

the Senate forbidding the importation of opium into the United States by any subject of the Emperor of China, and has also passed with amendments, the Senate's Bill (which now returns to the Senate for ratification) for making good to the Chinese the losses sustained in the massacre at Rock Spring, Wyoming, in September, 1885.

THE newly-appointed U. S. Minister to Corea Mr. H. A. Dinsmore, has arrived in Yokohama, and will be conveyed to his destination by the *Omaha*.

ABOUT the middle of March the Annual Mission from the King of Corea started on its return, after a sojourn of about fifty days in Peking.

A CONTRACT has been made with the Corean government for a telegraphic line between Seoul and Fusan.

THE *Batavia Nieuwsblad* reports that, among the Chinese there, rumours are afloat to the effect that the Chinese Government intends shortly, to station Consuls at all the chief towns in Java.

THE abuses in the coolie traffic with the Straits Settlements is occupying the attention of both the Hongkong and Chinese Governments. It is to be hoped they will do something effectual.

ADMIRAL Wü's son who while in liquor shot a man at a feast at Foochow, denies his crime and was subjected to torture to make him confess, but he still denied it.

MRS. MCKAY, the widow of the electrician who was accidentally shot

at Seoul, has received \$500.00 from the Corean King, who offers to provide for her for life should she remain in Corea.

THE Chinese Minister having been recently much impressed with the exhibition of the long-distance telephone as a rival to the telegraph, two parties of electricians have since undertaken to produce similar results in China. The Philadelphia capitalists expect that this will result in important concessions. The first party of electricians sailed for China in the *Hampshire* from San Francisco on March 19; the second will follow on April 20 *London and China Express*.

SOME very important memorials from censors have lately been presented to the Throne bearing on the subject of education, in which foreign and scientific studies are recognised and recommended as qualifying for honours. This is the beginning of the greatest revolution which China has ever witnessed, compared to which the mere change of a dynasty is but a passing accident. A censor, Chan Sui-yung, recognising the importance of foreign affairs, recommends that of the smaller officials within Peking, who are recommended for merit, the foreign-educated and those who understand international affairs should be placed at the head of the list. Further, that mathematicians should enjoy equal privileges in literary examinations with those who understand the Mongolian dialects. Prince Ch'un is highly pleased with these proposals, and has submitted them for favourable consideration to the Boards of Civil Office and of Rites. *Exchange*.