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## BY TELEGRAPH.

Washington, April 13.—The bill prescribing the method of counting the electoral votes and deciding questions arising thereon, was agreed upon by the senate committee on the electoral count. It embodies substantially the proposition submitted to the corresponding house committee by Representative Hunter.

Washington, April 13.—The house committee on railroads and canals to-day agreed upon a bill endorsing the issuing of \$400,000 worth of bonds of the dam'd Swamp Canal Co., the proceeds of the sale of bonds to be expended in widening and deepening the canal through Virginia and North Carolina.

J. H. P. Meekin, clerk in the war department, has been under trial for a week past, charged with excessive cruelty to three of his daughters. The instruments of punishment employed were his clenched fist, a chisel, hammar handle, screw driver, chair rocker, and confinement in a room, (in December,) without fire, tied with a cord to a box, and kicks from defendant's fist, in the face and head. The Justices said, regarding the first assault, in October, 1877, the lightest he is sentenced to is pay \$200, and in default thirty days imprisonment in the U. S. jail. The evidence discloses a system of persistent cruelty on the part of the father utterly inconsistent with that true character or he should sustain to his children. He is sentenced to six months imprisonment in the U. S. jail in the District of Columbia on each of the remaining informations as they may appear.

New York, April 13.—The day in Wall street has been remarkable for buoyancy in stocks and the virtual extinguishment of the gold premium, which declined to 1%, the lowest point touched since the premium began 17 years ago.

Washington, April 13.—A compromise was effected to day between opposing interests in regard to the Northern Pacific bill recently reported from the senate railroad committee and the proposition framed by the Northern Pacific Co., which is now before the senate public lands committee. Both bills are to be placed in the hands of the senate railroad committee, and a substitute reported shortly which will secure the earnest co-operation of the entire Oregon delegation and the Northern Pacific company. It will provide for the speedy opening of the Columbia river by the construction of a railroad around the Cascades within two years and around the Dalles within two and one half years. The proposition for the transfer to the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass company of an amount of land equal to those heretofore granted to the Northern Pacific for the abandoned branch across the Cascade mountains is to be reported as a separate bill.

Failure of the Northern Pacific to comply with the conditions as to construction of portage roads at Cascades and Dalles within the time specified is to forfeit the grant along the Columbia to the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Company, which shall commence construction of the road at Portland within three months after such failure; the road between Portland and Umatilla is to be opened for common use of both. Lands are to be thrown open for immediate settlement in quasi lots not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to each settler, at \$2.50 an acre along the whole line of the proposed road.

The state committee on railroads to-day held a special meeting to consider various propositions looking to a compromise of conflicting interests in regard to extension of time for completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad. The committee adjourned until to-morrow without action, but indicated clearly foreshadowing an early arrangement which will secure in the main local Oregon interest as far as the state is concerned the bill of certain features while the Northern Pacific could not get its own.

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