

AT WASHINGTON.

The Senate Passes a Bill Providing for an Investigation of the Liquor Traffic.

The Gun Foundry Board Recommend a \$17,000,000 Appropriation for the Manufacture of Guns.

There is Not Likely to be a Quorum in the Senate Today - A Confederate Note Turns Up.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 - In the senate this morning Mr. Plumb of Kansas introduced a bill to establish an additional land district in Dakota.

On the motion of Mr. Manderson of Nebraska a bill was passed extending to the port of Omaha the provisions of the act relating to the immediate transportation of dutiable goods.

Mr. Blair of New Hampshire called up the bill providing for a commission to examine into the liquor traffic. He said that it was a bill already passed four times by the senate, but not acted on by the house.

The motion was opposed but the bill was taken up and passed. Yeas 24, nays 16.

Before voting Mr. Vest of Missouri, who opposed the bill, remarked that he did not propose to be placed by his vote in any attitude of hostility to temperance, but he regarded the subject matter of the bill as belonging exclusively to the states, and there was no evidence that the state governments were not entirely competent to deal with it.

Mr. Hale of Maine, from the committee on appropriations, reported with amendments the house bill making temporary provision for the naval service. This bill is known as the thirty-one day bill. Mr. Hale explained that the senate committee had amended the original bill by substituting for it the provisions of the regular annual appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, precisely as the house passed it, but modified so as to cover only the remaining half of the fiscal year, the amendments formerly inserted by the senate relating to the monitors and steel cruisers being stricken out.

The bill, he said, as far as the amount went, stood precisely on the basis on which the house had passed the original appropriation for the year. In that, Mr. Hale added, the senate maintained its attitude of considering this year's propositions and not those of former years. He said he would call the bill up to-morrow.

An executive session was then held and the senate adjourned.

REPORT OF THE GUN FOUNDRY BOARD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 - The supplementary report of the gun foundry board was transmitted to the senate today. The board expresses the opinion that two gun foundries should be established, one for the army and one for the navy, at a cost of \$1,000,000 each, but the act recommends that steel manufacturers be called upon to furnish the material. For this purpose it recommends an appropriation of \$15,000,000, one-half for the army, the other half for the navy.

The board says that from personal intercourse with prominent steel-makers it is in a position to assert that a proposal issued on this basis will be responded to, but it will be necessary to appropriate the entire amount recommended in order to induce responsible steel manufacturers to erect and complete the necessary works. If congress shall adopt measures for the procuring of the supply of guns required, it will be absolutely necessary to appropriate the \$2,000,000 needed for the factories in which the guns are to be fabricated. As it will require two years to erect and equip the factories, the appropriations for them should be made as early as possible.

In conclusion the board says that the annual expenses for the operation of the factories must be determined by the number of tools in use and the quantity of material fabricated. With this exception the total estimate of \$17,000,000 will complete a steel-producing plant, establish and equip steam-gun factories, supply guns for six and a half years and inaugurate the manufacture of steel in larger masses in the United States.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

THERE WILL BE NO QUORUM TO DAY. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 - Senator Hear of Massachusetts announced in the senate today that he would be absent after the day. Numerous others have made arrangements to leave. The indications are that there will be no quorum to-morrow.

A HOLDER OF A CONFEDERATE NOTE. The secretary of the treasury received a letter from a resident of Riga, Russia, enclosing a \$100 note of the Confederate States which he says he inherited from his uncle, and wants to exchange it for currency. The note has been returned to the sender with the information that it is worthless.

THE EMBARGO AGAINST RAGS REMOVED. The secretary of the treasury has issued a circular in regard to the importation of rags which provides for the admission of all rags which may be shipped after January 15, under the terms of the former circular providing for the issue of certificates by consular officers and which also provides that all rags shipped after January 1st shall be subject to disinfection upon their arrival at this country or in any other country where the department appoints an inspector.

THE CASE OF THE CHOCTAW NATION. The case of the Choctaw Nation against the United States was taken up in court today on a demurrer made to the evidence by the council for the government. This is a claim for over \$5,000,000, and was referred to the court by congress. It has been pending several years.

CONFIRMATIONS. The senate today made the following confirmations: H. Platt Carpenter of New York, governor of Montana.

Allen W. Thompson, postmaster of Ukiah, California.

THE BACKBONE LAND GRANT. The senate committee on public

lands has voted to report favorably the committee substitute already described for the bill introduced by Senator Hill, providing for the forfeiture of the Backbone land grant. It is understood that the bill as reported has the support of four members of the committee and three members will oppose it on the floor of the senate.

OFF ON A DUCK HUNT. Senators Beck of Kentucky, Don Cameron of Pennsylvania, Butler of South Carolina, Jackson of Tennessee, and several others are going down the Potomac to-night on an extended duck-hunt.

AFTER A REIMBURSEMENT. Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms Thompson had a hearing before the sub-committee of the judiciary committee today, consisting of Messrs. Tucker, Broadhead and Poland, concerning his claim for reimbursement of the damages awarded against him in the Killbourn case. He referred to the charge that the jury had been fixed, and said that he did not believe that had been the case.

A RESIGNATION ACCEPTED. The president has accepted the resignation of Henry D. Lyman, second assistant postmaster-general, and will to-morrow nominate John B. Thompson, general superintendent of the railway mail service, to succeed him.

SERGEANT HOLTWORTH TO BE COURT-MARTIALED. Sergeant Ota Holtworth of the signal service, who recently went West by order of the secretary of war in search of Capt. Howgate, has returned and has been relieved from duty. It is alleged that Sergeant Holtworth obtained information which induced the secretary of war to send him as a detective by rifling Lieut. Greeley's private papers. He is to be court-martialed.

THE INAUGURATION BALL. The new pension building has been secured for the inauguration ball.

SENATOR FAIR. Senator James G. Fair, the Nevada silver king, arrived in the city last evening.

THE SUPREME COURT. The United States supreme court adjourned today to the 5th of January.

OFF THE TRACK.

A Washington Passenger Train Derailed - Four Men Fatally Injured - One Car Burned.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 22 - The facts in regard to an accident on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, near Bremen, Ind., were made known here tonight. The train was the fast express from Washington City, due here about half past 9 o'clock in the morning. It was running at the rate of forty miles an hour when it struck a broken rail or some other imperfection in the track. The engine and forward part of the train passed safely but the dining car and two sleeping coaches were derailed and overturned. The dining car took fire and was burned up, but the sleeping coaches were saved from destruction. There were sixteen persons in the sleepers, some of them in public life, and it appears almost miraculous that none of them were killed or fatally hurt.

Congressman B. F. Shively of South Bend, Ind., suffered painful but not dangerous bruises about the legs.

Hon. Hiram Y. Smith, of Des Moines, Iowa, suffered a laceration of the feet and legs.

Hon. O. S. Gifford of Canton, Dakota, was hurt about the shoulders. All the others were more or less shaken up. The occupants of the dining-car suffered most severely.

Edward McCabe and Joseph Praetz, cooks, and Edward Gray and R. McNaughton, waiters, were rescued badly wounded, scalded and burned, and in all probability all will die.

Steward Dody was only slightly hurt. The wounded were brought to this city this afternoon.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

Cardinal Consolini died at Rome yesterday.

A shock of earthquake was felt in London yesterday.

In the recent engagement with the Chinese near Chinn-Chu the French lost twenty killed and ninety-three wounded.

The founding of St. Peter's college, now Cambridge university, six hundred years ago, was celebrated yesterday. Minister Lowell spoke for Harvard.

The New York chamber of commerce last night voted viva voce that the Spanish-American treaty now before the United States senate is hostile to the interests of the people of the United States and ought not to be confirmed.

At a meeting last night of the cigar-manufacturers and makers and the leaf tobacco dealers of St. Louis resolutions were adopted strongly protesting against the ratification of the Spanish treaty, and a committee was appointed to draft a petition to the United States senate.

Coal Miners Resume Work. DENVER, COG., Dec. 22 - The coal miners at Coal creek, El Moro, Walsenburg and Cameron, 1200 in all, resumed work today at the old rates.

The German Anarchists Sentenced. LEIPZIG, Dec. 22 - Sentence has been pronounced in the case of the anarchists who were tried last week for the attempt to assassinate Emperor William at Niederwald. Reinsdorf, Ropsch and Kuecher have been sentenced to death. Holschauer and Bachmann have been condemned to ten years' penal servitude. Sorbgen, Rheinbach and Toeblin have been acquitted.

Horrible Case of Fratricide. WAUBAU, WIS., Dec. 22 - After an unsuccessful attempt to take the life of his wife this afternoon, Francis DeHales went to the house of his brother, who was confined to his bed by illness, and deliberately chopped the helpless man into pieces, nearly severing the head from his body. The murderer is evidently insane on religious matters, as when standing over the body of his victim he exclaimed: "Christ is come. His blood flows freely for all." He was arrested and is now lodged in jail.

Investigating the London Bridge Explosion. LONDON, Dec. 22 - The investigation of the explosion at the London bridge continues. A diver found some more fragments of granite, broken from the blocks composing the pier by the force of the explosion. Several large blocks of timber which had been firmly bolted to the masonry of the bridge were broken away. Examination plainly shows that the explosion had terrific force. The bed of the river was much disturbed for a considerable space about the pier.

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STILL IN ARMS.

The Warring Factions in Dakota Ready for the Fight.

A Well-Armed Force Has Been Collected to Oppose the Mob.

TRAVERSE, DAK., Dec. 22 - The situation here remains unchanged since last evening. A blizzard has been blowing since yesterday and it is extremely cold. The thermometer was 25° below zero at noon. Traverse has scoured the country for arms and sufficient have been gotten. Men from all parts of the county are constantly arriving, despite the cold weather. The officials feel relieved. The headquarters of the armed men are at the court-house, to where the register of deeds has removed the records. It is thought that sufficient force is on hand safely to keep them. A spy who was sent out this morning has just arrived from Willmot. They are still trying to open the safe, but have not yet succeeded. The mob is kept under arms until the safe is opened and the contents known. If the records are not found the mob will immediately move upon Traverse. No one is permitted to leave the town without examination. The sheriff having sufficient force to secure the safety of Traverse, will to-morrow with a posse attempt to make some arrests, if it will take the whole force, and he will serve warrants regardless of the consequences. His forces are sufficient to enable him to take the offensive, although they are much smaller than the mob's forces. His men are more reliable, being mostly Americans and leading citizens of the county. If the two forces meet a regular battle will be fought. A conflict must take place in a day or two. If the sheriff's posse should be resisted to-morrow and any one injured, it would make war to the knife. Every man in Traverse is a deputy sheriff and their motto is "peace if possible, force if necessary." A telegram has been received from the United States marshal to the effect that a deputy marshal is on his way with warrants for the arrest of all those engaged in overhauling the mail. The governor will furnish all assistance in his power to have the mob punished to the full extent of the law.

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Two Years in the Penitentiary. CLEVELAND, TEX., Dec. 22 - In the district court today Omas Wayland pleaded guilty of theft from the person, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. This is one of the gang of sharpshooting that followed in the train of Sells Bros.' circus. He picked a farmer's pocket and was caught in the act.

A Mail-Hack Robbed. SPRINGFIELD, MO., Dec. 22 - A Fort Smith, Ark., dispatch reports that the regular mail-hack thence to Chocoma was stopped seven miles from the latter place at 10 o'clock this morning by two armed men who seized the mail-bag and made off with it. Fortunately the bag contained but one registered letter. The officers are now in pursuit.

They Must Auto-Up to Uncle Sam. OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 22 - A verdict was rendered in the federal court today in behalf of the United States government against Daniel Lovejoy and his sureties. Lovejoy, while receiver of public moneys at Njobara, Neb., used \$12,000 of the public funds for riotous living, and absconded and has not been apprehended. His sureties disclaimed their liabilities on the ground that they warned the interior department in season to prevent the embezzlement.

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The Chicago and St. Louis Business Paooled.

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