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HOME AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

The Senate Finally Passes the Tax Bill. A Message from the Governor Recommends Appointment of a New Officer to Assist the Attorney General.

House Passes the Bill to Sell Lands for the Benefit of Public Schools, and Considers in the Senate Resolution to Adjourn sine die on the 22nd.

Congressional Proceedings at the National Capitol. A. G. Thurman was Elected President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

And the Debate on the Army Bill was Continued. News by Cable and Other Items of General Interest.

Short Press Report in Connection of Less Working Days.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS. Special Dispatch to the Daily Express.

Austin, April 15.—The tax bill was resumed in the senate. Finance was not present on the ground.

The bill providing for the sale of alternate sections as surveyed by railroad companies for the benefit of the school fund passed.

An amendment to the constitution making the pay of legislators during the entire session five dollars was lost.

The house refused to concur in the senate amendments to the deficiency bill, and a conference committee was appointed.

The house has concurred in the senate proposition to adjourn sine die on the 22nd of April.

NATIONAL CAPITOL NEWS. SENATE PROCEEDINGS. Washington, April 15.—The secretary of the senate, before reading the journal, read a note from Vice President Wheeler, stating he had received a telegram advising him of the dangerous illness of a sister and requesting that it will be necessary for him to attend a president pro tem.

The secretary asked what is the pleasure of the senate in this respect.

Resolved, That in the absence of the vice president, Hon. A. G. Thurman be and he is hereby chosen president of the senate pro tem.

Anthony moved to divide on the name of Thurman and insert that of Hon. Thos. W. Ferry.

This amendment was disagreed to by yeas 18, nays 25, and the motion was then denied.

Thurman was conducted to the chair by Ferry, the former remarking to the latter in a friendly way that, "turn about is fair play."

Thurman, on taking the chair, said: "Senators—It is only necessary for me to say in the most positive words, I sincerely thank you for this mark of your confidence."

The journal of yesterday was then read. He defended the use of the veto power, and stated that the democratic doctrine had then guarded the independence of the executive as a wholesome check on legislation.

He declared a system of terrorism prevailed in the south which was resulting in a migration therefrom of the people whose labor is necessary to cultivate the fields. He proposed to submit the bill. He proposed that the senate proceed to the consideration of the bill.

Washington, April 15.—In the house, immediately after reading the journal, the speaker proceeded to call for reports of the committee on the bill to sell lands for the benefit of public schools.

The only report submitted was from the committee on accounts relative to the committee's work. This report was adopted, and the house proceeded to the consideration of the bill to sell lands for the benefit of public schools.

groomman Butterworth in a recent speech at Cincinnati. Action on request deferred for a day or two.

The house then went into committee of the whole and took up the legislative appropriation bill, the pending question being Bragg's motion to insert a clause repealing the law creating the southern claims commission, and substitute therefor the one offered by Young, of Tennessee, abolishing the commission, but transferring all claims now pending before it to the courts of justice.

An animated debate followed, which was participated in by Bragg, who advocated his proposition, and by Kiefer, of Ohio, who claimed that the court should not be interfered with, but allowed to die by limitation, as it would do in March 1880, by Atkins, Baker, Young, of Tennessee, White, Garfield and others. The discussion ranged into a general question of the payment of the southern claims, and the manner thereof.

Bragg's amendment was rejected by 65 to 112. Springer offered an amendment abolishing the southern claims commission, and providing that any person who may have claims against the United States, of which the court of claims would not now have jurisdiction, should be allowed to sue in any court of law, and that the payment of any such claims should be made by the court of claims.

Further provisions that the court shall report its findings to congress, and shall not allow or authorize the payment of any private claim not payable under the existing law until the claim has been investigated by the court of claims.

COMMITTEE MATTERS. Washington, April 15.—The house committee on agriculture this morning referred to the committee on the bill to amend the act to sub-committee with instructions to ascertain all the facts possible in connection with the disease and report on Thursday next if possible.

Nearly all the house committees are now organized and ready for business. The select committee to inquire into the causes of the depression of labor of which W. P. Wright, of Pennsylvania, is chairman, will soon commence by taking additional testimony on the subject.

Mr. Wright says he is desirous of hearing the views of a number of leading manufacturers throughout the country, and intends inviting the gentlemen to appear before the committee at an early day.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASES. Washington, April 15.—The following are among the contested election cases of the present congress.

First, North Carolina, Yates against Martin. Second, North Carolina, Obara against Kitchin. Second, South Carolina, Mackey against O'Connor.

Fourth, Alabama, Harless against Stenley. Second, Arkansas, Bradley against Stenley. Third, Louisiana, Herbert against Acklen. Third, Louisiana, Merchant against Acklen. Second, Florida, Disbee against Hall.

SPORTS NEWS. New Orleans, April 15.—At the races on the second day there was a good attendance; track heavy and raining.

First race.—Four entries, three started. Cottrell's entries were on track; Billy Hays second. Time, 1:56. Pool on track—Cottrell 51, Billy Hays 25.

Second race.—Four entries, three started. Van Degriff and Ella Rowlett finished. Time, 2:04. Pool on track—Van Degriff 100, Ella Rowlett 65, Verdict 40, Blue Gown 20.

Third race.—Won by Grigby, Kingsland second. Egypt third. Time, 1:58. Grigby led from the start to the finish. Pool on track—Grigby 150, Egypt 80, Kingsland 18, Dillard 2, Grigby 4.

MISCELLANEOUS PARAGRAPHS. Albany, April 15.—In the assembly today on the bill to regulate the sale of cotton, Mr. Brooks said he had a remonstrance against the bill, signed by ninety per cent of the people engaged in the cotton trade. No action taken on the measure.

Baltimore, April 15.—The colored people of this city today celebrated the anniversary of the adoption of the 15th amendment. There was a procession of Masons, Odd Fellows and other civic societies.

Tombulbia, Ala., April 15.—The grand lodge of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was formally opened this morning. Grand Chancellor Terrell in the chair. The committee on returns and credentials reported 25 representatives and 12 alternate delegates.

Columbia, S. C., April 15.—Senator Hampton left for Washington today.

RAILROAD RATE. Galveston, April 15.—The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad was sold today at public auction for \$200,000 to George W. Brown, representing the syndicate composed mostly of Galveston capitalists. It is expected the road now will be pushed rapidly toward Boston.

GENERAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE. Paris, April 15.—The bureau announces that the contract for a Greek loan of sixty million francs has been signed between the Greek ministry and the consortium of Compagnie and others.

London, April 15.—A dispatch to the Times from Newcastle states that members of the striking miners who are possessed of a little means appear determined to permit, they quit the Durham colliers. Emigration agents in Newcastle and district are busy sending men to the United States colonies. The main tide of emigration seems to be toward the mining districts of the United States. There is also a considerable emigration to British America.

Wills Point, April 15.—Frank Weaver, the notorious horse thief and escaped convict, was arrested in Hales county, yesterday, by deputy sheriff Frazier, assisted by Mr. Green. Weaver was taken to Hales county jail. They left for Huntsville last night. A young man named Fuller was riding on a horseback west of town yesterday, when his brother-in-law and a friend came riding up at such speed that they could not stop. Fuller tried to turn out of their way, when his horse was struck by the horse of his brother-in-law, breaking his back, and unseating his neck. He died in five hours. It is rumored that he is one of the party that has been shooting into the trains on the Texas Pacific.

THE HOME OF THE METEORS.

Professor Peirce's New Solar Theory—Reasons for Believing There is a System of Meteoric Matter Around the Solar System.

Boston, March 11.—A remarkable theory as to the cause of our star system was advanced last week in a lecture by Professor Benjamin Peirce, of Harvard college. He stated that the theory has not yet been given to the scientific world, but will be in a short time. Briefly, his theory is that far beyond the outermost planet, bounding our solar system, is vast spherical shell of matter broken up into small fragments from which come the meteors and comets. This shell he calls the home of the meteors. He gave in detail the reasons why some such theory must be adopted to explain the movements of the planets and comets and the persistence of the constant amount of heat about them from the sun. The hitherto accepted theory is that the comets may be, and some necessarily are, strangers to our system, he rejects.

Except a few comets there is nothing in the position of the orbits which indicates the subject of the existence of meteoric matter in the solar system. They are as uniformly distributed as if they had entered the system independently of any event, and without reference to the internal motions of the planets or their mutual organization. Observation shows that all the comets which are observed are distributed through space with great uniformity. Assuming that the speed of the sun's attraction extends half way to the nearest fixed star, such sphere has a diameter over 100,000 times the diameter of the earth's orbit, and a comet would require 867,000,000 years to pass from the regions of the outermost sphere to the innermost sphere, and just as long to return. The comets annually appearing are three. Hence the whole number of comets which are observed is not more than 2,571.

Now each comet may be assumed to be as heavy as those which have been weighed approximately, especially as many which have entered the sphere of our system have escaped being seen. Then the mass of each individual comet exceeds, on an average, a sphere 100 miles in diameter, with a density of 100 lbs. per cubic foot. The mass is about one five-hundred-thousandth part of the earth's mass. The aggregate mass of comets which are observed is of times too small. The observed velocities of comets would be totally insufficient to carry them out to the bounds of the solar system, and would be insufficient to subject to this immense increase. No comet could have entered our domain and descended to visibility, without having a spherical portion near the sun, which would be subjected to the heat of the sun's rays, and would be melted and irregularly.

Taking up the source of the sun's heat, Peirce's theory is that the heat which the earth receives directly from the sun is the same in amount which it returns to the sun in the form of heat. There can be no doubt of the validity of this strange conclusion, although it has not yet reached scientific publication. It is still regarded as a mere speculation, but the observations made long ago by a most eminent and trustworthy authority, but which have never been discussed in relation to their significance, now have they been doubted.

The next point in Professor Peirce's demonstration was the heat from space which is received from the sun. It is unappreciable in amount, and is not nearly as much heat as comes from the sun. But the phenomenon of heat from space is fully explained by the meteoric theory. Returns to the sun in the form of heat, and is not nearly as much heat as comes from the sun. But the phenomenon of heat from space is fully explained by the meteoric theory.

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There will be a grand railroad barbecue near Corpus Christi on the 15th inst. in May. Emma Greenwood, aged 13 years, was burned to death in Panola county last week, her clothes having caught fire from burning coals in the fire.

Asotin Capital. The long drought that has prevailed in this section will cause very serious loss to our farmers. Crops of all kinds are suffering terribly, and if it does not rain soon it is feared the peach crop will be an entire failure.

A little boy, son of a citizen named Bell, a few miles north of Bryan, was a few days since, horribly mangled and killed by the mules running away with the wagon, and his body was found attached to the double-tree.

Among the Texas veterans who will be present at the reunion at Galveston on the 21st, is Dr. George M. Patrick, now of Grimes county. Dr. Patrick landed at Galveston Island in 1837, was a member of the consultation in 1835, and recorder of Galveston in 1832.

Calvert, April 14.—The evidence in the trial of the Jones party closed today. The evidence in the trial of the Jones party closed today. The evidence in the trial of the Jones party closed today.

Dallas, April 13.—Words between Antonio Braggs and a woman named Mrs. Braggs, who was a member of the house of Representatives in 1837, was a member of the consultation in 1835, and recorder of Galveston in 1832.

Fort Hill, I. T., April 14.—The report of the Cheyennes breaking out and leaving the reservation is without foundation. A gentleman named Mr. Pardon, county attorney for the state, who presented the law of the case fully. He was followed by Mr. Hammett, who made a strong report of the case.

Houston Telegram: On Tuesday, the 15th inst., the insurance agents throughout the state will hold their annual state convention at this place. As mentioned in our issue of the 14th inst., the importance of the insurance agencies come up at these meetings and as their importance is becoming more and more important, it is concluded that the attendance will be quite large. Some of the companies will be represented by members of the state.

Bethel Springs Observer. We are indebted to Major Bithright for the following information: The train on the East line last Monday evening, near Arvinger, while going from the city to the country, was derailed by three drunken Dutchmen riding upon it. When the train struck the car it threw the men right and left. The shock was so great that the car was overturned, and the Dutchmen were killed. The train was derailed by three drunken Dutchmen riding upon it.

Tyler, April 12.—Deputy United States Marshal Turner passed down the road today, having the man named Frank Weaver, who claims to be the man Jackson, of the Bass gang. Whether he is Jackson or not, he has been specifically connected with the Bass gang, judging from statements made by him.

Victoria Advocate: On last Saturday night Mr. Miller, living on the Colletto creek, in Goliad county, about twelve miles from the city, was shot in the back by some cowardly assassin. Mr. Miller had a bullet wound in the back of his head, and he died in a few hours. The assassin was not seen, and the wound was not dangerous.

Allen, April 13.—John Hays, proprietor of the Commercial house, Plano, arrested Geo. Smith, a tramp, here to-day. Smith stopped at the Commercial for a few days. Last night he took some clothing, which belonged to Hays, and departed. Hays followed on that same night, and caught Smith at the Commercial. Hays followed on that same night, and caught Smith at the Commercial.

Indianapolis, April 14.—At a meeting of the city council this evening, the resolution was adopted appointing Dr. W. A. McCaskey quarantine physician pro tem., with instructions to visit the cholera cases, from Tuscarora street, here to-day. Dr. McCaskey considered there was no danger of sickness, the vessel should be allowed to land. Owing to heavy weather, the doctor was prevented from visiting the cholera cases yesterday. Upon his return he reported the vessel to be perfectly healthy, and in his opinion not the slightest danger to be apprehended, whereupon the vessel was allowed to land and discharge her cargo.

Victoria, April 14.—There was a heavy fire at Onaro at 5 a. m. yesterday. All the houses on both sides of Main street, from Alexander's drug goods store and Heaton's drug store were burned. No insurance. The fire originated on Sunday morning at 5 o'clock, in a kitchen on the corner of Main street. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

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Towell successfully, and in choosing a day upon which the hospital was to be discontinued he named the Lord's day, but several days ago the lady was taken ill with fever so much so that her life was even despaired of. Dr. Tolson attended her professionally, and for several days the patient lay between life and death, and was convalescent Sunday morning, and Rev. Horace Bishop was called from his preaching place, through the lady was not able to sit up during the changing of her name. Dr. Tolson has employed Dr. Wilson, of Bryan, to attend his other patients, and it is now expected that whole attention to his bride, who is fast recovering.

Denton Monitor: We learn from Dr. Wainwright, who resides some eight or nine miles southwest of the city, that a severe hail storm visited the section of country in which he lives, about dark on Tuesday evening last. Hail stones from the size of part-ridges eggs to the size of large hen eggs fell in great profusion. The extent of the damage done is not yet known. Chickens were killed from their roosting places, and caused to seek refuge under houses and barns; forest trees were stripped of much of their foliage; the fruit and corn crops are not only ruined, but it is now expected that much of the more forward crops of wheat have been seriously damaged. This storm, with its damaging results, it is to be hoped, was confined to a small section of the country, and that no lives were lost.

Pilot Point, April 13.—The report that the Bass gang was in Elm brook, Denton county, was only a rumor brought by an old lady, who was a member of the company, and who was seen by the police, who were strolling about the bottom at night. Information has been received on good authority that the Bass gang, who had been seen by Mr. Homer on Wednesday night last, he is the principal witness against Holt. Homer has been absent since the murder, and they were somewhat disappointed after searching the premises at not finding their man. They told Mrs. Homer, who was at home, they could not live to testify before the jury. Mrs. Homer ran off while the search progressed to a neighbor's house and remained under quietude. Mrs. Homer moved early next morning to Whitesboro. She states that the parties were recognized by herself and children, and that she can give the names of the parties who were with her. No clue as to who the parties were has been heard of by the citizens.

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

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