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SAN DOMINGO.

From new phase of the San Domingo question strengthens the indications that it will become an exciting, if not an absorbing, question in American politics.

Since he misnamed the Morning Star, Nor man nor deed hath fallen so far. Shortly after the passage of the resolution as amended in the House it came up for consideration in the Senate, when Sumner opened his batteries upon it, and, considering the woful weakness of his attacks, we can scarcely wonder that they provoked the laughter of his Senatorial associates.

WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS. It is tolerably certain from recent developments that the internal arrangements of the Military Academy at West Point need a more particular investigation than they receive from the annual Board of Visitors, and if the details of the management of the Naval School at Annapolis could also be looked into by some impartial persons, no harm would be done, and a great deal of good to both institutions might ensue.

and means, and was in partnership with the company in the transportation business until the road was finished through to Pittsburgh. He then organized the Westmoreland Coal Company, and commenced shipping coal to the Eastern market, acting as President of the company until his duties in Congress compelled his resignation.

In 1845 John Covode first entered the political arena as a candidate for office, becoming the Whig nominee for the State Senate in a district strongly Democratic. At his second nomination he came within a few votes of being elected that the opposing party became alarmed at his growing popularity and changed the district.

THE NATIONAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES yesterday, in spite of an unnecessarily bitter opposition, passed the bill for the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia on the 4th of July, 1876.

OBITUARY.

The Hon. John Covode. At noon yesterday the Hon. John Covode paid us a flying visit, stopping a few minutes in our office and gossiping on the politics of the State and country with his accustomed energy.

John Covode was born in Westmoreland county, in this State, on the 17th of March, 1808. He had therefore not quite completed his sixty-second year at the time of his sudden and unexpected death.

The other West Point affair that is now attracting attention is the disappearance of three of the cadets. It is asserted that these young men were driven from the school at the order of the members of the senior class, their offense being the heinous one of lying.

other topics of national importance, were always well worthy of attention. His remarks might not be couched in the best English, and his views might not always be broad and comprehensive, but he was full of points; he knew what was going on; he abounded in the best of all sense, common sense; and if he did not stuff his brain overbrim with the contents of the Congressional Library, "men were his books, which he read currently."

THE LAND GRANT OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.—The following is the land grant contained in the act of Congress incorporating the Northern Pacific Railroad:—"And be it further enacted, That there be, and hereby is, granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of said railroad and telegraph line to the Pacific coast, and secure the safe and speedy transportation of the mails, troops, supplies, and war, and public stores over the route of said line of railway, every alternate section of public land, not mineral, designated by odd numbers, to each side of said route, whenever it passes through any State and whenever on the line thereof, the United States have full title, not reserved, and granted or otherwise appropriated, and free from pre-emption, or other claims or rights, at the time the line of said route is definitely fixed, and a plan thereof filed in the office of the Commissioner of the General Land Office; and whenever prior to said time, any of said sections or parts of sections shall have been granted, sold, reserved, occupied by homestead settlers, or pre-empted or otherwise disposed of, other lands shall be selected by said company in lieu thereof, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, in alternate sections and designated by odd numbers, not more than ten miles beyond the limits of said alternate sections. Provided, That if the said route shall be found upon the line of any other railroad route, to aid in the construction of which lands have been heretofore granted by the United States as far as the routes are upon the same general line, the amount of land heretofore granted to said Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and associate with said company upon the terms herein provided, shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of land so granted by this act; Provided further, That the railroad company receiving the previous grant of land may assign their interest to said Northern Pacific Railroad Company, or may consolidate, concentrate, and associate with said company upon the terms herein provided in the first section of this act; Provided further, That all mineral lands be and the same are hereby excluded from the operations of this act, and in lieu thereof a like quantity of unoccupied and unappropriated agricultural lands in odd numbered sections nearest to the line of said route, and within fifty miles thereof, may be selected as above provided; And provided further, That the word 'mineral' where it occurs in this act, shall not be held to include iron or coal; And provided further, That no money shall be drawn from the Treasury of the United States to aid in the construction of said Northern Pacific Railroad."

On the outbreak of the Rebellion, Mr. Covode, still a member of Congress, became one of the first to urge bold and decisive measures in its suppression. He had become thoroughly allied with the Republican party from its organization, and to the day of his death remained a staunch adherent of that political organization.

During the last term of the first period of his service in Congress, Mr. Covode was an active member of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War, and after the close of the struggle he was sent South by President Johnson to aid the Government in working out its reconstruction policy. His views, however, failing to harmonize with those of Mr. Johnson, he declined any further connection with his policy and administration.

IN 1856 Mr. Covode, at the earnest solicitation of leading members of the party, again became a candidate for Congress, and again the district in which he resided, now numbered the Twenty-first, and consisting of Fayette, Indiana, and Westmoreland counties, was wrested from the Democracy. Mr. Covode was elected by 354 majority. In 1858, again he was a candidate, Hon. Henry D. Foster being his opponent. The vote was very close, both candidates claiming a small majority. The Governor refused to give the certificate of election to either, on account of informalities in the returns, but the House, at the opening of the Forty-first Congress, awarded the seat to Covode, without prejudice to the claims of the contestant. The result of the contest was the throwing out of a large number of Democratic votes on the ground of fraud, and on February 9, 1859, Mr. Covode was awarded the seat, by a vote of 118 to 45, after a bitter opposition from the Democratic side of the House. In 1859, Mr. Covode became chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and in that capacity had the general management of the gubernatorial campaign of that year, as well as of the congressional campaign of 1870. Last year, however, he declined a re-nomination for Congress, and the district was again carried by the Democracy.

The adage tells us that "Some men are born to greatness, some achieve it, and some have greatness thrust upon them," and of these three classes, John Covode belonged to the second, for he owed his prominence to his own exertions. Descended from a peculiar and unusual combination of nationalities—the High Dutch with the English Quaker—his character was a strange compound of both, for he united the vim, vigor, determination, and dash of the former with the unwavering devotion to humanitarian principles that distinguishes the latter, and thus he became a prominent leader, despite his deficient education, in the great new party that has dominated for the last ten years. The district he represented in Congress is not only often Democratic, but as it is neither Quaker, Dutch, nor German, and as its staple element is a hardy and keen race of Scotch-Irishmen, by the time a descendant of High Dutch and Quaker ancestors gained sufficient influence in such a district to be nominated and elected to Congress, he had fathomed much more deeply than most men the depths of American politics and the diverse influences by which voters are controlled and governed. Soon after his appearance in Congress Covode's mature and sharpened shrewdness enabled him to win one of the greatest triumphs ever won there. Despite his inferiority as an orator or as a chairman of an ordinary Congressional committee, he was just the man to head such an investigation as that with which his name will be forever identified in Congressional history. He had at once the nerve and the sagacity to spy out and to expose the weak spots in the Buchanan administration, and to lay bare the bargains, corruptions, quarrels, and compromises, connected with the Kansas-Lecompton controversy. This story had a telling effect in the campaign of 1860, and among the varied influences that secured the election of Abraham Lincoln it was one of the most important. If Covode's political career had terminated with this famous investigation, he would still have done much more than average Congressmen of a higher intellectual grade. Subsequent triumphs were in store for him, however. He repeatedly carried the Westmoreland district when it would have been impossible for any other Republican to secure a majority of its votes; and at Washington he was honored by various highly responsible positions, like that of a member of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War, as well as a roving commission to examine the condition of the Southern States with reference to reconstruction. Covode's views on all such subjects, as well as on many

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