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Hon. JOHN A. WHIT, member of Congress from this district, will please accept our thanks for sending us documents.

We are also indebted to Hon. LEMUEL TOWN, our late member, for bound copies of the Congressional Globe and Appendix. These are valuable works, and we feel under obligations to Mr. T. for his attention.

THE SENATOR COURT-MARTIAL.—A report of the court-martial which tried Col. Sumner, on the charge against him proferred by Maj. Deas, has been transmitted to the President.

WILMOT AGAIN IN OFFICE.—The Governor has appointed David Wilmot, the Black Republican candidate for Governor, President Judge of the 13th Judicial District, which position Mr. Wilmot resigned in August last.

IMPORTANT DECISION.—At a recent trial in Broome county, N. Y., it was decided that a passenger having purchased a railroad ticket from one point to another, had a right to ride on any train he chose—stopping at any place on the road a day or more at his pleasure.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.—The first session of the thirty-fifth Congress commenced on Monday at 12 o'clock. The opening of the two Houses attracted dense crowds in the galleries and other parts of the Capitol.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin, a resolution was adopted, that the act required by the Constitution be administered by Mr. Bright, the oldest member present.

The Senate proceeded to ballot for President pro tempore of the Senate, when Mr. Fitzpatrick was chosen, and being conducted to his seat, returned his acknowledgments for the honor conferred.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Two hundred and twenty-one members answered to the call of the House.

Mr. Orr was nominated by Mr. Jones, of Massachusetts. On the ballot the vote stood as follows:

Mr. Orr, 125 Mr. Grow, 13 Scatterings, 13

The announcement of the result was greeted with applause. On assuming the Chair, Mr. Orr expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

THE KANSAS CONSTITUTION.

Our political opponents—we cannot call them by name, for they have none—this newspaper is indignant over, head, tail or principles—Democratic party." Because, forsooth, there are honest differences of opinion among Democrats in regard to the Lecompton Convention...

While on this subject we may remark that we have read the proposed Constitution for Kansas, as framed at Lecompton, and, notwithstanding it contains one or two features to which some object, we confess we can see nothing in it to raise a breeze about.

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PRICE OF HOGS.—As this is the time when hogs are chiefly brought to market, we annex the prices as they are paid in different parts of the country.

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GOOD-READ.

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THE MCKEESPORT TRAGEDY.

Since the confession of Henry Fifa and Charlotte Jones, the public mind has been agitated to a great degree, and with a great many persons the truth or falsity of Fifa's statement seemed to form an important feature of the theory of the tragedy.

He further stated that he had two small bags of gold and silver. The largest bag, he thought, from a lastly glance, contained twenty dollar gold pieces, and the other silver half dollars.

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