

There yet remain thirteen of the 150 days of a ten dollars per day session of the Legislature, and if that body knows itself, as it most certainly does, it don't propose to curtail its limit a single day.

It is significant as well as disgraceful that while Billingsley's infamous appointment bill has not met with the slightest disapproval of the Republican papers of the State, they have been blubbering and whining for seven weeks about the supreme importance of a free ballot and a fair count—in Virginia.

At the caucus of Republican Senators held on Saturday last, when Conkling fully realized the fact that Garfield had the upper hand of him in the fight over Robertson's confirmation, he is reported to have said in the speech he then made: "Compromise is now impossible; the die is cast—I accept the challenge and I am ready for the conflict," and concluded his philippic against Robertson by warning the members of the caucus, "If you confirm Robertson, New York becomes a Democratic State."

In the debate on the Land bill in the House of Commons one night last week, the discontent of the Irish people and their longing to escape from the terrible misgovernment of England, was strikingly set forth by John Bright, who in the course of a long speech said that if a great fleet, assembled at Cork or Galway, offered free passage to the whole population of Ireland, it would be a matter of course that one-half would find their way to the United States, which opened their doors to everybody. He should be sorry to see them go, but though emigration would be a hardship to parents, it meant delivery of the children from poverty and suffering.

BILLY MAHONE'S repudiating State debt convention, to nominate candidates for Governor and other State officers, will be held at Richmond, Virginia, on Thursday, June 21. Don Cameron is expected to be present and make a speech in which he will prove, first, the general doctrine that the majority has a right to rule; second, that Mahone is a good man and a statesman, because he is and always has been, except at elections in Petersburg, where he lives, in favor of an honest ballot and a fair count; and, third, that the Republicans in the U. S. Senate supported Henry Richardson in an earnest that they were national and not sectional in nominating him for Sergeant-at-Arms of that body.

It is in accordance with the eternal fitness of things political that the Republican party, after having stolen the Presidential office for Hayes in 1876, and corruptly bought it for Garfield in 1880, with money filched from the public treasury by the Star route thieves, together with money raised by Christian statesmen like John Welch, of Philadelphia, should die at the end of a little over two months after Garfield's inauguration, of a factions fight over the New York Custom House and an attempt to foist George C. Gorham, an apostate of the Star route swindlers, and Henry Riddleberger, an ex-rebel and a repugnant of the public debt of his State, into the two most important offices in the United States Senate.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL JAMES is carrying on a most thorough investigation into the fraudulent operations of the Star route ring, and particularly into the plundering operations of Stephen W. Dorsey, lately a carpet-bag U. S. Senator from Arkansas, and during the late Presidential campaign Secretary of the Republican National Committee. The New York World, in referring to the work undertaken by Mr. James, says: "Postmaster-General James, by simply doing his duty without fear or favor and endeavoring to stop stealing in his department, is doing more to break up the Republican party, as at present constituted, than the whole Democratic majority was able to do in the coming Congress."

THE first contract for furnishing the Postoffice Department with postal cards was made in 1873, at the rate of \$1,391 per thousand cards. The number of cards issued during the contract, which was for four years, running from July 1, 1873, to June 30, 1877, was 350,000,000. Under the next four years' contract, ending June 30, 1881, the number is estimated at about 900,000,000, and under the new contract, which will expire June 30, 1885, the estimated number will be 2,000,000,000. It would require three men every six hours every day in the year and counting at the rate of fifty per minute; or, if the 2,000,000,000 cards could be placed end to end they would extend a distance of 164,000 miles, or more than six times the circumference of the globe.

It is anything but pleasant to know that Stanley Matthews, the guide, counsellor and friend of the notorious "red-headed Jim Anderson," of Louisiana, has been confirmed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States by a majority of one vote in the Senate; but it is still more unpleasant to know that the responsibility of his confirmation clearly rests on the shoulders of Democratic Senators like Lamar, Pendleton and Beck. It is useless to cry over spilt milk, but when we remember the close and intimate connection of Matthews with the theft of the Presidency in 1876, we are amazed that any Democratic Senator would ever vote for him. We endorse fully the conclusions of an indignant Ohio Democrat, writing to the New York Sun on the subject, when he says:

Any Democratic Senator who could so far forget himself as to aid in rewarding this man for the dirty work he performed in 1876 will find that the honest Democrats of the country—the rank and file—will never forget the great crime, nor the Senators who voted to endorse it.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

AN UNPLEASANT STATE OF THINGS—LEGISLATIVE ROOSTERS—THE END OF THE WORLD—COL. THOMAS A. SCOTT—THE INFAMY CONSUMMATED.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17, 1881. (Special Correspondence of the Freeman.) DEAR READER—The entire day of Wednesday, which will be immense, will all be taken out of the pockets of coal consumers. There will be general relief when a decision shall be reached in this costly business.

THE END OF THE WORLD. Rev. William B. Cullis, pastor of the German street Presbyterian Church, was preaching for the last time yesterday in solemn warning of what he believes to be the end of the world. He thinks the day is at hand, and calls upon his congregation to be prepared for the coming of Christ.

It will be gratifying to hosts of the Allegheny people to learn that the venerable Col. Thomas A. Scott, who has been dangerously ill at his residence in this city for several months, and who, as we have seen, was sufficiently restored to remove to his country residence near Darby.

THE editor of a Georgia paper, who served under Stonewall Jackson, makes a statement which at first thought would seem to relate to a very trifling incident, but which, as he says, accounts for the wonderful celerity of some of Jackson's marches, which so often took the enemy by surprise and enabled him to accomplish his purpose.

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

SEVEN members of a family near Pottsville are down with the small-pox. Gordon Bennett is reported to have lost \$25,000 at cards in Nice, one night recently.

A young lady hopelessly insane in the Middletown (N. Y.) Asylum is worth \$4,000 in her own name. She is reported to have a fortune of \$100,000.

A fatal disease has broken out among the cows at Springfield, Mass. Their lungs are found dark and honeycombed and water is found on the brain.

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