

A RESOLUTION offered in the House at Harrisburg on Monday last, to make the local option bill the special order for next Tuesday, was defeated by a vote of 68 to 79.

The House of Representatives at Washington on Monday passed a resolution against government subsidies to railroads by the decisive vote of 174 to 85.

An act has been introduced into the Legislature to establish uniform fee bills in counties not exceeding 150,000, of which the Huntingdon Globe has this to say:

A vote was reached on Friday last in the Senate of the United States on the resolution introduced by Stanley Matthews, which declares that the restoration of the silver dollar of 412 grains as a legal tender in the payment of all debts, public and private.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Philadelphia Record states that Mayer, Speaker of the House, has two sons on its pay-roll—one as janitor and the other as a page—and that Shurlock, Chief Clerk, has also put a son on his pay roll as a page.

The joint resolution offered in the House several days ago by Mr. Long, of Allegheny county, for the appointment of a committee to investigate the Pittsburgh riots last July, and defeated at that time, was reconsidered on Friday last and adopted after having been amended.

The Matthews silver resolution, the passage of which by the Senate on Friday last is noticed elsewhere, was taken up in the House on Monday and agreed to by a vote of 187 yeas to 79 nays.

ALTHOUGH it seems to be pretty certain that terms of peace have been virtually concluded between the Grand Duke Nicholas and the Turkish Commissioners, thus ending the most brutal and inhuman war of the present century, nothing definite or reliable has been made public of their precise nature.

JOHN MILLER, Esq., of Chester county, formerly Postmaster of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee in 1874, and recently appointed Cashier of the Treasury by Col. Ayres, died at the University Hospital, Philadelphia, on Wednesday morning, of stone in the bladder.

THE case of the State of Louisiana against J. Madison Wells, Anderson, Cassanave and Kenner, the Returning Board, came before Judge Whitaker's Court in New Orleans for trial on Friday last.

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Our Washington Letter. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28, 1878. IN THE SENATE. Mr. Beck offered a concurrent resolution that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to issue and direct to be paid the purchase of any more bonds for the reduction of the principal of the national debt, the same not being due yet for some eight years.

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Mr. Thurman made a very able and earnest argument in favor of the silver bill, but no doubt made converts of some few who were wavering. His argument was listened to with intense interest by all who were fortunate enough to gain admission. Every vote is eagerly watched, and when he returns to his seat he is surrounded by his friends, the news being received with considerable applause.

As usual Senator Blaine, in his speech presenting the status of ex-Gov. King, of Maine, to the Government, to be placed in the Statuary Hall, resorted to his low, insinuating and personal attacks upon Grant, and it seems as though he cannot open his mouth without displaying all the characteristics of the blackguard. His taunting and cutting allusions to the conduct of Massachusetts in the war of 1812 were generally recalled by the Senators.

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A SICKEN SENSATION. A dispatch from Bloomington, Indiana, says: Mr. Thomas Minshall, of Dubuque, Iowa, is in Indiana looking up evidence in the interest of an extraordinary and immense claim against the Government, which he will lay before Congress in a few days.

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Edward J. Hopkins, on trial at Auburn, N. Y., during the last week for the murder of Philip Proudfit, at Mr. Stealing, July last, was acquitted, and left a court after the verdict had been given was married.

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Messrs. EDITORS: Dr. QUINCY A. SCOTT'S. Dental Establishment! CENTENNIAL SPECIMENS. DR. QUINCY A. SCOTT. RHEUMATIC COMPOUND.