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SENATE APPROPRIATIONS.

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SUCCESS-A REMINISCENCE. It is extremely doubtful if the Congress adjourns before August, we regret to say. The country is very, very tired of the law-makers and are quite willing to wish them a happy jubilee.

AN INTERESTING CASE. U. S. Commissioner's Court—Alleged Violation of Steamboat Inspection Laws. The case of the United States against the owners of the steamer J. C. Stewart, for alleged violation of the steamboat inspection laws, was heard before U. S. Commissioner Gardner yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

TORRENTIAL RAINS. Streets Flooded and Badly Washed—Private Property Damaged—A Large Force of Laborers Making Repairs. The heavy rains of the past fortnight culminated in a down-pour yesterday morning that for the length of time it continued probably surpassed anything in this part of the country.

NORTH CAROLINA. Convention of the Twelfth Judicial District—Morrisson Nominated—Wilson County Recommendations. (Special Star Telegram). Asheville, July 17.—In the Convention of the Twelfth Judicial District, held here today, J. H. Merrimon was nominated.

SERMON BY PAUL HAYNE. Extracts from Bishop Beckwith's Funeral Discourse at Augusta, Ga. Augusta Chronicle. It seems to me that it would be well to be silent. How can an ordinary man speak in the presence of the great wisdom lying there?

SALIBURY WATCHMEN. Take it all in all it is a gloomy outlook for the tiller of the soil, and indirectly for every body else. There were more people under the influence of liquor on the streets last Friday than has been seen here since a long time.

A Remarkable Funeral Scene. A San Francisco newspaper describes a remarkable scene that took place at the funeral of a young man named Frank Peachi, in that city, on Monday.

It began to take on the character of a disease on Monday last, when the Senate added \$250,000 to the river and harbor bill for the purchase of the Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan ship canal. The United States gave the State of Wisconsin, some twenty years ago, 200,000 acres of land, from the sale of which the State was to build a canal connecting Green Bay with Lake Michigan.

The facts, as admitted by defendant's counsel at the examination yesterday and assented to by the District Attorney, are that the vessel owned by the defendants is a river steambow of about 120 tons capacity; that she was engaged in navigating the Cape Fear river from Wilmington to Fayetteville, having made three trips from Wilmington, one on June 30th, another July 3rd and the third July 10th; that she was never licensed or inspected by any United States government official as required by Title 63, Revised Statutes; that the said steambow was simply engaged in transporting merchandise from Wilmington to Fayetteville and from Fayetteville to Wilmington, and none of the merchandise was shipped from any point outside of the State of North Carolina.

A force was put to work also at the bridges on Fourth and sixth streets, part of the abutments of which were washed away, causing damage that is estimated at about \$10,000. On Market street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, a bad washout was made at the large culvert known as Macomber's Ditch, where the water it is said was deep and broad enough to float a steambow. On the railroad, between Fourth and Second streets, the embankment on the north side was washed across the track, and a large force of hands was required to clear it away before trains could pass.

CHICAGO, July 16.—A special dispatch from Mer, in the State of Tansuppais, Mexico, says: A revolution has just arrived from the interior and reports that the Revolutionists, under the command of Juan Trevino, have captured the town of Coahuila. General Reyes has ordered the Eighth Regulars to Aguilaguas, with instructions to fight the Revolutionists in that locality.

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Several Democratic members before the war were talking over their chances for re-election, towards the close of the long session. Among others our own Gen. Romulus M. Saunders, the ablest Democratic canvasser then in the State. He said that he thought he would be re-elected by about 1,600 majority. When the next Congress met some of these same members were talking over their experiences. Gen. Saunders was silent. One of the members rather twitted him and said, "General, if my memory serves me, you said before adjournment, that you expected to return with some 1,500 or 2,000 majority. But my recollection is that you only got it by a small and greatly reduced majority." Old Roan, as he was called by his familiar, thought a minute and said, "Well, gentlemen, I did manage to get back by 125 majority, but if either of you had canvassed with the man I did you would never have seen Washington again."

The Signal Service Observer at the Wilmington station says: The rains of yesterday as well as the cold precipitation for the frequent rains, and it is too late to plant. In this emergency, when the corn, wheat and oat crops will fall considerably below a yield, would it not be advisable for our farmers to have an eye to raising everything they can during the remainder of the season, which will answer as forage for their stock?

From Point Caswell. The captain of the steamer Sports, which arrived yesterday afternoon, reports that his boat has fallen about six inches from the high water place in the morning. The whole country, however, was flooded. A portion of the bridge at Point Caswell has been washed away, rendering it impassable until repairs can be made. Several families living near the town had to abandon their homes on account of the flood. There was another heavy rain in that section yesterday.

CHICAGO, July 16.—A special from Ontario says the Dundey County Bank of Benkleman, Neb., failed yesterday. Belzer, the President, shipped to Canada and took with him \$200,000 in currency and property. Business men and farmers feel the loss greatly, as many have lost the last dollar they had on earth. Several home-owners have had their property in the bank, and were to prove up to day. Many will have to abandon their claims. The greatest excitement prevails. Belzer's property is being sold by the sheriff to his wife before leaving. Many Eastern banks and firms will lose heavily.

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Rice Crop Damaged. Rice plantings along the lower Cape Fear say that their crops have been seriously injured by the long-continued wet weather. The rice fields are generally "laid by" by the planters say, by the fourth or fifth of July, but this season there had been so much rain in June that it was almost impossible to work the crop, and as a consequence the grass has "run away with it". The outlook is said to be far from promising.

A Railroad for Smithville. Some of the people in the said town of Smithville have been somewhat upset by the advent of a mysterious party of railroad surveyors. The prospective railroad for which these surveyors are said to be running lines is from London, Ky., to Bristol, Tenn., from the latter place to Salisbury, N. C., thence to Hatteras, and thence to Smithville via Bennettsville and Conway, S. C. Northern capitalists are at the head of the enterprise.

CHARLOTTE CHRONICLE. Some of the Wilmington excursionists have returned very much elated over their trip, and they are telling of the things they experienced. What many of our citizens have expected for some time, from various utterances and lines of argument used in the Congress, has been announced in the Weekly Observer yesterday contained in this card, but not in the edition of the morning. The undersigned, in response to hundreds of solicitations and for which he feels a grateful appreciation, hereby announces himself as a candidate for representative in the Congress of the United States from the Sixth Congressional District of North Carolina.

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