

The United States Senate
Bible Stolen

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 the last fifty three years, was sworn
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THE OLD SENATE BIBLE RESTORED.

The old Senate Bible, which mysteriously disappeared three weeks ago, was found by Assistant Doorkeeper Bassett this morning on the Secretary's desk, where the purloiner of this time-honored relic had secretly replaced it since the Senate chamber was last accessible to the general public. The volume was purchased for the use of the Senate by Captain Bassett's father, in 1827, and had been in service ever since until the date of its disappearance. It will now be restored to its principal, if not its only function, in the swearing-in of Senators.

A STOLEN BIBLE.

The copy of the Holy Bible, which has been used for the last half century in swearing in United States Senators, was stolen from the Senate last night by a sacrilegious thief. Capt. Bassett, its venerable custodian, is almost distracted over its loss.

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Capitol Notes.

The first sub-committee of the House committee on elections, in charge of the Witherspoon Davidson contested election case of Florida, has decided to meet on Monday next to vote upon the pending motion, which proposed the dismissal of the contest.

THE MISSING SENATE BIBLE.

It was stated in yesterday's STAR that the Bible belonging to the United States Senate, and which has been in the possession of that body since 1829, had been stolen. Every Senator admitted during the last fifty-three years was sworn upon that Bible, and the Senatorial lips of each one had given it a smack. Capt. Bassett, Assistant-Sergeant-at-Arms, kept the Bible in one of the drawers of the Vice-President's desk, and always kept the drawer locked at night. It was his custom to unlock it in the morning, so that the Bible could be had by those entitled to use it, and lock it in the evening. Several days ago, about 9 a. m., he unlocked the drawer, and upon going to lock it in the afternoon he discovered that the book was gone. Every effort to trace it has proved fruitless, and the conclusion is that it was taken as a relic, because of its associations. It was not intrinsically valuable, being a cheap book. It was very nicely bound, however, and had the inscription "U. S. Senate" on one of the covers.

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The old-fashioned Bible, the Congressional Bible, that has lain on the stand for over fifty years; that dear Senatorial Bible, the lids of which have been kissed by every Senator sworn in during the last half century, has taken wings and gone hence. Yes, that dear, blessed Bible that Captain Bassett loved so well has gone hence, but no man save the thief knows where. Captain Bassett set great store upon this good book, but alas! some petty thief, without the fear of the law and unmindful of its teachings, stole the good book and carried it away yesterday.

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SENATE CHAMBER

WASHINGTON

a free day after I hoped to look under the Secretary desks and sawe the book lay Carely on the Floor, whe it must have been put.

I inform David Davis, the then President Pro Tem of the Senate, that I had found the Bible, he would me to take it and work it up in my iron Soffe, whe it is to this day