

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

An interesting Resume of the Week's Happenings in Both Branches of the Nation's Legislature.

McCreary hopes to get through the House at this session a bill to provide for a permanent exposition of the three Americas, in honor of the 400th anniversary of the discovery by Columbus. The bill is merely preliminary in its provisions, authorizing the President to appoint a board of directors to formulate a plan for the exposition, and appropriating \$25,000 for the expenses of their meeting. Their plan, it is provided, shall be to constitute an advisory board of 62 members, appointed by the government of the States and Territories and the executives of 16 American nations. Space is to be provided in Washington for the exposition, and a suitable site selected for the statue of Columbus.

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PACIFIC COAST NOTES.

Matters of Local and General Import Gathered From All Sources for the Benefit of Our Readers.

At Mariposa hay is \$25 a ton. The Fresno Exhibitor has been enlarged. The Dalles, Or., pays a bounty for dog scalps. A turpentine from Chico to Oroville is projected. The sugar refinery at Watsonville gives \$8 a ton for beets. The streets of Traver, Tulare county, are to be graded this winter. A woolen mill is to be started at Brownsville, Linn county, Or. The strike on the Montana Union railroad has forced several mines to close down.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A Brief Mention of Matters of General Interest.—Notes Gathered from Home and Abroad.

Portsmouth, Ohio, is to have a corn fair. Diphtheria rages in Morristown, New Jersey. Heavy stitching on the back of a glove is laid down. Archbishop Riordan has left Rome for the United States. A famine is threatened among the East African colonists. There are 3,000,000 women in the United States who work for wages. The New York law against car-stoves goes into effect January 1st. Straw-hat goers are having an encounter with the courts in New York. Two-fifths of the Dominion of Canada are under no-license liquor laws. From 1880 to 1888 no less than 4,637,252 persons have come to this country. Louisiana has five newspapers edited by women. The New Orleans Picayune is one. The sword that Ethan Allen carried at Ticonderoga, is owned by a Lansing, Mich., woman. Winnipeg, Manitoba, is rapidly becoming one of the most enterprising cities of Canada. The Bible has to be printed in 29 different languages to supply the people living in Pennsylvania. From the best statistics obtainable there are about 1,000,000 Union soldiers living at the present time. Tramps have filled up the Brooklyn almshouse. One hundred men have been put to work on the sand pile. Alexander H. Stephens during his life educated 150 boys and 50 girls, giving them all collegiate educations. There are 1,100 colored preachers in Tennessee, and the highest salary received by any of them is \$200 a year. Military men believe that the White Pasha, now at Bahr el Ghazel, and moving north, is the great explorer, Stanley.

A Brooklyn boarding-school proprietress has sued a plumber for \$15,000, claiming that the pupils have become sick from sewer gas. St. Louis painters have condemned the practice of the painting of fire-houses and police stations by policemen and firemen. They are going back in Philadelphia to the old fashion of selling grains and vegetables by weight instead of measure. The Brooklyn Engineers' society last week protested against the granting of permission to a company to lay pipes for hot water. Governor Beaver has just sent in \$1,000 for the John A. Logan monument fund of the G. A. R., collected in various Pennsylvania posts. The Newark Law and Order league is taking steps to counteract what it deems the "growing influence of liquor interests in State politics." Minneapolis four men have selected St. Albans, Vt., as their distributing center for New England, and intend building there two immense storage houses. Public men in Canada say that the Liberal party will ultimately take up annexation in opposition to the Imperial federation policy of the Conservatives. Colorado is becoming an oil-producing State. In the valley of the Arkansas, near Pueblo, there are a number of wells, the yield of which is 1,000 barrels per day. The Rev. Dr. David Spurgeon, aged 89, is an inmate of Flatbush, Long Island, almshouse. His gait was away large sums and was ruined by the failure of a company. It is estimated that from five to six million pounds of turkeys and a million quarts of cranberries were necessary to enable the city of New York to enjoy its Thanksgiving feasts. Minneapolis street-car drivers are no longer furnished with free passes. Fare must be rung up when the passenger gets on the car instead of at the time of payment of the fare. Seventy per cent. of the infants in the Foundling hospital at Ottawa have died during the year. Within five years