

EPITOME OF THE NEWS.

Washington Gossip.

The commissioner of internal revenue says internal taxes already collected for the present fiscal year are at the rate of \$1233,000,000 per annum.

The bill introduced by Senator Cullom to reorganize the legislative power of the territory of Utah provides that legislative power be vested in the governor and a legislative council composed of nine members to be appointed by the president.

Post-offices established—Iowa; Vallonia, Jasper county. Postmasters Commissioned—David D. Bryant, Carson, Dak.; Edmund Whitmarsh, Denmark, Iowa; Ann Kavey, Nordland, Iowa.

Senator Hoar wants patent ballot boxes and a counting machine.

Railroad News.

Charles Haley of Chicago, who has been employed as chief of the Northwestern railway detective service, has been arrested, charged with compounding a felony.

Crimes and Criminals.

At Prescott, Ariz., a tragical scene was witnessed in the court room. Judge French chief justice of the territory, presiding. The case up was entitled Kesley, vs. McAtee, regarding a water right for irrigating purposes.

It is reported that Addie Bresnan, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Patrick Bresnan of Astoria, L. I., has been abducted by Capt. G. O. Gordon, a retired sea captain, aged forty-five years, also living in Astoria.

Casualty Record.

G. H. Sather, an employe of Larson, Hansen & Co.'s planing mill, La Crosse, was instantly killed, on the 3d inst., by being caught in a belt and whirled around a shaft.

Personal Gossip.

Manager J. M. Hill threatened to shoot Thomas J. Mosier, city editor of the morning paper in Detroit, Mich., for writing a severe criticism on Margaret Mather, who has been playing there.

Henry Villard has sent a check of \$100 to St. A. Alexander's hospital, New Ulm.

Mrs. M. J. Davis, the wife of a well known citizen, died at Duluth the other day.

Foreign Items of News.

Lord Lorne delivered a long lecture at Birmingham upon Canada and its products. He particularly praised the salubrity of the climate, and said fevers, which were common in the United States, were unknown in the boundaries of the Dominion.

Miscellaneous News Items.

The Duluth Coffee and Spice company at Duluth made an assignment to M. Bunnell. Liabilities about \$6,000 or \$7,000 and assets probably that much.

Hutchinson & Bailey have received word from their agent in Rangoon, India, that he had completed the purchase of a genuine Sacred white elephant, recently captured in Siam, and the property of a nobleman of that country.

The Villard bank has failed, the banker, J. H. Bradford, having decamped. A new bank will be started Dec. 15, by Charles Barrow, of Minneapolis.

The Minneapolis board of trade says the numerous fires are due to poorly constructed buildings, careless occupants and over-insurance.

The total earnings at Sing Sing prison for November are \$18,891.76; expenditures, \$13,891.45; net profit, \$5,000.32.

George W. Fishback, former owner of the St. Louis Globe, owns the new proposed evening paper in St. Louis.

St. Paul capitalists will form a \$1,000,000 business block building company.

Sandwich, Ill., has a twenty-five-foot well that flows 1,000 gallons a minute.

Mr. Moran knocked Mr. McCoy out in 114 rounds near Pittsburg.

Thanksgiving last year New York had six inches of snow.

All of Sitting Bull's people are to go to Standing Rock.

Repeal of Pre-emption Laws.

Washington Special: Mr. Washburn of Minnesota said to-day he intended to introduce a bill to repeal the pre-emption laws. This would be in accordance with the recommendation of the secretary of the interior and the course of general land office.

Mr. Nelson of Minnesota will introduce a bill providing for the sale, after appraisal and proper notice, to the highest bidder, the bids to be sealed, of pine timber lands, chiefly valuable for the timber on them.

Romance in Texas.

Houston Special:—J. W. Rose, a wealthy carriage manufacturer, disappeared on the 2d. His wife and her supposed step-son tell the grand jury Rose is Cornelius Kaum, who in Kingston, N. Y., in 1866, committed a heavy forgery, deserted his wife and three children, came to Texas, made money and married Mrs. Dagnall.

Great Gift to Episcopalians.

Tolman Wheeler of Chicago who has already made a number of valuable bequests to the Episcopal church, has decided to the church a valuable tract of land in the western division of Chicago, and advanced \$200,000 towards the erection of a church preparatory school, the design to be after that of Oxford.

Memory by Association.

In one of the justice's courts the other day in a suit for malicious trespass in entering upon land and removing a fence, one of the witnesses was asked: "Did you help build that fence?" "I did." "What year was it?" "Well, let's see. It was the same year that my brother-in-law had his leg broke in a wrestling match at Dearborn."

Sheridan's Off-Hand Greek.

Lord Belgrave having clinched a speech in the House of Commons with a long Greek quotation, Sheridan, in reply, admitted the force of the quotation, so far as it went.

ORATORS IN THE SENATE.

A Southern Journalist's Estimate—Men Who Draw and Keep Audiences To-Day. From the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

When Mr. Conkling left the senate, one of the really great orators of the republic passed from that arena into quasi-retirement. He was a most formidable debater, because of his eminent attainments and experience. He had no superior as an orator, because of many gifts of person and intellect.

Next to Mr. Conkling in readiness, but not in eloquence, is the grim Vermontor, Judge Edmunds, whose learning is only equaled by his integrity. The speciousness of Mr. Edmunds are more like plain talk than anything else, but they read admirably and are delivered without manuscript aids.

On the democratic side the two Georgia senators are extemporaneous speakers. Nothing could be finer, in old days, than Mr. Hill's speeches, whether on the spur of the moment or prepared. He was alongside Mr. Conkling as the great orator of the senate, and superior to the New-Yorker on ordinary occasions.

Senator Brown has made many speeches and none from manuscript. His series of addresses in the extra session last spring were the most memorable of that time, except Hill's terrible arraignment of Mahone. Out of that contest the junior Georgia senator came as the conquering hero.

The rising orator of the senate is George Vest, of Missouri. He is a genius. His figure is as short and unheroic as that of Edmund Kean was said to be.

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Marriage licenses will cost \$3 hereafter in North Carolina.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS

Monday, December 3.

SENATE.—The senate was called to order at 12 m. by President Pro Tem Edmunds, and prayer offered. The president left before the senate the credentials of re-election of Beck to succeed himself, of Palmer to succeed Ferry, and Pike to succeed Rollins.

HOUSE.—At 12 o'clock Clerk McPherson rapped the house to order and proceeded to call the roll of representatives. The roll call disclosed 316 members.

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Tuesday, December 4.

SENATE.—There was a perfect avalanche of bills in the senate, numbering, exclusive of joint resolutions, 250. Many of them were reintroductions of old measures, among which were Senator Lapham's and Senator Edmunds' Utah bills, which failed last session; Senator Williams' bill to create a bureau of animal industry.

HOUSE.—The democratic nominees for minor offices were elected and sworn in. A committee, consisting of Curtin, Blackburn, and Hancock, was appointed to wait upon the president and inform him that the house was organized and ready to receive whatever communication he was pleased to transmit.

The Minnesota delegation got seats together near the speaker's desk. Washburn, Wakefield and Strait are seated in a row. Nelson got a seat in the row behind.

Mr. Washburn, and selected a seat for Mr. Nelson. The drawing over, the house got into another election case wrangle, which was finally postponed, and the president's message was begun.

Wednesday, December 5.

SENATE.—After yesterday's avalanche of bills in the senate it was thought that these pests were disposed of for some time; but as soon as the chaplain finished to-day there were cries of "Mr. President" from all parts of the chamber by senators anxious to serve their constituents.

HOUSE.—Mr. Randall objected to the passage of a resolution for the immediate appropriation of \$20,000 for printing the records of the United States supreme court, and it was referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Morgan offered a resolution, which was agreed to, instructing the committee on Indian affairs to inquire into the expediency of creating a military academy west of the Mississippi river, for training and educating Indian youths and send up to a proper age, as soldiers, and to admit them when qualified into the regular army.

Mr. Jones submitted the customary resolutions announcing the death of Representative Thomas H. Herndon (Ala.), and out of respect to the memory of the deceased the house adjourned, with the understanding that no business will be transacted to-morrow.

Thursday, December 6.

SENATE.—Mr. Ingalls introduced a bill to repeal the pre-emption and timber culture laws, and amend the homestead laws. By Mr. Cameron (Wis.) to restore to the market certain lands of the United States in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and authorize their sale subject to right of forfeiture.

HOUSE.—Mr. McCoid took the oath of office and the house adjourned until Monday 10th inst., to allow the speaker time to prepare the committee.

Effects of Female Suffrage in Wyoming.

Cheyenne Letter to the New York Times: "What effect, in your opinion, has woman suffrage had upon the social and political condition of Cheyenne and Wyoming?" I have put this question to men and women of all classes among my acquaintance, which is almost co-extensive with the population of Cheyenne.

Turkish Court Economies.

Constantinople Dispatch to London Times. All those who little more than a quarter of a century ago, witnessed the gorgeous festivities, the magnificent display of oriental luxury, and the reckless expenditure on the occasion of the Imperial Princes, of whom the present Sultan was one, undergoing the proscribed rite of their faith, must have been struck with the contrast just offered in the case of the young Prince, his son, and his cousins.