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News of the Week.

XLth CONGRESS-First Session

Senate .- January 28 .- Mr. Edmunds of Vt., introduced a bill regulating the procedure in impeachment cases, " providing that on application by the House of Representatives for an order suspending the officer on trial from the exercise of his powers and duties, the Senate may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, grant such or-der, and may call on any officer in the civil, naval, or military votes of the senate may be and the senate of or military service, with all the force at his dispo-sal, to enforce such, or any other interlocutory order, as well as any formal judgments ; and officers disregarding such requisitions of the Senate, sitting as high court of impeachment, shall be deemed guilty of contempt, and may also be suspended from office during the progress of proceedings against them." A bill amendatory of the Tenure of Office law, was reported. The Reconstruction bill was debated.

January 29 .- The bill authorizing the sale of iron-clade was passed, with amendments, one of which provides for the retention of those of the larger class. The conference report on the Deficien-cy bill was agreed to. The reconstruction bill was debated.

January 30.—The bill, supplementary to the Tenure of Office act, was taken up, and Mr. Patter-son offered a substitute dispensing with the special agents heretofore appointed under the acts of 1792, 1794 and 1846. The Reconstruction bill was debated.

January 31.—The Supplementary Tenure of Office hill was considered. The Reconstruction bill was debated.

February 1.—Not in session. February 3.—The bill authorizing the taxation of National Bank shares where the bank is located, was passed. The Reconstruction bill was debated. House.-January 28.-Bills authorizing the

States to levy a tax on National Bank shares at the same rate as other invested capital, and regulating deposits of public moneys, were passed. The rules Committee were instructed to consider the expediency of ex-Congressmen seeking admission to the floor of the House to take the test oath. The bill forfeiting lands granted in aid of Southern railroads was considered.

January 29 .- The bill to protect American citizens was reported back and discussed. Notice was given of several amendments. The conference report on the Deficiency bill was concurred in. The-bill forfeiting Southern railroad lands was discussed. The bill authorizing the issue of \$45,000,000 addi-

tional legal tender notes was ordered to be printed. January 30.—A resolution reciting a newspaper statement, that at a private assembly in Washing-ton, Judge Field of the Supreme Court, had declared the Reconstruction acts unconstitutional, and that they would be so pronounced by the Suprema Court, and directing the Judiciary Committee to Inquire into the matter, with a view to the impeachment of the Judge, was passed—yeas 99, nays 57. The Senate amendments to the Whisky Meter Commission bill were concurred in ; also, the Senate amend-ments to the bill authorizing the sale of iron clads.

January 31.—The Secretary of the Treasury was directed to furnish information in regard to seizures for fraud on the revenue. A bill continuing the Freedmen's Bureau was reported. The Conference report on the Cotton bill, including the Senate amendment, making cotton free from duty, was concurred in.

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February 1.—The contested case of the Second Kentucky District was debated. February 3.—The Secretary of War was direct-ed to furnish copies of his correspondence with Gen. Grant and the President in regard to the late diffi-culty. A resolution asking copies of the General Orders of Southern military commanders was agreed to agreed to.

Diplomatic .- The Senate Foreign Committee has agreed to recommend the confirmation of S. S. Cox as Minister to Austria.

Nominations .- The President has nominated J. Ross Browne to be Minister to China, and John D. Bishop to be Commissioner of Patents, vice Theaker, resigned.

STATES AND TERRITORIES

Florida.-In the Convention, Jan. 29, the Finance Committee reported that the financial agent had an interview with General Meade, who suggest-ed that the Convention levy a direct tax, and meanine draw money from the State Treasury.

Mississippi.-The Convention has adopted resolutions looking to the annulment of all laws passed since secession, and urging Gen. Gillem to enforce the special tax for the expenses of the Cov vention. Louisiana .- The Convention has adopted an ar-

ticle disfranchising until the year 1878 all persons who, having held judicial, legislative, or Federal or State offices, took part in the rebellion; also, those who yoted for secession in the conventions, and United States commissioned officers who went into the rebellion .- The cholera is almost epidemic in New Orleans, although little or nothing is pub-lished about the disease. The deaths, week before last, from cholera, numbered 60. North Carolina.—The Convention has adopted

two sections of the new Constitution, relating to Governor and other State officers. The term of office is two years.-In the Convention, January 31st, a committee was raised to report on removal of political disabilities from individuals, and a resolution favoring general amnesty was tabled. South Carolina.—In 1860 Charleston contained

forty thousand people, whilst now its numbers bare-ly reach fifteen thousand. The Convention, Jan. 30, ejected the police sent by Gen. Clitz, Post Com-mander at Charleston, to keep order. A committee was appointed to ask the General the reasons of his action .- The Treasurer has given \$12,000 in State bills to pay the Convention. Gen. Cranby has sus-pended executions for debt forthree months.

Georgia .- Jenkins, late Governor, proposes to apply to the Supreme Court for a writ authorizing which he was removed by General Meade,...The State Treasurer was arrested by military authorities, Jan. 28. He has been removed by order of General Made.—In the Convention, Jan. 30, several sec-tions of a bill of rights were adopted, and a resolu-tion was offered asking Congress to loan \$30,000,000 to the destitute planters of the South, on mortgage security.—The Convention completed its bill off views. Lancer 21st

rights, January 31st. Arizona.—George M. Dent, a brother-in-law of General Grant, is a candidate for Congress.

BY ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

January 28.—London.—The martello tower at Duncannon, near Wexford, Ireland, was attacked last night by a body of Fenians. The garrison fired upon their assailants, who, after returning the fire, field. The Fenian, Shaw, has turned Queen's evi-dence, and positively identifies Barrett as the man who fired the fuse which caused the Clerkenwell ex-plorion.—The following has been received from Anplotion.—The following has been received from An-nesly Bay, Abyssinia: "Despatches from Senafe announce that the expedition is again in motion. The van has already reached Germarilla, two miles beyond this point. General Napier will immediate-ly put himself at the head of the advance and push on to Antalo, the capital of the Tigre district." January 29.—London.—The policy recently adopted by Prussia on the Roman question has caused surprise, but in sustaining the temporal pow-er of the Pope, Prussia finds a powerful means of strengthening its influence over the Catholic States of strengthening its influence over the Catholic States of er of the Pope, Prussia finds a powerful means of strengthening its influence over the Catholic States of South Germany.—*Evening*.—Milner Gibson, a lead-ing member of Parliament, in a speech at Ashton, declared that peace must be preserved between Eng-land and America.—The internal condition of Italy is becoming critical. Fears are entertained that a coup d'etat is anticipated at Florence: Florence; eve-ning.—The intrigues of the Bourbonites in Naples are causing much disquisted — Poris —The bills ro \$45. are causing much disquietude.- Paris.-The bill for \$18 to \$45.

the reorganization of the army came before the Se. nate this week. Michael Chevalier, in a powerful speech, opposed the bill. He said France should maintain close relations with neighboring European owners all of maintain close relations of the said france should see the said france should maintain close relations with neighboring European powers; all of whom should unite to resist the Em-pire of Russia and the Republic of America—na-tions who, in extraordinary growth of their territory, power and ambition, threatened to overshadow.the world. Yesterday the bill was passed.—Copenha-gen—In the Upper House of the Rigsrad, to-day, the treaty for he sale of the Danish Islands was ratified by a unanimous vote: January 30.—London.—The Rev. Newman Hall, in an address delivered in the Tabernacle of Mr. \$7 rev\$25.

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the new bill for the regulation of the Press, as likely to lead the government to deprive them of what measure of liberty they have. FOREIGN. Peru.—The revolution in Peru is reported to be

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was used for an operatic performance a few evenings since.

New York .-- Commodore Vanderbilt has withdrawn from the Cooper Institute movement which had for its object the nomination of General Grant to the Presidency. The reason assigned is the course the General saw fit to adopt in regard to the reinstatement of Mr. Stanton. The letter is very sharp.

Pennsylvania.-In the Senate, Jan. 28, a bill repealing the Gettysburg Asylum was discussed and referred. The bill repealing the Liquor law passed last year, was reported A resolution was adopted approving Governor Geary's course in refusing to sauction the burial of rebel dead in Antietam Cem-etery.—Galusha A. Grow, it is said, is supported by forty Pennsylvania papers for the Vice-Presidency. -January 31.-In the House the bill repealing the law-compelling the admission of colored persons to railroad cars was reported, and referred back to the Judiciary Committee.-In the Senate, bills were introduced prohibiting collection of taxes on personal property in Philadelphia, and allowing seven per cent. interest. The bill restoring the privileges of the Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad was passed unanimously. In the House, the Pittsburg and Connelleville bill was concurred in. The Free Rail-road bill was considered. The Pittsburg and Connellsville Railroad bill has been signed by Governor

Geary. Ohio -- Wood county is digging a ditch thirtyseven and a half miles long, ei hteen to twenty feet wide on the bottom, thirty to forty feet at the top, and from two to six feet deep. It has sixty-seven and a half feet fall, or less than two feet to the mile. It will drain 60,000 acres swamp.

Indiana .--- A judge in Indianapolis has sentenced a negro to imprisonment for two years and \$5000 fine for marrying a white woman. The sentence will doubtless be tested by the Civil Rights bill.

Illinois .- Chicago, it is announced, brewed beer, ale, and porter enough last year to furnish every in habitant of that city with a barrel full of malt li-

District of Columbia -The Provident Aid Society, of Washington, is giving daily food to six or seven thousand persons in that city, four-fifths of whom are colored.

Minnesota .- It is said that the farmers of Minnesota and Northern Iowa have already received \$15,000,000 more for their products of last season than for the crops of 1866.

Michigan.—The copper mining interests were never in a worse condition than now, i we may accept as true all accounts received from the Lake Superior region. Arkansas.—The Convention has passed a reso-

lution disfranchising all who oppose reconstruction and the ratification of the new Constitution.

West Virginia .- At the Wheeling municipal election, Jan. 27, the Democratic ticket was successful by five hundred majority.

Virginia .- In the Convention, Jan. 29, General Schofield was requested to order another registra-tion.—Jan. 30, a section was adopted prohibiting the payment of debts incurred to aid the rebellion, 1, an ordinance was adopted levying a poll tax Feb of \$1 for the schools, and 60 cents for general pur-

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Spurgeon, urged Lord Stanley to bring the Ala-bama Claims to a speedy settlement.—Paris, eve-ning.—In a debate in the Corps Legislatif, on the \$7 TO \$25. \$7 TO \$25. new law for the government of the press, M. Thiers urged the importance of allowing entire freedom to the press, except only in cases where the sanctity of private life or acts of foreign magnates are con-cerned. He urged the Government not to allow the opportunity to pass of bestowing privileges mon the opportunity to pass of bestowing privileges upon \$2 ro \$4. the press, the neglect of which had caused the rain \$2 ro \$4. of so many dynasties.-Intelligence was received tonig htfrom Rome that General Faily, commander of the French expeditionary corps, is about returning to France with one division of French troops. The remainder of the force will remain in Rome, under command of General Dumont.-Berlin.-Twisten, s member of Parliament, who was arrested some time since for alleged improper language used in debate, has been discharged. He was subjected to a slight

fine. January 31.-London -- Despatches received from Florence, allege that the Italian Government is about to send out a Mayal expedition to the Rio de la Plata, South America: M. Menabrea, when interrogated, declined to give an explanation of this movement. It is also reported that the Italian fleet in the Bay of Naples is preparing to sail for South America.—Naples, evening.—The fleet now in this harbor, which has been getting ready for sea, has received orders to sail forthwith for the Rio Parana, Paraguay All other information in general the Paraguay. All other information in regard to the expedition is rigorously withheld by the Government and naval officials. — Berlin. — Carl Shurz dined to-day, with Count Bismarck and the members of

the Federal Council of North Germany. February 1.—London.—Letters from Killarney. say that the clergy of that town, who refused to say masses for the souls of Allen, Larkin and Gould, who were executed at Manchester, have ceased to receive any money from their parishioners, who reuse to contribute to their support or that of the Church.—Another battle is reported between the Turks and Cretans, in which the latter were successful. The Turks acknowledge a loss of two hundred and fifty killed .- The inhabitants of Rosario, a town in the Argentine Republic, have rebell-ed against the President, and declared for Urguiza. -The cholera still prevails to an alarming extent in the allied army on the Paraguay. There has been no fighting. President Lopez, of Paraguay, remained at Huamaita, and his forces are well supplied.—*Madrid.*—In accordance with the expressed determination of the Spanish government to uphold the temporal power of the Pope, steps have been taken for the formation of the "Papal Legion."

February 2.-London .- In accordance with a request from Lord Stanley, the Pacha of Egypt has recalled the auxiliary corps which he had sent to join the expedition in Abyssinia.—Paris, 1 A. M.— The Courrier Francais says: The presence of Admiral Farragut at Naples is designed as a counterpoise to the French forces in Rome, and to sustain the Liberals of Italy, with whom Farragut holds inti-mate relations. The Coursier says that the Admiral has sent to Caprera the promise of his support, and he only awaits the reply of Gen. Garibaldi,-Copenhagen.-King Christian has signed the treaty for the sale of the Danish West India islands, and a special courier has left for Washington with the locument. :

February 3.-London .- The gale has been very destructive of life and property. Paris. The jour-nals deplore the bitterness of the opposition against

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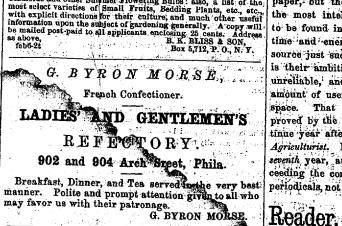
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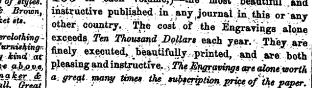
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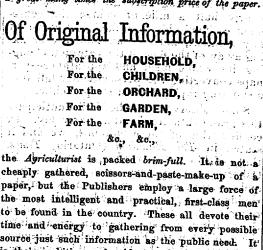
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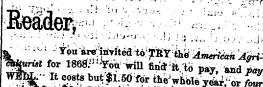


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