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Congressional Proceedings.
SENATE—Monday—Senators Salisbury (6) appeared in his seat, for the first time this session. A petition from freedmen in North Carolina, asking for protection, was read to the committee on Public Land. A resolution looking toward discontinguing the publication of all public documents except the Globe was adopted. A bill was referred to the Military Committee relative to the military claims of Congressmen. The Finance Committee report favorably the bill allowing the collector or revenue officers to appeal to the Supreme Court. A bill relative to international comings was referred to the Finance Committee. A bill to extend the time for the completion of the first twenty miles of the Oregon Railroad to three years was referred to the Public Land Committee. A joint resolution providing for the sale of the public lands, which was compromised, was laid on the table. The bill to amend the admission of Mr. Thomas, from Maryland, was laid aside. The bill in regard to the repeal of the cotton tax was laid over until to-day. Adjourned.

House.—Tuesday—A joint resolution was referred to the Finance Committee. The adjustment of the accounts of internal revenue collectors. A bill to amend the act fixing the rights of volunteers was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. The joint resolution regarding the removal of the Smithsonian Institute was adopted. A new equal-rights bill for the District was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. A bill looking toward the regulation of railroad rates was referred to the Committee on Commerce. The bill to repeal the internal revenue tax on cotton was taken up, and the amendment compelling cotton grown in 1888 was adopted; after which a provision was adopted compelling cotton from duty imported between April 1, 1888, and April 1, 1890. The bill was then passed in Committee of the Whole. Adjourned.

House.—Wednesday—The Judiciary Committee reported back a bill amending the bankruptcy act, and recommending its indefinite postponement, which was adopted. The Finance Committee were directed to inquire into the expediency of fixing a penalty on any Government officer who shall pay, or authorize to be paid any money not previously provided for by law. The House bill relative to captured and abandoned property was taken up, but nothing done. A resolution was adopted asking the President if he had delivered the District equal-rights bill to the Secretary of State, and if it had become a law. Adjourned.

Gift Jewelry Soundings.
New Hampshire deals with lottery swindlers without gloves. A Boston lottery agent recently went into that State to carry on his operations there, but at Manchester was taken into custody, with hundreds of letters from his dupes in his possession, and committed under bonds of \$2,000. New Hampshire law officers enforce the laws of that State against lotteries, but unfortunately, in New York the officials think the anti-lottery laws were passed only as ornaments to the code, and were not intended to be enforced.

The Governor's Message.
Governor Geny's message is printed and ready to be delivered to the Legislature, as soon as the House is organized. It is an important document of twenty-nine printed pages, and the following is an abstract of the more important parts:

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.
The first part of the message is devoted to the condition of the State Finance. The Governor calls attention to the fact that during the entire year a very large sum of money was expended, and that the State Treasury is now in a state of depletion. This sum at present amounts to considerably over four millions of dollars. It is estimated that the greater portion of this money should be kept in the Treasury, and can be loaned, with ample security for its return, at a reasonable rate of interest, and the proceeds placed in the Treasury for the benefit of the State. The funds thus acquired could be added to the sinking fund, and would be available for the redemption of the State debt. A glance at the condition of the Treasury will show that at least four millions of dollars must be loaned, and at four per cent would realize the handsome sum of \$160,000 per annum.

THE LATEST NEWS.
A State Convention of the "Boys in Blue" was held in Philadelphia on Wednesday. The Convention nominated Gen. Grant for President and Ex-Governor Curtin for Vice President. The Convention also nominated a committee to wait upon these gentlemen.

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A New Literary Enterprise.—Great liberality on the part of the publishers.—\$100,000 to be awarded to the purchasers.—Novel plan to induce a large circulation.—Monthly magazine with new monthly magazine, issued on an entirely new plan by Messrs. Evans & Co., publishers. From our knowledge of the parties engaged in this enterprise, we feel justified in asserting that their undertaking will be a success in all respects satisfactory to the public.

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