

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, April 22. Senate.—The Senate Committee of the Judiciary held a meeting to-day on the bankrupt bill, but have not yet agreed on all its leading features.

U. S. Fish, of Chicago, has been confirmed as District Attorney for the district of Illinois.

The report of the minority of the Committee on Printing purposes that all the work connected with the printing shall be given to the lowest bidder.

The only business of interest during the morning hour, was the presentation by Mr. Seward of New York of the copy of the American Telegraph Company, in refutation of the allegations contained in the recent memorial of Amos Kendall, and the Morse telegraphic interest.

Mr. Seward introduced a bill, which was read twice to secure the prompt construction of a line of telegraph across the continent between San Francisco and St. Louis.

House.—The House proceeded to the consideration of Mr. Morrill's bill donating lands to the several States for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts, and refused to lay the bill on the table, by eighty-four yeas to one hundred and nine nays.

Mr. Cobb, of Ala., made a speech against the bill which passed by 104 against 101. The bill grants 6,340,000 acres land to be apportioned to each State, equal to 20,000 acres for each Senator and Representative in Congress, to which they are respectively entitled; the money to be derived from the sales to be invested in stock not less than 5 per cent.

Notes of various amendments were given after which the Committee rose and the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 22, 1858. Although the result of the recent Kansas struggle is much embarrassed, and it depends entirely upon the course which the Southern extremists pursue, most have surrendered, agreeing to take the Janus-faced alternative, if the others do, and save the Administration from impending ruin.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 22.—The Douglas Democrats go with the Leocompton. Quitman has joined the Hill, Triffin, and Zollinger, South American, oppose the new plan.

Reported Encounter with a Slave. WASHINGTON, April 22.—The Savannah News received by mail mentions the arrival of a vessel, the captain of which reports that on the 10th inst., on the Eastern edge of the Gulf of Mexico he heard, and saw fired in rapid succession, sixty shots, apparently from thirty-two pounders, between two ships.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The papers and correspondence between Lord Napier and the Secretary of State, relative to the slave trade, filed for by the Senate, are now before that body, and referred to the committee.

A good deal of feeling was exhibited, and certain rather ugly expressions were used also in the Senate to-day, between Broderick and Green at the time the question of submitting the Kansas report was being discussed.

The Democratic Senators have unanimously determined to sustain the report of the Committee of Conference on the Kansas bill, with the exception of Douglas, Stuart and Broderick, who are against the measure.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 24.—The final portion of the motion, as amended, to postpone the Kansas report of the Committee of Conference till the second Monday of May, was pending when the House adjourned, and will come up at the next meeting.

FROM HARRISBURG.

Correspondence of the Press.

HARRISBURG, April 21, 1858. Governor Packer having appointed Ellis Lewis, John C. Knox, and Chas. R. Bucklew commissioners to codify the criminal laws of Pennsylvania, the Senate on Monday unanimously confirmed them.

The House today reconsidered its vote on the interest and usury rate, to which I referred yesterday. Subsequently it passed in the same shape as it came from the Senate. The bill was drawn up by Mr. Harlan Ingram, and permits any rate of interest except upon, but when there is no contract, six per cent. is still the legal rate.

It is believed that the framers of the Constitution, in providing a Senate, the members of which hold their term of office three years, intended it as a conservative check upon the more popular branch.

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REMARKS OF MR. HARRIS.

The bill for the sale of the State canal came up again in order on its third reading. Mr. Harris defended his position on the bill. He said: Mr. SPEAKER—I do not rise for the purpose of discussing the merits of this bill; that duty has been discharged by other Senators who have shown themselves adequate for the task.

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But this is a different proposition; it is a fair sale, and neither lends the credit of the State directly or indirectly, notwithstanding the opinion of the Senator from Columbia. I am mistaken in this matter, it is an error of the head, and not of the heart.

Adjournment of the Legislature. The Legislature, as has been announced, adjourned sine die, on Thursday, the 22d inst. The closing scene in the House was attended by more humor and good nature than usually characterizes the last hour of such dissolving bodies.

Whereas, The Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg was recently destroyed by fire, and it is now evident, that the Old School party will secede, and be under the necessity of securing a house of worship out of their own private purses; therefore be it Resolved, That all the members of the House who voted against the extra compensation, are requested to leave said amount in the Treasury, subject to the order of the trustees of said congregation.

Mr. Owen said that he was one of those who voted against the resolution of "extra pay," and that he had not drawn the same, but that his wife had received the sum from the State Treasurer.

Mr. Owen moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the lady of Mr. Owen, and request her to refund; which was agreed to, and the original resolution was also negatived.

Mr. Owen moved that if any gentleman "had tears to shed," he should do it now, and avowed his determination to retire from politics. It is understood that his district has been so arranged that it will be necessary for him to stay at home.

KANSAS IN CONGRESS.

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BEAVER ARGUS

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BEAVER, PA.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1858.

Meeting of County Committee.

A meeting of the members of the Republican County Committee will be held at the Court House, on Thursday, May 8th, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

THE CHANGES OF A YEAR.

The political changes of the past year have been most remarkable. He who had ventured to predict the half that has transpired, would have been set down as a visionary or a madman.

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the first year; he will leave the Presidential mansion possessing not the hundredth part of the respect that attended President Polk upon his retirement, and the people, without distinction of party, will hail his exit going more heartily than they did even that of "poor Pierce."

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For the Argus

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Democratic Conventions in Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 22.—The Buchanan and Douglas Democratic Conventions met here to-day, and organized separately. The former had twenty-eight delegates represented. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Administration were passed. The latter had ninety-seven delegates represented. Resolutions endorsing the course of the Illinois delegation in Congress, were passed without a dissenting vote. W. B. Fendley was nominated for State Treasurer, and ex-Governor Breckinridge for Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Buchanan Convention postponed their nominations until the 8th of June next.

JUDGE WILMOT.—The House did itself honor by defeating the Senate bill to abolish Judge Wilmot's District.

FOREMOST among those who disgraced themselves in this movement, stand Buck, Calhoun of the House. Bucklew had some excuse in the fact that he is a very less partisan; but even he could not be so unscrupulous as to yield his ballot, and give it only to the last. Judge Bell had no excuse. He represents a Republican district, and has been in his own person, an illustration of political magnanimity on the part of his opponents, for he was once nominated as Judge by an opposing Governor. His magnanimity, it proves, was thrown away. Throw not your pearls before swine, but they turn again and rend you.

THE CREVASSE AT NEW ORLEANS.—The Crevasse at Bell's plantation, on the opposite side of the river, is becoming a very fashionable place of resort. Every evening hundreds of ladies and gentlemen cross over from our city and spend some time in looking at this miniature Niagara. Yesterday evening a large number of ladies, who seemed to be enjoying the spot, indulged in a certain amount of dissipation, and a pleasant one did not, as I thought, of the immense damage it was doing to the levee, and the feeling that it was gradually widening, and would, in fact, in a few days, be a mere stream of water, through this channel, unless a genuine river should be formed. The skills which are inside seem to be doing a very brisk business, transporting at one time per load, those persons who are engaged in making explorations into the premises of the laundry, John M. Bell. The sugar house, with its huge chimneys in the distance, and lashed at its base by the surging waters, looks like an Eddy-stone light-house instead. The fall of the water over the inside levee furnishes a series of rapids, and rapids as can be found in any Northern landscape, and more beautiful, too, for in the centre stands a noble specimen—the pride of the South—the monarch of the wood—a live oak tree the drooping branches of which nearly kiss the boiling water below.

There was no effort being made to stop the crevasse, yesterday.—N. O. Daily.

Mr. English's Bill, says the New York Tribune of Friday, in no manner or form submits the Leocompton Constitution to a popular vote, as stated in the Tribune and elsewhere. Messrs. Stephens, Green and Hunter would never have agreed to such a concession, and the scheme was carried by their manipulation in part. It presents a proposition of Congress, under the land grant to a vote, making the admission of Kansas under Leocompton contingent on its acceptance or rejection—nothing more.

TO THE NOBLE DEAD.—The Harrisburg Telegraph, with proper enthusiasm, remarks: "We chronicle, with a glow of pride, the passage, by the Senate, of the bill for the erection of a monument to the gallant Pennsylvanians who fell in the country's service upon the fields of Mexico. There was but a few slight amendments, which will, without doubt, be heartily concurred in by the House; and we may expect to see, during the coming summer, a proper tribute to the memory of the gallant dead."

SAM MEDARY, Mr. Buchanan's Postmaster at Columbus, Ohio, has taken the publication of the Post-office letter list of the Statesman, edited by his son-in-law, and given it to the Know Nothing party, so that city, called the First, of a comparatively limited circulation. There is no knowing what a politician may come to know days before he dies.

SUMMER clothing of the better grades, for both men and boys. A full variety of furnishing goods, and a good assortment of piece goods for custom work are offering at favorable rates, by Charles Han, Federal St., Allegheny City.

MARRIED.—On the 13th inst. by John Sleutz, Esq., Mr. HENRY HUNTER, to Miss SARAH ANN LYON, all of Ohio. On Tuesday morning, April 20th, Elder T. Farley, Mr. E. B. BROWN, of Darlington, Beaver Co., to Miss EMMA WILSON, of West Manchester, Allegheny Co., Pa.

DIED.—At Baden, Beaver Co., Pa., on the 20th, MARTHA D., daughter of Charles S. Marlett, aged five years one month and six days.

On the 12th inst., Mr. RICHARD McCLEARY of Greene township, aged about 82 years. On the 23rd inst., JAMES E. BROWN, James Moody, Esq., of Greentown, in the 10th year of his age. On the 25th, Miss NANCY E. GIVEN, Brighton P., in the 30th year of her age.

PITTSBURGH MARKET.—Pittsburgh, April 27th. FLOUR—Extra at \$3 40 and \$3 50. Extra Family at \$3 57 and \$4 37. GRAIN—Oats, 50c; Rye, at 51c; Kentucky Red Wheat at 80c; Kentucky White do at 90c. HAY—\$11 15 per ton. POTATOES—No. 1—45c; No. 2—40c; No. 3—35c; No. 4—30c; No. 5—25c; No. 6—20c; No. 7—15c; No. 8—10c; No. 9—5c; No. 10—5c.