

NATIONAL CONGRESS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Proceedings in the Senate and House at Washington.

Bills Introduced and Passed and Resolutions Offered and Adopted - A Complete Summary of Daily Transactions.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.-In the Senate yesterday Senator Cameron announced the recent afflictions in the families of two members of the Cabinet and moved an amendment, which was agreed to unanimously.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.-Several petitions praying for the passage of a pension bill were presented in the Senate yesterday. Among the bills introduced was one by Senator Morrill (Vt.) to prevent the extermination of fur-bearing animals in Alaska, and also one by Senator Wolcott (Col.) allowing New Mexico to frame a constitution and be admitted to the Union.

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JUSTICE ASKED FOR.

Address Issued by the Colored Men's National Association at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.-The colored men's convention yesterday elected ex-Senator Pinchback president of the organization and issued an address to the people of the United States asking justice for the colored race, and declaring that the colored vote in the South is suppressed by violence or neutralized by fraud, that their children are not afforded school facilities to which they are entitled; that the labor system in the South is unjust to the colored American and that they are taxed without representation and compelled to obey laws they have no voice in making.

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UNDER THE ICE.

An Entire Family Drowned Near Kingston, N. Y.

A Father and Mother Attempt to Rescue Their Lost Children and All Are Drowned - Seven Boys Most Death in the Mississippi.

AN AWFUL ACCIDENT.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 10.-The whole Walkill valley is distressed over a terrible drowning accident that occurred Sunday afternoon at the Third Blinnewater, one of a chain of four lakes in the picturesque valley of the Walkill. Six persons fell through the ice and were drowned. Their names were: Jacob B. Slater, Mrs. Jacob Slater, two Slater boys, a boy named Bush and a little girl.

The unfortunate children decided to have a run on the ice. They obtained a hand-ledge and disappeared from view. Mr. and Mrs. Slater lived in a cozy house in proximity to the lake. The mother heard the cries of her offspring, and clockless and hatless she ran to the Blinnewater and to her death. She had gone only ten feet when the ice gave way under her feet, and with the cry, "Oh my children," she disappeared. Mr. Slater, it seems, was doing his afternoon chores when his boys and their companions started out. He did not hear the death cries of the young victims, but as he was returning to his house he heard his wife's last words and saw her struggling in the waters of the lake. The ice had been broken up all around her. Slater ran to her rescue but he, too, ran only to be engulfed as she and their children had been. He disappeared from sight shortly. The calamity wiped out the Slater family out of existence. No bodies have been recovered.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10.-A fire and accident occurred Sunday afternoon in Carroll. Eight boys, all residents of the upper city, secured two pinnacles, and jumping into them started out to take a ride on the river. Their course led them between two empty cargo barges lying at the head of Octavia street. There was a strong current running at the time, and despite their efforts the yaws were hurled by the current against the barges, causing both boats to upset, and seven of the eight unfortunate youths were thrown into the river and drowned. Their names were: Frank Landry, aged 17; George Sampson, aged 15; Willie Winters, aged 15; Martin Perrier, aged 15; Louis G. Fulda, aged 16; Alvy E. Fulda, aged 13; and Eddie Kaeppel, aged 13. Wilton Roby, aged 7, the only occupant of the boats who escaped, saved himself by catching on to one of the overturned boats. None of the bodies have so far been recovered.

BURIED UNDER THE SNOW.

Eleven Men Lost Their Lives and Much Property Destroyed.

SPOKANE FALLS, Wash., Feb. 7.-The town of Burke, L. T., in the Cour d'Alene mining district, has been nearly destroyed by disastrous avalanches. Half the business houses are in ruins. Three men were killed, and the terrified inhabitants have fled to the towns of Gem and Wallace, fearing a repetition of the disaster. Particulars are meager, as wires to all points in the mines have gone down, leaving no means of communication. The disasters occurred Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. With scarcely a moment's warning a tremendous mass of snow and rocks swept upon the town from the west side of the narrow gulch in which it is situated. Five men were buried beneath the snow. Two were rescued, but the others are dead and their bodies have not yet been recovered. The ill-fated town lies in a narrow gulch, through which Canyon creek pours its waters into the south fork of the Cour d'Alene. It had about 300 inhabitants, who have deserted their wrecked or menaced homes and places of business.

The nearest town is Gem, also upon Canyon creek and three miles down stream. Tuesday another disastrous avalanche swept down upon a boarding-house connected with the Custer mine, which is situated upon Nine-Mile creek, about five miles from Burke. The house was full of miners, six of whom were killed, others had a narrow escape, and a number were more or less injured.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 6.-Lyon City, a mining camp which lies at the base of Lyon mountain, has been completely buried by a snow-slide, and two miners were killed and a large amount of property destroyed.

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A PLEASANT SENSE

Of health and strength renewed and of ease and comfort follows the use of Syrup of Figs, as it acts in harmony with nature to effectually cleanse the system when constive or bilious. For sale in 50c and \$1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

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Is it not sad to see so many young men every day of whom this can be said? Young man, take my advice. Stop all indiscretions which you have practiced, keep good hours, retire early, and build up your shattered system by using Sulphur Bitters, which will cure you. -OLD PHYSICIAN.

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A WINTER CYCLONE.

It Sweeps with Great Fury Over Western Pennsylvania.

A Large Amount of Property Destroyed and Two Men Killed - Heavy Snow-storms and High Winds in the Northwest.

A GREAT GALE.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 8.-The worst storm in years has been raging throughout Western Pennsylvania since noon Friday. Snow, rain and wind have been playing havoc. In this city no damage was done by the wind, but snow and slush has blocked many of the streets and stopped street-car traffic, while telegraph and telephone lines are breaking down under the heavy weights of ice with which they are covered. In the mountains the storm is raging with terrific fury, and reports are coming in of serious damage to property.

At Blairsville, Pa., the large glass factory was demolished by the wind. The roof was blown off and the two side walls facing east fell in. Charles E. Barr, general manager, and Mr. Burney, one of the firm, were instantly killed, and a workman, whose name could not be learned, injured. Mr. Burney's body was immediately taken from the wreck. It was mangled almost beyond recognition. Mr. Barr's remains were recovered two hours later. The loss is about \$50,000. The storm at Blairsville is said to be the worst since the late of 1888.

At Uniontown, Pa., the roof was blown off the Methodist Episcopal church, a part of it alighting on the house of John Brown, just north of the church. The tower of the church it is feared is so badly shattered that it will have to be taken down. The roof of the large new building lately erected by the Pennsylvania Construction Company below town was also blown off.

Postmaster Baker's new house was nearly demolished, also James Frankenberg's house, and John Winger's house was leveled to the ground. The telephone and electric-light wires are all down. None of the coke works are running south of Uniontown. The Red Stone coke offices at Brownfield were blown down and entirely demolished. The end was blown out of the engine-house at Leith and the Warren glass works wrecked. The roof of the Leith wire works was also blown off. The loss at Uniontown will reach \$100,000.

At Conneville the storm began in the morning and did not subside until late in the evening. In this section the loss will reach over \$100,000. J. M. Herpeck's store and house in this place were completely wrecked, the inmates having escaped with great difficulty. The Catholic church in a dangerous condition and a number of other houses in the town are wrecked. The old National Locomotive works, once an important plant, was blown down. Fortunately the building was vacant and nobody was injured. The loss will be \$100,000.

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A Writ of Error Granted in the Case of Fielden and Schwab.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 7.-Chief Justice Shope, of the Illinois Supreme Court, has granted a writ of error in the case of Fielden and Schwab, the imprisoned Anarchists, in order that the question of the right of the condemned men to be personally present in court when the decision of the State Supreme Court was rendered may be determined.

The granting of the writ is a duty devolving upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, and he has done so in order that the rights of the State Court are not impaired, but because he is not prepared to say a Federal question is not involved, and because he desires to relieve the State court of the odium of standing in the way of allowing justice to be done.

This question has never before been raised in the annals of the country, and hence the action of the United States Supreme Court will be eagerly awaited. Should it decide that the right exists to prisoners to be present in the State Supreme Court when final judgment is passed, then not only Fielden, Schwab and Neefe get a new trial, but Spivey, Parsons, Scherer and Exner, illegally suffered the death penalty, and very inmate of the prisons of the State whose case has received an affirmative judgment in the State court without the prisoner being present in person has been illegally imprisoned.

SCORES 'KILLED.'

Fearful Disaster in an English Colliery from Gas Explosion.

LONDON, Feb. 7.-It is estimated that 150 miners lost their lives in the colliery explosion at Aberystwyth Thursday. Three hundred miners were in the mine at the time of the explosion, and no communication could be had with them for several hours. The first party of rescuers organized endeavored to penetrate the pit through the old workings. They got far enough to be able to see groups of the dead, but they could not reach them and were compelled to retreat by the suffocating volumes of smoke that rose in that direction.

Upon the first appearance of a faint light the volume of smoke necessary went down the main shaft and reached the scene of the catastrophe. They rescued a large number of miners yet alive, but all very badly burned, and they brought out sixty dead bodies nearly all so mutilated that recognition was impossible.

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KILLED HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Terrible Death of a Manitous Man - An Aged Father's Worst Case.

WINNEPEG, Man., Feb. 10.-A terrible double murder occurred near Miami station, 150 miles from here. John Morton and his wife were both shot Saturday night by Morton's father. The murderer is 95 years old and only recently went to live with his son and daughter-in-law. The Catholic church in a dangerous condition and a number of other houses in the town are wrecked. The old National Locomotive works, once an important plant, was blown down. Fortunately the building was vacant and nobody was injured. The loss will be \$100,000.

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Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge and Election Officers.

The Michigan Grand Lodge of Masons at its recent session in Lansing voted to give \$5,000 for the Masonic home in that city. The following grand officers were elected for the ensuing year: Grand Worthy Master, John S. Cross, of Bangor; Deputy Grand Master, John Q. Cook, of Lowell; Grand Senior Warden, William H. Sanford, of Detroit; Grand Junior Warden, George E. Dowling, of Montague; Grand Secretary, William P. Innis, of Grand Rapids; Grand Treasurer, H. Shaw, of Monroe; Grand Visitor and Lecturer, Arthur M. Cook, of Lexington; Grand Chaplain, Rev. Garrett E. Peters, of Detroit; Grand Senior Deacon, J. Boyd Thomas, of Edwardsburg; Grand Junior Deacon, William S. Linton, of Saginaw; Grand Marshal, George W. Young, of Kalamazoo; Grand Tyler, Alexander McCreary, of Detroit.

Reports to the State Board of Health by fifty-seven observers in different parts of the State for the week ended on the 1st indicated that diphtheria, whooping-cough, inflammation of the brain, dysentery, cholera morbus, cholera infantum, remittent fever, measles and typhoid fever increased, and membranous croup, purpural fever and pleurisy, decreased in area of prevalence. Diphtheria was reported at nineteen places, scarlet fever at sixteen, typhoid fever at ten and measles at twelve places.

Michigan's Promising Gold Mine.

A gold brick weighing thirty-five pounds and three ounces, troy, was taken from twenty-eight tons of quartz, the first run of the new mill at the Michigan gold mine near Ishpeming. It is valued at nearly \$4,000, and was an exhibition there. The richest rock was not treated in the first run of rock run through. If the entire mine proves as rich as appearances indicate it will rival the best mines of the Old or New World.

Married Too Much.

W. D. Donahue, who was arrested at Port Huron the other day for obtaining goods on false pretenses, would probably have another and more serious charge preferred against him. Some years ago he married a lady at that city, and it was alleged that he recently married another lady in Milwaukee after deserting his former wife, who was in Port Huron with her in her eye.

The Jump Was a Fatal One.

Captain James Downs, who was confined at the Harper Hospital in Detroit, died the other day from the effects of a jump from a window to the ground. He was 73 years old, and had been married to an iron grating from the window without tool or assistance.

Short but Newsy Items.

It is now eighty-eight years since Detroit was incorporated. Pasqualio, a Detroit Italian, swindled out of \$4,000 with a bogus silver brick in New York, recently found Giuseppe Cherassi, the swindler. English capitalists are trying to buy Michigan flouring mills. Henry Paradise, of Bay City, has fallen heir to \$2,000,000 by the death of an English lady.

A young lady was buried at Flint the other day, and the pall-bearers were the six young ladies, friends and schoolmates of the deceased. Carson City has a fine new \$12,000 school-house. Fruit men now claim that the peach buds are all right and could stand 13 or 15 degrees below zero without damage. Alonzo Cheeseman, living in Moran township, near St. Ignace, fell downstairs the other night and broke his neck. He was 73 years old. The turning of marble ornaments is becoming quite an industry in Buchanan. The steamer Favorite has been purchased by Parker and Millen, of Detroit, for \$18,000.

State Armorer John P. Tremper died at Lansing the other night of pneumonia, which was preceded by an attack of the grippe. He was 61 years old. The sum of \$40,000 which is to pay for Hay City's post-office site arrived recently from Washington. Two millions of dollars' worth of furniture orders for January are what makes the Grand Rapids furniture men happy.

Four large wolves were killed at Deep River recently. They were worth \$13 apiece, \$4 for the hide and \$8 for the bounty.

A Crandall dealer in general merchandise at South Frankfort made an assignment recently for the benefit of his creditors. The assets were placed at \$5,000, with liabilities of about \$7,000. Inlay City wants to be the hub of Leapeur County.

The State Board of Charities says there is one insane to every 330 inhabitants in the State.

We intend to sell all our Gloves and Mittens and have our stock closed out before Feb. 1st, if we have to.

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