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CONGRESSIONAL GRIEST.

BUSINESS FINISHED AND UNFINISHED.

Senator Vest Makes a Speech in Opposition to the Admission of Dakota—Other Matters Considered by Congress Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—SENATE—Sherman presided over the Senate today, having been designated for that purpose by Vice President Edmunds under the rule. The chair laid before the Senate an invitation to that body from the commissioners of the New Orleans Exposition to participate in the opening of the Exposition on the 16th inst.

The House then, on motion of Hale, read three times and passed. Blair submitted a resolution which went over till tomorrow, instructing the committee on naval affairs to investigate Capt. John Ericsson's new system of naval defence, especially his submarine gun and torpedo, and to report whether the same are about to be purchased for the exclusive use of any foreign power, and whether the prudent provision for naval defence requires the purchase of such inventions by the United States government.

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At two o'clock the Dakota bill was taken up. Vest addressed the Senate in opposition to the admission of Dakota. There was nothing of particular interest in his presentation. He was devoted to the principle of the Democratic party, but he was here to discuss the question entirely on its merits. A very few Territories, however, had been admitted to the Union with a party struggle and debate. Territories themselves had always felt the influence of the party dominant in the Nation.

At the close of the war Col. Buford, a young and comparatively inexperienced man, was elected president of the Richmond & Danville railroad—then a simple line of railway between Richmond & Danville. We believe he defeated Gen. Jos. E. Johnston, who was a candidate for the position. The road and machinery was worn out and encumbered with a large debt. The Piedmont Line (the connecting link between the North Carolina and Virginia systems—between Greensboro and Danville) which was mainly built by the Richmond & Danville railroad company, was seized by the government as the property of the Confederate States.

Col. Buford, by his skill and indomitable energy, arranged the debt of his company, got possession of the Piedmont road, made the connection with the North Carolina system, and then leased the North Carolina railroad for thirty years. When this was accomplished he at once looked for more and longer lines, and better connections. He is, and was the originator and builder of the Charlotte & Atlanta Air Line, and through his influence the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta and the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio railroads were leased; the Salem road was built, and more recently the Western North Carolina and the Georgia Pacific railroads, and control of the Virginia Midland railroads was secured.

In 1865 Col. Buford's little line was today and without connections—today it is one of the great corporations of the continent. What railroad president can point to such accomplishments, with so little means, in so short a time?

The Observer contemplates his achievements in North Carolina with pride, and hails his re-election as a just tribute to an honest, capable, efficient and indefatigable son of North Carolina, born in obscurity in Davie county, but who has worked his way to the head of his profession by sheer merit.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher on being informed of the death of his former "mutual friend," Mr. Francis D. Moulton, said: "I could say many kind things of Mr. Moulton, but many things not complimentary. I remember the maxim de mortuis nil nisi bonum. Then why say anything? His hand was raised against me, but he could not help it. The real truth of that great conspiracy against me has never been given to the public. Mr. Moulton had many papers, documents and letters that have never been produced. I know full well the underlying reasons for this conspiracy, but in evidence I could not prove them. Many things that one knows to be true he cannot prove. I may speak more fully of Mr. Moulton later. I may tell what I know some day."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Nicaraguan canal treaty and the Spanish reciprocity treaty, when sent by the President to the Senate today, were accompanied by the usual messages of transmittal. Both treaties were referred to the committee on foreign relations. The injunction of the Secretary was removed from the text of the Spanish treaty, and it was immediately sent to the printer, with a view of having copies for distribution tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The first glass workers struck today against a 20 per cent. reduction in their wages. Several factories are still running with apprentices who have taken the places of journeymen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—All employees at Cortland except the heads of the departments, were discharged this evening, owing to a lack of funds.

acting rear admirals, when, as is alleged, no vacancy existed to justify such action. Adopted.

The House then resumed the consideration of the inter-State commerce bill. In reply to a question by Townshend, of the Mexican pension bill as soon as the pending measure had been disposed of.

The subcommittee of the House appropriation committee has agreed upon the pension appropriation bill. It is short, contains no new legislation, and calls for sixty million dollars.

The Attorney General has issued a circular letter saying that the law creating his office makes it the duty of the incumbent to answer questions of law only when asked in writing by the executive departments, and hereafter he will not undertake to reply to the numerous legal inquiries which come from other sources.

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THE METHODIST CENTENNIAL. Opening the Conference in Baltimore—John Wesley's Bible as Us.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 10.—The centennial conference of Methodism assembled this morning at Mt. Vernon church; one of the most beautiful and costly church edifices in the land, located on Mt. Vernon square, under the shadow of the Washington monument. A very large number of delegates were present, and the church was crowded to the utmost extent, many having been unable to gain admission. Bishop Andrews, chair man of the general executive committee, called the conference to order, and on his nomination Bishop Green was chosen presiding officer of today's session. The venerable Dr. Jas. Cummings read the scripture lesson from Isaiah, chapter 62. The centenary hymn, composed for the occasion by Rev. S. K. Cox, D. D., of Washington, was sung by the entire body of delegates, the audience uniting. The singing was followed by prayer, concluding with the Lord's prayer. Bishop Andrews announced that the bible from which the lesson had been read, was once the property of John Wesley. After the appointment of the committee on credentials, it was decided that various resolutions and declarations of the lists of substitutes, be filed by the Bishops.

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Trains going South. Oct. 12th, 1884. No. 60, Daily, No. 67, Daily. Leave Goldsboro, 12:00 a.m. Arrive Raleigh, 4:45 p.m. Arrive Durham, 6:12 p.m. Arrive Hillsboro, 7:14 p.m. Arrive Greensboro, 8:00 p.m. Arrive High Point, 9:02 p.m. Arrive Salisbury, 9:54 p.m. Arrive Charlotte, 1:36 a.m.

N. W. N. C. RAILROAD. GOING SOUTH. No. 60, Daily, No. 67, Daily. Leave Greensboro, 10:18 a.m. Arrive Kernersville, 11:18 a.m. Arrive Salisbury, 12:00 p.m. Arrive High Point, 1:02 p.m. Arrive Hillsboro, 2:04 p.m. Arrive Durham, 3:06 p.m. Arrive Raleigh, 4:08 p.m. Arrive Goldsboro, 5:10 p.m.

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