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CONGRESS.
PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY IN SENATE AND HOUSE

THE INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL CONSIDERED IN THE HOUSE—\$13,000 VOTED TO THE CHEROKEE TRAINING SCHOOL IN NORTH CAROLINA—OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

By Telegraph to the News and Observer.
WASHINGTON, April 19.—Senate.—Three bills for light houses at Newport News, Middleburg, Va.; St. Joseph's Port, Fla.; Holland Island Bar, Chesapeake Bay, Md., and one for the light ship at Bush's Bluff shoal, Elizabeth river, Va., were reported from the committee and placed on the calendar.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill for the admission of the State of South Dakota. Mr. Plumb opened the debate in favor of the bill and he was followed by Mr. Allison, also in favor of the bill.

Mr. Butler came next, and his was the principal speech of the day. Mr. Butler, opposed the so-called South Dakota movement, because, in his judgment, it was a political trick to get the supremacy in the Senate. He devoted a large part of his speech in replying to Mr. Sherman and to a discussion of Louisiana politics of the campaigns of 1876 and 1888.

He was frequently interrupted by inquiries and to one of these he replied to Mr. Plumb that he (Butler) would be perfectly willing to incorporate in the bill for the admission of Dakota without division as a State a provision authorizing new States to be formed out of the State hereafter. The debate was continued by Messrs. Hawley, Chase, Vest, Berry, Edmunds, Call, Hoar, Sherman, Patti, Packer and Chandler. Finally after a day spent in debate, which was at times quite excited and which occasionally caused man manifestations of laughter or approval in the galleries, which were rebuffed by the presiding officer, the Senate came to a vote on the substitute and then on the bill. The substitute was defeated, yeas 26, nays 26, and the bill passed, yeas 26, nays 23, a strict party vote.

It declares the State of South Dakota a State of the United States of America, and ratifies and confirms (subject to certain provisions) the constitution which the people of South Dakota have formed.

It fixes the boundaries of the State and gives the State concurrent jurisdiction of the Missouri river and every other river bordering on the State until the next census, and the apportionment of South Dakota is to have two Representatives in the House of Representatives. It appropriates \$25,000 to defray the expenses of the constitutional convention that has been held, and a portion of the public lands for State buildings, and provides for a division of the public debt of the former Territory of Dakota. A portion of the former Territory not within the State of South Dakota is to continue as a Territory, under the name of North Dakota, with Bismarck as its capital.

Adjourned till Monday.

Mr. O'Neill, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of the Maritime Exchange, of Philadelphia, against the sugar and molasses schedule of the Mills bill.

At this suggestion Mr. Mills, of Texas, an understanding was had that the committee on ways and means would yield the floor for a day to appropriation bills and that the debate on the tariff bill would be resumed on Tuesday of next week, Saturday being accorded to the committee on public lands for the consideration of the "homestead" bill.

The House then went into committee of the whole (Mr. Sprnger, of Illinois, in the chair) for the further consideration of the Indian appropriation bill.

On motion of Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, and after a short debate, an amendment was adopted appropriating \$13,000 for the support of eighty pupils at the Cherokee training school at Cherokee, N. C. An amendment was adopted appropriating \$20,000 for the education of the Indian people in Alaska. The provision for an inspector of Indian schools and superintendent of such schools was stricken out.

The clause appropriating \$28,580.00 for the payment of the Choctaw judgment had been reached. Mr. Blount raised the point of order that it was a matter over which the committee on Indian affairs had no jurisdiction, and that it had no place upon the bill. The provision for payment of the judgment was only in order upon the sundry civil or deficiency bill, over which the committee on appropriations had jurisdiction. The point was argued by several members and finally overruled by the chair on the ground that the judgment of the United States Supreme Court was based upon the treaty stipulation, and that the subject matter of the appropriation had properly been referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

Mr. Bayne, of Pennsylvania, offered an amendment providing that at the Indian day and training schools where church organizations are assisting in the educational work, the Christian Bible may be taught in the native language of the Indians, if in the opinion of the persons in charge of the schools, it is deemed conducive to the moral welfare of the pupils. Adopted.

The committee then rose. Mr. Randall moved to strike out the Choctaw judgment provision, and the previous question was ordered on this motion and the final passage of the bill. The matter went over until tomorrow and the House at 6 o'clock adjourned.

Founder of the Baltimore Sun Dead.
By Telegraph to the News and Observer.
BALTIMORE, April 19.—Mr. A. S. Abel, founder of the Sun, died shortly after 3 o'clock this morning, in the 82d year of his age.

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WADESBORO ABLAZE.
TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF PROPERTY BURNED—THE GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, WILLIAMS & PARKER'S HALL, FIVE BRICK STORES AND ONE FINE BUILDING DESTROYED AND TWO MEN INJURED.

The Wadesboro Messenger of yesterday says: About half past 4 o'clock this morning the Grand Central Hotel, D. L. Parker, proprietor, was discovered to be burning, the fire having originated in the partry on second floor.

The entire building was consumed, including hotel, Williams & Parker's hall, and the stores on the first floor. The building was owned by Williams & Parker, and cost originally \$14,000, and was insured by W. A. Rose, agent, for \$5,000; \$4,000 in the Springfield & Marine Insurance Co. and \$1,000 in the Home Insurance Co. of New York. The furniture, owned by D. L. Parker, was valued at \$9,000, on which there was an insurance for \$500. Besides, Mr. Parker lost a piano worth \$100, and insured for \$200. The corner store was occupied by Mr. James Duffin, a saloon. He had no insurance, his policy having expired about ten months ago. His loss is estimated at \$800. The next room was the office of the hotel. Adjoining the office was an unoccupied store room, and there was the store of Dry & Co. They lost in the removal and injury of goods about \$200. Next was the book-store of Henry Davis. He estimates his loss at about \$200.

The flames also reached the wooden building lately occupied as the post office, and owned by R. L. Bruner. It was fully insured in the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company. The frame building, owned by T. S. Crowson, in which was the grocery store of J. A. Atkinson, was crushed by the falling walls of the hall, and the stable and fencing back of the lot was burned. Mr. Crowson's loss is estimated at \$1,000, insured in the Sun Mutual of New Orleans for \$400. Mr. Atkinson's loss was very slight. The barber shop owned by A. G. Bruner, and occupied by Ralph Allen, was torn down. Loss estimated at \$200.

Of the boards, in the hotel, W. C. Hardison lost \$400 in watches, money and papers. He was cut off from the stairs and jumped from his window in the third story to the shed in rear of the hotel, severely spraining his ankle. J. E. Horne lost fine clothing and valuable papers. He was rooming with Mr. Hardison, and came down on the gutter. W. H. Lane lost about \$90. A. C. Nicholls lost about \$100. Ben Swinson lost his clothing, and Dr. W. F. Gray lost a gold watch and clothing. There were several traveling men in the hotel, but it is believed they lost nothing.

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The Grand Central was the largest of our houses, and the best hotel in this part of the State.

MR. PHELPS TO BE CHIEF JUSTICE.
WASHINGTON Star.
It seems pretty well settled that the President has determined to appoint Hon. E. J. Phelps, of Vermont, at present minister to Great Britain, to the vacant Chief Justiceship of the United States. Such a report was circulated on the Democratic side of the Senate late yesterday afternoon, and created quite a flutter. A Star reporter today conversed with a very prominent Democrat, who is in confidential relations with the President. He said: "Yes, it has been determined to appoint Mr. Phelps Chief Justice, and in my opinion it is the wisest selection that could have been made."

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The President examined the field carefully and he concluded that Mr. Phelps was the man for the place. "Though Mr. Phelps is sixty-six years old," said the Star's informant, "he is well preserved. As a lawyer he is head and shoulders above many of the most eminent members of that body, and his address has been commended by the Senate. He is the equal of Thurman in all that goes to make up the great lawyer and jurist. He possesses all the elements of qualifications, and there will be no inconsistency in his presiding over the trained jurists of the Supreme bench. He will not have to acquire qualifications by experience. And let me add that in his devotion to the fundamental principles of Democracy Mr. Phelps is not behind the noble Thurman. He is a democrat and in his construction of the Constitution and in all other questions he is qualified to take up the duties imposed from the first hour he ascends the bench."

It is generally accepted by the Democratic Senators that Mr. Phelps is the coming Chief Justice, and though some of them feel disappointed because of Senator Gray, there will be no Democratic opposition to him. It is understood that Senator Edmunds will favor his confirmation, and that will carry the Republican side.

A Receiver Appointed for the New York and Erie Steamship Company.
By Telegraph to the News and Observer.
NEW YORK, April 19.—Chas. F. Case was today appointed temporary receiver of the effects of the New York and Charleston Steamship Company by Judge Van Brunt of the Supreme Court. He was required to furnish \$1,000 bond. The receiver was appointed at the instance of the New York Dry Dock Float Company, which has an unsatisfied judgment to the amount of \$700 against the steamship company.

A test well sunk at Burgetts town, Pa., for gas or oil, has been drilled 3,000 feet without striking anything.

HAPPY OXFORD.
THE GRAND RAILROAD CELEBRATION.

THE DAY A GLOWING SUCCESS—JUDGE FOWLE'S ADDRESS—OTHER EVENTS

By Cable to the News and Observer.
OXFORD, N. C., April 19.—The exercises of the celebration of the completion of the Oxford & Carville Railroad here yesterday will go down in the history of Oxford as the greatest event in all her history.

Such a multitude of people as attended the exercises was rarely ever seen gathered together in North Carolina and never before in the town of Oxford.

Col. A. B. Andrews arrived in his special car about 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening accompanied by Gov. Seales, Gen. W. P. Roberts, Maj. S. M. Finger, Gen. T. F. Davidson, Col. Thos. S. Kenan, Mr. Donald W. Bain and others. On the same train were the Governor's Guard and numbers of ladies and gentlemen from Raleigh. The Governor's Guard were hospitably entertained by the citizens of Oxford, being assigned to various residences.

The special train from Richmond, bringing the "Richmond Howitzers" and a large number of distinguished gentlemen and business men from that city, arrived yesterday at 12 o'clock.

The Governor and staff and Col. Andrews and the military received the Richmond party at the train and escorted them up to the city. The grand procession formed shortly after 12 o'clock in the following order:

Full battalion of military companies, Lieutenant-Colonel H. G. Cooper in command.

Trades display representing different business establishments.

Ladies mounted on horseback.

Carriages containing distinguished visitors.

A train of wagons one mile in length loaded with potatoes.

The procession was two miles in length and presented the most brilliant and imposing appearance.

The procession moved along the principal streets, traversing about three miles in its course and finally halting in front of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, when the exercises of the day began.

The following was the order of exercises:

Address of welcome by Major N. A. Gregory.

Oration of the day, Hon. Daniel G. Fowle, introduced by R. W. Winston.

Oration by Governor Seales, introduced by Colonel J. S. Amis.

Short speeches by Eugene Grissom, LL. D., J. S. Carr, Colonel A. B. Andrews, R. T. Thorp, J. S. Cunningham, W. B. Glenn, C. B. Watson, W. T. Sutherland.

Gov. Seales was in one of his happiest moods and was most enthusiastically received. His remarks were most appropriate and well timed.

Judge Fowle, the orator of the day, surpassed himself. His address was one of those powerful, eloquent and climactic efforts for which he is so noted and which always thrill and move his audiences.

Such a cordial and enthusiastic greeting as was accorded to Judge Fowle on his appearance have rarely seen, and his address has been commended on all sides in the most glowing terms. The Judge opened his address by acknowledging his cordial reception in appropriate terms and remarking that he could not fail to feel and to appreciate such a welcome. During the course of his remarks he said that it had been customary in the palmy days of Rome, when a calamity of great public moment was exciting the minds of the populace to call an assembly on the forum for the purpose of consideration and debate, but there were gathered together thousands of the best people of the golden age of North Carolina to celebrate the happiest event which had ever been recorded in their history.

He rejoiced that the good old States of North Carolina and Virginia had been united not only as the speaker who preceded him had said as by "hooks of steel," but by "rails of steel." Not only the best people of the two States were present to do honor to this occasion, but the chief magistrate of the former and many of the most distinguished men of the country, and though the absence of the Governor of Virginia was a source of deep regret, North Carolina was happy to extend the right hand of welcome to her soldiery and citizens who were present. He congratulated and complimented the officers and stockholders of the new road and referred to the value and importance of the road as a connecting link between Virginia and North Carolina. He paid a glowing tribute to Major Gregory, Capt. Minor, Mr. Curran, Dr. Gardner, Capt. A. H. A. Williams and other citizens of Oxford who had been the prime movers in the project and to whom the people of Oxford owed a debt of gratitude. He alluded to Col. A. B. Andrews in terms of especial commendation as a benefactor to the people of North Carolina.

The Judge then gave a history of the town of Oxford and the county of Granville, contrasting the condition of Oxford in the year 1861, just before the period of the civil war which paralyzed all the energies of our land, with its status today. The Judge then went on to show that by a growing confidence in our national government our people all over the land had been inspired to exert themselves and to build up the waste places till an era of prosperity was just bursting in all its glory upon them, and the present glowing prospect of the town of Oxford was representative of the prosperity of all the Southern land.

The Judge's address ended amid the most enthusiastic bursts of applause.

One of the most brilliant features

A Young Journalist's Crime.

A Washington special says: Ewing Waterson, son of Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, has been arrested on a charge of assault with intent to kill Mrs. Irene Unkel. Several months ago young Waterson came to this city and has since been connected with the Washington bureau of the Courier-Journal. He secured rooms in a private house and shortly after Irene Unkel, a handsome young brunette, came to the city from Richmond and took rooms in the same house. She is a widow and has one child living. Young Waterson, who is a fine-looking young fellow, became infatuated with her and soon won her affections.

Some trifling matter of a dispute arose between them and Waterson left the house, declaring that he did not want to see her again. However, he returned, and going to her room, knocked upon the door. "Is that you, Ewing?" asked Mrs. Unkel. "Yes, I want to have a talk with you," he replied.

"Well, then, you must hurry," was the response. "I have an engagement at 6:30." She then admitted him to the room and observed that he had been drinking heavily.

"Will you break that engagement for me?" he asked. "No," she replied, "I shall keep it."

Drawing from his pocket a small clasp-knife, Waterson stabbed her in the side, the knife-blade entering a bare half-inch below the heart. Quietly withdrawing it he again struck her, inflicting an ugly wound upon her left wrist. The wounded woman fell heavily to the floor, crying, "Ewing has killed me." Other inmates of the house, hearing her cry, rushed into the room and succeeded in staying young Waterson's hand as he was endeavoring to cut his own throat.

The sight of the young woman lying bleeding upon the floor seemed to sober him, and, realizing what he had done, he said: "I have killed her. Send for an officer." He was taken to the First Precinct station.

"Pa, what's a mirage?"
"It's the union of one man and one woman until the law shall separate them."
"That's a marriage, pa, I want to know what a mirage is."
"Same thing, sonny, same thing. A man imagines he sees wonders where there is nothing. Fight shy of them, sonny, fight shy of them. Each is a delusion and a snare."
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Is Nature's own true laxative. It is the most easily taken, and the most effective remedy known to Cleanse the System when Bilious or Costive; to Dispel Headaches, Colic, and Fevers; to Cure Habitual Constipation, Indigestion, Piles, etc. Manufactured only by the California Fig Syrup Company, San Francisco, Cal. John S. Peacock Sole Agent for Raleigh, N. C.

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The Douglas Suit.
Judge Jamieson in Chicago has decided against the heirs of Stephen A. Douglas in their suit to recover the lands which Mr. Douglas conveyed to the Chicago University in 1856.

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Its superior excellence proven in millions of homes for more than a quarter of a century. It is used by the United States Government. Endorsed by the heads of the Great Universities as the healthiest, purest and most healthful. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder does not contain Ammonia, Lime or Alum. Sold only in Cans.

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