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TELEGRAPHIC.

EASTERN STATES.

Boiler Explosion.

TERRE HAUTE, Jan. 2.—An explosion of three boilers occurred this afternoon at the large distillery of Hallman & Fairbanks. The engine house was demolished. William Day, (colored) fireman, and Frank Hughes a boy 14 years old, were instantly killed. Damage about $5,000. The three boilers were torn to fragments. A piece of one was thrown across the Wabash river.

Seriously Ill.

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Jan. 2.—Caleb Cushing is quite ill and is failing rapidly to-night. For 24 hours his stomach refused nourishment. His friends are hopeless.

Cold Weather.

BUFFALO, Jan. 2.—The wind is blowing a gale and a light fall of snow to-day; it has drifted badly. Trains on the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia railroad are again stuck at Ebenezer, and on the Buffalo and Southwestern at Elma. Passengers are taking refuge from the intense cold in farm houses in the vicinity. Trains are reported abandoned on the Lakeshore road east of Cleveland.

YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 3—25 degree below zero last night.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 2.—26 to 30 degrees below zero last night.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 2—Mercury 20 degrees below zero.

Resumption Day.

WASHINGTON, Jan 2.—Subscriptions to the 4 per cent. loan to-day were $8,590,150. This is the largest amount ever received in one day, $3,000,000 being the largest sum ever subscribed in a single day heretofore. The large amount subscribed for to-day is probably on account of the recent circular of the secretary of the treasury allowing commissions on subscriptions for sold bonds.

The total coinage of the U. S. mints for December was $5,084,300. Treasurer Gillian, late this afternoon, received the following dispatch from Assistant Treasurer Hillhouse at New York: "A large portion of gold checks were paid in U. S. notes to-day was $20,000, all of which was paid in legal tender notes except $2,861, for which holders of coupons asked and received coin checks on New York. The holders of coupons have heretofore received coin for them, but to-day for the first time they had to take legal tenders or a coin check on New York. Many accepted legal tenders though not without some growling, and others as above mentioned, demanded coin checks. Secretary Sherman was in his office until four o'clock and appeared in excellent spirits. A number of telegrams received by him were sent over to the president, among them one from Assistant Treasurer Hillhouse, received early in the day to the effect that the amount of gold demanded for U. S. notes was insignificant. Just before the close of the office, one from Assistant Treasurer Hillhouse, giving the amount disbursed as $1,130,000, and receipts $400,000, was received and read with much gratification.

Destructive Fire.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3.—The Second Baptist church, at the corner of Beaumont and Locust streets, took fire this morning, and is now burning with a prospect of being wholly destroyed. Mary institute, situated on the opposite corner, is now said to be on fire. Both buildings are entirely new and among the finest in the city. The weather is intensely cold.

Later.

The fire is now fully under control, and nothing remains of the church except the walls, the entire inside of the roof and spire being totally destroyed. The church cost about $175,000, was of rough hewn stone and one of the finest and most imposing edifices in the city. The loss is estimated at $100,000; insured for $100,000. The Mary institute was only very slightly damaged. Origin of the fire not known.

Caught in the Act.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Jan. 3.—Noah Williams and Modoc Gainey, burglars, were awaited for last night by a party of citizens who had learned that a raid was intended on the store of Walls Bond. Upon the appearance of the burglars they were fired upon and some 30 shots exchanged. Williams was killed and Gainey dangerously wounded and will probably die. One citizen was slightly hurt.

Building Railroads.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The number of miles of railroad constructed in the United States last year exceeded by 2,688 miles any previous year since 1873. Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Colorado and Kansas made the greatest progress in railroad building.

Caleb Cushing Dead.

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Jan. 3.—Caleb Cushing died last night.

Washington Matters.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—At a meeting of the cabinet to-day the members were much pleased with the incidents connected with resumption narrated by the assistant secretary of the treasury, Hawley. The president expressed his satisfaction with the result and predicted a more general return of prosperity to the country.

The question of refunding the national debt was discussed as the present principal financial aim of the treasury. The large subscriptions to the 4 per cent. bonds was considered a good indication of success.

The Chinese question was briefly discussed, and it was decided that the secretary of state open negotiations with the Chinese government for a modification of the Burlingame treaty with a view to restricting Chinese immigration.

Fire in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—At 3:30 this afternoon fire was discovered in the Honore block at the corner of Dearborn and Adams streets. This edifice, which is one of the finest in the city, was first erected immediately preceding the great fire of 1871, and rebuilt soon after upon the same plan, in French renaissance style, classic Classical in its severity. It is 192 feet on Dearborn street and 150 on Adams, was five stories high with basement and mansard roof, faced with lime stone and finished with brick, iron and stone. Foundation and walls were of unusual stability, the highest being 16 inches in thickness. It was built for a hotel, but being remodeled for business purposes, was occupied by the post office shortly after the fire of 1874. Its original cost was over $700,000, but it probably could be put up now for less. The floors were occupied as follows: Basement, by the post office; first and second floors, by the post office and Chicago and Alton railroads; third floor, by Gen. Sheridan and staff as army headquarters of the military division of the Missouri; fourth floor by the following lawyers: Lawrence, Campbell and Lawrence, Ashem & Lincoln, Paddock & Ives; fifth floor, by the quartermaster of the army, by the heavy cavalry department and by Shutteldt & Westover.

Railroad Collision.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 4.—A passenger train on the Perkiomen road was run into by a freight train this morning at Zionsville station. Several passengers were injured, but none fatally.

Resumption.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Resumption continues to work smoothly. The amount of gold paid out at the sub-treasury for legal tender notes to-day was $80,000, and the amount of gold taken in exchange for legal tender notes, $200,000; net gain to the treasury, $120,000.

Murder and Suicide.

TAUNTON, Mass., Jan. 4.—Gardner Tingley, of East Pattisboro, killed himself and wife this morning.

To be Vaccinated.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5.—The quarantine authorities will fumigate all vessels from South and Central American and West Indian ports, to prevent the introduction of smallpox.

Steamship Arrivals.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Arrived: [illegible] steamship Leo, [illegible] Knoll.

Postal Business.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The business of the post office department [illegible] stamped envelopes [illegible] per cent. throughout the country [illegible] the result is [illegible] positions now being received. There on Saturday footed up 4,400,000 envelopes valued at $9,755, or more than double those of any single day in the history of the department. The entire requisition for the day for postage stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards amounted to $315,589, included in which were 4,700,500 postal cards.

Opposed to Reorganization.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—A number of prominent army officers in this city have published in pamphlet form a mass of matter in opposition to the radical changes proposed by the Burnside committee bill in regard to staff departments. The history of the present organization of the staff corps is briefly stated, showing that it is the carefully considered work of Mr. Calhoun, secretary of war in 1821, and Poindexter, secretary in 1838. The pamphlet next quotes not only from Secretaries, Crawford, Calhoun and McCrary in favor of the present system, but also from Sherman's annual report of 1869, and from Sheridan, McClellan, Hancock, Pope, Franklin, Meade, Thomas, Marcy, Perry, Kautz, Crittenden and Getty, all of whom have expressed themselves impartially in favor of the present system of subdivision of staff duties into departments under corps of trained specialists.

Lynch Law.

CHEYENNE, Jan. 6.—Last night, at Carbon, Wy., 25 or 30 masked men broke open the baggage car and took out and hung to a telegraph pole Dutch Charley, who was en route to Rawlins, for trial, charged with participation in the widow Field murder last Fall. He was a notorious character and had been identified with a number of stage robberies.

Working Short Time.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The Post's special from Cahoes, N. Y., says the Harmony cotton mills, employing 3,500 hands and producing 300,000 yards cotton goods a day, have reduced working time to three days a week, in order to reduce production and stiffen prices.

The First Train.

ROCHESTER, Jan. 6.—A passenger train left for the east about noon, the first railroad communication in any direction in three days. One track is now open at the scene of Friday's accident, seven miles east of here.

Land Case Decided.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—In the case of Settlemier vs Sullivan, in error to the circuit court of the United States for Oregon, Justice Field read the decision in favor of Sullivan, deciding that the sheriff's sale of certain lands under execution upon judgment recovered against Magee in the courts of Oregon did not convey title, owing to the fact that service in the case mentioned was not made in person upon defendant but upon his wife. The record failing to show the reason required by the statute for this departure from the common law rule of services. This affirms the decision of the circuit court. Allusion is made to the fact that the Oregon court in decreeing the original judgment against Magee was a court of competent jurisdiction, but it is held that where the record shows that where such court decided on informal service its decision can be disregarded.

Winter in the South.

ATLANTA, Jan. 7.—There is skating in Atlanta for the first time in 20 years. Thousands of pounds of ice are being cut and packed here. This is the first time such a thing was known. There is great suffering among the poor, and the city is providing the sufferers.

Murderers Arrested.

OGDEN, Jan. 7.—The murderers of Mitchell and Ketchum, who were recently tied to a tree and burned to death in Antelope county, Nebraska, were arrested at Plum creek yesterday by a party of citizens who concealed themselves in the post office, and when the suspected parties came in to get mail, surprised and captured them. It will be remembered that Olive's brother, whose alias was Stephens, was killed in an encounter with Mitchell and Ketchum, who had been attacked by Stephens and his party. Ketchum was wounded and the killing of Stephens was done in self defense. The burning of Mitchell and Ketchum was done to avenge Stephens' death.

The Vanderbilt Will.

There was a great crowd of spectators present in the surrogate's court to-day, to hear the argument on petition for citation, filed last week to William H. Vanderbilt to show cause why the executors of the Vanderbilt estate should not be removed because, as alleged, they were allowing its resources to be exhausted and squandered by William H. Vanderbilt.

Another Oregon Case.

Secretary Schurz to-day affirmed the decision of the commissioners of the land office in the case of Orson R. Willard vs. the State of Oregon, involving title to land in Roseburg. The decision so affirmed rejects the claim of the State.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Sleeping Sisters.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—The revolt of Tartars at Kasan has been suppressed. Two hundred sisters have been publicly flogged.

Miners' Strike.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Over a thousand dock laborers have struck work at Hull contrary to expectations. Nearly all the masons at Sheffield struck against the reduction which they were notified on December 24th would take effect to-day.

Death of a Princess.

Princess Mary, of Lichtenstein, formerly Miss Fox, adopted daughter of Lord Holland and the author of several works, died recently in Syria.

A Solid Institution to Strike.

The miners' lodges of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire are unanimous for resisting the proposed reduction of the wages of West Yorkshire miners, and [illegible] resistance. The amalgamated society of engineers, which opposes any increase of hours of labor, has, according to the last annual report, a quarter of a million pounds sterling on hand. This union numerically and financially leads other trades unions of the kingdom.

The African War.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A Calcutta dispatch says before leaving Cabul, Shere Ali wrote the viceroy of India stating that he would return to Afghanistan after laying his case before congress at St. Petersburg. Major Cavagnari is instructed to receive any peaceful overtures in a very friendly manner. So far Yakoob Khan has made no sign. General Stewart will reach Candahar on the 5th inst. A dispatch from Peshawur states that the turbulence of the mountaineers has closed Khyber pass for the last three days, except to strongly escorted convoys. This condition of affairs has compelled the abandonment of the project of constructing a telegraph line through the pass.

There is chaotic confusion between commissariat and transportation departments. One Sikh regiment has been withdrawn from the field because of fevers—half of the men are sick, and 64 died. One English regiment has been withdrawn from Ali Musjid because of sickness among its members.

Elections in Denmark.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 3.—In elections for members of the folkething, the moderate left lost 14 seats, of which the right gained 7. The radical lost 6 seats to the right, and the latter lost 2 seats. The radical leader Tesber has been defeated.

The Boundary of Greece.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 3.—The Greco-Turkish frontier commissioners will carry on their negotiations at Athens. The grand vizier states that he accepts the principle of rectification of the frontier upon the condition of Turkey retaining strategical line and the powers engaged to observe neutrality in the event of Greece raising any further claims or attempting invasion.

French Elections.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The Senatorial elections which took place to-day resulted in a great Republican triumph. Of Conservative Senators whose terms had expired only 13 were re-elected. All retiring Republican Senators will be re-elected. The general result shows the election of 15 Conservatives and 64 Republicans. The Republican majority in the Senate will be about 57. Second ballots are necessary in the departments of Haute, Garrone and Landes. The result of the election in Martinique is not yet known. Among the newly elected Republican Senators are M. M Fournier, ambassador to Turkey; De Remusat, Favre and Massey. Gen. Faidherb is among the rejected Conservatives.

Mrs. Bayard Taylor.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Taylor's return to America is still undecided, owing to trouble with her landlord about the lease of her house. He refusing to allow her to surrender it until the expiration of the lease.

Bulgaria's Distress.

A Vienna dispatch states that Prince Dondakoff Korsakoff has made a special report to the Czar, asking his intervention in behalf of Bulgarians in Macedonia, who declare that 120 of their villages have been burned, and 6,000 persons massacred during the suppression of the insurrection. Bulgarian fugitives have petitioned foreign ambassadors for deliverance from Turkish rule.

Trouble in Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 6.—Owing to depredations of the crimes and high prices of provisions, anonymous letters have been received addressed to the porte threatening serious riots if crimes are not withdrawn. Military precautions have been taken.

A Russian Plague.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 4.—A plague has appeared among the Cossacks of Astrichan. Sufferers are isolated, and many doctors have been summoned to their relief. Of 195 persons attacked since the 1st inst. 143 have died.

English Bank Failure.

The Cornish bank has suspended. The bank belongs to Tweedie, Williams & Co. It was established 110 years ago and has branches at Falmouth, Penryn and Redruth. Sir Fredrick Williams, member of parliament for Truro, who died recently, held one third of the concern. His widow was the sole executor. The bank has an authorized issue of £46,000.

Cold and Hungry.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The weather is again cold. There has been a daily increase of distress in every quarter during the past week. At Manchester on Friday there were 3,000 applications for heads of families, representing 13,500 persons, to the relief committee, and on Saturday 4,000 fresh applications. During the week 1,200 families have been relieved in Wolverhampton. Considerable increase of distress is also reported from Sheffield.

French Elections.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—Returns show that M. Dufaure de Gavardie, conservative, has been elected to the senate on the second ballot. Electoral statistics wonderfully corroborate the reports of progress made by the Republican party in France. Polyeic conservatives, elected in 1876, received 13,915 votes, whereas in 1879 they only obtained 3,208 votes, losing 12,458 votes. Nineteen Republicans elected in 1876 received 5,096 votes, and in 1879 received 20,220, gaining 14,624 votes.

Turkish Matters.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that Suleiman Pasha's appeal has been rejected. He has been degraded and exiled for life, and now appeals to the sultan for pardon. Salvet Pasha now ambassador to Paris, has asked the Sultan to be allowed to remain in Constantinople, and is authorized to postpone his departure. It is possible that another ambassador will be appointed. It is stated Montenegrins intend to forcibly enter Podgoritza.

PACIFIC COAST.

Shot and Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Edward Snively, expolicemen and part proprietor of a saloon at the corner of Merchant street and Dunbar alley, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the head with a Colt's revolver, in a house of prostitution on Merton street. He is believed to have done the deed while half crazed with whisky. Snively had no family, and was 35 years of age. He was a native of Virginia.

"Probabilities" for the Pacific Coast

An order has been issued from A. J. Mey, chief signal service officer at Washington City, extending weather predictions to the Pacific Coast. The coast will be divided into three sections. Portland, Oregon will probably be the station for the northern division. San Francisco for the middle and San Diego for the southern division. Predictions will be based upon reports received at the Washington office from all parts of the country at 11 P. M. and will be telegraphed at midnight, Washington time, to each division.

That Gold Mine.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—The excitement from the discovery of vein gold on Clevens street has not subsided yet, and prospectors are still staking out claims.

A Mercantile Growl.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Complaints are made by the Eastern merchants of the castiron contracts they are compelled to make with the Pacific railroads. The merchants will agree in consideration of a little lower rates than the regular tariff, to give the Pacific monopoly not only the rail freights, but those shipped by sea. Other very hard terms are exacted. A notice of 60 days is required to annul. Congress has the matter in hand. A bill has passed the House to remedy this grievance, and the Eastern merchants and press are urging the Senate to concur.

His First Job.

Judge A. E. Levissee, the Louisianna presidential elector who refused $100,000 from Tilden's barrel, commenced his duties here as revenue agent by arresting R. S. Don and Ah Took for selling unstamped cigars.

San Francisco Items.

The temperance agitation has re-opened very vigorably. There was an audience of 2,000 last night at the Metropolitan Temple. Two hundred signed the pledge.

A new electric light company has been organized with a capital stock of $1,000,000. They will use the Boone patent. The contract of the city with the gas company expires in May. The electric company say they will then light the city better at a mere trifle of cost.

Stringent Rules.

The Police Commissioners have issued an order giving very stringent rules governing the issuing of license for retail liquor stores.

A Re-Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Secretary of the Interior has ordered a rehearing in the case of Andrew J. Bolin's donation claim to a tract of land in Vancouver district, Washington Territory.

A Dead Judge.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 5.—Judge James F. McKean, of this city, died this morning after a brief illness of typhoid fever.

San Francisco Items.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—A petition is in circulation among the banks here for the reappointment of Linderman as director of the mints.

Treasure shipment by the steamer City of Peking to-day: Silver bars, $138,884; trade dollars, $11,508; Mexican do, $86,017; gold coin, $1,443.

Among the importations by the steamer Belgic which arrived here from Hong Kong on the 2d, were 100,000 trade dollars, being a part of $400,000, reported as having been purchased by the United States at Hong Kong. They will be shipped by rail to New York to-morrow.

Henry and Thomas Tennis, guards at the house of correction, have been arrested on indictments found against them by the grand jury, charging them with allowing a prisoner named O. C. Clark to absent himself from confinement on pleasure excursions about town.

Peter Downey, a carpenter by trade and a native of Ireland, aged 30, suicided this morning at his residence in Noe street by cutting his throat with a plane iron.

Lee Ah Yun, an actor in the Quan Sun Yup theatre, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon in the basement of the Yu Teen Yuk theatre on the opposite side of the street. An actor in the latter theatre, who was in the room at the time, is suspected of having done the shooting, although he claims that deceased was killed by the accidental discharge of his own pistol.

Hadley alias Saville, who attempted to swindle Lucky Baldwin in a stock transaction, offering as collateral a forged note or letter of credit on the Union bank of London, has been indicted by the grand jury.

Kearney at the Stand Late.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—At the sand lot meeting yesterday Kearney pitched into the French bank's management, and into the grand jury for not indicting the city officials. He also gave a warning to the depositors of the Hibernia bank. He said the general government ought to organize savings banks. At a meeting of the ward presidents, Delegate Kenny was expelled from the Workingmen's party.

San Francisco Items.

John P. Morgan one of the leaders of the grand May festival, died at Oakland yesterday, of consumption.

Gas stock is rapidly falling, owing to the electric light.

The steamship Elder arrived yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, the Great Republic this morning at 2.

Inquisition in California.

KNIGHTSVILLE, Cal., Jan. 6.—A Chinaman of this place was suspected by his countrymen of stealing. They applied the torture by order of their own inquisition. They burned the soles of his feet, pressed a hot iron into his bosom, and forced him to confess the theft. They then took him before a justice of the peace and had him convicted and sent to jail.

An Embezzler.

OLYMPIA, W. T., Jan. 6.—S. W. Hall was arrested here on a requisition from the governor of Illinois, charging him with the embezzlement of $70,000 from the county of Macoupin in 1872. His real name is said to be George H. Holliday, and he has been a resident of this place since 1872.

Demand Refused.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The bank commissioners made a formal demand upon Wells Fargo & Co's bank and were refused by the president, saying he was the mouthpiece of other banks. The case will be tried at the January term of the supreme court. Bank commissioners claim right to examine commercial banks which latter determined to resist.

Great Expectations.

The Academy of Science and the California Pioneers, both residuary legatees of the Lick estate, are financially embarrassed. Real estate has depreciated so that they will get nothing from their great expectations.

O'Brien's Millions.

The North Carolina O'Brien mystery has been transferred to San Francisco. P. S. O'Brien of Raleigh, N. C., an invalid and mentally weak, is claimed to be the only brother of the deceased millionaire. A New York lawyer went to Raliegh and endeavored to persuade O'Brien to commence an action, but he refused to do so. Soon after two women arrived claiming to be his wife and daughter. On the 16th of December all three mysteriously disappeared. This strange conduct excited fears of foul play, and the entire press of the country has since been speculating as to the whereabouts of the refugees. All the while the trio were safely housed at a hotel in San Francisco, arriving on the 23d of December and remaining incognito. Their names are not registered, they receive no visitors and seldom go out. Persons who were well acquainted with the deceased say this new brother is an imposter. O'Brien had only one brother, who died in Baltimore about the close of the war. It is stated that a sister of the millionaire has, since hisdeath corresponded with this claimant and offered him pecuniary assistance.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.

A large number of petitions were presented, many from women, asking that effect be given the anti polygamy law of 1862; and others protesting against the so called patent law bill and against the transfer of the Indian bureau to the war department.

Bills were introduced and referred by Booth for the interchange of subsidy silver coin and U. S. notes.

By McDonald—To authorize taxation of outstanding legal tenders.

Edmunds submitted a resolution declaring that in the judgment of the Senate the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution of the United States have been legally ratified and are as valid as other parts of the constitution; and that it is the right and duty of Congress to enforce such amendments by appropriate legislation, and the duty of the executive department of the government, faithfully and with diligence, to impartially execute such laws; that it is the duty of congress to appropriate money to that end, and instructing the judiciary committee to report a bill for the protection of the rights of citizens and the punishment of infraction there of; laid on the table at the request of Edmunds, to be called up hereafter.

Voorhees called up his resolution instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of making the trade dollar a legal tender and providing for its recoinage into the standard dollar.

Consideration was resumed of the bill to revise, consolidate and amend the patent laws.

Edmunds, from the judiciary committee, reported back a petition from the citizens of Alaska, asking that the territory be attached to the State of Oregon for judicial purposes, with a recommendation that the committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject, as they were of the opinion that no legislation was expedient at this time. The committee was discharged from further consideration.

He also reported back from same committee a bill supplemental of several acts relative to the Union Pacific railroad and its branches, providing for the eligibility of certain persons to the office of directors, and moved that the bill be referred to the committee on railroads, as it involved no question of law for the judiciary committee to consider; so ordered.

He also reported from the same committee favorably, on Senate bill authorizing the proper accounting officers of the treasury department to audit and to pay to Sumner Mettlin, of Florida, who was appointed by the president an associate justice of the territory of New Mexico, the salary provided by law for said office for the period during which the said Mettlin performed the duties of the office; placed on the calendar.

Also from the same committee, adversely on several bills to authorize the appointment of stenographers in the U. S. circuit courts; and they were indefinately postponed.

Davis, of Illinois, from the committee on judiciary reported adversely on Senate bill to amend section 856 of the revised statutes so as to allow an appeal from accounting officers of the treasury to the attorney general in cases of U. S. marshals and district attorneys; indefinitely postponed.

Christiancy, from the same committee, reported adversely on Senate bill to authorize bond holders and other creditors of railroad corporations to elect receivers in suits of equity pending in courts of the United States; indefinitely postponed.

The vice president laid before the Senate a memorial from the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon, praying for modification of the treaty between the United States and the Empire of China, so as to stop and prohibit the importation or immigration of Chinese or other Asiatic laborers to the Pacific Coast; referred.

Mitchell submitted a resolution requesting the secretary of the treasury to transmit to the Senate the report of Wm. Governeur Morris on the condition of the public services, resources, etc., of Alaska territory; agreed to.

An amendment which Davis, of Illinois submitted before the holidays, giving any circuit court the power to recognize a decision of another circuit court in the case of infringement of patent, and to grant injunctions to continue pending an appeal to the supreme court of the United States was agreed to.

Pending discussion Morrill introduced a bill appropriating $250,000 for the erection of a fire proof building for a national museum to join the Smithsonian Institute.

After executive session, adjourned.

House.

Acklin called attention to a scandal in Louisiana with which his name is associated, and presented a resolution authorizing inquiry; defeated on the ground that the resolution did not embrace the question of privilege.

Sargent occupied his seat.

Harrison rose to a question of high privilege and offered a resolution reciting that Henry W. Bolget, U. S. district judge for the northern district of Illinois had been guilty of gross misconduct and corruption, and providing for a select committee of five members to examine into such charges, and to inquire into Judge Blodgett's official conduct, and to report what action the House take in the premises, with power to send for persons and papers, etc.

Burchardt moved to amend by substituting the judiciary committee as a special committee; adopted.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the Geneva award bill, and after a short discussion further consideration of the bill went over until to-morrow.

Carlisle introduced a bill to include newspaper periodicals and proof sheets in mail matter of third class; referred.

Kidder introduced a bill for the admission of Dakota as a State; referred.

The deaths of B. B. Douglas, of Virginia, and A. S. Williams, of Michigan were announced, and the House in respect to their memory, adjourned.