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News of the Week.

X1th CONGRESS-First Session.

Senate.-July 14.-Whyte was sworn in as Senator from Maryland to succeed Mr. Johnson. The ator from Plary faile to the porary filling of vacancies in the Executive Departments was passed, and sent to the House for concurrence in amendments. The House amendments to the bill for the discontinu-

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Evarts as Attorney Generation and John Poole, firmed. July 17.-Joseph D. Abolina, were sworn in. Senators cleet from Norface bill was passed, Mr. Senators cleet from Northee bill was passed, Mr. Mr. Cattell's Loan Cerproviding for sales of super-Trumbull's amendy baving been rejected. W. P. fluous Treasury S. Harris, Senators, elect from Kellogg and sworn in. A conference report on Louisiang, ovide for supplying. Executive vacan-the bill oncurred in. The Alaska appropriation cies is passed and sent back to the House. The limit of the suppropriation bill was passed with amend-onts.

July 18.-The bill authorizing the transfer from State to Federal Courts of suits against corporations created by Congress was passed. A message was received from the President recommending the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment providing for the election of the President and Vice President and U. S. Senators by popular vote; also, regulating the terms of the Judges of the Supreme Court. A resolution declaring the ratification of the Four-teenth Amendment was referred. The nomination of Collector Smyth, of New York, as Minister to

Austria, was rejected. July 20.—A bill construing the Pension law was passed. The Electoral College bill was passed over the President's veto (45 to 8.) The bill reducing

the army was passed. House.—July 14.—The Alaska appropriation bill was passed—yeas 114, nays 42. The conference report on the Sundry appropriation bill was concur-red in; also, the bill providing for the temporary filling of vacancies in the Departments. filling of vacancies in the Departments.

July 15 .- A resolution was adopted, providing for an ivestigation as to the disbursement of the contingent fund of 1867-68. David Heaton, member elect from North Carolina, was sworn in, and the credentials of James H. Goss, member elect from the Fourth District of South Carolina, were referred. The Senate amendments to the bill removing the political disabilities of certain ex-rebels were concurred in. The conference report on the l'ax bill was concurred in, and the bill goes to the President.

July 17 .- The credentials of persons claiming to be Representatives from Alabama, were presented and referred to the Election Committee. The Senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill were rejected, and a conference ordered.

July 18.—Five members from Louisiana and two from South Carolina, were sworn in. Mr. Moorhead gave notice that he would not further press the Tariff bill, as there was no prospect of its passage this session. The Funding bill was considered in Committee of the Whole, and the additional section reported by the Ways and Means Committee, taxing the interest on the U.S. bonds, was agreed to. A substitute, taxing bonds held by for-eigners, was rejected, as was an amendment subjecting bonds to State and municipal taxation. The

bill and amendments were reported to the House. July 20.—A resolution of sympathy with the Cretans was adopted, as also a resolution to admit steam plows free of duty for a year. Messrs. Nash, (N. C.) and Brown (S. C.) were sworn in. The Electoral College bill was passed over the veto (134

Proclamations .- The President has issued proc-

7,629 majority. Only one Republican Congressman (McKee) is elected. BY ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH. July 14.-London .- In the Lords, last night, it was announced that the Royal assent had been giv-ish Government has declared instates that the rebels loning anally retired from Tien-Tsin, having aban-July 15.—London.—The political report from

Spain is obscure and contradictory. No reliable ac-counts of the conspiracy which led to the arrest of the Duke de Montpensier, appears have been received from any source. A stringent censorship is maintained by the Spanish Government, which pre-vents the transmission of political news by telegraph.

July 16.—Bombay.—Feroze Shah has declared himself the ally of Russia.—*Carlsruhe.*—Mr. Ban-croft has arrived here, and has opened negotiations with the Grand Ducal Government for the ratifica-tion of a naturalization treaty.—Belgrade.—The investigation by the authorities into the recent assasination of Prince Michael still continues. Prince Kara Georgevitch, who has been suspected all

along of complicity in the murder, has been suspected all along of complicity in the murder, has at last been cited before the court to answer the charge. July 17.—London.—In the Commons, last even-ing. Lord Stanley said a reply had already been sent to the U. S. Government in the matter of natu-ralization, that the British Ministry accept the American view of the question, and he, therefore, thought a ministry adverted in a between the tensor. thought a misunderstanding between the two na-tions was impossible. Lord Stanley also states that he has declined to make a reply at present, as the royal commission was still considering the general subject, and for the additional reason that a bill would be presented at the present session of Parlia ment. [A muddle.]-Rio Janeiro, June 24 .- Official despatches from the Parana river report that the Allied forces have again commenced a vigorous hombardment of Humaita, by land and water. The Paraguayans made a desperate sortie, for the purpose of dislodging General Chaco, but the attempt

was repulsed with considerable loss. July 19 — Farragut and staff were cordially re-ceived by the Queen, the Prince of Wales, &c., at Osborne House, on Friday last.—The yield of wheat s unusually large.—A mass meeting was held in Hyde Park to-day, to endorse the measures for the abolition of the Irish Church, preceded by a procession of working men. Strong speeches were made strong resolutions adopted; and green badges freely displayed. All was orderly.—*Stuttgardt.*—Mr. Ban-croft has concluded a naturalization treaty with Baden, similar to that with Prussia. July 20.—London.—The Times closes a leader on

U.S. Finances thus: "The true interest of the U. 3. Government lies in its honor and rights Heavy as taxes generally are, it is infinitely better that everything should be taxed, than to repudiate the terms on which the National debt was created."— Vienna.-Baron Von Lederer has been appointed Minister to the United States.

FOREIGN BY MAIL.

England .- The circulation of the London Times is about 60,000 daily, that of the Telegraph 120,-000 to 140,000, of the Standard not far from 100,-000, the Star 25,000, the Post 4,000, the Advertiser 5,000, the Pall Mall Gazette 12,000. The Daily News began its circulation as a penny paper at 50, 000, and is increasing rapidly. The Saturday Re-view has a sale of less than 10,000, and the Specta-

tor averages 7,000. France.—Notwithstanding the annexation of Sa-voy and Nice, the number of young men who are annually enrolled on the conscription lists is a great deal-less them it may during Trains Phillippe's reign. In 1865 there were 326,564 young men 20 years old on the conscription lists; in 1866 only 312,559; in 1867 only 293,164. This is attributed to the enormous sacrifice of life which Louis Napoleon has caused by his wars. The excess of males over females, which have heretofore been observed in

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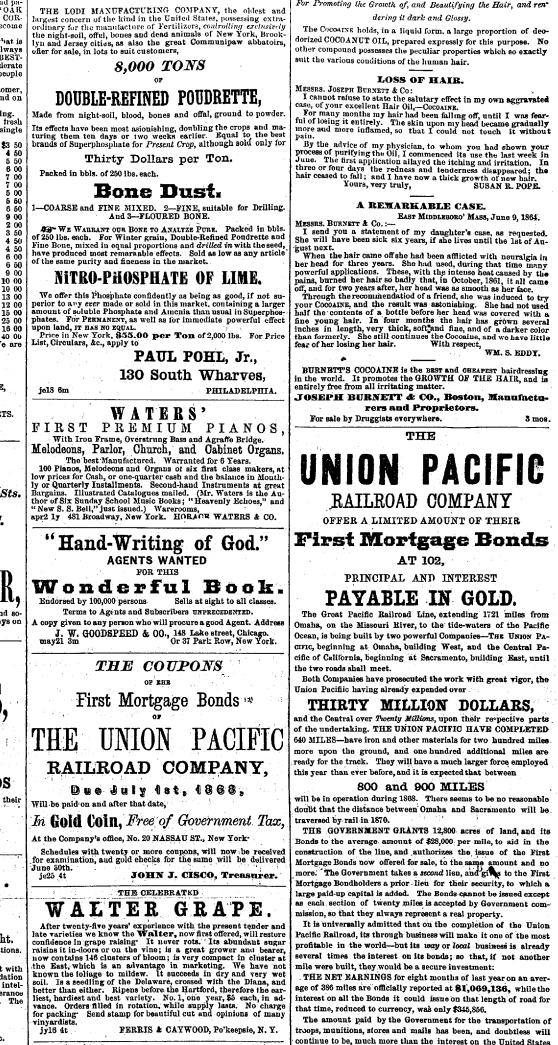
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lamations announcing the ratification of the Four-teenth Amendment by South Carolina and Louisiana, in compliance with the Reconstruction acts.

Reconstruction.-A delegation from Mississippi were before the Reconstruction Committee, July 14, urging that the vote of several counties of Mississippi against the Constitution be thrown out and the State declared reconstructed. They charge that the election was carried by terror.

Weather.—At Toronto, July 14, the thermome-ter reached 100 in the shade, and at Montreal, 99. At New York, it was 97, a little lower than on Monday. At Worcester, Mass., it was 95. At Poughkeepsie, N. Y., it reached 100. At Washington, D. C., it ranged from 100 to 104.

Public Health—The deaths from sunstroke numbered 203 in New York, last week; 50 in Phil-adelphia; nearly 60 in St. Louis; 19 in Columbus, O. The aggregate of deaths in this city was 545an increase of 162 as compared with the week previous—140 being from cholera infantum, 44 from con-gestion and 16 from inflamation of the brain, and 25 from diarrhoea and cholera morbus.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Pennsylvania .- The State Medical Society, be fore its adjournment, adopted a resolution request-ing a committee, composed of the superintendents of the various insane asylums in Pennsylvania, to prepare an address on the legal and medico-legal definitions of insanity, with counsel to physicians as to how to diagnosticate it in private private prac-tice, and how to proceed wisely in procuring the admission of patients to the institutions over which they preside.—The Pennsylvania Railroad bridge, across the Susquehanna, six miles from Harrisburg, was partially destroyed by fire, July 17. This will not interfere with travel on the road, as the company controls two other bridges, by which trains can

be passed without delay. *Philadelphia*.—John F. McDevitt, Esq., the finan-cial editor of *The Press*, died in this city, July 13, in the 28th year of his age. During his newspaper service he studied law, and a few months ago was admitted to practice in the courts of Philadelphia. Illinois .- Twenty-five new churches will be commenced or completed this year at Chicago, costing over one million dollars.

Missouri.—The Republican Convention has nom-inated Col. McClure for Governor and Mr. Stannard, of St. Louis, for Lieutenant Governor.

Kentucky.—The Freedmen's Bureau Agencies, with the exception of three general agencies, have been continued. The educational agencies are to be continued until Kentucky provides for colored ducation.

Georgia .- The Senate has passed a resolution of inquiry as to the eligibility of its officers.-In the Senate, July 17, the Investigation Committee reported that none of the members were ineligible. In the House, two Lembers were found ineligible.

North Carolina.-The Legislature has elected John Pool U. S. Senator for the long term, and Gen.

J. C. Abbott for the short term. South Carolina.—The Legislature, July 14, elect-ed Thomas J. Robertson U. S. Senator for the short

Alabama .- Governor Smith was inaugurated, July 14. His inaugural message recommends the removal of all disabilities from the people of the Statts, and of disfranchisement, except for crime.

Mississippi.—Governor Humphreys was ejected from the Executive mansion by the military.—Gen. Gillen reports the new constitution defeated by

from being stamped out. Its Athens correspondent states that the insurgents are obtaining "brilliant victories" in rapid succession. The American tor-pedoes now play an important part in their cause, he says, and the Turks are not only discontented, but discouraged and demoralized. One of their di visions in the Sphakia district recently mutinied, and the military Governor had to go to the spot with a strong force. "All the refugees able to fight are eagerly joining their fellow-countrymen who are

struggling with so much perseverance." Australia.—The pearl fisheries, recently discov-ered in Western Australia, extend along the coast for one thousand miles. It is stated that over sixty tons of pearl oysters were fished up in December last, and sold for \$500 dollars per ton. Panama -President Diaz has handed over the

Government of that State to General Ponce, the elections having gone conservatively.

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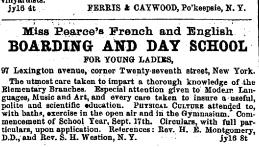
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