

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1873.

A BILL has been introduced into Congress to repeal the act which prohibits weekly newspapers from passing through the mails free of postage.

Tax deer hunters of Northern Pennsylvania will go to the election on the 16th as gaily as to a shooting match.

It is not to be concealed that the public greatly distrust the actions of those who have rushed into the courts on technicalities to embarrass the adoption of the constitution.

The action taken by the Philadelphia "ring" to defeat, if possible, the new Constitution, has roused the indignation of thousands who, heretofore, took but little interest in the matter.

Pinchback, the colored statesman of Louisiana, has two strings to his bow.—He claims a seat in the senate of the United States.

The new Constitution of 1776, adopted as it was in the midst of the Revolutionary war, and "whenever an officer through increase of fees or otherwise, becomes so profitable as to occasion many to apply for it, the profits ought to be lessened by the Legislature."

The nearer we approach the facts in the Virginia affair, the less clear appears the aim of war. The leading men of both branches of Congress, who have sounded the death of public opinion, or have studied the question, and who will soon be called upon to act, expect their opinions regarding the new constitution, in its history, to be the result of the circumstances attending the character of the vessel and the intentions of the enterprise.

The Rev. Radical, edited by Colonel Senator Rutan, and the organ of General Quay, Secretary of the Commonwealth, has been bitterly opposing the new constitution, but in its latest issue, it announces the success of constitutional reform, as follows:

The new constitution will be adopted by a large majority, there being no organized opposition to it. This will dispose of all questions about local legislation next session, and those who are not resting their hopes on the passage of contemplated amendments, will turn their attention to something more profitable. It will be a happy day for members of the Legislature, the Governor, and his Cabinet when this constitution is adopted.

There has been some disposition on the part of the press of rural districts to complain because the long and frequent correspondence is to be abridged in December. The reason for this is to be found in the fact that it is very desirable that the restrictions upon legislative action should apply to the next legislature.

Both Houses of Congress assembled at 12 o'clock on Monday. Vice President Wilson calling the Senate to order, and Clark McPherson the House.

At the meeting of the Senate on Monday, the preliminary roll-call of the electors was proceeded with and resulted in the choice of James G. Blaine, Secretary of the former House, the Democratic member, who voted at all, naming Fernando Wood, whose nomination had been very wisely and improperly carried through a thinly attended preliminary caucus in the face of his bad record on the increase salary question, having both voted for the bill and pocketed the salary.

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

SENATE.—The senate met at the usual hour, and at half past twelve Mr. Morrill took the floor in support of his resolution instructing the Finance Committee to report a bill to provide for free banking and resumption of specie payments on January 1, 1875.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—On motion of Mr. Butler, at the request, he read Mr. Puchuck, the resolution admitting the latter to a seat was laid on the table. A resolution to admit Messrs. Davis and Huzzar, of West Virginia, to seats, was discussed at some length, but the House refused to record the previous question, and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Elections.

Extracts from the President's Message.

We give below a few of the more important extracts from the President's Message, viz: The President opens by saying, the year that has passed since the submission of my last message to Congress has been a year of unusual activity.

The money awarded to the United States by the tribunal of arbitration at Geneva was paid by Her Majesty's government a few days in advance of the time when it would have become payable according to the terms of the treaty.

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Election Proclamation.

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MERCY WILL BE RELEASED. A large advertisement for a medicine, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the benefits of the medicine for various ailments.

AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL. An advertisement for a cough remedy, highlighting its effectiveness for bronchitis and other respiratory issues.

THE COMPANION. A weekly paper for young people, offering entertainment and advice for the youth.

AYER'S CATHARTIC PILLS. An advertisement for a laxative, emphasizing its gentle and reliable nature.

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