## News of the Week.

March 24-March 31.

## HOME.

Congress .- In the Senate the Bills punishing the accessories to certain violations of the currency act, a bill authorizing prepayment of the national debt at six per cent.; the Bill re-organizing the Judical system; the Bill modifying the Tenure-of-Office Act, authorizing the President to remove bad officers in the recess of the Senate and giving him control of the Cabinet; the Bill to carry out the re-sults of the Convention of Claims with Mexico; contiauing the present rates of pay for another year and dismissing all officers absent without leave, were passed. A conference was ordered on the Tenureof-Office act.

In the House the Bill extending the time for cod-ifying the U.S. laws to three years, and requiring the Commission to devote their whole time to the work was passed. The Senate Bill modifying the Tenure of Office act was rejected. The Reconstruc-tion Committee will report a bill to reinstate the colored members of the Georgia Legislature. A res-olution to relieve several articles of daily use from taxation, and to tax U.S. bonds, was tabled (104 to 40). The Committee on Pacific R. Roads was or-dered to investigate the issue of bonds for \$1,400,000 on the 3d of March for parts of the line not yet constructed.

The President thinks that the Mississippi Constitution should be resubmitted to the people, giving them a separate vote on the objectionable clauses. Pres. Grant was too ill on Saturday to receive visitors. On Monday he was no better, and is suffering from Neuralgia.

The Departments at Washington employ as clerks many women who are utterly incompetent for their position, but whom it has been impossible to dismiss on account of the outside pressure in their favor. Secretary Borie will recommend a repeal of the law making eight hours a day's work in U.S. work-shops.

In the Army, unless Congress legislates to the contrary, the war rates of pay will cease, Aug. 20, but Sheridan asks that they be kept as at present. Sheridan fixes the head-quarters of his "Division of the Missouri" at Chicago. Gen. Adelbert Ames has been appointed Assistant Freedman's Bureau Commissioner for Mississippi, and Gen. J. J. Rey-nolds Assistant Commissioner for Texas.

In New England a proposition made in the Maine Legislature to administer chloroform before hanging criminals, was resisted because that drug is dangerous to life. Two women are on the School Committee of W. Concord, N. H. Boston is to have a great "National" Peace Festival, June 6, for which 791 singers (314 sopranos, 220 bassos, 156 tenors and 101 altos) have already volunteered, each paying one dollar for the privilege. It is to be held in a temporary erection in St. James' Park. Martin, the defaulting chashier of the Hide and Leather Bank, whom Johnson pardoned, has been arraigned for embezzlement and fraud. Congressman Dawes declines Judge Hoare's place on the Supreme Court bench. Of the Hoosac tunnel 9,338 feet have been, and 15,693 feet have to be bored. The retiring Lowell City Treasurer lost \$33 of the city's money in stock speculations. The R. I. Senate postpones the consideration of the XVth Amendment till May. The Democrats nominate Lyman Pierce for Governor, and A. M. Allen for Lieut. Governor. In a part of the State the children are kept from school by fear of mad-dogs.

In the Middle States a mass meeting of Cuban sympathizers was presided over by Mayor Hall and addressed by Beecher, and Dana of The Sun. The anti-gambling association has reported 1094 clerks to their employers. Mayor Hall is busy trying to break up swindling agencies. The workingmen met at Cooper Institute and voted to support the Printers' strike, and to organize a new political Newburg has been dismantled by the farmers, and a subscription is on foot to restore it. Gen. Mc-Clellan declines the Presidency of Union College. The State prisons cost \$500,000 more than their earnings last year. The white newsboys of Brook-lyn tried to put a colored one out of their Home and failed. The Camden and Amboy R. R. will sell. tickets to and from Philadelphia for all its through trains hereafter. The Governor of New Jersey sends the XVth Amendment to the Legislature with reasons why it should not be ratified. James Harper, senior partner of Harper & Bros., died on Saturday of injuries received in a carriage accident. He and John Harper started the firm in 1816. The proposal to form one State of the Peninsula between Chesapeak and Delaware Bays is endorsed by one branch of the Delaware Legislature. In Pennsylvania the Legislative Committee on the Judgeship election report that Thayer, (Rep.); and not Greenbank (Dem.), the incumbent, was legally elected. They throw out three Republican and six Democratic precincts for corruption, after hear-ing nearly four hundred witnesses. The House concurs with the Senate in ratifying the XVth Amendment. The militia tax is reduced to 50 cis., with 50 cts. penalty for non-payment. A bill to keep farmers from using our streets for the sale of truck, &c., has passed the Senate; also, a bill authorizing St. James' church to sell their property on VIIth street, and remove. A new R. R. from Ma-honing creek on the Alleghany Valley R. R. to Bennett's Branch on the Erie R. R. is under discussion. Among the "jobs" on hand, besides the Me-tropolitan Police Bill, is one for a cattle and weighing yard monopoly, and one to give the Recorder and Aldermen power to license taverns. In *Philadelphia* a Fountain Society has Leen organized to erect street fountains of Virginia granite at a cost of \$150 each. The Board of Health are devising a plan for the cleaning of our streets. The permits for new buildings issued in 1868 numbered 4,436, of which 13 were churches, 3 chapels, and 10 school houses. [In New York the permits in 1868 were 2,112, of which 15 were churches and 8, school houses.] It the South Gov. Wells, of Va., and two other prominent politicians, are under arrest for stealing a letter from the P. O., Gen. Stoneman has remov-ed Wells from office. A Savannah Judge decides that negroes cannot hold office in Georgia.<sup>2</sup> The K. K. K. are lynching unionists accused and in prison for capital offences. In the Interior the Democrats who resigned from the Legislature to defeat the XVth Amendment, have been re-elected without much opposition. The Galena District elects Mr. Washburne's successor, June 8th. The Minn. Legislature opens the public schools to colored chi.dren. Martial law is at an end in Arkansas. Andrew Johnson soon after reaching Greenville had a stroke of paralysis, from which he is recovering, and will stump Tennessee next month. Ex Attr. Gen. Bates died at St. Louis, March 25th. He was an Old Whig and had been in Congress, besides holding many State offices, when Lincoln took him into his Cabinet, which he left in 1864. The Missouri is thawing. Kansas here are signs of another Indian war. Custer is not in their hands. On the 24th of March the gap between the two Pacific R. R. lines was only 82 miles. It was 319 miles on New Year's day .-On the Pacific Coast California is exporting out of 4,000,000 sacks of flour, 1,700,000 of it to England. The Oregon volcanos threaten eruption. A discovery of gold in Alaska is reported.

### FOREIGN.

In Canada heavy rain-storms have destroyed much property in Nova Scotia. The Hudson's Bay Company is advised by the Home Government to sell out to the Dominion for £300,000. The Government of Prince Edward's Island has been notified that it cannot negotiate separately for reciprocity with the United States.

In Cuba the Spaniards seem to hardly hold their own, and to be adopting a policy of cruelty and ter-rorism. The Spanish residents arge Dulce to arm the negroes. The Gov. of Trinidad is charged with playing into the hands of the rebels. Privateers are said to be fitting out on the coast of Florida. More political prisoners have been banished to the coast of Africa, and Romero, an insurgent General was shot on the wharf as they went on board .- In Hayti Salnave is reaping the whirlwind. His finan ces are exhaus ed and his troops mutinous. Gold is at 270 premium.

In South America Lopez is at Parabebi, on the Tebiguary, fifteen leagues from Ascuncion, with 5,000 soldiers and some 30,000 refugees. The Brazilians were advancing to seize certain mountain passes which would cut off his retreat. It is said that he wishes to cede the country to the U.S. The people of Ascuncion petition Brazil to establish a. provisional government.

In England the steamship lines which have the contracts will hear of no proposals looking to an ocean penny postage. The Commons Committee on Mail Service report against sanctioning the con-tracts with the Cunard and Bremen lines. The Irish Church Bill passed the second reading on Thursday morning at 3 o'clock, A. M., by a ma-jority of 118 (368 to 250), and the Commons ad-journed till April 1st, amid great popular enthusiasm. Forty-six petitions from as many towns ask for female suffrage. Great Britain has spent in ten years \$87,500.000 for education, of which \$35,410,-000 was Parliamentary grants, and \$19,545,000 was from the children. In the Established Church schools of England and Wales there was in 1866 an average attendance of 1,179,877, being 54 per cent. of the population. The exports for 1868 were \$897,318,220, a falling off of \$10,000,000 in one year, or nearly \$50,000,000 in two. The imports were worth \$1.087,601,825, a falling off of \$40,000,-000 in two years. The premiums on re-enlistment in the army are to be abolished. The army is to cost \$71.152,000 this year; the navy \$49,982,700: a reduction of \$11,928,750. The strike of the cotton-spinners, beginning at. Preston, has become general. Scotland consumed 4,907,701 gallons of whisky in 1868; Ireland 4,773,710 gallons, Thirty thousand volunteers were in the ranks at the great annual review held this year at Dover.

In France several arrests for seditious speeches at public meetings have been made. The Corps Leg-islatif has voted the army contingent of 100,000 men and adjourned till March 31st. The Emperor is trying to keep the people quiet by trifling reforms. Le Gaulois says Napoleon has demianded of Prussia her rescons for mobilizing that founds in her West. her reasons for mobilizing her forces in her West-ern provinces. M. de la Valette has lost his wife, a native of Rhode Island. The Mount Cenis R. R. is blocked up with snow, and one train has been stopped midway. Officers and privates on furlough are ordered to rejoin their regiments April 1st.

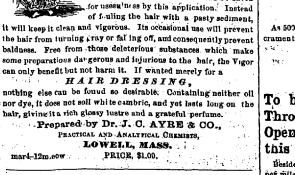
The Pope has invited the Gatholic sovrans to send ecclesiastics to represent them at the Ecumenical Council, thereby retracting his dangerous and un-

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