of holding Court in the Fifth Judicial District.

S. B. No. 139, by Prim, fixing time of holding Court in First District.

S. B. No. 144, by Simon, defining the terms of "land" and "real property."

H. B. No. 4, by Cox, creating Morrow county.

H. B. No. 2, by Bilyeu, for additional buildings, etc., to Eugene University.

H. B. No. 14, by Riddle, providing bounties on wild animals.

H. B. No. 43, by Leinenweber, creating Board of Immigration.

H. B. No. 26, by Bilyeu, regulating the subpoenaing of witnesses, limiting the number to four.

H. B. No. 32, by Roberts, to improve the breed of cattle and hogs.

H. B. No. 133, by Leinenweber, Clatsop City charter.

H. B. No. 136, by Mayo, East Portland charter.

H. B. No. 210, by Craven, Independence charter.

H. B. No. 215, by Chandler, Baker City charter.

H. B. No. 186, by Smith, Forest Grove charter.

H. B. No. 167, by Story, amending Portland Fire Department law.

H. B. No. 95, by Lockett, providing for a State Board of Agriculture.

H. B. No. 139, by Porter, providing manner of letting contracts for the building of public bridges.

H. B. No. 134, by Beall, fixing fees of District Attorneys.

H. B. No. 182, by Woolward, Sheridan charter.

H. B. No. 216, by Porter, to re-locate the county seat of Josephine.

H. B. No. 117, by Watts, to prohibit carrying concealed weapons.

H. B. No. 43, by Montayne, for the payment of Jason Wheeler for services in the Cayuse war.

Schwatka Interviewed.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Times has an interview of Lieutenant Schwatka, who said: "I asked for leave of absence in order that I might make explorations of Alaska, under citizens of Oregon. Leave of absence was refused. I suppose the real reason was that the war department was about to send an expedition to Alaska, under command of Lieutenant Abercrombie, and did not want to bring its recruits into competition with those of civilians—an expedition such as mine would have been. You see there is a regular dog-in-the-manger policy pursued. The department objects to civilians; the navy department objects to the war department, and the coast survey, which is under the secretary of the interior, objects to either, both or all. If one attempts to go where all have equal rights an alliance at once is formed by the other two, and all three unite against the civilian. For some months I have been at work getting subscriptions to stock of a company to put cattle on the Aleutian islands, and make it a business of raising them. There is capital grazing on these islands."

Train Wreckers Killed.

HOUSTON, Tex., Feb. 15.—Several attempts were made lately to wreck the night express on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Road near Harwood station. Detectives were put on guard and saw two negroes in the act of obstructing the track this morning and shot them dead. They proved to be discharged brakemen.

California has made another appropriation of \$10,000 for the display of the State at the New Orleans Exposition. This additional appropriation will give the Golden State about the best display of any in the Union.

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