

THE bill providing for the removal of the capital of this State from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, in the interest of a certain Ring in the city last named, was defeated in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, on Tuesday last, by a vote of 58 yeas to 123 nays.

JUDGING from present appearances the new Senate of the United States will be composed of thirty-eight Republicans, thirty-three Democrats and two Independent Republicans—Judge Davis and ex-Governor Summers, of Nebraska—who will probably act with the Democrats.

ONE of the irrepressible members of the lower branch of the State Legislature from Philadelphia, Yeakel by name, offered a resolution on Monday last fixing the final adjournment of both houses for Thursday, March 15th, to assemble in adjourned annual session on the first Tuesday of January, 1878.

IF there ever was any doubt about the fraudulent and infamous proceedings of the world-renowned Louisiana Returning Board, it was removed on Monday last by Littlefield, the clerk of said triumvirate, who swore before the Congressional committee that he altered the original returns from Vernon parish, in the presence of Wells, so as to transfer a majority of the votes from Tilden to Hayes.

JUDGE DAVID DAVIS, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, was elected by the Legislature of Illinois, yesterday week, to the U. S. Senate for six years from the 4th of next March, as the successor of John A. Logan.

KNOWING full well as we do that the editor of the Johnstown Tribune is an unscrupulous and bigoted partisan who acts on the principle that the end justifies the means, we are not in the least surprised that he permits James Redpath, his Washington correspondent, to disgrace and dishonor the columns of his paper by publishing the most miserable and unfounded calumnies against the Catholic Church, and the Democratic party.

ON Tuesday last the Senate of the United States elected five members of that body to serve on the commission for counting the electoral vote. Their names are, Edmunds of Vermont, Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, and Morton of Indiana, Republicans, and Thurman of Ohio and Bayard of Delaware, Democrats.

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WE give place herewith to the message of President Grant, issued on Monday last, approving the bill for the peaceful end, as we believe, legal and honest settlement of the Presidential difficulty.

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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30, 1877. EDITOR FREEMAN.—The developments made by the Committee of the House with reference to the mutilation of the original returns by the Louisiana Returning Board are of the chief topics discussed here.

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WHAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

The debates upon the arbitration bill at Washington last week, which ended in the passage of the bill in each House by a majority of more than two-thirds, have not determined who shall be President.

The proposition that the Constitution be put upon the President of the Senate the power to count the electoral votes in a Presidential election, including the power to determine, when there is more than one certificate from any State, which of these certificates shall be counted, and to declare the result, will be two Houses of Congress are present merely as witnesses and spectators.

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It is established that these Republican managers had conspired to do this through the usurpation, by the President of the Senate, of the power to pass upon the election of a President.

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

Little girls are employed as pages in the Kansas Legislature. Absie McCloskey fell down a cellar stairway in Chester county recently and was instantly killed.

The Sheriff of Marion county, Iowa, is in trouble through helping a murderer to escape from prison. Mr. Andreas, of Northampton county, owns a horse 40 years old, which is still strong and spirited.

A house occupied by P. Dabe, a farmer, at St. Flavie, Quebec, was burned Friday night. Three children perished in the flames. A fire broke out at McLaughlin's furniture store in Parker City, on Sunday.

Coasting is killing more children than diptheria in this State. Mr. John Mellott, of Licking township, Fulton county, is in his 90th year.

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A kind of epizootic has broken out among the hogs in a portion of Illinois, and the number of porkers succumbing to the ailment is very large. The first symptoms of the disease are manifested by a violent coughing, and very soon thereafter the affected hogs die.

A fire broke out at McLaughlin's furniture store in Parker City, on Sunday, and before the flames could be extinguished the following named persons were burned out: Joseph Ringham, baker; Mrs. George, millinery; John McLaughlin, furniture store; W. G. Gowan, clothier; Michael Dressing, Mr. Peters, boarding house; J. W. Miller, grocer, building wrecked by water.

The Supreme Court of South Carolina has dismissed the quo warranto proceeding filed by the Democratic electors to test the legality of the election of the Hayes Electors. The Court has decided adversely to the Democratic electors on the ground of want of jurisdiction in the Supreme Court of the State.

A Sister of Charity died recently in Bensheim, Germany, who had charge of the typhus ward in the military hospital at that place during the war of 1870-71. At her request a coffin was borne to the cemetery by relatives and soldiers among whom were several Protestants and Jews.

A thrifty young woman in Boston got up a handsome subscription for the letter-carrier on the route and then married him, and used the fund to defray the expenses of a wedding tour.

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Three men were in the building, two of them escaped. The others, John Collins, is missing, and believed to be dead.

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THE Washington correspondent of the New York World telegraphed last that the failure of the returning Board to elect a President according to the terms of the creating the board, had been generally admitted.

CHRONIC PATRIOTISM. The constitution to be proposed will do away with the right of the States to send Senators and Representatives.

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