

Evening Telegraph

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1871.

THE ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

The first session of the Forty-second Congress has come to an end, and the results achieved are before the country. There has been a great deal of meaningless talk; not a few exhibitions of blackguardism, that have tended to decrease the respect of the people of the country for the law-making branch of the Government; a great deal of quarrelling and spiteful oratory on the part of men who entertained exalted ideas of their own importance; and little or no legislation likely to be of any practical benefit to the country.

THE CLOSING HOURS of the session in the House of Representatives yesterday were devoted by Butler and Farnsworth to a characteristic purpose. Butler attempted to show that he was not a blackguard, as charged against him by garrulous old Garrett Davis, but unhappily thought it necessary, in so doing, to prove that almost everybody else was a blackguard.

COUNCILS yesterday determined to appropriate the Spring Garden Hall property, at the corner of Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, for the purposes of the Girls' Normal School. The present building will either be extensively altered or else torn down and a new one erected.

SMITH, that incorrigible "Rooster," suffered a relapse yesterday afternoon. In fact, he was subjected to another attack of pneumonia, which was severe enough while it lasted, although happily it did not last long.

Aside from the moralizing passages of the address of the Democratic Congressmen, its other paragraphs relate mainly to revenue reform (so-called) and the Ku-klux bill. The talk about revenue reform means free-trade, but the authors of this document have been too cowardly to say so in plain English.

The Ku-klux clause of the address is false in some of its assertions and ridiculous in others. It has the audacity to assert that the Democratic party has no sympathy with attempts to deprive any man of his rights under the Constitution—an assertion which, in view of innumerable outrages upon colored citizens and in view of the doctrines openly proclaimed by a large portion of the Democratic party, is manifestly untrue.

DR. DOLLINGER. Dr. John Joseph Ignatius Dollinger, against whom the Pope has hurled the major excommunication, was born at Bamberg, in Bavaria, on the 28th of February, 1799.

Turning his attention to political life finally, he was, in 1846, elected to represent the University of Munich in the Bavarian Parliament, becoming in 1851 a delegate to the Diet of the German Confederation at Frankfurt.

RELIEF FOR WAR DAMAGES.

We give to-day the report of a special committee of the Senate, which presents an interesting review of the causes of the destruction of Chambersburg by McCausland in 1864, and of the spoliation generally of the border counties by the Rebels, and it presents the question of responsibility for these claims in a manner that cannot fail to carry conviction with it.

THE DEMOCRATIC ADDRESS.

In the Congress of the United States, at Washington, the Democratic party are fortunately in a minority. At Albany, the capital of the State of New York, as well as in New York city, and in some of the Southern States and districts where Ku-kluxism is most rampant, they are in a majority.

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