

The Meeting of Congress. The Congress of the United States assembled at Washington yesterday. The first business is the organization of the House of Representatives.

Should the House have organized on yesterday the President's Message will be sent in to Congress to-day, and our readers may expect it to appear in the next issue of the Intelligencer.

We live in an eventful age. Old things are rapidly passing away and giving place to new ideas, new measures, and new movements on the great theatre of the world.

We hope to see, what has not been witnessed at Washington for several years, a business session and we shall most sincerely deprecate any attempt, from any quarter, should it be made, to introduce the subject of President making.

From Washington. The Democratic members of the House met in caucus, on Saturday evening, and nominated Hon. LINN BOYD for Speaker, on the second ballot.

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The Philadelphia Factionists. There are some two or three dozen gentlemen in Philadelphia—mostly broken down, worn-out politicians, some of whom have been members of the Democratic party for many years.

Several of these factionists opposed the election of Judge CAMPBELL in 1851, and all of them, we believe, have in the habit of cutting the ticket as often as it did not suit their peculiar notions; and now, their latest effort at mischief, is a sort of underground, disorganizing movement against Governor BREWER, and a futile attempt to supplant him by nominating a certain WILLIAM H. WITTE for Governor.

His right hand man and bosom friend and counsellor, CHARLES C. CARROLL, we have known for several years, and we can assure our readers that he is by the very essence of modesty itself, and that, so far from being an inveterate office-hunter, as is alleged by his enemies, he could scarcely be induced to accept of the best one in the gift of the President.

Having, therefore, a kindly regard for our friend, we would advise him to abandon his foolish project without delay. If persisted in, it will end as all other factious movements have ended before it, in the complete prostration of its projectors and their consequent political obliquity.

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The Tariff Question. The following is the whole of the Tariff question put in a small space, which is called protection, in putting a duty on a foreign commodity, in order to enable the producer of a similar domestic commodity to get a higher price for it than he could otherwise obtain.

Now, it is as plain as the truth itself, that if the country is enriched by putting money into the pockets of the manufacturers, it is impoverished to at least an equal amount, by taking it out of the pockets of the consumer.

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CITY AND COUNTY ITEMS. FRANKS AND MARSHALL COLLEGE. The contract for building the new College edifice, at \$18,000, has been awarded to P. Hayden Smith, Esq., of this city, and "Red Cochin" China for \$75.

LANCASTER AND MARLBOROUGH. The following named gentlemen have been elected officers and directors of the Company for the ensuing year: President, Henry Musgrave; Treasurer, A. N. C. Carver; Directors, Samuel Johnston, Samuel C. Heintzel, Stephen F. Eagle, Henry Copenhafer, J. W. Bowers, Charles Kieffer and Chas. Boughter.

COLUMBIA RAILWAY. This road the most profitable part of the improvement, will gain in value to the State, unless the suicidal policy of constructing rival roads is encouraged.

THE LAW OF NEWS-PAPERS.—I. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, are considered as wishing to continue their subscriptions.

THE LITTLE VALLEY RAILROAD.—This work is progressing rapidly. A large portion of the grading opposite this Borough is already finished.

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RUSSIAN COMMERCIAL TREATY.—Our relations with Russia have been peculiarly—politically, always friendly, commercially, always liberal—yet, in the treatment of our citizens, and in the manner of carrying out these advantages, and guarantying their continuance, the United States had often sought such a treaty.

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