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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1866.

MORRISSEY OR MITCHELL.

As a gratuitous insult to the decency of the whole country, the mob which dominates New York city has sent to the XLth Congress an ex-prize fighter, a professional gambler and keeper of a gambling-saloon, a man who has been several times in jail for assault and battery. It is true, John Morrissey is no worse than many a pretender to gentility and chivalry of the loftiest kind, deputed to represent the South in Congress, in the palmy days of the ascendancy of the slave power. On the whole, we prefer the open, sledge-hammer style of brutality, to that veiled in high-sounding names and armed with the stiletto and the duelling-pistols. Still, the difference is too slight to be made a matter of congratulation. We do not think a country is worth fighting for, which is delivered from the race of the Keitts, only to be handed over to the Morrisseys and the Rousseaus.

Morrissey represents the constituency which, perhaps of all the North, is most intensely opposed to negro suffrage and political equality. The rioters of 1863, doubtless, voted for him in a mass, and would, no doubt, vehemently protest that they were degraded if a negro were allowed equal privileges at the ballot-box with themselves. John Morrissey, the culmination and embodiment of American hostility to the elevation of the negro-will not the exhibition itself give a death-blow to that hostility? With the appearance of the vulgar prize-fighter, the gambler, and large majority. the victim of the criminal law in the highest legislative courts of the country, will not a new sympathy and enthusiasm arise for the race over which his election is considered a triumph? We are sure many a citizen is wishing, in his heart, that some respectable colored man might be put in his seat, and the nation thus be saved from the intolerable disgrace in store for it.

Meantime, the most cultivated and elegant constituencies in the land have just triumphantly elected two colored men to represent them in the State Legislature. One of these was a brave soldier in a Massachusetts regiment, named Mitchell, who was wounded in one of those desperate campaigns on the Southern coast, in which our colored volunteers won such imperishable laurels. We put the act of the refined and highly educated Bostanians over against the act of the New York mob, and ask candid men, who have been prejudiced against the negro, to ponder the contrast. We verily believe that such prejudice is not only abominable before God, but that, indulged in by respectable men, it must nourish the vile and malignant despite of gress, same as last Congress. the ignorant towards this class, and blind them to the great distinctions of character on which alone true worth and fitness for Delegation to Congress, six Radicals, three political privilege are founded. Give us Mitchell, whose blackness is but skin neep, in place of men who are black through and through; give us respectable black men in places of power, as a guarantee against that dreadful corruption of public sentiment, which color-phobia, indulged in and encouraged, is sure to produce.

Aews of the Week.

THE EXECUTIVE.

Hon. Lewis D. Campbell, Minister to Mexico. and Lieut. General Sherman sailed from New York on Saturday for Vera Cruz. Upon these appointments the *Tribune* remarks:—"Lieut. Gen. Sherman is a soldier of eminent capacity and patriotism, but not of eminent discretion. Minister Campbell has General Sherman's undesirable qualities without his good ones. We only express what every well-informed person must feel, that the conjunction is ill-starred and ominous of grave trouble.—What right have we to impose the rule of Juarez, or of any one else, on the people of Mexico?"

STATES AND TERRITORIES.

New Jersey.—Gov. Ward has appointed Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, U. S. Senator, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Wright.

Ohio.—In Cincinnati, thus far, 4000 cases of cholera and 1700 deaths are reported. There were 441 deaths from cholera during the month of October.

Indiana.—The Colored Equal Rights League had a session in Indianapolis, Nov. 6th, and appointed a committee to memo-rialize the Legislature on behalf of negro suffrage. Delegates were also appointed to the National Colored Convention at Washington. —The Sons of Temperance, at Indianapolis, have decided to admit negroes to membership-either to organize separate Divisions, or join the white Divisions, as they

Kentucky.—The rebels of Trimble county continue their outrages against Miss Delia Webster. A week or two ago they destroyed a large amount of her property and household goods. On Thursday night their malice culminated in setting fire to her barn and other outbuildings, as well as several piles of seasoned lumber, which she had got ready for some school buildings. Her loss amounted to \$8000, only \$300 of which is covered by insurance. The Madison (Ind.) Courier says that Miss Webster has had seventeen dwelling houses and four barns destroyed from time to time by her secession neighbors, her only offence being her determination to teach colored children to read and write.—Near Franklin, November 8th, a railroad train was thrown from the track by a gang of ten or twelve robbers, who then plundered the passengers of \$2500 in money and valuables. The ruffians escaped.

District of Columbia.-Nothwithstanding the fact that the property of all colored people in Washington is taxed tor school funds, and that Congress has passed strict laws reqiring the city to pay to the trustees of colored schools their share of the funds as to obtain additional revenue from this provided for education not a cent has been provided for education, not a cent has been source.

paid over for thirteen months. The trustees | 3. A general scheme of retrenchment of are on the alert for musical novelties of real of these schools have therefore made a formal the public expenditures, with a view to re- merit. Without doubt, in these Cabinet Ordemand on the Mayor of Washington for the

Georgia.-The Georgia Legislature, Nov. 9th, refused to ratify the Constitutional Amendment. In the Senate, the vote for its rejection was unanimous; in the House, only two members voted against the rejection.—The State of Georgia lost over \$700,000,000 in real and personal estate by the war, besides over \$300,000,000 swallowed

up in the various repudiated rebel loans. Utah.—The authorities at Salt Lake City have offered \$2000 for the apprehension of the person who murdered Dr. Robinson in that city recently. The citizens have subscribed an additional reward of \$6800, of which Brigham Young gives \$500.

The Cherokee Legislature has elected William P. Ross Chief of the Cherokee Nation, to succeed the late John Ross. The new Chief, in his inaugural, congratulates the nation on the return of peace; and, among other things, recommends the granting of the right of way to the Pacific Railroad, and discusses the condition of the pub-

THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

The contest for the control of the Fortieth Congress substantially closed with the elec-tions of Tuesday, Nov. 6th. We give the

New York.—City.—The Democrats gave the enormous majority of 46,425 in a poll but little greater than that of our city (112,893 votes.) Hence there is, as was expected, a Democratic gain of two Congressmen in that city, but the immense majorities rolled up by the inland counties on the Republican side, saved the State; secured its Executive and Legislative control to the Republicans, and almost balanced the losses in Congress. Renssalaer county, which gave a small Democratic majority in 1864, gave Fenton this year 2060 majority. Gov. Fenton is reelected by 15,500 majority, the State Legislature is Radical, and 20 Radicals to 11 Democratic Country. mocratic Congressmen are elected. In the last Congress they stood 21 to 10.

A Convention has been elected to amend the State Constitution. This was a Republican measure, and has been carried by a

Massachusetts elected Bullock Governor by — majority and sends ten Radicals to Congress as before. Gen. Butler is among them. Two colored men are elected to her State Legislature.

New Jersey sends three Radicals and two Democrats to Congress, a gain of one for the Republicans. One of the most violent Democrats in the present Congress, A. J. Rogers stays at home. Both Houses of the Legislature being Republican, a United States Senator is secured, in place of Wright, deeased, Democrat.

Maryland was carried by the Democrats under the guise of Johnson Conservatives, one Radical and four Democrats go to Congress; a Republican loss of two. The State Legislature is Democratic, and so a Senator is to be elected of that party in place of Cres-

Delaware elected a Democratic Governor, Congressman and Legislature. The status is

Michigan.—Republican majority 28,000. Only one county gave a Democratic majority, Sends six Radicals to Congress as

Illinois.—Republican majority 60,000. Delegation to Congress, 12 Radicals to two Democrats; gain for the former of one.

Iowa.—Republican majority 40,000. Congressional Delegation all Radical, as before. Wisconsin.—Republican majority 25,000. Five Radicals and one Democrat sent to Con-

Minnesota.—Two Radicals sent to Congress. No change. Majority 10,000. Missouri.—Republican majority 20,000.

POLITICAL.

Gov. Brownlow, of Tennessee, in his late nessage to the Legislature, speaks candidly of his prejudices on the subject of negro suffrage, but commends the subject to the egislature, and quotes the opinion of Andrew Johnson, since he became President, in favor of granting the franchise to negro soldiers, to such as can read and write, and to such as have \$200 of property. He also says it is desirable for the union party in Tennessee, to act with the rest of the party all over the country on this subject.

Progress Among the Democrats.—The New York World, Sun, and Times, all urge the President to support the constitutional amendment. It is said, Fernando Wood is personally giving him the same advice. It is simply a personal question with Mr. Johnson—the amendment or something far more stringent will be enacted, whether Mr. John-

son oppose or approve.

The Chicago Times, the leading Democratic organ in the Northwest, urges the Democracy to go in for negro suffrage, which, it says, is inevitable. This, with thoroughpaced politicians, is the only conclusive reason for adopting a new opinion. It is in-timated that the President is preparing to desert his Democratic allies.

FINANCIAL.

The Public Debt of the United States on the 1st instant, after deducting cash in treasury, amounted to \$2,551,310,005.72. Cash in the Treasury, \$130,326,960.62, of which \$99,413,018.55 was in coin. The nett decrease during the month, counting cash in the treasury, is \$22,026,935.96. Decrease since May 1st, \$138,378,000. The temporary loan has finally disappeared from the statement, the account having been paid off and closed. The compound interest notes have been brought down \$7,000,000. Steady progress has been made in the conversion of 7.30's into 5-20's, to the extent of \$19,981,-

730. On this, the Press says:-"The financial measures devised by Congress, sustained, as they are, by the wonderful energies and patriotic self-denial of the American people, have been remarkably successful, and are pouring into the national treasury larger revenues than are received by any European government. They far exceed the current expenditures. Nearly \$200,000,000 of the public debt have been paid off during the last year, and \$100,000,000 during the four months ending on the 31st of October. There was besides in the treasury at that date, more than \$130,000,000, of which \$94,413,018 was in coin. The interest bearing debt now amounts to less than \$2,000,000,000."

MISCELLANEOUS.

Business for Congress.—The United States Gazette of this city lays out the fol-lowing plan of work for Congress in the

coming session:—
1. A revision of the internal taxation, with a view to granting a further relief to

ducing the necessities of the Government, economizing the public moneys and abolishing useless offices.

4. Admission of Colorado and Nebraska as States over the President's vetoes.
5. Passage of Mr. Trumbull's bill to prevent Presidential appointees to office from taking possession thereof until after the ratification of their nominations by the Senate. As the President will veto this measure, it

will be necessary to pass it over his veto.

6. Establishment of an efficient system of competitive examinations for appointments in the revenue, postal, patent, land, survey and other departments of the public service where education, knowledge of business, scientific attainments or practical skill are demanded. The objects of this change will be to secure better officers, to curtail the enormous patronage of the President, and to remove a vast multitude of places from the domain of politics.
7. Passage of organic laws for the unor

ganized territories of Neosho and Wyoming. An enabling act for New Mexico. Establishment of some definite conditions either for the restoration of the con-quered States, or their reorganization under the authority of Congress.

10. Provision for the consolidation of the national debt at a lower rate of interest than that now paid—say five per cent. 11. Some definite action in reference to the

affairs of the unhappy neighboring republic of Mexico, which shall secure American interests without any large addition to our 12. A thorough investigation of the New

Orleans massacre, with some legislation to secure protection to the oppressed Union men of the South, both white and black.

13. An inquiry as to whether the President has enforced the Civil Rights law, or ignored

its existence. Such an inquiry is demanded by the extraordinary developments made in the message of the Governor of Mississippi, and if it shall be found that the Finlident has neglected or refused to enforce this w, then Congress may transfer to Chief Justice Chase the appointment of district attorneys and United States marshals, in order to make sure of its enforcement in future.

14. The District of Columbia Suffrage bill remains for action in the Senate, and will.

extended by another bill to all the organized

A Large Sunday-school.—It is announced in a foreign journal that the largest Sunday-school in the world is at Stockport, near Manchester, England. It was first formed in 1784, and now consists of 5000 scholars and over 300 teachers. Beside instruction in the Holy Scriptures, writing and other elemen-tary studies are taught.

FOREIGN.

The vote in the province of Venetia upon the question of transfer from Austrian to Italian rule showed but four dissentient votes out of a population of 2,500,000. Not very complimentary this to the Austrian rule of fifty-one years past.

Denmark.—The London Globe says that Denmark is threated with extinction. Unless wiser counsels and a juster spirit, supported we doubt not, by the influence of England and France, prevails at the Court of Berlin, Denmark will soon undergo further dismem-berment, and finally disappear as an independent State from the maps of Europe.

Great Battle in Paraguay.—Rio JA-NEIRO, Wednesday, October 10, via London, Monday, November 5.—There was a great battle at Curupaity, Paraguay, on the 22d of October. The gunboats engaged the fort there. The allied storming column, against showers of musketry and grape, nobly took the first line, but failed at the second and retired with a loss of nearly 5000 men Several gunboats were disabled in the fight. cal representative as before. Majority in Kansas 20,000; in Nebraska, about 1000.

The Mexican ex-Empress. — A letter professing to be authentic, details the malady under which the Empress of Mexico was suffering. She labored under a fixed idea that her attendants were in a conspiracy. She was allowed to see no one but her doctor and former confessor. Physicians are said to have given up almost all hope of her recovery, and greatly apprehend the effect of a nervous

Flogging in the British Army.—The number of men flogged in the British army and militia, in 1865, was 441; that of lashes inflicted 21,561; about 49 a piece on an average. In addition to these, 1502 were branded with the letter D., and 90 with the letters B. C. It is gratifying to know that no such record can be made for an American army. The Mexican General, Ortega, and suite

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have been arrested at Brazos, Texas, by

Nov. 10, St. Petersburg.—The Czarowitch and the Princess Dagmar, of Denmark, were married yesterday, with great festivity and rejoicing throughout the city. The Czar commuted the sentences of a large number of prisoners and remitted arrears of taxes. PARIS.—Forty-two arrests have been made of members of a secret political society

A PRINCELY GIFT .- An unnamed lady has given Rev Mr. Spurgeon, of London, \$100,000, for the purpose of founding an orphanage in connection with his chapel. Rumor made the Duchess of Sunderland the donor, but Mr. S. pronounces this incorrect.

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