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## SUN TELEGRAMS.

### EARLY AND MIDNIGHT REPORTS.

#### THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

#### Forty-fifth Congress--Adjourned to January 7th.

WASHINGTON, December 20. (SENATE)--Most of the morning hour was occupied in discussing the order of business after the holiday recess, but the Senate declined to make any special order.

Mr. Beck, of Kentucky, called up a bill, *repealing the act of 1862* which authorized the Revision of Laws, to repeal section 220 of revised statutes of the United States, prescribing additional causes of disqualification and challenge of Grand and Petit Jurors in the Courts of the United States, and submitted an amendment thereto to repeal section 821 of revised statutes, prescribing the test oath for Jurors in the United States Courts. The debate followed; after some discussion on the bill to repeal section 820 of revised statutes, Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts said it was evident that this bill could not be passed today, and he therefore moved to adjourn, but subsequently withdrew the motion at the request of Mr. Edmunds, who moved the Senate to proceed to the consideration of the Executive business. This motion was supported by the Republicans and opposed by the Democrats. A vote resulted in 25 yeas to 25 nays. Being a tie vote, the Vice President voted in the affirmative, and the Senate, at 12 o'clock, went into the Executive session.

The Senate passed a bill to repeal section 820 of Revised Statutes and adjourned until the 7th of January.

The Senate confirmed Joshua B. Hill, Marshall for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Augustus J. Cassard of New Orleans consul at Tampico; Postmaster, James Trotter, Greenville, S. C.; Thomas M. Groen, Birmingham, Ala.

House.--The Speaker proceeded to call the committee for reports of a private nature.

The House passed Senate bill authorizing the payment of claims of the State of Tennessee for the keeping of the United States military prisoners.

Bills were passed removing the political disabilities of J. M. Bell of Georgia and William Ward of Virginia.

The treasury department will, on the first of January, issue a circular, with the object of putting into circulation standard silver dollars. The treasurer will cause shipments to be made to any person who has made a deposit of \$1,000, or any multiple thereof, of the like amount of standard silver dollars, the expenses of transportation to be paid by the mint.

Selected Senate committee, appointed in pursuance of Blaine's resolution, met today.

Mr. Bayard offered a resolution, which was voted down by a party vote, requesting the President to furnish the committee with copies of documents and the names of witnesses furnishing information upon which he based his references to the alleged election frauds in his annual message, in order that the committee might summon witnesses, and proceed with the investigation.

Mr. Bailey, of Tennessee, submitted a resolution calling for a further investigation upon which the committee might base upon the inquiry. Adopted.

Messrs. McMillan and Hoar, Republicans, and Wallace, Democrat, members of the committee, left for home today.

Mr. Willard returns home until after the holidays.

It is stated, tonight, that Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, asked to be excused from further service.

The indications are that there will be no business transacted, at least, until the re-assembly of Congress.

#### O'Hara's Congressional Fight.

Thorburn Southerner.

On Thursday last Judge Seymour sustained the Craven County Canvassing Board's demurrer to complaint, for that complaint did not state plaintiff had any legal right to be enforced and it did not appear that O'Hara would be elected if rejected votes were counted. Plaintiff amended and defendants were allowed ten days to answer.

On Sunday night last an order came from the Judge compelling the Edgecombe Canvassing Board to meet next day (Monday) at 2 p. m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, and recount rejected votes. At the hour appointed only five of the Canvassing Board could be gotten together, to wit: Messrs. Phippen, of Township 11, Precinct 1; Barlow, of Township 11, Coker, of Township 11, Precinct 2; Whitted, of Township 2, and Leggett, of Township 5. Not having a respectable fraction, even of a quorum, a recess was taken, until 11 a. m. on Tuesday.

On Tuesday the canvassers met again, copies of the order having been served on several of them at a late hour on Monday evening. Judge Howard and Capt. Phillips appeared for the plaintiff and W. H. Johnston for the defendants. After a good deal of discussion as to the question of appeal Judge Howard proposed to the Board that they had better get disinterested counsel, whereupon Messrs. J. L. Brublers and Dossey Battle were requested to give their opinions to the Board. This they did, to the effect that, under the statute, the defendants might appeal. Mr. Johnston then served notice of appeal on plaintiff's attorneys. Whitted, Bellamy and Cain did not appeal.

#### Shorter Telegrams.

Joseph H. Deppin, of Louisville, Ky., was found dead in his bed at the Palaski House, Savannah, this afternoon. He committed suicide during the night.

It is announced at Philadelphia that the two Russian cruisers, Asia and Europe, recently completed at Cramp's shipyard, will sail to-morrow for Constantinople.

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## OVER THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

### Wreck of the Byzantine--Bayard Taylor's Funeral, &c.

LONDON, Dec. 20.--McKean, Tetley & Co., old and respected merchants of Bradford, called a meeting of creditors, but will ultimately pay full liabilities, amounting to \$48,000.

A dispatch received in Paris says only four persons, namely, one surgeon, one first officer, one chief engineer and one seaman, escaped from the wreck of the Byzantine. The disaster occurred on Wednesday night, during the heavy gale, the Byzantine, on her way from Marseilles to Constantinople. She was proceeding to the Dardanelles, when she ran into the rocks.

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### Liverpool Cotton Brokers' Weekly Circular.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.--This week's circular of the Liverpool Cotton Brokers' Association, reviewing the trade for the week ending last night, says:

Considerable business was done in the early part of the week, a large proportion being for exports. American cotton was nearly a farthing higher on Tuesday. On Wednesday the market was quieter, and the improvement was partly lost, but today it is again firmer. American is about 3d. above the price of last Thursday, with a good demand. In Sea Island business has been very limited; prices unchanged. Futures advanced further 5-16d. for January by Monday, then declined to 3-16d., and the improvement was lost. Wednesday afternoon when there was a strong reaction, which increased in force, the market closing at the highest prices of Monday.

### Trouble on the Border.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.--Advices from Texas say official intelligence has been received at Austin from the El Paso District to the effect that armed bands of desperadoes have arrived there from New Mexico; that the Mexicans show signs of making trouble, and that the Judge of the District fears that the Court cannot be held.

### SUNLIGHT.

Up to the present time 20,000 silver mines have been located in Arizona.

The trouble in Scotland is showing itself in a serious fall in real estate in Edinburgh.

By appearance United States Senator Dick Oglesby, of Illinois, will be re-elected over Logan.

Philadelphia Bulletin: The Spaniard's first instinct is for dancing. P. I. In other words, he takes after his *pas* from his birth.

London Judge: "Mamma--Look, Regy, at the pretty white cow that gives us the nice white milk. Little Boy--And does the pretty brown cow give us the nice brown coffee, ma."

A person was boasting that he was sprung from a high family in England. "Yes," said a bystander, "I have seen some of the same family so high that their feet could not reach the ground."

New York World: Why is it men will scorn a maid Of thirty-two or so, But if in cap and crape arrayed Pronounce her *come it if you!*

Nine murders have been committed in Western Nebraska within the past week, and the Governor declares that owing to the want of money he is powerless to bring the assassins to punishment.

Baltimore Gazette: Mr. Edmunds' Electoral bill will not pass the House. It is a Republican party measure, notwithstanding the fact that it has been favored with the indorsement of Senator Bayard.

At Whitesville, about thirty miles from Savannah, on the Central Railroad, on Sunday, a Miss Annie Paris was thrown from a vehicle, and as she struck the ground she whirled full upon the left side of her head, crushing it from the ear to the middle of the forehead, making a terrible wound nearly five inches in length, and producing a fracture of the skull. She was not expected to live.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the thoughtful and interesting author of "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," has just finished a memoir of the historian Motley, which, though denominated an "outline" by the author, enters right fully into a discussion of the career and character of that distinguished man, says an exchange.

On the 31st of December, at midnight, the normal hour is to be fixed throughout Sweden. All the Government, railway, and telegraph clocks are to be set simultaneously. In some places, as, for instance, in Stockholm, the clocks will have to be put back as much as twenty minutes.

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