

News of the Week.

April 13.—April 19.

The U. S. Senate continues in Executive Session. The Alabama Treaty was rejected by an almost unanimous vote, Senator Sumner making a great speech against it. Of the nominations for Foreign Ministers the following have been confirmed: J. Lothrop Motley (Mass.) to England; John Jay (N. Y.) to Austria; Andrew G. Curtin (Pa.) to Mexico; T. H. Nelson (Ind.) to Argentina Conf.; Robert C. Kirk (O.) to Hayti; Ebenezer D. Bassett (Phila., col.) to Bolivia; Leopold Markbreit (O.) to China; W. A. Howard (Mich.) to China.

Of other nominations confirmed, we note Col. Eli S. Parker (an Indian) as Commissioner of Indian Affairs; H. Van Aernam (N. Y.) as Commissioner of Pensions; E. M. McCook as Governor of Colorado; Chas. A. Dana, of The Sun, as Appraiser for New York; L. D. Kellogg, Appraiser for the South; H. H. Bingham as Postmaster, and A. R. Calhoun as Pension Agent in our own city; and Wm. H. Barnes as Collector in First Penna. District.

The President orders the Texas registration to be resumed with a view to an early election, and similar orders are expected as to Mississippi and Virginia. A Special Agent has been sent to Cuba to investigate the condition of affairs.

The Fifteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution has been adopted by twenty-one States, to wit: Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kansas. The ratifications of Kansas and Missouri, however, are said to be informal. Five States, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Georgia, it is believed, will ratify the amendment during the present year. Virginia, Texas, and Mississippi under the act just passed by Congress, must ratify before they can be readmitted to the Union, and Ohio, Oregon, California, and Indiana are counted on.

General.—The National Academy of Sciences is holding its 13th Annual Session in Washington. Agassiz, Alexander, &c., are present. Auerbach having treated a Boston publisher very shabbily, and having been treated to tit for tat, petitions to secure the adoption of International copyright.

In New England a Mass. editor has been arrested for refusal to answer questions put by a Legislative Committee in regard to his private business. The Legislature is trying to suppress baggage smashing on R. Roads. Chas. O. Rodgers, owner of The Boston Journal, is dead.

In the Middle States the underground R. R. bill giving up St. Joseph's Catholic church, and even, it is said, Old Trinity church, to destruction, has passed the N. Y. Assembly. The shopkeepers of "the Metropolis" are being fined if they sell light weight; the milkmen if they dilute in excess. A filibuster expedition to Cuba is rumored and denied. The Democrats elect the Mayor of Trenton, N. J., and the Republicans have made gains in Sussex county, Chas. A. Dana of The N. Y. Sun refuses the N. Y. Appraiser'ship.

In Pennsylvania the Legislature has adjourned. The Bill to make a refusal to pay our Port Warden's fees a criminal offence was killed, as was that giving Broad street to the Omnibus men. Instead of the former a yearly salary was voted the Warden. The Bill vesting our city Charitable Trusts in a Board mainly appointed by the Courts was passed, as was that prohibiting the salting of street R. R. tracks, and that exempting the sewing-machines of seamstresses from Levy. The Bill giving our citizens a vote in the location of the new Public Buildings was defeated. The Metropolitan Police Bill was killed in the Senate by reference to a Standing Committee. The Bills incorporating the Roxborough Passenger R. R. Co., the Phila. Sewage Utilization Co., the Phila. Fountain Society, and the Phila. Southern Steamship Co., were passed. The Militia Bill was postponed, leaving us still subject to a tax of \$2, with costs, if not paid at once. The conference amendments to the General Appropriation Bill, which shifted the burden of taxation from our R. roads to coal, oil and whisky, were rejected. A Joint Resolution protesting against the incorporation by Congress of Railroads within our State limits, was adopted. School Committees were authorized to employ German teachers on petition of one third of the parents. The Bills fixing the fees of Row officers, giving Penn Square to public institutions, and repealing the laws exempting certain property from taxation, were defeated.

City.—This is Quaker week. Our School Controllers want \$31,700 to put up new school houses. Mrs. Twitchell has published a statement, denying any knowledge of the murder, and charging her husband with trying to lead her to confess it and so save his life.

In the South Senator Sprague has been serenaded by the Washington workmen for his anti-capitalist speeches. The Virginia election is to be held towards the close of May. South Carolina is to buy up her waste lands and sell them (on five years credit) to settlers. The sharp frosts in Georgia and Alabama have injured the cotton.

In the Interior the bulk of the town of Haughton, Mich., was burnt down on Sunday week, leaving 200 families homeless. The Illinois Legislature have passed a law securing married women the right to own property, to sue and be sued, and to keep their own earnings. The members visited Mr. Lincoln's tomb in a body, and held short religious services there. The Republicans have carried Denver, Colorado, and the Democrats Leavenworth, Kansas. A severe storm on Sunday last caused great damage in Illinois, and some loss of life.

rights of the Crown were diminished by the Bill as it stood. Gladstone denied that Disestablishment would cut off the Irish Church from the English Church, as Churches, but said that their relations would not be the result of Acts of Parliament. The motion was defeated (221 to 344) amid great cheering. A Married Women's Property Bill has passed to a second reading. The Duke of Argyll has put one of his sons in a London business-house to learn the tea trade.—Latest—Disraeli's second hostile amendment (to postpone disestablishment till 1872) was offered on Monday, and rejected by a vote of 194 to 301. An Amendment securing their titles and rights of precedence for life to bishops appointed before the passage of the Bill, was agreed to. Dr. Livingstone started in January from Zanzibar overland for Gairo, on his way to England.

In France the surviving soldiers of the first Napoleon are to receive increased pensions from April 15th, Buonaparte's birthday. The (semi-official) Presse does not relish the rejection of the Alabama Treaty. Thiers on Saturday caused great excitement in the Corps Legislatif, by his denunciations of the Free Trade policy of the Empire, and said that to apply the word "free" to their commercial condition was as great a farce as to apply it to their political state. One of his friends demanded the reference of Commercial treaties to the Corps for their sanction. France has disagreed with Belgium as to what shall be submitted for discussion in their proposed Conference, and refuses to yield her opinion.

In Italy the French troops are to leave Rome by June. The National army is to be reorganized, and is to number 400,000 men. The Duke of Aosta (frequently spoken of as a candidate for the Spanish throne) is to visit Lisbon.

In Spain arrests of Carlists continue in Grenada. Prim is rumored as Dulce's successor in Cuba. Rumors of a Directory are revived. Serrana's Cabinet are quarrelling about Free Trade and Protection, and the resignation of same is likely. Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia and the Duke of Luxembourg are spoken of as candidates for the throne.

In Portugal the Ministry has been sustained by the people in the elections to the Cortes. A rising in Oporto is feared, and strict precautions have been taken.

In India the English are trying to inaugurate an era of confidence and good feeling. The finances of the Empire shows heavy deficits, and new taxes are proposed.

In Japan the civil war is still raging, though reported at an end. The Northern rebels against the Mikado hold the Island of Jesso, and have a strong fleet under the late Tycoon's, Admiral-in-chief, and have seized a small island on the coast of Niphon, from which to make incursions.

In Australia the summer (which synchronizes with our winter) was intensely hot. In December flowers and plants were scorched up, unripe fruits fermented, wild horses died in numbers, of thirst, and bees perished from excessive heat. Yet there was frost at night.

Off Madagascar a British frigate recently captured a slaver with 115 negroes on board.

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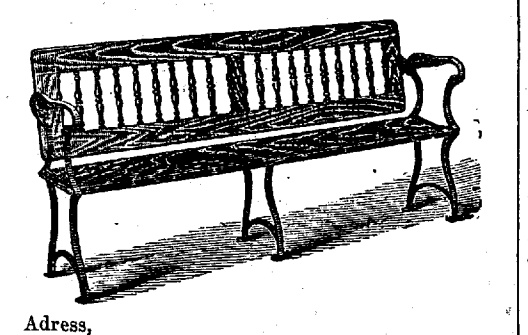
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