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It should not be forgotten that it takes over a quarter million dollars annually to reward and pay the rascals who had a hand in stealing the Presidency.

W. E. CHANDLER was accustomed, not many months ago, to speak of Mr. Hayes in very coarse terms as a "traitor," who would sell out his party.

STANLEY MATTHEWS is said to express a desire for the nomination of Mr. Tilden as the democratic candidate for President in 1880.

It is said the only presidential burglars Mr. Hayes has not yet rewarded and placed upon the payroll of the Treasury is Jim Anderson, Bill Chandler, Eliza Pinkerton and Agnes Jenks.

THE police of Chicago are keeping a sharp watch upon the communists of that city at this time.

TO SAVE expense, the congressional election in Iowa was held in October at the state election, instead of November as required by the act of congress.

RIOT DAMAGES.—By request, we publish in another column "The plea of Allegheny County" in favor of the State assuming the riot damages.

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A Nice Game Spoiled.

The nice little game of Mr. Hayes and his friends, calling the extra session of congress at as early a date as the 18th, a time when it was believed it would not be possible for the sick members to be present, to participate in the organization, has been frustrated by the recuperative energy of the sick members, and the rallying power of the democracy when put upon their metal.

"Oh, pretty soon; about the 20th of this month, perhaps," suggested Mr. Blackburn.

"You are within two days of it. It will be called to meet on the 18th, and you democrats have overreached yourselves."

"How?" was asked.

"Because you have a few sick and disabled members who can't be here by that time, and without them you won't have votes enough to organize the house," retorted Garfield exultingly.

Before the adjournment Charles Foster had a copy of Hayes' proclamation in his pocket; he said so afterwards. These two circumstances furnish conclusive proof that the calling of the extra session at once was a Radical scheme and that they expected to have the democrats at disadvantage.

CONGRESS convened on Tuesday last in extra session, and for the first time in many years with a democratic majority in both Houses.

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OUR Representative, Mr. Gephart,

has introduced a bill to authorize the town council of the borough of Bellefonte to purchase or contract for such property or water-power as will render more efficient our water works and cheapen the supply to the people.

AN ACT to authorize the town council of the borough of Bellefonte to purchase or acquire lands, tenements, water power, rights of way or privileges to erect additional water works for said borough.

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SECTION 2. That if said town council cannot agree with the owner or owners for the purchase of any lands, or tenements, water power, rights of way, or privileges which may be necessary or proper in their judgment for the erection of additional water works for said borough, or for the extension or enlargement of the present water works thereof, and for the operation and maintenance of such additional water works, the said town council shall have the right to take and appropriate the same in the following manner, to-wit: They shall prepare a plot and description of the lands or tenements they desire to appropriate, or through or in which they desire any rights or privileges; also a description of any water power they may desire to appropriate, and shall present a petition signed by the said town council or a majority of them, accompanied by said plot and description, to the court of Common Pleas of Centre county, setting forth particularly the lands or tenements, water power, or rights and privileges desired, and their inability to agree with the owner or owners of the same, whereupon the said court shall appoint three discreet and disinterested freeholders, viewers, who after having five days' notice of the time and place of view to said owner or owners, and being first duly sworn to perform the duties of their appointment faithfully and impartially, view the premises, hear the proofs and allegations of the parties, and make their report to the next term of said court, stating the value of the lands, water rights or privileges appropriated, or damages to be paid said owner or owners. If either party shall not be satisfied with said report, they may within four days after the same shall have been presented to said court and approved, file exceptions thereto, and said court shall have power to hear testimony, modify or confirm said report as they may deem right and just, or to appoint new viewers to review the premises, who shall report in like manner as the original viewers and the said court to have like power over their report. The final confirmation of a report by the court shall be conclusive upon all parties, and upon payment or tender of the value or damage allowed, the title to said lands, water power rights or privileges so appropriated shall vest in said borough; Provided however that after a report has been made to court if exceptions be filed by the owner or owners the town council upon giving bond or such other security in the name of said borough and in such manner as said court may direct, in double the amount of compensation allowed by the viewers, which shall be approved by the court, shall have the right to enter upon and take possession of said lands, water power, rights or privileges, without further delay.

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The Ten-Dollar Certificates.

AN IMPORTANT CIRCULAR FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY. As stated in The Post of that date, the Secretary of the treasury on Saturday issued a circular calling attention to the \$10 refunding certificate, to be issued under the provisions of the following act of congress, approved February 26, 1879: "That the Secretary of the treasury is hereby authorized and directed to issue, in exchange for lawful money of the United States that may be presented for such exchange, certificates of deposit of the denomination of ten dollars, bearing interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, and convertible at any time, with accrued interest, into the four per centum bonds described in the refunding act; and the money so received shall be applied only to the payment of the bonds bearing interest at a rate of not less than five per centum in the mode prescribed by said act, and he is authorized to prescribe suitable rules and regulations in conformity with this act."

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The New Departure.

All the long-standing controversies of our politics, all conflicts, intrigues, and schemes respecting offices and candidates, all the ordinary political questions of the day, says the New York Sun, must sink into comparative unimportance in view of the more vital and momentous issue which has been raised and which is soon to absorb the attention of the people to a degree without precedent, unless we may find one in the times of the civil war and of reconstruction.

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A Monument to Colonel Cameron.

A PHILADELPHIA CAST OF THE EX-SENATOR'S BROTHER. A short time since the Northumberland County Monument Society determined to erect a monument in the cemetery at Sunbury, Pa., to the memory of Colonel James Cameron, brother of the venerable ex Senator, and the soldiers of the county who fell in the late war.

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The Legal-Tender Act.

ITS CONSTITUTIONALITY TO BE BROUGHT TO A FINAL SETTLEMENT IN THE SUPREME COURT. WASHINGTON, March 5.—The constitutionality of the legal-tender act, so far as it applies to the issue of government notes in time of peace, having the quality of legal tender for private debts, is about to be brought to a test in the Courts, and of course finally in the Supreme Court, by an agreement between Mr. S. B. Chittenden, member of Congress for the Brooklyn, N. Y., district, and General Benjamin F. Butler, each agreeing to bear the costs and other expenses on his side of carrying a case through the lower Courts and up to and through the Supreme Court.

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