

Friday Morning, - - - Jan. 1, 1875.

The renowned Gerrit Smith died in New York after a brief illness on Monday last, in the 75th year of his age.

The Legislature will meet on next Tuesday. The Senate is Republican, but that fact ought not to deter the Democratic members from making an honest effort to reduce within legitimate limits the enormous and constantly increasing expenses of legislation.

The Louisiana Returning Board, after having been in session almost two months, consummated its infamous work last week. The Board is composed of five members, four of whom (two white and two colored) are Radicals, and the remaining member a Democrat.

When Frederick A. Conkling, of New York, is the leader of the Liberal Republican party in that State. He is a man of admitted ability and a brother of Roscoe Conkling, the magnificent one of the United States Senators from New York.

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Os the day before President Carpenter was elected President pro tem of the Senate, the Utica Herald (Republican) relieved its mind in this wise: "The United States Senate should spare the country the sight of Senator Carpenter again in the chair of presiding officer."

Louisiana's Lament. The Executive and Congress, and compel them to grant us that relief which neither their sense of justice nor regard for the fundamental institutions of the country have been able to effect.

There are words of wisdom copied from the Philadelphia Inquirer of Tuesday: "Neither the President nor Congress can possibly right the wrong done by the returning officers in Louisiana."

A CRYER GOOSE.—A correspondent of the Hartford Times writes: "A lady in Hartford had secured a fine domestic goose and sent her under a favorite hen."

FIFTEEN DOLLARS TAKEN FROM EVERYBODY.—The Philadelphia Ledger says that somebody has figured out the interesting fact that the total amount of State, county, and town taxes collected in the United States in 1870 was \$280,570,000.

WHARTON BROTHERS & Co., of Pittsburgh, iron manufacturers, have failed. Liabilities, \$219,000; assets reported, \$393,000. The low price of iron, dullness of trade and failure of customers to pay up are assigned as the causes.

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Three old ladies who united in a group of friends, recently met at the Madison depot. Miss Ross, Mrs. Melinda Knapp, aged 93, walked alone from her home a mile distant; Miss Victoria Jewett, 86, and down stairs easily, and came into the parlour with the same teeth, hair and eyes as she gave her 88 years ago.

A party of hunters who arrived a few days ago at Ogdalla, Neb., report the finding of a deserted camp thirty miles from the place. The bones of several men were rolled and murdered by the Indians the North Platte jail, charged with robbing and robbing James Maguire.

A shocking railway accident occurred Dec. 25th near the town of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, England. A train of five coaches on a branch of the Great Western Railway was thrown from the track and several carriages fell into the canal along the road and sixteen of the passengers were drowned. Some of the latter are being injured. All have been conveyed home.

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