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All Overtures Declined. JAY GOULD WILL NOT TREAT WITH THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR. The executive committee of the Knights of Labor proposed to Jay Gould that the strike on the Missouri and Texas Pacific Railroads be settled by arbitration.

Frederick Turner, Secretary. In reply to this the following was addressed to Frederick Turner, secretary, &c., Philadelphia. I have your note of this date, proposing an interview between your executive committee and the officers of this company.

When the proclamation shall be obeyed, and when the company's late employees shall desert from violence and interference with its trains, the board hereby assures them that they will find themselves met by Mr. Hoxie in the spirit in which he has heretofore successfully avoided rupture and cause for just complaint and in that just and liberal spirit which should always exist between the employers and the employed.

Public interest, the interests of both parties to this controversy, will not be served by a longer continuance of the strike if there is the shadow of a chance to bring it to a speedy termination. With that idea in view we prefer to let this discussion rest and allow this matter to be decided upon its merits by an impartial committee of seven, selected as indicated in our communication of this morning.

New York Cotton Futures. New York, March 29.—Green & Co. say: It was an extremely dull market and barren of important features. The bulls bid prices up a trifle at the opening but secured no support and under an absolute absence of demand rates generally settled off, closing tamely, a fraction below Saturday, with only room trading in fix rates.

CONGRESSIONAL.

THE HOUSE GIVES THE EDUCATIONAL BILL A REFERENCE.

To the Committee on Labor.—In the Senate Logan Favors the Increase of the Army. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—SENATE.—After the routine morning business Mr. Logan's army bill was placed before the Senate. Mr. Logan sent to the desk and had read a letter from Gen. Sheridan favoring the proposed increase.

Mr. Logan himself read an extract from a letter of Gen. Schofield approving the bill, and proceeded to speak upon it. He occupied the largest portion of the afternoon session, the remainder being consumed by Senators who interrupted at different times, to oppose the bill and antagonize Mr. Logan's statements or to ask questions. Messrs. Plumb, Hoar, Dawes and Teller were opponents of the bill. In reply to remarks made by some of these gentlemen in the course of the debate, Mr. Logan said it was an unwarrantable assumption for any Senator to intimate or insinuate that this bill was now introduced with a view to any impending difficulty between capital and labor.

Under the call of States the following bills and resolutions were introduced and referred: By Mr. Lawler, of Illinois, a preamble and resolution reciting that the recent correspondence between Powderly, the grand master workman of the Knights of Labor, and Jay Gould, the president of the Missouri Pacific R. R. Co., raises an issue of vital importance to the tranquility of the country and the general welfare of the people, and directing the committee on labor to investigate into the underlying causes of the differences existing between the employers and the employees of the railway companies and other common carriers and to report what legislation is necessary to bring the troubles and differences to a satisfactory conclusion.

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By Mr. McCreary, of Kentucky, authorizing the President to arrange a conference for the purpose of encouraging peaceful and reciprocal commercial relations between the United States and the republics of Mexico, Central and South America, and the empire of Brazil. By Mr. Wolford, of Kentucky, granting a pension of \$3 a month to all honorably discharged soldiers or sailors who served in the Union army during the late war, and directing the secretary of the interior to furnish artificial limbs

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