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## CURRENT TOPICS.

The Mississippi river is frozen over solid at Cairo.

There is no end of the year like the dividend.

The next Connecticut Legislature will contain 113 farmers.

A SCHUYLER, Neb., man ate eighty-six oysters at one sitting.

A boy has been born in Kansas with eyes in the back of his head.

A governor in Barren County, Ky., holds twelve and a half gallons.

Monks' orders are making many converts in Eastern Mississippi.

The cold weather in Florida causes alarm about the orange crop.

There are 100 colored men in Washington who are worth \$30,000 each.

A Texas preacher predicts that the world will come to an end in ten years.

LOUISIANA now aspires to be the great hay-producing State of the Union.

The new year opened bright with promises for the plumbers and coal dealers.

NEW YORK CITY drinks 6,000,000 barrels of beer every year, at a cost of \$38,400,000.

KANSAS CITY claims to have a population of 120,000, and including her suburbs 160,000.

A CARLOAD of hickory nuts has been shipped from Hillsfield, Mo., to California.

The red-nosed man, during the recent cold snap, was not regarded with suspicion.

In the East there is practically nothing left of the custom of making New Year's calls.

The first monument of Oliver Goldsmith in Lowell is in a condition of sad neglect.

Mrs. McCLELLAN, widow of the General, and her daughter have gone to Italy for the winter.

SEATTLE KENSA recently gave a dinner at which he skillfully carved a whole roasted deer.

THERE are 14,166 newspapers and periodicals of all sorts published regularly in the United States.

A NEW HAVEN (Conn.) man has brought suit for \$5,000 damages against a widow who jilted him.

THERE are garlands of fame waiting for the man who shall invent a millionaire's will that will.

KANSAS led all the States in the Union last year in regard to the number of miles of railroad built.

The reports from ten Southern States show an increase in the iron output, since 1880, of 255,300 tons.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND shook hands with three thousand persons at the New Year's reception at the White House.

The cost of postage stamps to the Government, covering every thing, including delivery, is \$9.99 per thousand.

THERE are signs that the title war in Wales, so far from dying a natural death, is really gathering fresh vigor.

The Italian people are about to erect a monument to Garibaldi on the Janiculum, in Rome, to cost 1,000,000 francs.

HIRAM P. REVELL, the first colored man elected to the United States Senate, is now a well-to-do farmer in Mississippi.

In no one year since the beginning of our Government have so many prominent Government officials died as in 1886.

A NEW YORK physician braves the wrath of society by declaring that sealskin saques are very unhealthy garments.

FROM far-away Egypt it is announced that Kassala has been relieved. This is cheering. We trust Kassala is better now.

ACCORDING to the dispatches of the past few days, the leading question seems to have been: "Has Secretary Lamar lost his hair?"

"JIM COMMERES" will be able to study the "Polite Letter Writer" behind the bars at the Missouri Penitentiary for the next seven years.

It is reported that enterprising farmers in Kansas have sent to Alabama for cotton seed to experiment with the great staple in their climate.

MOZART's tomb is as unknown as that of Moses. But his monument will be placed next to the tombs of Schubert and Beethoven, at Vienna.

THE St. Louis Republic says that it is not exactly the fair thing that Michigan should have three United States Senators. Jones should resign.

The last book that General Logan read was the biography of General R. L. Lee. He finished the book the day before his fatal sickness began.

LORD TENNYSON persists in his determination to write a poem to the Battenberg baby. All England seems to be down on the poor little princelet.

DRESSMAKERS of New York complain of their long hours and low wages, and denounce the "bargain counters" as among the causes of these evils.

COMMISSIONER COLMAN vigorously protests against a violation by the Illinois Live Stock Commission of the rules relating to pleuro-pneumonia.

A WIDOW in Oakland, Cal., has sued a newspaper for libel because in its obituary notice of her husband it spoke of his having "gone to a happier home."

BE of good heart, ye who have turned over a new leaf. It is difficult to keep faith the first few days of your good resolutions, but it will be easier after awhile.

SPORTSMEN will be glad to know that the Wisconsin Legislature is likely this winter to enact a more stringent law protecting wild ducks during the spring season.

The latest fashionable fad is for the young women to industriously eat peppermint candy at the theaters. They evidently intend to get even with their clove-chewing escorts.

DR. W. H. HALL, an Edinburgh physician, who is traveling in this country, has a cane which he says cost \$8,500. The head contains over three pounds of eighteen karat gold, and is mounted with sixty-five diamonds.

It is rumored that Senator Brown, of Georgia, will resign his seat in the U. S. Senate about the middle of January. He suffers greatly with asthma, and his physicians have warned him against the Washington winter climate.

## SINGULAR POISONING.

### Three Dead and Five Others in a Dangerous Condition.

#### Father and His Seven Children Stricken in a Mysterious Manner—A Case That Puzzles the Doctors.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—An uninviting-looking frame house, on Butler street, Brooklyn, was rented two years ago by James Mauri, who keeps a drug store on Hicks street. He has a wife and seven children, for whom he has always done his best, but never prospered. To-night, lying on an improvised bed in the front room at his residence, he is in convulsions, and when at intervals he has command of his voice, he speaks with pain and begs those near him to kill him. He does not know it, but since he was taken down yesterday, three of his children have died. This wholesale sickness began last Thursday, when his eldest child, a boy of thirteen, went to visit an aunt, and two hours afterward complained of cramps and began vomiting and bleeding at the nose. Too ill to be removed, he died yesterday at his aunt's residence, and his death was a mystery to the physicians who were called in. Mrs. Mauri, who alone of the entire family has not been affected, says that on Sunday morning last at four o'clock she was awakened by the cries of the four children, who seemed to be suffering excruciating pains. The children were Margaret, Emanuel, Eugene, twenty months, Carrie, four years; Alice, six years; John, eight years, and Arthur, ten years. Physicians were called, but they seemed unable either to diagnose the cases or successfully treat them. At one o'clock this morning baby Eugene died in violent convulsions. Before he expired he vomited blood, and seemed to be consumed with thirst. This afternoon Margaret died, and to-night the belief is expressed that there will not be one survivor save Mrs. Mauri. Now comes the strangest part of this very strange case. On Monday the father, Joseph Mauri, went home at six o'clock, and very soon after supper he complained of feeling unwell. He went to his store yesterday, but this morning was unable to leave his bed. Before daylight he began to vomit and to cry out for cold drinks, especially milk. At noon he was seen by a reporter. He was tossing from side to side, and talked as one in a delirium. "I am burning inside," he said frequently, and seemed to be afraid that he was about to be taken from his home. His wife, a stout, florid-faced woman, talked quite unconcernedly about the terrible blow which had fallen upon the household, and said that she had no idea what had led to the calamity. An autopsy on the dead will be held to-morrow, before which time there may be new subjects for the surgeon's knife. Physicians will not express an opinion as to the cause, but any criminal reporter of experience will say at once that the outward symptoms are those of arsenical poisoning.

## PRACTICAL, SURE ENOUGH

### A Joke Which Resulted in a Poor Girl Getting a Rich Husband.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 6.—About a year ago a romantic story was published of an Irish emigrant girl, named Annie O'Connor, who was working at a hotel here, receiving a letter from England, stating that she was an heiress to vast estates. The story turned out afterward to have been a practical joke at the expense of the girl, but she was deluged with letters of marriage from all over the country. Among the letters was one received from James O'Keefe, a wealthy resident of Pittsburgh, which resulted in a correspondence, and about ten days ago in a meeting. To-day information is received from Pittsburgh that the couple were married there yesterday.

## HAIGHT TELLS HIS STORY.

### He Investigated the Robbery—Fotheringham Innocent.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—W. W. Haight, one of Wittrock's accomplices in the train robbery, has furnished the local papers a written statement of his connection with the affair. He says therein that poverty and his inability to obtain employment forced him to devise some means whereby he might provide his wife and child with the necessities of life. To do this he planned the robbery and approached Wittrock with the scheme. Wittrock became enthusiastic over it, and thereafter took the affair into his own hands, and he (Haight) heard nothing more of him until he read an account of the robbery in the papers. Soon after that Wittrock sent him \$1,000 by Oscar Cook, and summoned him to Leavenworth. There Wittrock gave him \$10,000 more. He says it was he who forged Mr. Danisell's signature to the case which was presented to Fotheringham, and had Mr. Adams Express letter heads and envelopes printed. Fotheringham, he asserts, is absolutely innocent of each and every charge brought against him.

## Girls Co-operative Experiment.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The Girls' Co-operative Clothing Manufactory, which was incorporated two weeks ago, began operations to-day at No. 145 Ontario street. A large room has been fitted up with about thirty sewing machines, and sixty girls who have heretofore worked for others are now banded together to work for themselves. They will each draw moderate wages weekly, and the amount of work done by each will be kept account of and a dividend declared accordingly at the end of the year. This is the first experiment of the kind in this country, and the women, who are all Knights of Labor, are very hopeful about their enterprise.

## Lamar-Holt.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 5.—The Secretary of the Interior, Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, and Mrs. Henrietta Dean Holt, widow of the late General William S. Holt, were married at ten o'clock this morning. The marriage occurred at the handsome residence of the bride, on Orange street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Wm. Park, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

## Butterine Factories Closed Up.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 5.—The butterine factories of C. P. Robinson & Co., in this city, and of the Pittsburgh Melting Company, of Allegheny, closed down to-day on account of the State law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine being declared constitutional.

## The Candidates for Logan's Place.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 5.—The Thirty-fifth General Assembly convened to-day. The most prominent candidates for United States Senator, to succeed General Logan, are L. E. Payson, Chas. B. Farwell and Joseph G. Cannon.

## NATURAL GAS.

### Loss of Life and Great Destruction of Property by an Explosion at Youngstown, O.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 6.—An explosion of natural gas this morning resulted in loss of life and large destruction of property. Plumbers were at work completing the Andrews block and keeping a fire under a boiler in the basement to furnish steam heat for the building. Shortly before three o'clock John Semple raised a window in the basement, when an explosion occurred, followed by a second and third, that blew him through a closed door, splitting it in two and hurling him against a stone wall. His clothes were blazing, which he extinguished by rolling in the snow. Thomas Branigan, plumber, who had been on duty until midnight, and then went to sleep near the boiler, was suffocated, and his body literally roasted by the fierce flames. It is supposed the natural gas leaked from street mains into the building, and that Semple opening the window first, resulting in the explosion. The entire block was destroyed. The Baptist Church, livery stable of James B. Drake, residence of Joseph Barclay, the Fowler cottage, were all destroyed, and the Tod House and several other buildings badly damaged. The body of Branigan was recovered in the debris late this afternoon. Semple, who is a member of the plumbing firm of W. S. Scholl & Company, is in the hospital, with face and hands badly burned. The losses are as follows: C. H. Andrews, \$60,000; Mayer Bros., \$15,000; First Baptist church, \$30,000; J. H. Shields, \$5,000; James B. Drake, \$5,000; Knights of Pythias, \$2,500; Fowler estate, \$1,000; Mrs. Barclay, \$1,000; other losses, \$5,000. The insurance is fifty per cent. of the loss, except the Andrews' block, which had only \$10,000, and J. H. Shields, who had no insurance.

## TOSSO HAS PASSED AWAY.

### The Celebrated Author of the "Arkansas Traveler" and Violinist Travels into the Unknown Land.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6.—Prof. Joseph Tosso, for a half century one of the familiar personages of Cincinnati and vicinity, died at his home in Covington, at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The deceased was known throughout the whole world as the composer of "The Arkansas Traveler." Prof. Tosso was born in Italy eighty-five years ago, came to Mexico with his parents when a child, played the violin in his concerts, and was regarded as a prodigy. His skill as a violinist was remarkable and he had a national reputation. He was a generous, happy hearted, whole souled gentleman, and thousands will learn with sorrow of his death.

## Political.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 6.—The Republican joint caucus on United States Senator to-night nominated on the first ballot ex-Governor Cushman K. Davis. This secures the election of Davis on the 18th inst.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 6.—The Republican Legislative caucus to-night nominated Francis B. Stockbridge, of Kalamazoo, for United States Senator on the tenth ballot.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—The Democratic members of the State Legislature in caucus to-night at Jefferson City nominated F. M. Cockrell for re-election to the United States Senate.

## Counterfeiter White Sentenced.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 6.—Judge Treat today, in the U. S. District Court, sentenced Joseph H. White, of Waco, Texas, who has been in jail here since August, 1885, on a charge preferred by the U. S. Government, of counterfeiting Brazilian treasury notes, to three years in the penitentiary. His brother, Lucien White, who turned State's evidence, and who has also been in jail here, will be released.

## Castle Garden Statistics.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—John E. Moore, the landing agent at Castle Garden, has completed his report of the arrivals of passengers on the various steamship lines of last year. There was a total of 300,618 stowage and 68,749 cabin passengers, an increase of 19,748 stowage and 12,552 cabin passengers over 1885.

## Revolutionists Escape.

MADRID, Jan. 6.—The gatekeepers of the military prison, without being noticed, decamped with nine sergeants, who were concerned in the late movement. No trace of them has been found. The escape has caused a sensation, giving evidence of intrigues by the revolutionary party.

## Trouble in the Canadian Cabinet.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—An Ottawa special to the *Advertiser* says that the Fishery troubles and the recent elections have tended to bring about a Cabinet break-up and that Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Internal Revenue, and Hon. Mr. Foster, Minister of Fisheries, will probably resign.

## French Census.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—The census of France for 1886 shows a total population of 33,218,038, against 37,672,048 in 1881. The population of Paris has increased only 75,000, against 250,000 recorded in 1881.

## HEADLESS HORSEMAN.

### Bullets and Such Have no Effect Upon Him.

#### Eighty Workmen Driven Out by a Knightly Apparition in the Mountains.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 7.—For some time stories have been in circulation containing a supposed ghost which haunts a lumber camp on Cheat river, in Tucker County, this State, but like all ghost stories they caused only smiles. Recently, however, the entire force of choppers and laborers at the camp left in a body and drew their pay, refusing to return to work. There were over eighty employes, and a colored cook was the first to leave. He swore that one morning before daylight, when he was cooking breakfast, a headless horseman, with a gigantic axe on his shoulder, fled through the woods making no noise. The men ridiculed him. In a few days a party of choppers reported seeing the same phenomenon, and later it appeared repeatedly, both at night and in the day. The men were employed by Henry G. Davis & Bro., of Keyser. Men sent out by the firm say they can not account for the thing. Shots fired at it have no effect. The superstitious fright of the men has spread far and wide, and this week's *Pioneer*, of St. George, whose editor visited the camp, gives the story in detail, and says any visitor can satisfy himself by sight and hearing, as the apparition makes a peculiar whining noise as it glides through the forest. Men have tried in vain to employ new workmen to take the places of those who fled.

## PRINTER'S PI.

### A Temperance Editor's Printing Office Completely Wrecked.

OPELIKA, Ala., Jan. 7.—Major B. K. Keiser, editor of the *Times* of this city, on going into his office yesterday morning, found the gear wheel of his Campbell press smashed to pieces, and the type all in "pi." He found the following letter:

"AT THE CLUB, Jan. 5, 1887.

"BEN. K. KEISER, Reprobate—Your conduct toward the honest and decent people of this town has become unendurable, and, as you are hedged about with a class of supporters that is as low and debased as you are, there is no chance to bring you to justice. Therefore I am ordered by the club to notify you to leave this town and county within ten days, or abide the consequences. C. PRATT, Secretary."

This is an outbreak of the lawless spirit which has prevailed since 1872, when certain parties secured licenses to sell liquor. Major Keiser in his paper has waged a relentless war upon the liquor dealers, and it is for this reason that he has been warned to leave the town.

## The Cold Snap Snappeth.

BISMARCK, Dak., Jan. 7.—The thermometer last night registered thirty-seven degrees below zero.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Jan. 7.—Weather last night was clear, the thermometer registering thirty-five degrees below zero. Toward morning it clouded up and became milder. It was twenty degrees below at 8 o'clock and eighteen below at 9 o'clock.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 7.—Thermometer at 3 a. m. 38 degrees below zero; at 6 o'clock 30 degrees below.

ATKINS, Miss., Jan. 7.—The thermometer stood at sixty degrees below zero this morning.

## Thurman Falls Senseless.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 7.—While the festivities of the Jackson Club banquet were in progress to-night a sensation was created when ex-Senator Allen G. Thurman suddenly reeled and fell in a stupor from his chair at the table. Instantly all was excitement, for to all he seemed lifeless. He was carried to a carriage and taken to his residence, where he revived somewhat. It is not known what the result will be. Mr. Thurman has been suffering for a week or more from pneumonia.

## Boiled in a Wash-Tub.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 7.—John Taylor, an employe of Rolph's vinegar works, this city, fell into a wash-tub at that place, this morning, and was so badly scalded that he died this afternoon at 5 o'clock. He was standing on a board extended across the top of the tub, when his foot slipped. The temperature of the wash was about 170 degrees, and before he could be extricated the flesh on some portions of his body was literally cooked, and fell off in great flakes.

## Woman Arrested for Illegal Voting.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Lucy Sweet Barber, of Alfred, Allegheny County, who gained so much notoriety by voting at the November election, has been arrested by the United States marshal, and held for examination on Monday next. Mrs. Barber voted the full ticket for Congressmen and other candidates.

## The Horrible Hydrophobia.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 7.—On the 31st of last month a three-year-old daughter of Mr. John D. Dougherty, a farmer living near Dexter Mills, Butler County, Ky., was bitten on the wrist by a poodle dog. On Tuesday hydrophobia commenced to develop, and to-day the child is suffering intensely, with no hopes for recovery.

## Awful Holocaust.

MADRAS, Jan. 7.—It is officially stated that 46 persons were burned to death in the incendiary fire which destroyed the reserved inclosure in the People's Park last week.

## Four Boys Gibbeted.

SIDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 7.—Four of the youths condemned to death recently for an outrageous assault upon a servant girl, were hanged here yesterday. Two others who were to have been executed yesterday were reprieved. The ages of those hanged ranged from sixteen to twenty years.

## Destruction by Earthquake.

TRETS, Jan. 7.—The village of Djemel was severely shaken by an earthquake to-day. A number of houses fell. Seven persons were killed and many hurt.

## THE WRECKED SHIP.

### All Her Crew, Twenty-Two in Number, Known to Have Perished—Dead Bodies Washed Ashore.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 9.—Later particulars from the wreck of the German ship *Elizabeth*, which went ashore yesterday morning on Virginia Beach, fourteen miles south of Cape Henry, put the number of the crew at twenty-two instead of fifteen, not a man of whom was saved. This fact is learned from the two men and who recovered consciousness to-day. The bodies of the five men of the life-saving crew and four of the ship's crew which were recovered yesterday were in life-preservers, and three more of the ship's crew, without life-preservers, were picked up lower down the coast this morning. A body which has been identified as that of the captain is among those recovered. On his person was a photograph marked "Captain F. Halberstadt" and letters addressed to Henry Kaulmann, and several bills from Joseph Lank & Co., Bremerhaven. This evening the masts of the ship were still standing, though the sea was breaking over her violently. Superintendent Poyner, of the Life-Saving Service, will board her in the morning if possible. As reported last night, not a word was spoken among the ship's crew and the life-saving men when they boarded her in their desperate attempt at rescue, and the cause of the wreck can not be positively known, although it is supposed that in attempting to make the Cape of Virginia under reefed sails, sufficient allowance was not made for the strong currents, which have caused several disastrous wrecks along the lower Virginia and North Carolina coast during the last few years.

## FOND OF DISCUSSION.

### A Baltimorean Leaves Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars for the Support of Debating Societies.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 9.—Humphrey Moore, who died here the other day, left \$35,000 to build and support an institution for the debating societies of Baltimore. He believed in settling disputes by discussion, and often declared that he thought no young man educated who could not make a good extemporaneous speech. That classes in the will referring to the institute says that he desires it established for open discussions in the interests of morality, patriotism, intelligence and political science. Mr. Moore, when he came to Baltimore in 1844, opened an old curiosity shop, where he kept all sorts of literature oddities that could not be found elsewhere. Geo. W. Childs, the Philadelphia editor and philanthropist, was, when a lad, a clerk in his store. The money he made in books he invested in stocks, and after making over \$100,000 he retired.

## Closed on Sunday.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 9.—The journeyman barbers of this city recently formed an organization for the purpose of enforcing the closing of all barber shops here on Sunday. They notified all the proprietors in the city that on and after to-day, any persons who kept their places open would be prosecuted. Out of the thirty-eight shops here thirty-six were closed to-day. The proprietors of the other two will be arrested to-morrow.

## A Big Blast.

EASTON, Pa., Jan. 9.—The largest blast ever fired in this section was touched off by Superintendent Firmstone, of the Glendon Iron Company, yesterday. It consisted of 44,500 pounds of powder, distributed in five chambers, each fifty feet apart and fifty feet back from the face of the quarry. The whole hillside, 150 feet high, was blown out, and about two hundred thousand tons of stone loosened.

## Killed His Child by Carelessness.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—While John Hallstrum, aged thirty-two, was examining a pistol at his residence, No. 59 Sackett street, Brooklyn, this evening, the weapon was accidentally discharged. The bullet passed through the forefinger of Hallstrum's right hand and entered the left eye of his six-year-old daughter, Mary Ann, killing her instantly. Hallstrum was arrested and locked up.

## Triple Suicide.

ROME, Jan. 9.—Mashilde Mari, eighteen years of age, and Miss Romaxo, aged sixteen, Polish art students, were found floating on a bed in a hotel in this city to-day. On the floor lay the dead body of a man. Letters addressed to relatives were found which indicated that all three committed suicide.

## Death Foreshadowed in a Dream.

MARSHALL, Tex., Jan. 9.—Conductor C. W. Cox was run over by a freight train while he was coupling the caboose. He died from the injuries received, and leaves a bride of three months. A singular feature of the case is that Cox had a dream the night before the accident that he would be run over by the train.

## Explosion from Spontaneous Combustion.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., Jan. 9.—A large concert magazine in the redoubt containing powder and material for manufacturing pyrotechnics blew up at 1 p. m. from spontaneous combustion. The glass in the officers' quarters and hotel suffered.

## Burned to Death in a Collision.

READING, Pa., Jan. 9.—A freight train on the Wilmington & Northern railroad ran into the rear end of another train this morning. The conductor and a man riding in the caboose were killed and their bodies badly burned. Brakeman Harry Knox and Fireman Phillips were injured.

## Killed by the Cold.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 9.—A special to the *Pioneer Press*, from Billings, Mont., says: Yesterday A. Crutcher, David Porter and John Thurston started to walk bare from a coal mine, twelve miles north. Crutcher only arrived alive, the other two being frozen to death.

## FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

### Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—SENATE.—The Senate, without transacting any business whatsoever, adjourned over to-day out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Logan. Senator Culison, in making the motion, made an eloquent address.

HOUSE.—As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Logan, the House, at 12:45 p. m., adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—SENATE.—Memorials were presented in favor of the passage of the Inter-State commerce bill. A bill granting a pension of \$2,000 a year to the widow of General Logan was reported, and on objection of Senator Coke, of Texas, went over. Mr. McPherson offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a statement of the indebtedness of the Pacific railroads, to the Government on January 1, 1887. Mr. Hoar proposed an amendment calling for a statement of all disputes in regard to the amount of such debt. The resolution went over. The Inter-State commerce conference report was taken up, and Mr. Platt addressed the Senate until 4 p. m. After an executive session of fifteen minutes the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—The bill to make the Oswego and Erie Canal free by Government aid was called up. The reading of the report consumed the time of the morning hour, and no action was taken. The Indian appropriation bill was read by paragraphs and passed. The military academy bill was passed. The resignation of Congressman Reid, of North Carolina, was presented and laid on the table. The bill for the consolidation of certain bureaus in the Navy Department was taken up, and pending action the House adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—SENATE.—A number of memorials were presented, among which were some in favor of the passage of the Inter-State commerce bill, and others asking legislation to prevent the running of railroad trains on Sundays. A bill was passed placing Allison S. Keith, disabled by exposure at sea, on the retired list as an Ensign. A bill was reported to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua. A bill was introduced for the relief of Captain Crawford's heirs, making a claim against Mexico for the killing of that officer in January, 1858. The McPherson resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for a statement of the indebtedness of the Pacific Railroad Companies, and the effect of the funding bill thereon, was agreed to. A bill granting a pension of \$2,000 to the widow of General Logan was passed, also a bill increasing the pension of the widow of General F. Blair. Consideration of the Inter-State commerce bill was resumed. Messrs. Platt and Morgan speaking, Mr. Culison gave notice he would move for a vote on Tuesday or Wednesday next. At 8:30 p. m. the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Consideration was resumed of the bill for the permanent improvement of the Erie and Oswego canal. Pending action the morning hour expired. The pension adjusting bill for \$3,247,500 was passed without amendment or discussion. The naval reorganization bill was taken up and debated until 4:05 p. m., when the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—SENATE.—After the presentation of petitions, the following bills were passed: To settle and adjust the claims of any State for expenses incurred by it in defense of the United States; To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make final adjustment of the claims of certain foreign steamship companies arising from the illegal exaction of tonnage duties; for relief of John McNaughton, of Ohio, involving the principle of paying the compensation of a higher grade, while the claimant held and drew the pay of a lower grade in the volunteer service; appropriating \$60,000 for the widow and daughter of A. S. Allen, the inventor of the Springfield breech-loader; providing for a school of instruction at Fort Riley, Kas., for avary and light artillery. A proposed amendment to the Inter-State commerce bill was submitted providing for an equitable division of traffic. At 3:30 p. m. the Senate went into executive session, and at 4:30 p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE.—The Senate bill was passed amending the act for the sale of certain Indian reservations in Nebraska and Kansas by providing for the allotment of lands in severalty to minors and orphans. Also a bill for the erection of a public building at Wilmington, N. C.