

XXXIXTH CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

CLOSE OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.—At one o'clock the regular order was taken up, being a concurrent resolution declaring that no Senators or Representatives from the lately rebellious States shall be received in either House until such shall have been declared by Congress entitled to representation.

Mr. Sherman (Ohio) took the floor. He commenced by remarking that Congress had decided on three occasions against the admission of Senators and Representatives from the lately rebellious States.

Mr. Sumner interrupted Mr. Sherman, to say that immediately after the veto of the Wade and Davis bill, he had an interview with Mr. Lincoln, and he (Lincoln) expressed his regret that he had not approved it.

Referring to the lately rebellious States, Mr. Sherman said they were States still. They had been in insurrection, but every branch of the government had recognized them as States whose relations to the government had not been disturbed by the war.

Mr. Sherman next referred to the speech made by the President on the 22d. He thought no man who was a friend of Johnson would be unwilling to concede that his history is impossible to conceive of a more humiliating spectacle than that of the President of the United States addressing such a crowd as he did on the 22d.

He believed the people of the country demanded a more liberal basis of representation, so as to keep the rebel States from coming back here with increased representation, as they would do under the freedom of the blacks according to the present basis.

He believed the best and fairest basis of representation would be voters and not population, although he should probably vote in favor of the extension of suffrage to the colored people.

Mr. Sherman said in conclusion, I have thus, Mr. President, endeavored to show that to this hour no act has been done by the President inconsistent with his obligations to the great Union party that elected him.

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ing the right to repeal, alter or amend the bill.

Mr. Grimes (Iowa) doubted the jurisdiction of Congress over the subject.

Mr. Chandler held that Congress had full jurisdiction under the constitutional clause for the regulation of commerce to pass this bill.

Mr. Fessenden (Me.) spoke against the expediency of the measure.

Mr. Clark (N. H.) thought the provisions of the bill gave too much power to the company.

Mr. Conness (Cal.) spoke against the bill, arguing that it was unwarranted to confer exclusive privileges for twenty-five years upon any one company.

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late cannot be finished to-night. It is very important that the joint resolution to provide for the expenses attending the exhibition of the products of industry of the United States at the Exposition at Paris in 1867 should be taken up.

Mr. Hale (N. Y.)—I rise to suggest that the amendment reported by the joint committee has been taken up by surprise.

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