

The House of Representatives at Harrisburg, one day last week, passed by a unanimous vote, a resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to vote for a bill to equalize the government bounty to volunteers, that is, to give to those persons who entered the service during the first two years of the war, the same bounty received by those who enlisted at a later period.

THE Democrats of Tammany Hall, New York city, celebrated the eighth of January, the anniversary of Jackson's victory at New Orleans, by giving a public dinner. JOHN VAN BUREN presided. At his right sat ADMIRAL FARRAGUT and on his left he was "supported" by MAY or HOFFMAN.

WHAT has become of all the blowing about the "old flag," on the part of the Abolitionists? Not a syllable in its praise do we hear of late. What can be the matter? Oh! yes, the "old flag" has too many stars upon it to suit the present views of the Abolitionists!

THERE is some talk of prospective changes in the cabinet. Mr. Stanton, it is said, has placed his resignation in the hands of the President, but that functionary has not yet seen proper to accept it.

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THE well-known and oft-quoted apostrophe to Democracy which we give below in the country will commit to memory, was first uttered by Hon. Wm. Allen, of Ohio, in 1837:

"DEMOCRACY—A sentiment not to be appalled, corrupted, or compromised. It knows no baseness; it covers to no danger; it oppresses no weakness. Fearless, generous and humane, it rebukes the arrogant, cherishes honor, and sympathizes with the humble. It asks nothing but what it concedes; it concedes nothing but what it demands. Destructive only of despotism, it is the sole conservator of liberty, labor and property. It is the sentiment of freedom of equal rights, of equal obligations. It is the law of nature pervading the law of the land."

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

Standing Committee in the House—The Speaker has a singular oblivion of Democrats—Shabby treatment of an old and able legislator—Committee on Vice and Immorality—Andrew Johnson—The President's friendly condition in the Legislature—Gov. Curtin—The course of the malignants towards the Executive—Resignation, or Death, &c., &c.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 16, 1866. Editor Gazette:—In my last I informed you that the House had elected as their speaker, one James R. Kelley, of Washington, a gentleman who, I took the liberty to intimate, would never "set the river afloat," as a presiding officer. His deportment in the chair is awkward, his voice low and his manner of going through the "orders" very heavy and slow.

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since, of one of your representatives, Gen. M. A. Ross, of Somerset. The General is really one of the purest and best men in the House. His politics are all wrong, but his heart is in the right place. It is a "thousand pities" that so good a man as Gen. Ross should cling to so bad a cause. I have not yet made the acquaintance of your other member and have not met anybody else that has. I hope to be fortunate enough to do so some of these days.

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the paroles to prosecute these persons for crimes before the political power of the government has been suppressed. It follows from what I have said that I am of the opinion that Jefferson Davis and others of the insurgents ought to be tried in some one of the States or districts in which they may be charged. Though active hostilities and flagrant war have not for some time existed between the United States and the insurgents, peaceful relations between the government and the people in the States and districts in rebellion have not yet been fully restored.

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The Erie and Northeast, with an income of only \$500,000, pay \$14,754.43; and the Atlantic and Great Western, with its immense capital and traffic, paid the insignificant sum of \$6,031.57. It cannot be ascertained at present, what the gross receipts of the different roads and transportation companies will be for the past year; but they will most probably reach the sum of \$60,000,000. A tax of three-fourths of one per cent, on these gross receipts would yield as much income, and would be far more equal in its operation than what is now known as tonnage tax.

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Taxes on Knowledge.

It was lately shown, in an article in Harper's Weekly, that printed books "pay not less than fifteen separate taxes to the Government before they reach the reader." The subject has been followed up, by an exposition, based upon the fact that printing books is done in Philadelphia, New York and Boston, "have discovered that they can import books from England, pay the full duty, and lay them down here at less than half the cost of similar books printed, bound and published in this country."

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