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News From Various Sources.

Public Land Grants.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- The committee on public lands to-day considered the forfeiture of the Northern

land, Oregon, and continuing the fight, if supported remainder of the grant, on condition SUAREM. Feb 17 that the road be completed within two years from January I. 1894, and that unsold lands should be sold to that unsold lands are the deslared their citizens or those who declared their citizens or those who declared their intention to become citizens, in quan-tity not exceeding 160 acres, and at a price net exceeding 260 acres and at a hauer.

price not exceeding \$2.60 per acre. Scales offered an amendment, pro-viding for forfeiture of the land alongside that portion of the road not finished to date. Voting on the various propositions

latter subject was voted upon Satur day. He was present to day, and cast the deciding vote in the affima-man's acquaintance at a dinner party

tive. The senate committee on public New York last week. The guests ands held a meeting to night at which a general discussion of the question of forfeiture of uncarned ing that Mr. Dana had never had the railroad land grants was had. No pleasure of meeting the "great proconclusion was reached, as the com- jector" in person, the dinner was armittee finds the question a compli-cated one, which cannot be disposed of without considering various col-lateral questions; among other ques-tions, the disposition of forfeited lands in the event of forfeiture being declared. In connection with the mer at last arose to leave, surmising question of forfeiting the grant of lands to the Northern Pacific rail-guished "objector" would be glad of road, for which bills are pending in both houses of congress, the discov-ery has been made that the act of July 9, 1882, ratifying the agreement between the North P between the Northern Pacific com- his host proposed to give, but promptpany and the Crow Indians for the sale of a portion of the reservation of the latter for the use of the former, in the Hamilton house. Mr. Holman, may be construed as a recognition by it is said, thinks the editor of the Sun congress of the right of the Northern has been making game of him. Pacific Bailroad company to proceed with the construction of its line after

the expiration of the time fixed by to-day the result of a careful canvass congress, in the act creating the company, for the completion of the road, and so may be used as an argument against the forfeiture of lands granted Illinois, in regard to first and second to the company. This bill passed the house without discussion under sus pension of the rules, and does not ap-pear to have been discussed much in the senate. Illinois, in regard to first and second choice of republicans for presidential canidates, the first choice for the president, the feeling toward Presi-dent Arthur as a candidate, and the prospects of the party in the several

works. Spies report that Osman Digma is threatening Suskem. Admiral Courbet has returned to Suakem. Rebels are massing one mile from Fort Baker and firing at the British videttes, without, however, doing any harm. A Krupp gun has been mounted at the fort.

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Pacific land grant. Anderson moved that all land con-tiguous to that portion of the road not constructed within the time speci-fied by the act be declared forfeited not constructed within the time speci-fied by the act be declared forfeited. Brents offered a substitute, declar-ing forfeiture of lands between Wal-ing washington territory, and Port-

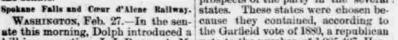
SUAREM. Feb. 17 .- The captain of

LONDON, Feb. 27.-According to mail accounts of Baker Pasha's defeat, fifteen Austrian, four German and four Swiss officers were killed.

Presidential Probabilities. was postponed until to morrow. Members of the committee express the opinion that the proposition of Scales will be passed. Before ad-journing the committee agreed to report the bill for forfeiture of the land grant to the "backbone" road. Anderson was not present when the latter embinot response to the states of the st



A Canvass of Five States. ERR, Feb. 27.-The Dispatch prints by means of correspondents of the 409 counties of the states of New prospects of the party in the several





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The Egyptian War.

CAIBO, Feb. 27.—The advance of English troops on Teb commenced before daybreak to day. Two hun-dred and fifty men left the garrison at Trinkitat, and a force of 3500 ad-vanced to the attack. It is expected The Great German Estingty St. Ia unders. There is growing anxiety n Oairo about the result of the expe-dition, and less confidence that the English will be victorious. Black troops at Suakem have been found in communication with Ahmed Baroudi cond in command under Osmand Digma. Admiral Hewitt has for-bidden them to leave camp, and stationed the gunboats Decoy and Sphinz so that their guns command the camp, with orders to open fire if there are any symtoms of mutiny.

TRINKITAT, Feb. 27.-The beach presents a lively appearance. The blue jackets, up to their necks in water, are landing stores and carrying soldiers through the surf. The Gordon Highlanders and Irish Fusiliers are advancing to occupy the fort erected by Baker Pasha. They waded bare-legged through the morasses which he between the harbor and mainland. The distance to the fort is about eight miles. It was built February 2d to protect the guns while crossing the morasses. The rebels regard with exultation the landing of the forcee. They are convinced that Allah has sent all as a prey for them.

KHARTOUM, Feb. 27 .- A man who left El Obeid ten days ago arrized this morning. He reports the garri-sons of El Fasher, Darra Masteri and Foga still surrounded, while the gar-risons of Emshanch and Ghasi Rasy dered. He says there has been SULTO surrendered. He says there has been no fighting at Bahrgazelle. He saw three Englishmen at El Obeid who were captured at Kashgil. They were well treated. Missionaries were not molested. Mahdi has only a gar-rison at El Obeid. The Arabs have more their villages but are under gone to their villages, but are under promise to assemble in case of war. Merchants are passing freely between here and Dongola.

Canco, Feb. 27.-General Gordon reports that the Soudan is tranquil, and he is sending 300 invalids down

TRINKITVT, Feb. 27.-The British sump is well protected with earth-

bill incorporating J. J. Brown, A. M. vote to the number of 1,925,497, Han-Cannon, A. L. Davis, H. L. Cum-mings, and O. F. Weed into the Spo-a population of 17,610,996, or over kane Falls and Court d'Alene Bail way Company. The bill empowers the company to lay out and contract, that Blaine is first choice as presiden. In Welch's New Building equip, maintain and enjoy continuous railroad and telegraph lines from the city of Spokane Falls, W. T., via Fort Cosur d'Alene, I. T., by the most direct and eligible route to be deter-mined by the commenty to an inter-mined by the commenty to an inter-direct and eligible route to be deter-direct and eligible route to be de mined by the company, to an inter-section with the Northern Pacific or in 2, and Washburne, Miller and in 2, and Washburne, Miller and the Utah Northern railway in west-ern Montana, together with branch lines from suitable points on the main some very interesting facts. Blaine line in Idaho territory up each of the rivers—Cœur d'Alene, St. Mary's and St. Joseph, to pear the court of the sylvania, Ohio and Indiana leads in the choice for vice presi-dent in all the above named states, es from the city of Spokane Falls also in Illinois. General satisfaction Extra Naple is expressed with Arthurs administration, but there are few advocates in any of the states for his re-election.

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