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# News of the Week.

#### XLth. CONGRESS-First Session.

Senate.—January 7th.—Mr. Sumner's bill pro-viding for equal rights in the District of Columbia, similar to that passed prior to the recess, was again referred. The bill to repeal the cotton tax was passed, with amendments exempting cotton grown in 1868 from the tax, but providing for its resumption after the present year; also, exempting from duty cotton imported between April, 1869, and April, 1869.

January 8th .-- A memorial for the relief of naturalized citizens was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee. A resolution was adopted asking the President if he had delivered the District equal rights bill to the Secretary of State, and if it had be-

come a law. January 9th.-The House bill to prevent frauds in collecting the tax on distilled spirits was passed, with an amendment striking out the words "in bond." The bill to convert registered into coupon bonds, was reported from the Finance Committee, and indefinitely postponed. Mr. Morton's resolu-tion looking to the establishment of new provisional governments in the South, was considered. The nomination of Edmund Cooper, as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, was rejected. January 10th.—A resolution was tabled, instruct-

ing the Finance Committee to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for a consolidated 31 per cent. loan, repeating the bill limiting the amount of national currency, etc. The bill to prevent fur-ther contraction of the currency was considered. January 11th.--Mr. Summer offered a resolution,

which was referred, declaring the amendment to the Constitution, known as the Fourteenth article, duly ratified by three fourths of the States. Mr. Doolittle, of Wis: gave notice that he would move to aniend the forthcoming Reconstruction bill by a proviso establishing intelligent and freehold suffrage.

Ordered to be printed. January 13th.—The Judiciary Committee were instructed to consider the expediency of providing for suspension of public officers in case of impeachment; bills reducing the army and limiting the naval force to 8,500 men, were referred. The Senate, in executive session, by the decisive vote of 35 yeas to 6 nays, adopted the report of the Military Com-

House.— January 7th.—Mr. Schenck, from the Ways and Means Committee, reported a bill to pre-vent frauds in the collection of taxes on distilled spirits, which was passed. The Election Committee in the contested case of Symes vs. Trimble, of Ken-tucky, reported that Mr. Trimble was entitled to his seat. Mr. Cary, of Ohio, spoke in favor of paying part of the public debt in greenbacks.

January 8th.—The joint resolution from the Committee on Foreign Affairs requesting the President to intercede with Queen Victoria to secure the spee-dy release of Rev. John McMahon, a citizen of Indiana, convicted as a Fenian raider and now contined in Kingston, C. W., was reported. The Sen-ate amendments to the cotton bill were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

January 9th .- The Postmaster-General was directed to communicate the reasons for the discontinuance of the midnight mail between New York and Philadelphia and other places, and whether it should not be resumed. The Whiskey Meter Commission bill was passed. A communication was received from the President showing that twenty-one States had ratified the proposed fourteenth ar-ticle of the Federal Constitution. The report in the contested case of the First Kentucky District was adopted, and Mr. Trimble was sworn in.

January 10th.—Resolutions requesting the Pres-ident to intercede for the release of Father Mc-Mahon Lohn Lynch, of Milwaukee, Colonels Warren and Nagle, and other condemned Fenians, were adopted unanimously. The Senare amendment to

January 11th.—The session was devoted to speech making.

January 13.—The bill placing the South under the exclusive control of General Grant was made the special order until disposed of. The bill de claring that no decision adverse to the constitutionality of a law of Congress shall be given by the Supreme Court, except with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Judges, was also reported under a sus-pension of the rules. Mr. Williams, of Pennsylvania, offered an amendment requiring unanimous consent of the Judges. This was rejected, and the bill passed finally, with a proviso that if any Cir-cuit or District Court of the United States decide an act of Congress to be unconstitutional, its decision shall be at once certified to the Supreme Court, and if two thirds of the members of the latter do not sustain the decision, it shall be reversed.

nut street. The report of the secretary stated that there were 164 pupils in the institution, of which number 80 are Pennsylvania State pupils 15 from New Jersey, 11 of the city of Philadephia, 3 of New Jersey, 11 of the city of Philaderphils, 5 of Delaware, 3 soldiers' orphans, and the rest are pay pupils.—There are 108,182 buildings, including 1266 factories and mills. 385 churches, 208 Public School Houses, 60 public buildings. 80,800 of these are brick, and 16,517 are of two stories, pointing to are brick, and 16,517 are of two stories, pointing to comfortable habitations for the poor. There are about 10<sup>3</sup>,00.<sup>3</sup> dwellings, or one dwelling to every eight persons. In New York city there are but 60,000 dwellings. **New Jersey**. It is, an outsed that the Grant locomotive works in Palterson, are closed for want of work. The wages of the men, however, will be paid, less twenty-five per cent, while the works are idle, which is a very generous proceeding on the

dle, which is a very generous proceeding on the

part of the proprietor. <u>IHinois</u> A portion of Farwell, in Chicago, was destroyed by fire, January 7th, causing a loss of \$150,000. Insured for \$120,000. It is reposted that \$150,000. Insured for \$120,000. It is repoated that two firemen were buried by the falling of a wall. Georgia. Judge Kelley, in configury with "Mr. Blodgett, the Radical postmaster, of Augusta, Ga., called upon General Grant, January Sh., for the purpose of informing himsof the attempt of the re-bels to secure Mr. Blodgette-Hamissal from office. Gen, Grant interrupted Mr. Blodgette by informing him the two bed institution and then bed (den not him that he had just telegraphed (Geni Meade, not to remove him from the office of Mayor. January 9th.—In the Corvention's compilier was appointed to prepare a fist of persons with a wiew to the re-moval of their political disabilities. Ordinances moval of their political dischildres. Ordinances regulating the suffrage and opening all public pla-ces and conversites to colored persons, were intro-duced. Gen Aleade has informed the Convention that he will endeavor to secure their payment from the State Treasury. A committee appointed to-wait upon Gen. Meade reported that the General told them he would use the powers conferred on him by the Beconstruction arise for aspected. him by the Reconstruction Acts for a speedy restor ration of Georgia to her rights in the Union. Janration of Georgia to her rights in the Union. Jan-uary 10th.—A letter was read from Senator Sher-man telling the Convention to go on with its opera-tions, and if they need additional legislation, it will be given by Congress. Gen: Meade addressed the Convention, saying he was sent to administer the Beconstruction sets which was law util otherwise Reconstruction ages, which were law until otherwise decided.—Ex-Governor Brown made a speech in Atlanta on January 9, advocating the Reconstruction acts, and defending General. Popel Hovernor Jenkins, of Georgia, has been remoyed. by General Meade, and Gen Dana late of Pope's staff, appoint-ed in his place.

Mississippi .--- The Convention has adopted a resolution to ask Congress to empower the Convention to remove the present State officers. Louisiana — The Convention got as far as article 67, January, 10th.—The Convention has adopted an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to eject regis-tered voters from the plantations of precints where registered, until after they have voted on the new onstitution.

Texas -A dispatch from Galveston states that a Union meeting at Marshall, a few days ago, was broken up by a Democratic mob, and that the per-petrators of the outrage having been arrested by the military authorities, were immediately turned over to the civil power by, order of Gen. Hancock. The init arrest of the outrage the first section of the se

Virginia.—The Convention, January.7th, adopted the first section of the bill of rights, declaring all

and the first section of the on of rights, accuring an men equally free and independent by nature. In the Convention, January 12, a bill look-ing to the repudiation of the State debt was tabled. An article in the bill of rights embodying

tabled. An article in the bill of rights embodying recognition of the Deity was adopted. **Workingmen**.—The *New York World* states that 50,000 want work in New York city, and 10,000 in Brooklyn, 10,000 in Maine, 20,000 in New Hamp-shire, 30,000 in Connecticut and Rhode Island, and 100,000 in Massachusetts, Beating of the Heart Registered - M. Ozonom

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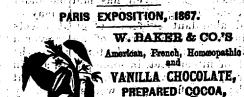
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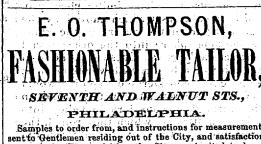
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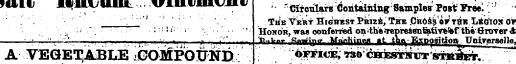
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ed to \$7,744,000.

#### STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Bhode Island.-The Board of Alderman of Providence, have refueed to license an exhibition of Mrs. Lincoln's wardrobe in that city.

Vermont.-Bishop Hopkins died, January 9th, aged 76 years. He was presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Massachusetts.—Charles C. Jewett, Superinten-dent of the Public Library at Boston, died on the

evening of January 8th. New York .-- The Legislature met, January 7th.

Republican officers, were elected in the Senate, and Democrats in the House. The Governor's message was read.

City .- The Herald says : " Most of the manufacturing establishments are keeping on the usual complement of hands, and at the old rate of wages, but are working on half time. The tailors, hatters and clerks are at present the only classes who have been discharged from employment to any extent, and discharges among these classes are looked for at the present season. About one-third of the clerks in the retail stores have been dismissed. There have been no discharges from the large express companies. The hotels are not quite as crowded as they have been, but there is very little falling off. The receipts at the savings banks show some, but no great diminution. The worst state of affairs exists along the wharves. From the ship-yards near-ly all the men are discharged. There is little doing at machine and boiler shops, and with the general lassitude of business along the river, 'longshoremen find their occupation gone. Barges and towboats lie clustered in unoccupied slips, having nothing to do. There is a great stagnation of business among the pilots.—The buildings 112 and 114 Broadway, formerly occupied by Crittenden & Co., were sold, January 13, to the American Express Company, for

the semigroup of the senter of the local by the bill authorizing the semigroup of the senter organized by electing officers. No organization was effected by the House. Senate.— January 9.—A message vetoing the bill authorizing the semigroup of the senter of the senter of the semigroup of the senter of the semigroup of the semig the commutation of the death penalty in certain cases, and also other bills, was received. January 10th.-In the Holl e, the dead-lock came to an end b, the election of Elisha W. Davis as Speaker on the 20th ballot.

City .-- The annual meeting of the contributors to the Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-mind-

Japan has created a Mr. Charles Walcot Brooks, an American, Consul General to the United States. American influence in Asia is steadily and rapidly advancing.

France.—The clear, profits of the Paris Exhibi-tion are estimated at \$600,000; this sum to be divided equally between the State, the city and the Guarantee Society." Guines .- One hundred Chinese coolies, in Guines.

have been converted to the Roman Catholic faith.

#### BY ATLANTIC TEEEGRAPH

upon the remonstrances of the Sublime Porte, has prepared a despatch, projecting against the alleged intrigues of the Russian Government in Roumania. St. Petersburg .--- Reports have been received from Siberia of the discovery of rich and extensive gold deposits on the Amoor river. The natives were flocking to the gold regions by thousands, and so great was the excitement, that trooperhave been sent by the Governor of the District to preserve order and guard the mines, and desperate and bloody conflicts had taken place between the natives and

the soldiers. January 10th.—Dublin.—Piggott, the editor of the "Dublin Irishman," is held for trial for publishthe "Dublin Irishman," is held for trial for publish-ing certain alleged libels in his own paper, and re-publishing seditious articles which appeared in the "Irish American," of New York.—*Piorence.*—The budget, which will be laid by the Ministry before the Italian Parliament, calls for the imposition of fresh taxes sufficient to produce 190,000,000 livres in addition to the present gevenne, and the author-ization of a new loan for 400,000,000 livres. January 11th.—Paris.—An article obliging every Frenchman to serve in the National Guard was

renchman to serve in the National Guard was dopted last evening .-- On New Year's day King William, of Prussia, sent to Napoleon a cordial autograph note, which was answered in the same coniliatory spirit. Rents are firmer and higher.

January 12th .- London .- Accounts from the interior of Paraguay, received by the last mail steam-er from Rio Janeiro, show that the condition and prospects of the Paraguayans are better than the Brazilians are willing to admit. All classes of the population were as enthusiastically devoted to Lopez as ever, and were making energetic efforts to supply him with men and provisions. On the other hand, the allies were preparing to push the war with vigor. The Brazilian Government was forwarding reinforcements, and the other powers were sending men and material -Florence. The adjourned ses-sion of the National Parliament was resumed yesterday. Menebrea exhorted the members to unite with the Government in resisting revolution, and upholding the national credit, the monarchy, and the obligations as well as the liberties of the nation. No reference was made to the Roman question.

January 13th.-London.-Telegrams from Aden announce that Gen. Napier has arrived at Annesley Bay, and immediately set out for Europe .- Vienna -A decree has been issued by the Sultan guaran-teeing not only equality of rights in Candia, but the suspension of the collection of taxes for the period of two years.

#### BY CUBA CABLE.

January 7th .- Havana .- The Dominican Government has fled to Turk's Island. Baez has been proclaimed President, and the capitol has been blockaded by his brother for five days. Strong shocks of earthquake were felt at St. Thomas on



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