THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1868.

Aews of the Week.

XIAh CONGRESS-First Session.

Senate.-- April 7.-- The Pension Committee were directed to report a bill providing that pensions to soldiers' widows shall not cease when they marry. The bill relating to the city charter of Washington was passed, with some amendments.

April 8.-The bill providing that expression of opinion founded on public report shall not be a disqualification for jurors, was passed—yeas 37, nays 8. After an Executive session the Senate adjourned.

April 9.—After prayer and the reading of the jour-nal, the Senate resolved itself into a Court of Im-peachment. The Managers in response to a question from the Chief Justice, called Messrs. Blodgett and Wood, whose testimony was presented as cumulative evidence. Gen. Butler presented Gen. Thomas' letter accepting the President's appointmont, and then Mr. Curtis commenced his opening speech for the defence.

April 10.—Mr. Curtis concluded his argument on behalf of the President. Gen. Lorenzo Thomas was then sworn, and testified as to his appointment to be Secretary of War ad interim. His testimony went to show that the President had given him no orders to use force, and that when he told the President of his arrest, Mr. Johnson said the matter was "where he wanted it, in the Court."

April 11.-In the Court of Impeachment Gen. Lorenzo Thomas was recalled, and made some decided retractions in his testimony. General Sher-man was asked to give his conversation with the President when the latter offered him the War Office, but the Senate, by a vote of 28 against 21, decided not to admit the question. Similar rulings were made in regard to other questions, so that very little testimony was taken.

April 13 .--- In the Court of Impeachment the motion to allow as many of the managers and counsel as pleased to take part in the closing argument, was tabled. Gen. Sherman was again brought forward and testified as to his conversation with the President when the latter offered him the War Secretaryship, and that he expressed no intention to use force to get rid of Mr. Stanton. The warrant for Thomas' arrest and Stanton's affidavit were offered in evidence

House.-April 8.-A communication was received from the Secretary of the Interior urging the necessity of speedy action on the Indian appropria-

April 9.—Resolutions were offered and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, declaring it the duty of the Government to take steps to reconcile the belligerent States of South America.

April 11.-A letter was presented from the Chief Justice transmitting amendments to the rules in

Bankruptey. April 13.—The Foreign Committee were directed to investigate the alleged efforts to transfer to a pri-vate company the Island of St. Paul's, part of the recent Russian purchase.

Treasury .- The customs receipts from April 1st to April 4th, at the principal Atlantic ports, were \$1,967,433.

Political.-The Chicago Tribune says that twenty three States have held their State or District Refublican Conventions and appointed delegates to the Chicago Convention, and all without a break in the line, have pronounced for General Grant as their candidate for the Presidency.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Elections.—The charter elections in Sedalia and Jefferson city, Mo. and Peoria, Ill., have been carried by the Republicans. Kansas city and Carondelet. Mo., and Leavenworth, Kansas, have been carried by the Democrats.—The Morning Post of Saturday says : "The Republican gains in the elections thus says: "The Republican gains in the elections thus far this year should foot up handsomely, and should both gratily and spur on to greater results the Union electors. At Yonkers, N. Y., the Republicans scored an astonishing run a few days ago, in a vote of 1.845 total, the gain to the Union party was 515. In Cleveland, on Tuesday, the Union party piled up a gain of 1,000. In Schenectady, N. Y., on Tuesday, the Union gain was 200. The gain in Madi-son, Wis., was 30.00. St. Paul, Min., elects a Remanagers in St. Louis were arrested, April 10; and it is announced that the lottery schemes in Missouri are to be broken up. Wisconsin -- Returns of the election held, April 592 Broadway.

7th, for two Judges of the Supreme Court indicate the election of the Republican candidates,—The municipal elections in Milwaukee and La Crosse, have gone Democratic-the first by 2500 majority. The Republicans have carried Madison by a gain of over 300. Michigan .- The entire temperance element of

he State voted anti-constitution. Virginia .- Gen, H. H. Wells, the newly appointed Governor was sworn into office. A pril 7th.—In the Convention, A pril 8, the proposition to prevent the Legislature from establishing separate schools for the colored was defeated.—In the Convention, April 10th, an article was adopted, exempting real and personal property to the amount of \$2000 from execution for debt, excepting for labor.—General Schofield appointed eight City Councilmen for Richmond.—The Convention, April 13, adopted clauses fixing the rate of interest at six per cent., but allow-ing of special contracts as high as 12; also, allowing children born in slavery to inherit of their fathers ; also, providing for State militia without distinction of color

Tennessee.-Two whites and one negro were elected Commissioners in Davidson county, on Sat-

North Carolina .- The registration closed April 11. The new registration in Wilmington shows 404 white and 490 colored voters, making a total of 1309 whites and 2073 negroes.

Alabama.-A contract, entered into in 1862, between Alabama and arms manufacturing company, whereby \$250,000 was advanced by the State, has recently been decided to be null and void, as the weapons were intended to arm the Confederate sol-

Louisiana .- Mrs. Gaines, after nearly thirty rears of litigation, has gained her case for her property, by a decision of the United States Supreme Court. The estate in litigation was valued in 1839 at \$6,480,000, and during the last thirty years has increased enormously in value. It embraces a large portion of the city of New Orleans.

Georgia.—Gen. Meade orders that names that nave been stricken off the lists without proper reasons shall be restored, and that the negroes be left o their own inclinations as to voting. Arkansas.—During February 13,296 acres of

land were taken for settlement under the Homestead act.

Indians.-It is reported that the Indians of the Powder river country are killing and driving away the whites .-- The Peace Commissioners are at Laramie, and two hundred lodges of höstile Sioux are in conference with them. A recent raid on camp Mc-Dermott, Idaho, was beaten off.

BY ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

April 7.—London.—Three days later from Mon-tevideo via Rio Janeiro. Flores, President of Uru-guay, was murdered in Montevideo, shortly after his eturn from the allied camp on the Rio Parana. His successor has taken his seat without opposition, and the city and State remain tranquil .-- Bremen --Emigration to the United States has commenced with increased volume. It is estimated that 7000 emigrants left Germany during the past week for American ports. The various ports of Ireland are also filled with emigrants awaiting passage, and the majority are said to be from 16 to 25 years of age. April 8.-London.-The Irish hierarchy will soon present a petition to the Queen in person against any change in the position or revenues of the Established Church.—The Grand Jury has brought in indictments against all the prisoners except O'Neill, who were charged with complicity in the Clerkenwell outrage.—Sir Robert Murchison has received a letter from Dr. Livingstone, which came via Zanzibar. He writes that he is in good health. His exploration has been successful, and

he will soon return to England. April 9.—London, evening.—The Fenian trials have been postponed until April 20.

April 10.-London.-The War Office despatches ay that General Napier, commander of the British was at Magdala, ready for a siege. His force con-

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ring February and March, furnished 24,582 gallons of soup to 26,360 families, composed of 126,367 persons.

Connecticut .-- The complete returns of the election give English 1571 majority. The Legislature has a Republican majority, however, which insures the election of a Republican United States Senator as the successor of James Dixon. Conservative, whose term expires on March 4th, 1869.

New Jersey .- The bills for the repeal of the Election registry and "Sunset Law," which were vetoed by the Governor, have been passed over the veto.

Pennsylvania.-In the Senate, April 7th, the Gas Inspection bill was passed to a third reading. The Border County Indemnity bill was passed, with an amendment that the State shall not be liable for an amendment that the State shall not be hade for damages.—Gov. Geary has signed the bill re-peaking the Sunday liquor law of last year. —In the Senate, April 9, the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works were allowed to lay gas mains in any of the streets of Philadelphia. A penalty was laid on parties who obstructed railroad tracks by placing hand-cars thereon. A bill requiring the assent of property owners through whose property a sewer will pass, to be previously filed, was passed. Congress was urged, by resolution, to aid in the completion of the Pacific Railroad. The eight-hour law was passed with the proviso that the pay be the same for eight hours as it is now for ten.

In the Senate, April 10th, the House bill, "that all policies of life insurance or annuities taken out for the benefit of, or bona fide assigned to the wife or children or any relative dependent, shall be clear from all claims of creditors," was passed. The bill authorizing foreign telegraph companies to hold real estate was defeated. The bill relating to lot-teries and games of chance in the city of Philadelphia, was passed finally. It prohibits all lotteries, gift concerns, and chance enterprises. The bill authorizing a transfer of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg to the General Government was passed. -In the Senate, April 11, the House bill, repealing the Landlord and Tenant supplementary act of 1863, was passed finally; also, the bill relating to Co-operative Associations. The Militia bill was voted down.

April 9.-Conferees, appointed by the Republican conventions of several counties of the Twenty-third district, met at Freeport, and elected delegates to the Chicago Convention. The Conference was unanimous for Grant, but a resolution instructing for A. G Curtin for Vice President was tabled, and a resolution denying the right and power of the State Convention to elect delegates for the district was passed.

Ohio .- The Democrats carried the municipal election at Sandusky, April 6th, by 200 majority. —In the Cincinuati election the Republicans elected all the municipal ticket, except City Commissioner and Wharf Master, by majorities of from 36 to 1097. The two Democrats elected to the offices ty (600 votes) and had majorities of 187 and 208. The Republicans have 8 majority in the City Coun-

Indiana .- The Democrats have carried Evansville, for the first time in several years.

Missouri.-The value of the church property of St. Louis amounts to \$2,499,825.-Several lottery

sisted of about five thousand effective men, and he had also twenty-six large guns. General Napier had already completed his plans for a general assault on the works.

April 11.-Paris.-The Army bill has led to such districts, that the semi-official press, the Constitu-tionnel, La France, La Patrie, and others, have been trying to allay the public excitement, and pronounce this apparently vast preparation for war to be the

best pledge of peace. April 12.—Paris.—The Moniteur publishes reports to the Emperor, by Minister Penard, which state that the reforms in the Garde Mobile are completed, and that these changes have been received with applause almost everywhere. He contradicts the reports of dissatisfaction, and declares that the new army law is sustained and defended by the patriotism of the French people.

April 13.-London.-Thirty thousand volunteers were reviewed at Portsmouth to-day.—Gen. Napier says (March 17th) that his advance would be at Lake Ashango next day, but the artillery and supply trains were three days behind. The route is mountaineous and difficult. The captives are well. - Paris.- The U.S. Legation is overrun with Frenchmen who ask to be naturalized in order to escape military duty. They know mothing of our nauralimilitary duty. Incy know nousing of our incent treaty zation laws, but have heard of our recent treaty with Prussia. FOREIGN. Knee Swell. STFLE E.-Five Octaves, with Manual Sub-Bass and Octave Coupler throughout. Seven Stops, viz.: Viela, Diapason, Mo-India, Flute, Manual Sub-Bass, Octave Coupler, Tremulant. Price \$225.

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South America.-The yellow fever is raging at Guayaquil and in Ecuador. The cholera is disap-pearing from Buenos Ayres, but is very severe in Montevideo.—Gen. Gutierrez has been declared Presdent of Bogota.

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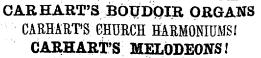
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