XXXth Congress--2d Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.

SENATE.—The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication from the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, containing the information called for by a resolution of the Senate, concerning the survey of the coast of Florida.

The Senate then took up the resolution, offered by Mr. Webster, directing an enquiry into the expediency of requiring security from emigrant paupers, in order to prevent them from becoming a public charge. An amendment making provision for printing certain decisions of the Supreme Court on the subject, was agreed to, and the resolution adopted

Mr. Breese reported a bill for the establishment of a marine hospital on Rock Island, in the State of Illinois, which lies over.

Mr. Rusk, reported a bill for the establishment of a mail route from the Mississippi River to San Francisco, California.—[Table, to be printed

Mr. Foote presented the memorial of Josse Dow and others, in relation to the construction of a railroad across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

The resolution submitted by Mr Underwood, to select and purchase a locality for a burial ground in Mexico, to receive the remains of our soldiers who perished there during the late war, was taken up and referred.

Mr. Douglass gave notice that he would, on Monday, move to take up the bill providing a territorial government for California.

The bill authorizing the Galveston and Red River railroad company to construct a railroad to California, was referred

The Senate then took up the civil and diplomatic appropriaton bill.

Mr. Benton submitted an amendment, which after being discussed by Mr. Pearce and himself, was withdrawn.

HOUSE.—Mr. Vinton of Ohio offered a resolution to terminate the debate on the Mexican indemnity bill at at 2 o'clock on Wednesday next

Mr. Toombs of Ga moved to amend by substituting Monday next. Carried, yeas 82, nays 75

On motion of Mr Rockwell the House then went into committee and took up the bill making an appropriation for carrying out the twelfth article of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

Slavery, the proviso, &c, &c, was the subject of a long debate, in which Messrs Stevens of Ga., Berrien of Ky., Ashmun of Ohio, Wilmot of Pa., McClelland of Md., Thompson of Ky., &c. took part

Mr. Jenkins of N. Y. followed, and was succeed by John A. Rockwell of Conn., Mr Ficklin of Ill, Mr. Critfield of Md., and others, until after 10 o'clock, when the House adjourned

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Monday, Feb 19

SENATE.—The joint resolution in the House in favor of supplying the Russian Government with a copy of Commodore Wilkes narrative of the late Exploring Expedition was referred

Mr. King presented a memorial proposing to carry the mail and military stores of the United States across the Isthmus of Panama for a sum not exceeding $12,500 per annum

Mr. Yulee submitted a series of resolutions passed by the Legislature of Florida on the subject of Slavery, and moved that they be printed

After remarks from himself, and Mr Westcott, the printing was ordered

Mr Douglass of Ill. moved to take up the bill for the organization of a Territorial Government in California, but the Senate refused, ayes 16, nays 35

The civil and diplomatic appropriation bill was then taken up and debated till the adjournment.

HOUSE.—On motion of Mr. Smith of Ind., the California territorial bill was made the first business in order after the Mexican indemnity bill, and the appropriation bills—ayes 139, nays 39.

Mr. Hilliard of Ala submitted the report of the Smithsonian Institute

The Senate bill for the payment of the expenses of the delegation of the Chippewa Indians in coming to Washington and returning, passed.

The Mexican indemnity bill was then taken up in committee.

The debate was continued until the hour fixed for its termination—in the course of which Mr. Schenck of Ohio proposed an amendment, instructing the President to enter into negotiations for surrendering the new territories to Mexico!

This amendment was agreed to in committee, but rejected in the house—ayes 11, nays 194.

The bill finally passed—ayes 188, nays 8.

Tuesday, Feb. 20.

SENATE.—The House bill to carry into effect the Mexican treaty, came in and was immediately passed.

Mr. Benton presented the memorial of Dr. Page, asking for a committee to examine into the merits of his invention for applying electro-magnetism to the purposes of navigation and locomotion. Mr. Benton offered a resolution for a committee of seven on the purpose, which was agreed to.

Mr. Hale submitted a large number of abolition petitions, which were laid on the table.

Mr. Atherton, reported a bill making appropriation for fortification purposes aside from the Naval Appropriation bill, with amendments.

The general appropriation bill was then taken up.

Mr. Walker submitted an amendment for the extension of the Revenue Laws of the United States over California and New Mexico; also to extend the Constitution of the United States and all general laws which are applicable over the same; likewise that the President appoint officers and make the necessary regulations to carry these provisions into effect—the object being to preserve order and administer justice in those territories. Mr. Walker submitted a few remarks in favor of his proposition.

Mr. Bell offered an amendment to the amendment, providing for a State government in California.

Mr. Butler here rose and expressed his great surprise that any Senator should offer such an amendment to an appropriation bill. He raised a question of order in conformity with his views of the propriety of the proceeding.

The Chair decided that the amendment was in order which decision was sustained.

An informal discussion ensued with regard to the propriety of pressing the amendment, in which Messrs. Atherton, Foote, and others participated.

Mr. Bell, in reply to the remarks of the Senators, said that he was much embarrassed by the disapprobation of his course which had been manifested by the Senators who had spoken on the subject, and the effect which his proposition had had But a sense of duty prompted him to persist in the measure, however unpleasant it might be. He saw that this was the only chance of getting a vote on this most important question. For this reason he felt bound to press the amendment which he had submitted

HOUSE.—Mr. McKay of N C reported a substitute to the bill for the coinage of gold dollars; and a substitute to the bill authorizing the coinage of double eagles An interesting debate followed, in which Messrs. J R Ingersoll, McKay, Nicoll Hudson and others took part

Mr Rockwell of Conn moved to lay the bill upon the table

Upon this question, Mr Nicoll of N Y called for the yeas and nays: Yeas 39, nays 127

Mr. McKay reported a bill making certain alterations in the mileage law

The bill for the establishment of a new Land Office in Missouri was taken up and passed

The bill to increase the efficiency of the army, was taken up, discussed and laid on the table

The House spent the remainder of the session upon miscellaneous bills of no special interest, refusing repeatedly to go into committee, because the majority of the members were resolved to reach the bill respecting Slave Traffic in the District of Columbia, reported by Mr. Edwards.

Wednesday, Feb 21

SENATE.—The House bill making provision for a new Land Office in Missouri, was considered and passed

HOUSE.—Mr. Tallmadge offered a resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy to report to the next Congress the amount of money in his hands belonging to deceased seamen and deserters from the U S Navy. Adopted

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Thursday, Feb 22

SENATE.—Sundry petitions were presented and referred and laid

Mr Webster, after a few preliminary remarks, offered as a substitute to the amendment to the general appropriation bill, authorizing the President to take possession of California and New Mexico, and for the purpose of maintaining authority and preserving order in the said territories, he also authorized to employ the army and navy for that service—existing laws to remain in force, and officers to be appointed to carry them. Martial law not to be proclaimed at any time—an appropriation to be made by Congress to carry out the aforesaid objects

The paper was read and ordered to be printed

Mr. Dayton offered a paper somewhat similar in its character to the above, which was read and ordered to be printed

The Senate refused to reconsider the vote of a former day rejecting the bill for the relief of the widow of Col. Dix, by a vote of yeas 11, nays 24

A large number of private bills were disposed of, after which the Senate adjourned

HOUSE.—After prayer, reading the journal and the reception of petitions, Mr Yulee asked for a suspension of the rules, in order that he might move that the Committee of the Whole be discharged from the further consideration of the Minnesota territorial bill. Agreed to

The bill was then reported to the House, and read by sections. Mr. Sibley called for the yeas and nays on its final passage.

Mr Smith of Indiana, made an amendment that the bill take effect from and after the 10th of March next The question was decided in the negative—yeas 97, nays 104.

Mr. Schenck moved to lay the bill on the table. Negatived—yeas 88, nays 106.

A motion was again made to amend, so that the bill take effect from and after the 10th of March next, and decided in the affirmative—yeas 109, nays 95

The Committee on Commerce reported sundry bills

The bill extending the revenue laws over the new territories acquired by the war with Mexico was then taken up and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Duer moved to lay the bill upon the table The question was then taken by yeas and nays and decided in the negative.

The bill was then passed and the House adjourned.

Friday, Feb 23

SENATE.—Various bills among which was one extending the revenue laws of the U. S. over California and New Mexico were received and referred The bill giving priority to widows and orphans in the settlement of claims arising out the late war was laid on the table.

A joint resolution for the establishment of a branch mint in California was referred.

A resolution giving bounty land to substitutes serving in the late war was adopted.

The general appropriation bill was then taken up, when Mr. Dayton offered a proposition for a temporary government in California, &c. and made a speech upon the subject. Mr. Webster spoke in opposition to the bill, denouncing as impolicy all acquisitions on our Southern border. Mr. Foote followed in reply to Mr. Dayton. Adj.

HOUSE.—After some unimportant business, the Post Office bill was again taken up, and a discursive debate carried on upon various irrelevant subjects by Messrs. Goggin, Turner, Tallmage, Putnam, McDowell, and Mann, after which the House adj.

Saturday, Feb. 24.

SENATE.—Credentials of Wm. H. Seward, Senator elect from New York, received and read.

Mr. Fitzpatrick offered a joint resolution proposing to confer upon Gen. Scott the title of "Brevet lieutenant Colonel," which was read and laid aside.

The general appropriation bill being next taken up, Mr. Walker of Wisconsin made a speech in support of his amendment to make provision for a temporary government in the new territories. Adj.

HOUSE.—A resolution authorizing the printing of 40,000 copies of the Commissioners of Patents report was adopted.

The bill for draining the Louisana swamps was taken up and discussed by Mr. Harralson in favor of, and Mr Vinton against it. It was finally carried.

The Post Office bill was again taken up and debated by Messrs Vinton, Morehead and Murphy, in a somewhat rambling manner and finally passed

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From the Washington Daily Globe

REMARKS OF MR. WILMOT,

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 17, 1849

The bill appropriating for the execution on part of the Mexican treaty, being under consideration—

Mr. Wilmot requested that his friend from Michigan [Mr McClelland] would yield the floor to enable him to make a brief statement, which he felt was called for from him at this time The request being granted, upon condition that a few moments only should be occupied—

Mr Wilmot proceeded to say:

That while listening to an interesting debate in the Senate, he had been informed that a gentleman from Georgia, [Mr. Stephens,] in the course of his remarks to this committee, had referred to him, in connection with certain expressions or declarations of the President of the United States He regretted that the gentleman from Georgia had made any reference or allusion to the subject whatever, because he was satisfied that no good could result from it He had had no conversation with the gentleman from Georgia during the present session. He was not aware that a word had passed between them, and therefore there could have been no concert in giving publicity to the matter about which he desired to speak

During the second session of the preceding Congress, I had a conversation with the President upon the subject of the proviso which I had offered at the previous session, in connection with an appropriation which he desired should be made to enable him to conclude a peace with Mexico It was previous to the introduction of the three million bill, but in anticipation of such a measure, which he was extremely anxious should pass The President either sent for me, or I had called upon him and he expressed a desire that I should call again, naming the time, when he could have an opportunity of conversing with me without interruption. I called in pursuance of his request—it was in the evening The President said that the proviso was giving him great trouble and embarrassment, and it insisted upon as an amendment to an appropriation bill, would present a serious obstacle in the way of consummating a peace He said that he had no doubt of his ability to negotiate an early peace, and named a day not distant, within which he could bring about such a result provided he could obtain from Congress the necessary money appropriation unrestricted and unclogged with any conditions I presumed to question the efficacy of such an appropriation in bringing about so desirable a result; and expressed my apprehension, that an appropriation of the character he desired, would excite the jealousy of the Mexican people, and cause them to distrust the integrity of their own rulers. He answered me very properly by saying that he was much better informed as to the state of affairs in Mexico than I possibly could be; spoke of having confidential agents in Mexico, who kept him fully informed as to the movements and temper of the Government the re- I assured the President that I had no wish to embarrass his Administration in any respect, much less in a matter so important as the making of an early peace; that so far as I was concerned, I would be just as well satisfied with the expression of Congress in any other form, as with the proviso; that all I desired was, to obtain the expression of Congress, in an authoritative and legislative form, to the effect that slavery should forever be excluded from all territory that we might acquire from Mexico; and I doubted not that such was the feeling of others who had favored the movement I suggested, in the course of the conversation, the introduction of a joint resolution declaring this principle, and said that I should be satisfied with it in that form. The President said, substantially, and I think almost literally, "Mr Wilmot, bring it forward in that form; I assure you such a declaration would not be unpopular in Mississippi." I noted particularly that he did not name his own State, but supposed, and made no doubt but such was his intention, that he purposely presented an example in which the slave interest was stronger than in Tennessee He further said, "that he had been brought up surrounded with this institution, (slavery;) that all his habits and associations were connected with it; but," said he, and with a good deal of earnestness of manner, "I do not desire to see it extended one foot beyond its present limits; that he was conscious that it could not be done without endangering the peace and safety of the Union."

On my return to my lodgings, I draughted a resolution in accordance with the suggestion I had made; but, upon consultation with friends of more legislative experience than myself, (never before having been a member of a legislative body,) I became fully satisfied that any attempt to get through Congress such a resolution would be idle, and therefore abandoned it.

I informed the gentleman from South Carolina, immediately in front of me, [Mr. Woodward,] of this conversation a few days after it occurred. He spoke of it as a matter of interest and importance to his constituents, and asked me if I had any objections to its being made public. I understood him to wish in some way to make public the declaration of the President to me respecting the extension of slavery. I expressed a wish that it should not be made public—not that the conversation was confidential, further than the nature of it, and the circumstances attending it, would imply confidence—but I did not wish that my conversation with the President should be made the topic of public discussion, either here or through the press of the country.

Some time during the last session of Congress, in conversation with the gentleman from Georgia, [Mr. Stephens,] or with others in his presence, I narrated substantially what I have here said. The gentleman has thought proper to refer to it on this floor. I repeat my regret that he has done so, because I can see no possible good that can result from it; but in so far as any responsibility may attach to me in this matter, I have no regrets. Before God, I have stated substantially the declarations of the President to me, without, however, entering into all the details of the conversation

Our State Administration.

The strange political anomaly of a Whig administration in Pennsylvania has now been in active exi-tence, counting only since the Legislature assembled, more than a month And what a month that has been! How full of admonitions to the Democratic party of the Commonwealth! How full of humiliations to our whole people! How prolific of injury to the interests of the Commonwealth! In that short month we have witnessed some strange scenes enacted, reminding us pointedly of the bad hands into which we have fallen. We have seen in that time, the Constitution violently assailed by the Executive of the State. We have seen that officer timidly evading the performance of his duty in order to carry out an empty party pledge We have seen him driven in shame from his position by the force of the truth We have seen him denounced by the leaders of his own party. His inaugural was a silly display of boyish temper—an outburst of most undignified anger. His official acts have nearly all been official blunders Precious time and money have been wasted in correcting his ignorant mistakes, or in listening to the vapid exeuses of the Sir FORCIBLE FEEBLES in the Legislature, who defend them. Such has been the experience of a month of Whig rule in Pennsylvania, so far as the Executive is concerned Heaven be with us during the three years that remain of it!

But there is still another chapter that may be read with profit Before the election we were told that the Whigs in the State Legislature intended not only to create no new banks, but also to restrict the old ones. Various other promises were voluntarily made They were to be liberal in the extreme, and many quiet indications were thrown out that attempts were to be made to *Democratize* the Federal party. Now what have the Whigs in the Legislature done to realize these unasked-for pledges? They have already introduced schemes to legislate Democrats out of office. They oppose bitterly all those reforms in the banking system which time and trial have proved to be correct They are trying to force through charters without the slightest guards to protect the people from wrong If more debt, more taxation, and more paper money, are fastened upon us, Whig votes will accomplish the outrage in the State Legislature. Such has been the experience of a month of Whig rule in the State Legislature!

We were called upon in the most piteous tones, by Governor Johnston, some weeks ago, not to condemn his administration in advance and without trial. The trial we have had of it already convinces us that our worst anticipations are destined to be fully realized.—*Pennsylvanian.*

The Roman Catholic Clergy in the south of Ireland, are said to be generally suffering the greatest personal distress, for want of support —Many have abandoned their parishes; others are known to live on parsnips only.

NEW INVENTION FOR PEGGING BOOTS —The Lawrence, Mass. Messenger, says, that Mr. J. Robison, of that place, has invented a patent machine for pegging boots and shoes, with which one man can drive one hundred pegs in a minute. At every revolution it cuts pegs from the sheet, makes the holes, and leaves them neatly and firmly set in the leather.

High Constable Gifford has returned to Baltimore, after an unsuccessful search for Yankee Sullivan, in Philadelphia and New York.

The Directors of the Erie Railroad Company have petitioned the legislature for permission to establish a ferry from Piermont the present terminus of their road, to Dobb's Ferry, on the opposite side of the North river. The intention is, doubtless, to effect an arrangement with the Hudson River Railroad, which would greatly accommodate the public, especially during the winter season, as this ferry, about one mile wide, is seldom, if ever, obstructed by ice.

The Sub-Treasury has within a few days past disbursed about $400,000 in specie This relieves the banks, and of course the markets.

THE SLAVE QUESTION is producing an unusual excitement in Kentucky. In one instance, a meeting being called in favor of slavery, another was called in opposition, the friends of the latter being three to one of the former. Such appears to be the feeling throughout the State. Slavery, it is thought will be abolished by the State Convention, to assemble in a few months.

President Polk, says the Union, will evacuate the Presidential mansion on the 1st of March, and has taken rooms at the Irving Hotel, where he will remain with his family until after the inauguration of Gen. Taylor, after which they will leave Washington.

HENRY CLAY.—The New Orleans Delta, of the 8th says:

"A paragraph in one of the papers states that Mr. Clay had written a letter pledging his warm support to the administration of General Taylor. We understand that this statement is unfounded, and that Mr. Clay stands wholly uncommitted as to the course he intends to pursue in the next Congress."

☞ Andrew Callaughan, indicted for the murder of George Kay, upon the 13th of December last at Datcher's, near the Lackawaxen bridge, was tried at Milford last week and found guilty of murder in the first degree.

☞ The Legislature of Wisconsin have been regulating the rate of interest in that State, and in effect have repealed the Usury Laws. A bill has passed both houses as follows:—

Sec. 1. Any rate of interest agreed upon by parties in contract shall be legal and valid.

Sec. 2. When no rate of interest is agreed upon, or specified in a note or other contract, 7 per cent. per annum shall be the legal rate.

School Directors' Meeting.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors for Board of School Directors will hold a meeting at the Court House in Montrose on Saturday the 10th of March at 10 o'clock A M All persons having business with the said Board will please attend HARVEY TYLER Sec'y

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In Bridgewater on the 20th inst. by H Allen Esq Mr LUTHER H FLORER of Choconut, to Miss BARDISA E GILBERT of the former place

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In Bridgewater on the 15th inst SARAH ANN youngest daughter of Margaret Cox aged 5 years and 11 months

MONTROSE

Wheat flour per bbl	5 50 @ 6 00
Buckwheat do per bush	1 50
Rye per bush	1 12
Corn do	50
Oats do	25
Flaxseed do	1 00
Pork (fat) per hund	5 00
Hogs per lb	6 00
Butter, per lb	14 @ 15
Lard per lb	7 1 2 @ 8
Cheese, per lb	8
Eggs per doz	12 1/2
Potatoes per bushel	62
do cleaned do	25 @ 31
Potatoes per bush	37

NEW YORK

Flour per bbl	5 50 @ 5 62
Rye do	3 44
Corn meal per bbl	2 87
Wheat Genesee per bu	1 07
do do Ohio	1 02
Corn per bush	59 @ 62
Rye do	62
Oats do	41 @ 43
Pork mess per bbl	11 75
do prime	10 50 @ 11 00
Butter Orange co	17 @ 21
do Western	10 @ 15
Wool per lb	21 @ 35

New York Cattle Market, Feb 17.

At market this day 650 Cattle, some northern from under the State Canal Some and Cows and 1200 Sheep and Lambs.

Sales of Cattle—The market for Beef Cattle is rather dull since the last report The range of prices is a little wider but the best quality are not commanding as good Cattle Sales at from $4 to $6 50 @ 7

Cows & Calves—Sales at from $20 to $30 @ 42 50 per head

Sheep and Lambs brought from $2 00 to $3 00 @ 5 50 according to quality Few unsold

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100 do Prime Muscatel in frails
do Layer do
do Malaga do
do Black Figs
100 do Mackerel, No 1 White Shore
Early Trout, Herring, Shad Sounds and Tongues, Halibut, Lines, &c
No 1 and 2 Herring.
50 do Coffees.
100 do Ground Spices.
50 do Prime Ginger.
15 do Brazil, Madeira, & other Nuts.
20 do Starch.
50 do Sugar & Molasses.
25 do No 1 & 2 Soap.
200 do Green Marseilles.
50 do Lemons and Oranges.
20 do Prunes, Currants, &c.
25 do Pipes

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THE subscriber has recently made a sale of the Pain Killer and handed Mr Cummings an agency, and he is now in Philadelphia, which he will continue to supply to the trade. It is recommended by those who are suffering, with confidence. Mr Cummings can be found at the North Second street Depot, No 4 Dock street Philadelphia. Testimonials &c. can be seen at the office of Mr Dimock the general manager of the PAIN KILLER which he has been in Philadelphia some weeks in the North Second street Depot