

News of the Week.

XLth 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.

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.

April 9.—After prayer and the reading of the journal, the Senate resolved itself into a Court of Impeachment. The Managers in response to a question from the Chief Justice, called Messrs. Blodgett and Wood, whose testimony was presented as cumulative evidence.

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.

April 11.—In the Court of Impeachment Gen. Lorenzo Thomas was recalled, and made some decided retractions in his testimony.

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.

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

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 bankruptcy.

April 13.—The Foreign Committee were directed to investigate the alleged efforts to transfer to a private 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 Republican 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.

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managers 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 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 2300 majority. The Republicans have carried Madison by a gain of over 300.

Michigan.—The entire temperance element of the State voted anti-constitution.

Virginia.—Gen. H. H. Wells, the newly appointed Governor was sworn into office, April 7th.—In the Convention, April 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 allowing 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 Saturday.

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 soldiers.

Louisiana.—Mrs. Gaines, after nearly thirty years 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 have been stricken off the lists without proper reasons shall be restored, and that the negroes be left to their own inclinations as to voting.

Arkansas.—During February 13,296 acres of land were taken for settlement under the Homestead act.

Indiana.—It is reported that the Indians of the Powder river country are killing and driving away the whites.—The Peace Commission are at Laramie, and two hundred lodges of hostile Sioux are in conference with them. A recent raid on camp McDermott, Idaho, was beaten off.

BY ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

April 7.—London.—Three days later from Montevideo via Rio Janeiro. Flores, President of Uruguay, was murdered in Montevideo, shortly after his return from the allied camp on the Rio Parana.

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.

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Ohio.—The Democrats carried the municipal election at Sandusky, April 6th, by 200 majority.—In the Cincinnati 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 specified, were supported by the Workingmen's party (6th votes) and had majorities of 187 and 208. The Republicans have 8 majority in the City Council.

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

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