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TELEGRAPHIC.

EASTERN STATES.

Extra Session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The opinion prevails among our most infortuned members of both houses that there is no prospect of the final passage of indispensable appropriation bills during the short remainder of this session. Senator Windom, chairman of the appropriation committee, says that it will be absolutely impossible to avert the necessity for an extra session, unless the Senate passes the sundry civil bill and also the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill before to-morrow. He will endeavor to hold the Senate to an all night session with a view to completing the consideration of these measures before adjournment, so as to place them in the hands of a conference committee for possible adjustment of the important difference between the two houses by Monday afternoon. Nearly 24 hours will be requisite for the enrollment and rectification of the immensely long bills after they are finally acted on by both houses.

Freaks of Fortune.

Yesterday an ex member of the stock exchange, who 10 years ago was a millionaire, and who in his prosperous days gave $100,000 to New York churches, was sentenced by the court at special session to five days in the city prison for theft.

Exports and Imports.

The chief of the bureau of statistics reports an excess of exports over imports for January, $25,876,864, as against $33,539,719 for January of the preceding year, and for the year ending January, 1879, $597,680,063, as against $146,781,274 for the preceding year.

Pacific Coast Recommendations.

The committee in charge of the bill have recommended the insertion in the sundry civil appropriation bill of an item of $5,000 for the continuation of boring an artesian well at Benicia, and $20,000 for the protection of government interests in Alaska, and $20,000 for the improvement of the military wagon road between Scottsburg and Camp Stewart, Oregon.

Conference Committees.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The conference committee on the sundry civil appropriation bill has agreed and an agreement has also been reached in conference on the fortification bill, the Senate yielding its amendment. The conferees on the deficiency bill have also arrived at an understanding.

Army Bill.

March 3.—At 5 this afternoon all the conference committees on appropriation bills have either actually or virtually agreed upon reports, except in regard to the legislative appropriation bill and army bills. The prospect for agreement on the two last named continues to be very unpromising, there being apparently a dead lock on all their political features. There is no difficulty about the army reorganization sections, for the House conferees are willing to strike them out, to be placed by a single provision that promotions shall be stopped until the reorganization subject is finally acted upon.

River and Harbor Improvements.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The river and harbor bill as passed by the Senate provides for the following increase in the amounts granted by the House for the Pacific Coast improvements: Sacramento river, increased from $8,000 to the full amount of the department estimate. Canal and locks at the cascades of the Columbia river from $50,000 to $100,000. The following sums were inserted by the Senate: For the commencement of a breakwater and harbor of refuge at such point between San Francisco, Cal., and the Straits of Fuca as a majority of the board of engineers may determine, the general and local interest of commerce being considered, $150,000; to continue the survey and tidal observations at the bar of the Columbia river, $5,000. The Senate also reported new items providing for accurate surveys of Alsea harbor and bar and the Umpqua river. Other Pacific Coast items in the House bill remain unchanged, except that on motion of Sargent, the Senate inserted the requirement that the $6,000 granted for the continued improvement of Oakland harbor should be returned to the U. S. treasury on the first day of next July, unless the right of the United States to the bed of the estuary and training walls be secured at the time free of expenses to the government, by making the date September 1st instead of July 1st. The items which have been agreed to by both Houses, without change, are the following: Wilmington harbor, $12,000; Lower Willamette and Columbia rivers to the sea, $45,000; Upper Willamette, $2,000; Upper Columbia and Snake rivers, $20,000, and also provides for a survey of Petaluma creek and for a survey of the Columbia river at the Dalles, including plans and specifications for locks and a canal around said obstruction.

Political Plunder.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The Tweed mansion at Greenwich, Conn., built with money plundered from New York, was sold to-day by Mrs. Tweed to a New York broker for $75,000.

Payment Prevented.

At the suit of Henry W. Olmstead, assignee of Oliphant & Co., China commission merchants, and who also held a contract with the Peruvian government, against Drexel, Morgan and Co., Judge Lanemore gave a temporary injunction to-day, restraining the defendants and all others from paying over to the Peruvian government any portion of the proceeds from certain sales of nitrate of soda mentioned in the complaint.

Republican Revival.

The municipal elections held throughout Maine to-day show the usual general Republican victories except in Portland, where the Democratic Greenback combination candidate for mayor squeezed in by 46 majority.

Pistol Practice.

GLEEN FALLS, N. Y., March 4.—Rev. Sidney M. Stray, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lake St. George, while exhibiting his revolver to his wife last night discharged it, wounding her. Thinking he had thus accidentally killed his wife he placed the revolver to his own head and fired. The wounds are not thought fatal.

A Texas Tale.

A News special from Sherman says E. Ayers, marshal of Whitesboro, was murdered by desperadoes whom he was trying to arrest.

Death in the Debris.

North Troy, Vt., March 4,—During adjournment of court at Masonville yesterday a crowd collected on the post office veranda, when the roof gave way under the weight of snow burying several persons. Leo. Walker was killed, Custom officer Gunn fatally injured, and a number of persons seriously wounded.

Court Convened.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The U. S. Supreme court convened to-day after a recess of four weeks. All the justices were present except Associate Justice Hunt. Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood was admitted to practice.

Potter Committee—Minority Report.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The report of the Republican members of the Potter committee is quite long.

They present their views under the disadvantage of not possessing any indication of what the views of the majority will be. The original subject of their investigation was the honesty or dishonesty of the election in Florida, Louisianna, and South Carolina. For two years prior to October, 1878, Mr. Tilden and his agents in season and out of season had iterated and reiterated charges that the canvassing boards of the doubtful States had acted fraudulently and corruptly in discharge of their duties. If these charges had been fortified by any proof, the character of those who made the charges would be of no consequence whatever. No man had come forward to say that any bribe was accepted, or that any member of any canvassing board indicated any desire to betray his trust. Every intimation of that kind had been traced to some Democrats and there ends.

General Barlow, whose conduct has received the compliments of the majority, after full knowledge of the workings of Cowgill's men, admits his honesty of purpose and that of all others. As to the South Carolina board, the full free and uncontradicted testimony of Mr. Linn satisfied every man who heard it of the absence of fraud in South Carolina.

These charges then of fraud and corruption were nothing but unsupported assertions of litigants against whom the courts have decided. The tribunals in three States decided in favor of Hayes. Straightway the defeated party and its agents set up the assertion of wrong-doing. The committee have toiled from August last to bolster up that assertion. In October the publication of cipher dispatches showed conclusively that the very men who have been the loudest in denunciation of the tribunals before they had failed had themselves endeavored to corrupt these tribunals with money.

These accusations then appeared to be not the complaint of honest men, but the slanders of beaten suborners of perjury.

The fabric of alleged fraud thus fallen was what the report of the majority is endeavoring to build up again, and upon the old foundations. No wonder then they preferred to make a separate report on the ciphers. When parties to the attempted briberies were put upon the stand, they were forced to admit the receipt and transmission of criminating dispatches, each and all of them. Col. Pelton, whose appearance before the committee was really pitiable, seems to have been selected to bear the largest share of the burden. Manton Marble occupied a different situation. He had prior to the month of October, 1878 taken a very conspicuously high-toned position. He had written the "Ark and Shekinah" letter and had otherwise conducted himself loftily before mankind. He could not, therefore avoid an attempt to preserve himself. It was not for him to take the bold position of Smith Weed, that it was right to seize stolen goods from robbers. Such an ark of refuge would have wrecked him long before reaching Ararat. Nevertheless, the committee had two propositions to buy the Florida returning boards, in his own hand writing, two replies of Pelton and his own rejoindre. These he was obliged to admit, and also to admit the substantial accuracy of the translations.

Colored Children in Cuba.

HAVANA, March 4.—The government has advised the municipality to establish schools for colored children, and wherever this cannot be promptly done, they should be admitted to white schools.

FOREIGN NEWS.

South American Affairs.

LONDON, March 2.—A Capetown dispatch says that affairs in Transvaal cause considerable anxiety. It is reported the republicans intend to reconvene the "Old Volks Road" dissolved by Sir Thophelus Schepstone, and elect a President of the republic. The commander of the Dutch station had seized and sent back to Zulus the cattle captured and sold to settlers, on the ground that the Zulus might be expected to invade Transvaal to recapture their cattle. Many Boers are serving efficiently with Col. Wood's column, and Transvaal is itself threatened, both by the Soccoeni and by Kaffirs within its borders.

Weavers' Wages.

The cotton masters of Lancashire recommend that Blackburn standard list be generally adopted for the regulation of weavers' wages. The change implies a reduction. Two thousand weavers at Congleton already refuse to submit.

The Secret of Chakoff's Death.

BERLIN, March 2.—The publication of the Russian secret press declares that governor Chakoff had been condemned to death by the Russian socialistic society for inhuman treatment of political prisoners. The publication charges the governor with beating students nearly to death, and concludes with a declaration of "Death for death, terror for terror. This is our answer to all threats and persecutions of the government."

Foreign Items.

Yakoob Kahn, son of Shere Ali, Ameer of Afghanistan, telegraphs the Viceroy of India that his father is dead.

France and England will act together in Egypt and Nubar Pasha will be reinstated. The Khedive will probably submit.

Russians are proceeding to carry out the treaty of Berlin in dismantling Arabia Tabia, and are fustrating the Bulgarian design to burn Adrianople.

It is claimed that Germany must resort to indirect taxation to render the empire financially independent and relieve the individual States from heavy contributions.

Queen Victoria is to visit Italy the latter part of March, and will be handsomely received and entertained by the King and royal family. She will pass through Paris on her way.

American Cattle.

LONDON, March 3.—In the house of commons to-day Lord Geo. F. Hamilton, vice president of the council, replying to a question, said that as long as pleuro-pneumonia exists as it is it would not be consistent with the contagious disease not to rescind the existing regulations.

Trade Troubles.

Trade difficulties continue. The county miners association rejects the wages offered by masters, and Clyde shipwrights are looking to united action against employes.

Repulse and Retreat.

The Viceroy of India telegraphs General Stewart reports that General Biddulph's rear guard was attacked at Kushli Nokhud by 3,000 Alizai Doronis. The enemy was repulsed with a loss of 150 men and pursued till nightfall. British lost a major and five natives killed, and a colonel and eleven natives wounded.

Plague Precautions.

BERLIN, March. 3.—The president of the imperial chancellory, Hon. Hosman, replying to an interpellation in the reichstag, said that the government would not take for granted that the case of sickness reported at St. Petersburg was not a case of the plague, but would resume negotiations for the establishment of the international plague commission.

Coming Change of Cabinet.

PARIS, March 3.—An article in La France, signed Girardine, says that the cabinet has lived its time and has lost all power over the majority, and that the situation imperatively requires the formation of a cabinet presided over by the leader of the majority. It also says that the present ministry has but a short time to live.

French Finances.

Paris journals unite in furious attacks against Leon Say, Minister of Finance. A Paris correspondent telegraphs that Leon Say, who was formerly a clerk of the Rothschild's, and known to be their partner in many affairs, is attacked for his conduct relative to the conversion of five per cent. rentes, with a virulence which must probably lead to his resignation. It is a notorious fact that the Rothschilds on Wednesday last made enormous purchases of five per cents. and almost depreciated prices.

Pronounced Plague.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 3.—Prof. Bolkin, declares, notwithstanding the opinion to the contrary of the Medical Commissioner, that the disease of the footman in St. Petersburg is a case of the Astrakhan plague.

Resigned.

MADRID, March 4.—The resignation of the cabinet is considered inevitable. It is stated that the King agrees with Martinez Campos that a change is necessary.

Destroyed by Fire.

The castle of Teruuven, where Carlotta, late Empress of Mexico resided, was destroyed by fire March 4th. She was safely removed to the royal palace of Locken, near Brussels.

To Withdraw.

PARIS, March 4.—France will advise Greece to withdraw her commissioners and appeal to the powers with reference to her trouble with Turkey.

No Sign of Peace.

BERLIN, March 4.—The Post concludes from speeches of the Pope to journalists and cardinals, that there is but a slight prospect of peace between the vatican and the European States, especially Germany, unless the Pope considerably modifies his sentiments.

PACIFIC COAST.

Reno Ruined.

RENO, March 2.—At about a quarter to 9 this morning a fire commenced in some wooden buildings at the west end of the business street, back of Masonic block. A gale was blowing from the west, and before water could be got on the fire it was beyond control. The flames leaped from house to house and from block to block. Panic stricken, half clothed people caught the most valuable articles and left all else to destruction. The firemen were helpless. The fierceness of the wind and intensity of the heat rendered it impossible to get close enough to do any good. In three hours all the business part of the town was in ashes, the only house escaping being the Masonic building. Two or three Central Pacific trains, including a lightning train, were destroyed. The condition of the tracks made it necessary to transfer the passengers to the Virginia & Truckee train across the river to go to Virginia. The loss, as near as can be calculated at this time, is about $1,000,000, with only about $150,000 insurance. Five lives are known to be lost, as follows: Mrs. John Beck, John Riley and three tramps.

The gale carried blazing pieces of timber for miles. Several houses situated two miles down the meadows were burned. After working till exhausted the whites forced the Chinese to work on the engines. Citizens are throwing open their doors to the homeless, and are doing all they can to relieve distress. The fire only stopped when all was destroyed. Reno is now a suburb without a town, and great fears are entertained as to its ability to survive the shock.

Constitutional Convention Ended.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—The Constitutional Convention to-day adopted an address to the people, and after a number of presentations to President Hoge and other officers, and the resolutions and speeches, adjourned sine die.

An Old Story.

Joseph Kountz, a butcher on 967 Mission street, committed suicide this forenoon by shooting. The ball penetrated the left breast. Difficulties in money matters is assigned as the cause of the act.

Relief for Reno.

Rountree & McClure, grocers, have ordered their agent at Reno to supply the wants of sufferers by the fire to the extent of his ability. It is probable that there will be a meeting of merchants to organize a relief movement.

Fatal Fall.

At 5:30 this evening, W. J. Westhall, a well known neck-tie manufacturer, in attempting to get on a car of the Market street line, fell under the wheels, which passed over both legs, cutting them off above the knees. His injuries are probably fatal.

Robbers Retreat.

STOCKTON, March 3.—Jas. Hopkins, against whom the last grand jury found thirteen indictments for car robberies, and confined in the county jail awaiting trial, escaped at 7 o'clock this evening. Hopkins and Clark, another car robber, who occupied the same cell, were this morning permitted to air their blankets in the back yard. As usual to-night both were locked up in the cell. Five minutes thereafter they called to Jailer Ginn for their blankets, pretending to have forgotten to take them up stairs. Jailer Ginn allowed Hopkins to go out of the cell for the blankets. Returning, Hopkins and Clark grasped the jailer, trying to lock him in the cell, but after a hard fight and struggle he freed himself. Meantime Hopkins escaped through a back door, climbing over the jail. When last heard from he was traveling north.

Burned in Effigy.

SONOMA, March 3.—At an indignation meeting held to-night President Hayes and Chas. V. Stewart, a member of the Constitutional Convention, were burned in effigy.

The Ruins of Reno.

RENO, March 3.—The sensation to-day is the late fire. Nearly all of 10 blocks were destroyed. The remains of one man were found on the site of the flour mill, making six known to have been burned. A citizens' relief committee was organized last night, and they are busy to-day distributing supplies.

Insurance men are busy making estimates of loss. It is impossible yet to give many figures. Pacific Insurance Company lost $5,500; Faneuil, $3,750; Lyconing, $3,400.

Virginia sent several thousand dollars' worth of goods, and a lot of bedding will arrive from Carson this evening. Telegrams are being received from all parts proffering relief, but we will not need any more. Those who escaped are doing all they can to relieve distress, and all are housed. Business men are putting up temporary structures and already several are open.

Another fire occurred in a Chinese wash house this morning. Loss trifling.

Aid From the Legislature.

CARSON, Nev., March 3.—A bill passed both houses placing $10,000 in the governor's hands to afford relief to the Renos sufferers.

California Constitution.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The workingmen's delegation to the constitutional convention were received at the ferry on their arrival from Sacramento by the ward presidents, headed by the tenth ward Independent Rifles, and escorted to Horticultural hall, where speeches were made and resolutions passed endorsing the new constitution and calling upon the workingmen's party to support it.

Passion Play Produced.

At the Grand Opera House last evening the Passion play was produced. For several days past the press and pulpit have attacked the undertaking vigorously, and there was some expectation that the performance would not be allowed to go on. In fact the Board of Supervisors this evening passed to print an ordinance forbidding the production of any play in which the life of Jesus Christ or any scriptural occurrence was portrayed; but as the ordinance cannot take immediate effect the performance is likely to run a week or two if it meets with sufficient patronage. There was a very respectable attendance this evening in point of numbers and character, and the performance was received with respectful attention. The play was well mounted, the music excellent and the principal characters well sustained. The last act, announced as the tableau of the descent from the cross, from Reuben's celebrated painting, was omitted, which caused some little confusion, the audience being in doubt as to whether the performance was over or not until the matter was explained to them. Aside from the incongruousness of a representation of the kind on theatrical boards, there was nothing in the performance to shock the sensibilities of the most fastidious.

British Columbia.

VICTORIA, March 2.—Cattle are reported dying where a thaw has set in.

The steamer Dakota sailed Saturday for San Francisco, and the steamship Empire arrived this morning from San Francisco.

Horses Entered.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Nominations for the Pacific Blood Horse Association number 41, besides nearly as many for embryo stakes. The meeting is expected to be a great success.

Seriously Stabbed.

About three o'clock this morning while a wake was being held over the body of a man named Dwyer on Natoma street, near Third, a stranger, name unknown, introduced himself on those assembled and was put out. He laid in wait outside, and when three of the participants left the house, he attacked them, stabbing two of them seriously and the third slightly.

Shooting Scrape.

SALT LAKE, March 4.—Yesterday at Park City James Morey shot and fatally wounded Jacob Smith.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.

FIRST DISPATCH.

WHEAT—Quiet and easier. Buyers holding off, Choice sold at $1 70. New York market strong at $1 08@1 15 per bu.

BARLEY—Fair coast feed sold at 67½c silver.

CORN—No sales. Quotable, 90c@$1 00.

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

CHICAGO, March 5.

WHEAT—95¾c per bushel bid for April delivery.

SECOND DISPATCH.

WHEAT—Market for all cereals affected by rains causing them to rule dull and lower. Choice to extra choice milling and extra choice shipping quotable, $1 65@1 70. Among sales were 200 tons choice to extra choice milling at $1 70.

OATS—Nominal. Fair to good ex Oregon offered at $1 20. No sales.

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged. Business only jobbing.

POTATOES—California—All varieties in oversteck with no demand for round lots or poor qualities. Best Humboldt quotable $1 10@1 15 also reds or kidneys. Tomales and Petalumas $1 65@1 10. River beds 65@75 c. Fancy seed and jobbing lots delivered free bring usual advances. Round lots for consumption will not bring more than quotations.

ONIONS—$5 00.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.

Windom reported an amendment to the legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill; placed on the calendar.

Consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill was resumed.

Hoar's motion to lay on the table an amendment of the committee appropriating $300,000 for the payment of arrears of army transportation due such land grant railways as compensation was withheld under the acts of June 16th and 22d, 1874, and March 3d 1875, and which have since been found entitled to compensation by judgment of the supreme court, was rejected.

Edmunds submitted an amendment to pay such roads as have not received aid in government bonds; agreed to.

The amendment of the committee was then agreed to as amended.

House.

After an hour's debate on the sugar bill, Robbins withdrew the bill, stating it would not be brought back this session.

Several bills were passed as reported from the public lands committee, including one for the protection of settlers on public lands, and providing that settlement under preemption or homestead laws shall create a contract between the government and the settlers.

Eden from the claims committee, reported a bill for payment of claims allowed by accounting officers of the treasury to the sum of $250,000; passed.

Senate amendments to the deficiency bill were non concurred in and a conference ordered.

The Senate bill furnishing trusses to disabled soldiers; passed.

The House defeated Robbin's motion to vote on the sugar bill.

Burchard supported the bill and opposed Garfield's amendments.

Whitthorne moved to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution setting apart Monday at 10 A. M., for consideration of the report of the naval committee on ex-Secretary Robeson; defeated. Yeas 128, nays 112, not two thirds.

A motion to suspend the rules and pass patent law; rejected.

Rice moved to suspend the rules and consider Senate bill for completing the Northern Pacific; rejected.

Senate.

WASHINGTON Mar. 2.

By a vote of yeas 24 nays 35, the Senate refused to take up the river and harbor bill, and on suggestion of Windom took up the bill making appropriations for legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, and for other expenses.

On motion of Spencer the Senate took up the river and harbor bill, but without proceeding with its consideration took a recess until 2 P. M.

SUNDAY SESSION.

The Senate reassembled on Sunday at 2 o'clock.

The credentials of Wade Hampton were placed on file.

The river and harbor bill was considered under the five minute rule.

An executive session was then held.

After executive session, the non-concurrence of the House on Senate amendments to the river and harbor bill was announced. The Senate insisted and conference was ordered. The census bill was then agreed to with House amendments.

Davis of Illinois called up a bill for the relief of totally blind soldiers.

Conference report on fortification bill was agreed to, and the bill passed.

McMillan called up the bill appropriating for the payment of claims reported by the southern claims commission; passed.

Wilson submitted a report of conference on the deficiency appropriation bill; agreed to.

Windom submitted a conference report on the sundry civil bill, but Edmunds objected to its present consideration, it was temporarily laid aside.

House.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Springer presented a report and resolution for the impeachment of Geo. F. Seward, U. S. minister to China. The House refused to consider it.

The veto message was then read. At first it was heard with close attention, but before half of it was read but few maintained the semblance of listening.

The amendment of committee for paying the southern claims commissioners at the rate of $5,000 per annum each, instead of $2,500, and other less important amendments were agreed to.

SUNDAY SESSION.

The House met at 9:30 A. M. in continuation of Saturday's session, and after receiving sundry civil bill from Senate, non-concurred in Senate amendments, and appointed a committee of conference of Atkins, Hale and Hewitt.

House then took a recess till 10:30.

At that time Atkins stated that the conference committee on sundry civil bill would probably come to a conclusion in the course of the day, and upon his motion House took further recess till 9 o'clock.

The House reassembled at 9 P. M. when a message from the Senate announced the conference committee on post office appropriation bill not able to agree and asking another committee.

Blount, Clymer and Baker were reappointed, further recess taken for fifteen minutes.

Hewitt from conference committee on army appropriation bill, reported that the committee had not been able to agree, and further conference was ordered, and Hewitt, Sparks and Foster were reappointed, and House took further recess for half an hour.

WASHINGTON, March 3.

The first hour was passed in disposing of business on the speaker's table. Bills in relation to the Northern Pacific and Kansas Pacific railroads were referred to the committee of the whole.

The bill relating to homestead settlements on public lands within railroad limits; passed.

Conference on fortification bill was agreed to by a strict party vote.

The report of the committee on expenditures of the State department for impeachment of Geo. F. Seward was taken up.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3

Non concurrence of the House in the Senate amendment to the river and harbor bill was announced. The Senate insisted and a conference was ordered.

The census bill was agreed to with House amendments.

Davis of Illinois called up bill for relief of totally blind soldiers; passed.

Sargent submitted a resolution directing the secretary of the navy to furnish for the information of the Senate, reports of the survey of the Panama and Natati interoceanic ship canal routes made in 1875, with accompanying papers; agreed to.

The conference report on the fortification bill was agreed to; bill passed.

McMillan called up the bill appropriating for the payment of claims reported by the southern claims commission; passed.

Wilson submitted a report of the conference committee on the deficiency appropriation bill; agreed to.

Windom submitted a conference report on the sundry civil bill, but Edmunds objected to its present consideration; temporarily laid aside.

Allison made a report from the committee on conference on disagreeing amendments to the river and harbor bill, and it was agreed to.

On motion of Bruce, chairman of the Mississippi levee committee, the Senate took up the House bill reported by him from that committee providing for the organization of a Mississippi improvement commission. It appropriates $250,000 for the payment of expenses and for surveys, the work to be executed from time to time as appropriations may be made for that purpose.

Senate disagreed to a motion of Chandler to lay the bill on the table.

House.

WASHINGTON, March 4.

Chandler at 6:30 A. M. made a report from the committee appointed to investigate the charges contained in the letter of special agent Williams against the speaker, Carlisle occupying the chair as speaker pro tem. The report which was read affirms that every statement of wrong made in the letter was without even the semblance of truth.

Butler offered a resolution reciting that the semi-official letter of Williams, special agent of the treasury department, showed him to be unfit for the position and requesting his dismissal.

The Senate bill for the appointment of James Shields as Brigadier general on the retired list was taken from the speaker's table and passed; yeas 113, nays 58, the speaker voting in the affirmative to make the necessary two thirds majority.

Rapid Transit.

One hour from the Battery to Harlem! In what an age of wonders we do live. Yet while one has been almost flying through the air on an elevated railway, "annihilating space and out-distancing time," let use see how far the metropolis itself has gone. In an hour it has moved over 1,000 miles from West to East. Within the same hour it has traveled about 65,000 miles around the sun, and drawn by the sun it has been making a third journey around a central point in the constellation Hercules at the rate of 150,000,000 of mile per year. This rapid transit through space is without noise, confusion or collision. The tracks are unworn, the motors need no fresh fuel and accidents are unknown.

Married men are apt to forget that if it had not been for their mothers-in-law they would not have their wives.