

CONTRACTION.

The House decided in favor of suspending the further contraction of the currency by the decisive vote of 127 to 25. The Senate is said to favor still further contraction and will most likely refuse to concur in the action of the House.

The reduction of the tax on raw cotton is exciting considerable attention at present. The feeling in Congress is in favor of a heavy reduction, or perhaps a total abolition, of the present tax of two and a half cents per pound on the next year's crop.

THE FREE RAILROAD LAW AND THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

The following article is from the Pittsburg Commercial of Nov. 30th, 1867. We are not prepared to endorse it as we are under the impression that Mr. Davis has been in the interest of the Central all his life.

A short time since in referring to the failures and disappointments which the advocates of a Free Railroad Law have experienced, we had occasion to say that they were due principally to unfrankly Railroad Committees in the Legislature.

Western Pennsylvania is deeply interested in this matter, and it is the duty of every Western member to rally to the support of Mr. Davis, who most positively pledges himself to arrange the committee as to facilitate the passage of a Free Railroad Law.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Statement of Secretary McCulloch.—The Total Debt \$2,501,205,751 75. WASHINGTON, December 7.—The following is the statement of the public debt: Total bearing six interest... \$1,840,267,801 80.

As we predicted last week Congress lacked squarely down from the impeachment of the President by a decisive vote. This will immortalize the "Chief of Sinners" and make him the candidate of the Copperhead Party for President.

CONGRESSIONAL.

MONDAY, Nov. 25.—Senate, received a petition from citizens of Massachusetts asking that equal suffrage be extended to all persons, male and female, in the District of Columbia.

In the House a bill to prohibit the further reduction of the currency was introduced, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On the 26th, a resolution to grant the rank of Major to the late General John A. Bland was introduced, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On the 27th, a memorial was presented for the retention of General Sickles and Howard in the army, and a bill providing that the Assistant Attorney General shall be confirmed by the Senate.

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The Cheyenne Argus of the 30th ult, has the following, which would have sounded somewhat oddly a dozen years ago: The regular train will wait for the special train which carries the mail and passengers to the West.

The partial Democratic session in Ohio has induced the notorious Dr. Olds to revive his suit against Ex-Governor Todd, who had him arrested for treasonable opposition to the war.

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