

FOURTH EDITION

Proceedings of Congress.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION.

The Latest Returns.

Movements of the President.

Leaves Washington for Philadelphia

Evening Cable Quotations.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

The President to Visit Philadelphia.
Washington, March 17.—The President and Mrs. Grant left Washington in the noon train today for Philadelphia. The President will return on Monday morning. Mr. Grant will visit New York before returning in consequence of the President's absence no Cabinet meeting was held today.

FROM NEW ENGLAND.

New Hampshire Election.
CONCORD, March 17.—All except five small towns in the county are heard from, and estimating those by last year's vote, the Statesman says of the House:—Our list of Representatives chosen contains the names of 13 Republicans and 12 Democrats. The towns to be heard from will give, we think, 2 Republicans and 11 Democrats, and if so the House will stand 153 Republicans and 167 Democrats.

St. Patrick's Day in Boston.
Boston, March 17.—The Irish organizations are out in full force, celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

CONGRESS.

THE SECOND TERM—FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The Vice-President laid before the Senate this morning the bill to amend the act to re-elect as Senator from Virginia for six years from the 4th instant. After the reading of the bill the President of the Senate called on Mr. Chandler, from the Committee on Commerce, reported back the bill to define a gross of matches and for other purposes, the object of which he said was simply to prevent the packing of matches.

FROM EUROPE.

London, March 17.—Consols 92½ for money, and 92¼ for account. Bonds firm; of 1862, 92½; of 1863, 91½; of 1864, 91½. Stocks firm. Erie, 18½; Illinois, 110½; Great Western, 85½. Liverpool, March 17.—Cotton closed quiet. Uplands, 74½; Orleans, 75½. Sales to-day 12,000 bales for speculation and export. Manchester markets quiet and firm. Pork declining. Lard, 17-18 1/2. Fat, 11-12 1/2. Sugar, 17-18 1/2. Coffee, 17-18 1/2.

FROM HARRISBURG.

HARRISBURG, March 16, 1871.
The tedious monotony of legislation was broken this afternoon by a debate of much animation and some acrimony, on the resolution of Senator Billingslet condemning the removal of Senator Sumner. Mr. Billingslet is one of the sturdy line of the honest Germans of Pennsylvania, a Republican of the most consistent devotion to the principles of the party, and a man who, in the fetid atmosphere of Harrisburg, has ever stood above the suspicion of insincerity or venality. He carries more moral power with him than any other man on his side. He knows that the degradation of Sumner was unwarranted and unbecoming for any honest regard for the Republic party. He knows that there are no intelligent and upright members of the party who do not deprecate the substitution of Cameron for Sumner; and in his honest, fearless, and frank way he reflected the almost universal views of the party by offering a resolution condemning the action of the United States Senate.

He found that all his habitual associates were afraid of the question; but as he knows no fear in the advocacy of the right, he dared to maintain and express his opinions, and he did it in a clear, logical, and unanswerable argument. Others might talk with more polish, but no one could have told more pertinent truth in a more intelligent way than did Mr. Billingslet in his speech. It was surprising and humiliating to see the action of his Republican colleagues. Not one of them ventured to say boldly that the removal of Mr. Sumner was justifiable. Some apologized, in a feeble, timid way for the act; but not one dared to say that it was right. Senator Mumma made an earnest and creditable effort to break the force of Mr. Billingslet's blows; but beyond a severe assault upon the Democrats, he did not succeed. He did not say that the displacement of Sumner was right—indeed, he said expressly that he regretted it—but he insisted that the Democrats had been guilty of a great, or even greater, wrong against the independence of statesmanship. By boldly evading the issue, he made some good points against the Democratic party. Mr. Buckalew made one of his clear and able speeches, defending the independence of Senators, and reflected severely upon the administration for the degradation of Sumner. Senator Dill followed in a brief but sensible speech on the same side, and Mr. Delamater closed the debate of the afternoon by insisting that the Legislature should not meddle with the question.

CITY ITEMS.

A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—A. J. Charlock, a printer in the office of the Ohio Weekly Clarion, writes to the proprietors of the PLANTATION BITESS as follows:—"Three months ago I was the mere shadow of a man, and so debilitated that my limbs shook under me while at work. The compositor at the next case said to me one day:—'Andrew, you need a tonic; that's what's the matter; and there's no tonic that was ever got up equal to PLANTATION BITESS. Try 'em.' I assented, and you are at liberty to state (referring to me for confirmation) that they have restored my health, and I believe, saved my life."

OBITUARY.

Chief Engineer Andrew Lawton, U. S. N.
Chief Engineer Andrew Lawton, U. S. N., died at his residence in the Navy Yard this morning. He was a native of Massachusetts, and entered the navy as a third assistant engineer on June 24, 1850. He was on coast survey duty in 1850, and in 1851 he was attached to the steamer Water Witch, in the Home Squadron.

Mr. Lawton was promoted to second assistant engineer February 23, 1851. In 1853-54 he was attached to the steam frigate Saranac, in the Home Squadron. On May 21, 1853, he was promoted to first assistant engineer. He was on coast survey duty in 1854-55; was attached to the steam frigate Saranac, in the Home Squadron from 1855 to 1858, and was on special duty at Boston in 1859-60. His commission as chief engineer was dated April 23, 1859, and he was attached to the steamship Hartford in the West Gulf Squadron in 1861. In 1862 he was on special duty at Taunton, Massachusetts; on special duty at Boston in 1863-64; and on special duty at Wilmington, Delaware, in 1865. From 1866 to 1868 he was chief engineer of the Hartford, the flagship of the Atlantic Squadron, and in 1869 he was ordered to the Philadelphia Navy Yard to relieve Chief Engineer Zeller.

THE SALE OF CUBA AND PORTO RICO.

Yesterday's Reported Offer Confirmed—The Terms and Preliminaries—The Offer not to be Rescinded—A Washington despatch to the N. Y. Tribune says:—Inquiry to-day establishes the truth of the rumor sent from here last evening, with regard to the proposition of the new Spanish Government to sell the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico to the United States for \$100,000,000. The President and Secretary of State both say that some time ago General Prim made a proposition to General Sickles, offering the colonies to the United States for \$300,000,000. It was declined at once on our part, and declared to be wholly out of the question.

About the time the Duke of Savoy was to start from Florence to assume the duties of his new position, and shortly before General Prim was assassinated, a confidential friend of Amadeus and of the Spanish Regency, who had himself been partially educated in America, arrived in New York as the bearer of propositions of settlement to the Cuban patriots on the part of the new Spanish regime. These propositions were published in the Tribune at the time, in the form of a despatch from Cuba and Porto Rico similar to that enjoyed by the North American colonies of Great Britain, and a full and complete amnesty for the revolutionists, leaders, and defenders; representation of Cuba and Porto Rico in the Spanish Cortes; the abolition of slavery; and the establishment of manhood suffrage, with a free press and the right of petition. Mr. Daves replied that he listened to the proposition with interest, and that he would be glad to hear whether he would give way that he might ask that a report be printed.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements.
AT THE ARCH the drama of Fire Fly will be performed this evening, with Lotta in the leading role. A matinee to-morrow.
AT THE WALNUT Mr. and Mrs. Williams will appear this evening in Falconer's drama of In the Valley. There will be a matinee to-morrow.
AT THE CHESTNUT Mr. E. L. Davenport will appear this evening as "St. Marc," in the beautiful drama of that name.

AT THE MUSEUM, Ninth and Arch streets, there will be a dramatic performance this evening. A matinee to-morrow.
AT THE AMERICAN a family performance will be given this evening. A family matinee to-morrow.

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