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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1874.

THE most notable victory, or rather series of victories over the contractionists, was won in the House on Monday. The bill fixing the volume of legal-tender currency at $400,000,000 which has for some time been in the possession of the Ways and Means Committee, was reported and passed by an overwhelming majority under a suspension of the rules. Mr. Dawes, who reported the bill, himself moved an amendment fixing the limit at $356,000,000, which was voted down by 172 to 70. Another amendment making the limit $382,000,000 shared a like fate, the vote being 74 yeas and 172 nays. The vote on the passage of the bill was 168 to 77. After such an Appomattox the money monopolists should surrender.

THE Constitutional Convention of Ohio, says the Pittsburgh *Telegraph*, is not inclined to go to extremes on the temperance question. The committee to whom the subject was referred has reported a proposition to submit to a separate vote of the people the question of License or No License. The section, if License is adopted, will authorize the issuing of licenses to trafic in spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors under such regulations as shall be prescribed by law. If the proposition is defeated the section will forbid licenses to traffic in intoxicating liquors, but permit the General Assembly to provide by law against evils resulting therefrom. This is the present law in Ohio. The Constitution prohibits the Legislature from passing a license law, and all the local governments have power to prohibit the liquor trffic within their limits.

This has been a good winter for sliding down hill in Portland, Maine, as thirteen broken arms and legs attest.

The Iowa Senate has adopted a joint resolution of the House for a constitutional amendment giving women the right of suffrage by a vote of 27 to 1.

Michigan ought to be happy. A resolution has been offered in the Senate that in view of the large balance in the State treasury no tax be levied for 1874.

Minnesota has appropriated $25,000 to be expended in the purchase of seed wheat for settlers in the southwestern counties whose crops were destroyed last year by grasshoppers.

The Illinois Legislature has adopted an amendment to the criminal code providing that the sentence of death, when passed upon a criminal, shall be inflicted within ten days next succeeding the opening day of the following session of the Supreme Court. This will give an opportunity for the review of errors, without the necessity of a stay of proceedings.

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