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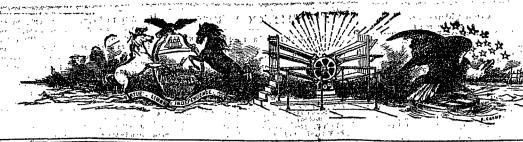
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1858.

A Sip of Punch. The former admirers of Punch, when the erary hunchback really was a power in the and, will be as much delighted as surprised at learning that, in some of its last numbers there are two or three lively and even pointed things. There was a time when Douglas Jer rold, Gilbert à-Beckett, Dr. Maginn, Percival Leigh, Thackeray, Albert Smith, and Tom Taylor wrote for it, and when Richard Doyle's pencil threw a poetic halo around even its satirical pictures, when lively and pointed things were the rule, and dullness made the exception. But now, how changed!

The first great blow which was heavily

planted" into the person of Punch, was Douglas Jerrold's attempt, and failure, at continuing the inimitable Curtain Lectures of the world-renowned Mrs. Caudle. These had been astonishingly successful. Every henbecked husband-and the census would show a great number, even in the best-regulated families, we suspect-took Punch into his very neart of heart, on account of the famous Caudie Lectures. There was satire, there was exaggeration in these remarkable papers, but there also was a very strong substratum o Truth. We know that, in England, they effected much good, holding up a mirror, as it were, to loquacious wives, who exercised their tongues too freely, at the risk of wearing out their husbands' patience. To this day, to say of a married lady that "she is quite a Mrs. Candle?' conveys a whole Cyclopædia of censure, and a wife who attempts to affect her spouse with too much of a jobation is often slienced by the question, "Do you want to come Mrs. Caudle over me?" That implies more reproach than a direct reproof. Not content with the success of the Lec-

tures, their author produced a continuation which really was what Desdemona would call a "most lame and impotent conclusion." He represented Mr. Job Caudle as a second-time narried, with that very Miss Prottyman for his wife of whom Mrs. Caudle No. 1 had been jealous, and retaliating upon this unhappy second helpmate, the annoyances he had been subjected to by the first. In the Curtain Lectures, the wife scolded the husband; in the Breakfast Monologues, the husband rather considerably abused the wife. But Mr. Caudle, when thus turning the tables, was simply coarse if not brutal. The thing was a failure. Then came more Jerrold failures—the history of Mrs. Bibbs's Baby, Miss Robinson Crusce, and other incompleted affairs. Next, Punch indiscriminately attacked all speculators in Railway Shares-amusing enough, we grant; but it came out, after a time, that the very men who wrote the attacks, the very artists who designed the laughable and sarcastic woodcuts, were themselves "Railway Stags" of the first degree. Therefore, confidence in the honesty of Punch was weakened. After this. Punch lent itself to the operatic apotheosis of Miss Jane Lind, the singer. A private box for the season, in which the Punch people were always seen, not usually in opera costume, was said to have been "the considera tion," by Manager Lumley, for the perpetual puffing of Jenny Lind. After this, came the ntolerant attacks, in 1850-'51, upon Cardinal Wiseman and the Church of Rome. Mr. Richard Dovle, Punch's best artist, declined. as a Catholic, any further connection with a publication which constantly, grossly, and offensively attacked his faith and assailed and ridiculed its ministers. Crowds of Catholic addirers of Punch fell off, on similar grounds, vaciliation of Punch about Louis Napoleonfirst caricaturing him, week after week, and then as strongly going-in to exalt and honor him. Lastly, the recent inefficiency, literary

and artistical, of Punch, has greatly lowered the public estimation of its ability, amusive ness, and power. . We now come to the symptoms of vitality lately exhibited by Punch. They are not much, to be sure, but "show that still he lives." The Protestant Bishop of London, as our readers know, lately delivered a longitudinous Charge to his Olergy, in which, among other advice, he recommended them not to think of introducing the Confessional. or what are called "Puseyite devices," into their places of worship. Punch shows the ishop, in full canonicals, lawn sleeves included, standing at the porch of a Cathedral, with a big book under his arm, and left hand reprovingly extended to a parcel of lads, in the Puseyite costume, with college trencher-caps, who stand by bearing the crucific, lighted taper, floral offerings, &c., in their hands. Punch calls this "A Proper Charge," and puts the Bishop of London as saying You must not bring your playthings into Church, my little men." There is nothing very witty in this—but the little men have a

ridiculous appearance, and the sketch of the Bishop (Dr. Tait) has the merit of being a nost unmistakable pertrait. The next Punch (for December 4) and the ast received, is a trifle better. Lords Palmersion and Clarendon have been on a visit to Napoleon III, at Compiègue, where the Imperial Court lately have had "a time of it." hunting, shooting, and playing at antique rural sports. Punch gives us "Pam at Compiègne, running at the Quintain." Palmerston, attired in a Court hunting-suit of the Louis Quaterze time—is depicted, on horseack, as having run full tilt against the quintaine, which has a fool's-cap on one end of the movable top-balance, while at the other is a bladder, inscribed "Public Opinion," which strikes the ex-Premier sharply on the head. The Emperor is looking on, grimly smiling at the degradation of the faded beau, the veritable Vicar of Bray of English statesmen, who has acted all through life as if public virtue were a delusion, and political honor a chimera, and now finds himself buffetted by that very Public Opinion which he had so long and so

undisguisedly laughed to scorn. The portrait is capital. Punch is still very felicitous in giving fine likenesses of public men, though he has lost much of his skill in putting them into ridiculous positions. The portraits which Punch has given of Brougham, O'Connell, Melbourne, eel, John Russell, Derby, Wakley, Roebuck, Polmerston, Cobden, Bright, the Napiers Wellington, Louis Napoleon, and a hundred others, are as faithful as if they had been pho tographed. Nothing can be better, as to likeness. There was one, of Lord Brougham oublished many years ago, entitled "What he will next come to," and showing his Lordship standing upon his head, which was an excel lent resemblance, and, as we happen to know, so considered by the original, who could not may be a considered by the original, who could not may be a considered by the original, who could not may be a considered by the original plane of the constraints of the constra so considered by the original, who could not

marking board, and his queue between his | Sons of New England in Pennsylvania hands, we find the Emperor, very seedy in attire, and looking as he were "down upon oring of the Sons of New England in Pennsylvahis luck," glancing furtively at the redoubtable Palmerston, who sits upon the corner of the billiard-table. His Lordship is figured with a straw in his mouth, (indicative of his lancy for horse-flesh,) one hand thrust wristdeep into the recesses of his frowsers' pocket. while, as if to vindicate the sobriquet of "the

politician grasps a black bottle in his right hand, and holds on to it very firmly. He looks something between a stable-boy and a blackleg, and evidently is in a brown study. Both have had a glass of brandy, we perceive and probably required Dutch courage for the occasion. The engraving is called "A Losing Game," and a little dialogue follows. Louis Napoleon asks "What about my match with Contalembert?" and Palmerston, dubiously shaking his head, says, "Very awkward for your British backers." This illustration has especial force, where it is believed that Palerston very strongly urged the Emperor not to commit the great blunder of prosecuting Montalembert. By the way, it is singular enough that M. de Montalembert literally resembles the "engineer hoisted by his own petard," for the statute under which he was

tried, convicted, and sentenced was passed

udicious bottle-holder," the weathercock

in 1840; by his own especial and publicly expressed consent and approbation. What of the literary character of Punch? Sir, or Madam, it is variable. About the best thing which Punch has lately published shall follow this very article. We may state, by way of preface, that the Bishop of London, having suspended the Rev. Mr. Poole for attempting to introduce the confessional into his Protestant Church, Mr. Bovill moved the Court of Queen's Bench for a rule nisi to compel the Archbishop of Canterbury to appear and reudge the case, and that Lord Chief Justice Campbell, with his three associate Judges, listened to Mr. Bovill's tedious speech with marked impatience and many interruptions and finally cut him short by despairingly granting the rule-apparently to get rid of a long polemical harangue. Punch's accoun of the affair in Court is very sprightly, and gives a very accurate idea of Lord Campbell's strange manner-which, by the way, much resembles that of a learned judge in this very

city of ours: MARTYRS OF THE BENCH.

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Soem, the Court of Queen's Einch. Load Campbell.
presiding, assisted by his brother. Indges. A
crotoded Court. Faint scent of incense delectable
among some of the bitter-dressed speciators. Seecvail Ladies pres nit, looking rather steepy, as unaccustomed to early hours.

Lord Campbell (facetiously.) Well, Mr. Bovill, as you are present in good time to-day we
conclude there was no fog, no nebula, to adumbrate your path hitherwards.

Mr. Bovill. No, my Lord. The accident yesterday was unfortunate; but the English climate
is not to be depended upon.

Lord Campbell. The days are short, Mr. Bovill; and, therefore, the Court thinks that you'
had better abstain from wasting time in talking
about the English climate; and proceed to the
motion you have to make, to hear which the Court
has assembled in this solemu and public manner,
and in the presence of a considerable number of
her Majesty's subjects of both sexes and various
ages Unnecessary loquacity is always to be condemned: and, please Heaven, always shall be
while I have the honor of occupying a seat upon
this distinguished bench.

Mr. Bovill. Humbly acknowledging the rebule and the exemple was lord.

Lord Campbell. We gathered as much by your alling him Reverend:

Mr. Justice Wightman. Not necessarily, because he might have been a dissenting minister.

Lord Campbell. Castigaties sedeo.

Mr. Bovill. He is a clergyman of great plety, such learning, a large amount of zeal, an unimpenchable sheerity.

penchable sincerity.

Lord Campbell. The Court don't want his biography, but his metion. Come to the point, Mr. Bovill. Bovill.

Mr. Bovill. My lord, the office of a priest.

Mr. Justice Hill. What does a priest, wan with an office? That's the place for an attorney.

Mr. Bovill. I can assure the Court that this is no marter of jest. I may say it just isn't.

Lord Campbell. Mr. Bovill, we cannot sit here. and have levitles imported, integrated, and inter-polated into matters of moment; not that you are poisted into matters of moment in to that you are making this a matter of a moment but of an hour. Pray proceed. What do you want?

Mr. Bovill. The Reverand Mr Poole, mylord, is popularly regarded as a disciple of the school originated by Doctor Pussy and his friends.

Mr. Jostice Bria. Accomplies.

Mr. Bovill. As the court pleases. He holds that confession is a very good thing—

Mr. Bovill. As the court pleases. He holds that confession is a very good thing—
Lord Campbell. We don't care what he holds, so that he holds his tongue, vid his advocate. What do you want?

Mr. Bovill. Several of the Fathers of the Church, among whom I will mention 'Chrycotom, Origon, Cyprian, Harmedius, Aristogiton, Taoitus, Edipus, Galen, Pelagius, Halicaranssus—
Lord Campbell. This is too had. What has the Queen's Hench to do with the Fathers of the Church? There is one of those persons you have mentioned whom you will do well to personate.

Mr. Bovill. Who is that, my lord?

Lord Campbell. Tacitus, Mr. Bovill. What do you want?

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Mr. Bovill. I am coming to that, my lord. The Reverend Mr. Poole, adhering to the old practice of the Church, which expressly recommends her children to confess their faults, insemuch as open confession is good for the soul, in proof of which I will cite to the court the opinion of Justyn Martyr—

Lord Campbell. You are disposed to include us in your martyrology, Mr. Bovill, but we decline the honor. What do you want?

Mr. Hovill. Well, my lord; for cleaving to the doctrine of confession, and practising the same, the Bishop of London, a prelate of whom I am anxious to speak—

east anxious to her. Mr, Justice Erls. Certainly not. Concerning Mr. Justice Bris. Certainly not. Concerning Dr. Tait, tais-toi.
Mr. Bovill. But, my lords, in the chain of circumstances which I narrate this is a link——Lord Campbell. Keep your link for your next fog, Mr. Bovill. The Bishop having suspended Mr. Poole for acting in conformity with the rules of the Church and the dictates of his own conscience in regard to confession; which was clearly practised by the early fathers, and which is advocated by several of the most distinguished British and foreign divines of all ages—
Lord Campbell (piteously). What do you want? Ambulas cunctanter.

Mr. Bovill. Festina Lente. My lords, Mr.

do on.

Mr. Bovill. Was suspended by the Bishop——

Lord Campbell. And the Archbishop wouldn't

nut him down. Go on.
Mr Bovill. And refused a public hearing...
Lord Campbell. You want...
Mr. Bovill, I apply, on Mr. Poole's part, for Lord Campbell. Take your rule. Mr. Bovill. But, my lord, I want to exlain—
All the Judges. No, no!
Lord Campbell. You've got what you asked;
hut up: claude os tuum.
Mr. Hovill. But I am desirous to montion that Polycarp——
Lord Campbell. We can't hear about her.
Mr. Bowill. He was an early Christian conlemned to a beast——

nia on Wednesday evening, December 22, to brate the memorable landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth, two hundred and thirty-eight years ago. In reply to the toast, " Our Puritar Fathers: Hard as the rook that received them; stern as the shore that welcomed them; and sturdy tears the seed of that harvest of civil and religiou liberty which we now reap with joy, Mr. Emerson Bennett, the distinguished author, read the following appropriate poem, written by himself:

TWO CENTS.

THE PURITANE. A thousand leagues—a thousand leagues— They came across the treacherous main, With fees behind, and fees before;

Their fondest hope that they might gain lome humble and sectinded spot—
Some haven on the sea of time— Where souls might mingle, and go forth In peaceful prayer and faith sublime. A noble band—strong, earnest, brave— Heroes of all that souls most try—

Heroes who bore the scoffs, the jeers,
The curses, buffets, stripes of men—
Who mayohed unarmed, in grief, in tears,
Nor halted, turned, nor failtered then; Who, on the wild, tempestuous deep. When men, called brave, shricked forth the or

erces of more than lead and steel, When gory Death rides ghastly by—

"The vessel founders! sinks! we're lost!
Oh God! oh God! we drown! we die!"
Rose calm amid that wild despair,
Looked calmly o'er a watery grave, And chaunted forth, in faith sub Lord, thou canst save! Lord, thou canst sav This was the band—these were the men— Protected by Almighty care-Who prayed their way to savage shore,

Who in their meekness had their strength, . Who in their meekness had their pride-Firm, self-denving Ohvistians, lived Stern, world despising martyrs, died. They had their mission—had their day— They had their errors (let these rest)

And reared their nineteen homes with prayer

They lived, stern concelence to obey,
And. dving, left their children blest.
Rolled back, as darkness from the dawn,
Before their conquering march of prayer,
The forest and its denisens, And flowery homes rose brightly there. And o'er New England's rugged hills, And through her sweet sequestered delis, Across her waters, woods, and plains, To-day a glorious anthem swells And rolls in cohoes far away—

Her sous repeat in every land; And freedom, virtue, conseience, faith, Religious seal as stevn as death, Are memories of this Pilgrim bant. Letter from Washington

WASHINGTON, December 22, 1858. The Pension Office is advised of extensive fraud mmitted under the bounty-land laws, on that de partment, by certain parties in Lexington, Tennessee. They were taken before Judge Humphreys, at Nashville, and one of them held to bail in the sum of \$20,000 for his appearance in April next. The other of the party, after his arrest, with a view of defrauding justice, feigned insanity, a la Huntingdon, when his case was submitted to a medical court, who are now investigating the whys and wherefores of the same. The report, it is presumed, will be satisfactory to all parties but the

partment of the Patent Office, relative to a convooation of agriculturists in January next, has been extensively replied to in the affirmative. R. G. Gage, Esq., Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, writing from Fair Forest, S. C., expresses himself highly pleased with the action of the department, that concert in action is what the agricultural population require, and that they have hig best wishes for their success, and may always roly upon his humble support. Hon. John B. Haskin, of the Westchester dis-

trict, New York, is again in town, in fine health and spirits. I see that the Board of State Canvassers, in the matter of his contested election case, has decided that they could not go behind the returns of the county canvassers; in regard to

case, has decided that they could not go behind the returns of the county canyassers in regard to the voices for mombers of Congress, and that, the certificate in the Westobester district must, therefore be awarded to the Hon. John B. Haskin The Hon gentleman is an boilor to the State which he represents, and graces that bevy of "A. L. D's," who with the Washingtonians and the country at large are the "observed of all observers."

The resolutions which passed both chambers of Congress, relative to the adjournment over from the 23d instant until the 4th of Jaimary, will serve in a few hours to remove many of the "bright particular stars" from this world of luminary brightness. The different State districts throughout the Union are to be again revisited, and many hearth-stones are to be gladdened with the manly forms of husbands and fathers. The subject of "Congressional intervention," as far as Christmas and New Year's dinners are concerned, will be entirely ignored; and amid this given to the old year and a "God-speed" to the means of the given to the old year and a "God-speed" to the means of the committee of lumings that were." The cares' and strife of legislating will be left at the Capitol, and ere their return a "farewell" will be given to the old year and a "God-speed" to the means of the State of louisians, the Committee of Rysy and Means was instructed to inquire into the excellency of repealing so much of the act as provides for the debangs dulies for the improvement of the committee of the gradient of the Union are to be graded as "mong the things that were." The cares' and strife of legislating will be left at the Capitol, and ere their return a "farewell" will be given to the old year and a "God-speed" to the money for the debangs dulies for the improvement of the committee of the committee of the committee of the present implicated.

The shopkeepers on the Avenue, in particular, are, and have been for the past week, realising the intervention, the committee of the definition of the state of the com

are, and have been for the past week, realising their best expectations in advent of the Christmas and New Year holidays. The jewelry, book, and toy establishments are receiving a due share of attention, and as a natural consequence every you is ladened with mysterious-looking packages inveloped in the " heavy brown" or white wrap-

Lord Campbell. But the court is not in the ping paper. . The season of gaiety and joy has already commenced, and not before its completion will either "old" or "Young America" regain its accustomed sobriety and decorum.

Nor to HE TAKEN IN !- An exchange paper

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Lord Campbell (piteously). What do you want? Abbilds cunctanter.

Mr. Bouill. Festina Lente. My lords, Mr. Poole appeals from the Bishop of London to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, and Metropolitan Governor of the Charter house—

Lord Campbell. We shall have Magna Charta next.

Mr. Bovill. Ny lord, even to make your lordship think I could oblige you would be the proudest moment of my life, and the drowning glory of my professional career; but my duty to my client who is particularly anxious that all England should ring with his wrong—

Lord Campbell. But the Queen's Bench shall not be made his belfry. What do you want?

Mr. Bovill. The Archbishop, my lord, refused Mr. Poole, for adhering to the old castom of the Church, which prescribed confession—

Lord Campbell. Then she was a quack doctor Go on.

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Mr. Bovill. Wassuspended by the Bishop—

Lord Campbell. And the Archbishop wouldn't the Sthult. The sportsmen had invited a visit, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, o Hinesburg, Vermont, they had a shooting frolic on the 25th uit. The sportsmen had invited a visit by way of a challenge, for Nelson Lewis, of Troy, New York, a celebrated gunsmith and "orack

Alton, and the terms of the deallenge, he was to shoot fifty turkies at a distance of fifty reds, with a pistol barrel eleven inches long. He commenced this extraordinary feat Wednesday merning and drow eight turkies in eleven shots, when the challengers, finding their bargain pecuniarity a losing one, compromised with him and he withdrew. This was dene with an ordinary locking rife pistol, of his own manufacture, weighing two pounds. on the afternoon of the same day, Mr. Lewis shot five turkles by five consecutive shots, with a rifle, at a distance of sixty-five rods.

the resources of the surrounding country, the increase of population, or any information that will be interesting to the general reader.

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nind the following rules:

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the typography, but one side of the sheet should be

The Hermann Arrived Out. New Calears Dec 23.—The steamship Quaker City s below, with one hundred and twenty three passeners. Her dates from San Francisco are to the dia gers. Her dates from San Francisco are to the Stainstant.

The steamer Golden Gate was delayed until the 6th
instant. She was to carry out \$ 1,500,000 for New York,
and \$330,000 for Figland via Panama.

The steamship Hermann: arrived out en the 27th ult.
The bar Columbus, from New London, was totally
wrecked in Shasts Bay, on the 10th of August lest.
The overland mail, of the 11th ult., arrived at San
Francisco en the 6th.

Money was easy. Sales of crushed sugar at 13c, butter scarce at \$32,034c. Business was generally quiet.
Light rains had occurred daring the fortnight.

Arrived at San Francisco, ships Stamboul and Nazarene, from London; ship Abby Brown, from Liverpool.
No Atlantic arrivals are reported.

Additional from California. [BY THE OVERLAND MAIL.]
OUIS, Dec 23.—The California papers of it received by the Overland mail, furnish a dditional teems of interest.

The Pitt river Indians are said to have mass-oved several whites. Diligent search was being made for the

mirderers.

The gold mines in Southern Oregon are yielding largely, and new discoveries are constantly making.

A company of United States troops, on route from Tuscan to Fort Buchanan, suffered severely from the and seld.
The Apacho Indians threatened to attack Tuscan, and were only deterred by the presence of Americans.
Aband of Only rado Indians has gone to Sonora on a theoring expedition.
The accounts from the Gils river gold mines are very averaged. Taylongs had been received of the over-due steamer Columbia. She was compelled to put into Umpqua Straits from a stress of weather.

General Harney had revoked the order forbidding settlers from locating in Walls Walls occupy.

The treaty between the United States and the Neapers Indians establishes perpetual peace; provides for reciprocal assistance, in the overtice war with other parties, and arries that future misunderstandings may be settled by their respective oblifs in a friendly cobbett.

Direct trade has been opened between Payer Sound and China.

and China.

The passengers by the mail report experiencing a severe shock of selecthquake when between San Francisco and San Jose. The roads were in bad order, in consequence of heavy raiss and more or less snow on the route from the Apade Canoni to the Missouri line. A severe storm was encountered on the Colorado river. The sames of the men murdered at a dragoon station some time since were W S. Ounningham. James Burry and Wm Lang. The survivor, Wm. St. John, of New York, is recovering.

THIRTY-FIFTH CONGRESS. Second Session. U. S. CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, Ded. 28.

The Senate was opened with prayer read by grattolic priest; who was clothed in the white surplies. The usual number of testimonials were presented.

A message was received from the President.
Mr. Chitteness, of Kentucky, introduced a bill to regulate the manner of election of 'enticed States Senators. Beforred to the Committee on the Judiclary Mr. Stvarn; of Michigan, attempted to bring up the given the committee on the Judiclary Mr. Stvarn; of Michigan, attempted to bring up the given the committee of the Committee of the Senate required to take up the bill by a vote of 20 years to 28 nays. 28 nays.

The bill allowing a p-nsion to the widow and family of Colonel Turnbull was taken up, and warmly advocated by Mr. Currenness, of Kentucky, and the debate on the bill occupied considerable time over the morning hour.

egulating pension gulating pensions.

Mr. Houston, of Texas, as is his usual custom in uses where o'd soldiers or their widows and families to concerned, spoke sealously in favor of granting this are concerned, spoke scalously in favor of granting this pension
Finally, the bill granting thirty dollars per month, was adopted, by a vote of 20 year to 18 mays.

A motion was adopted that when the Senate adjourn it be to reassemble on the 4th of January next in the new hall Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATURE.

Mr. Course of Massachusetts introduced a bill regulating the duties on imports, and for other purposes. The bill was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Means.
Mr. John Courashe, of New York, submitted a joint resolut on tendering the hanks of Congress to Captain Samuel C. Read, for having designed the present dag of the United States: Referred to the Committee on or motion of Mr. Gronds Taylon, of New York; becial committee of five members was ordered to b special committee of five members was ordered to teappointed to investigate the accounts of the late Singpointed to investigate the accounts of the late Singpointed and the special state of the late Singpointed Singpointed

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Mr. Blain, of Missouri, saked, but did not receive, the consent of the House to introduce a resolution, declaring the Eupreme Court declation in the Dred Sections of the Eupreme Court declation in the Dred Sections of the Eupreme Court declared in the European Court declared the Court declared in the Territories.

claring the Eupreme Gourt decision in the Dred Sections extra judicial, illiegal, and void, and asserting that Congress should vindicate its rights to legislate on slavery in the Territories.

Mr. Philips, of Missouri, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the civil, naval, legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bills.

Mr. Bingham, of Ohio, introduced, a bill providing that the present mileage system be abolished after the present Congress, and that the members be allowed only their actual travelling expenses. Befored to the Committee on Mileage.

Mr. Monnis, of Illinois, introduced a bill for the admission of sigar and salt duty free, and also will giving the clitens of the organised Territories the right to elect their governors and all other officers.

Mr. Monnis, of Illinois, introduced a bill for laying out a post-reute from Leavenworth to the heatwaters of the south fork of Platte viver, near Pile's Peak.

Mr. Fannsworth, of Illinois, endeavored to introduce a resolution, instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire and report what further measures are necessary to carry out the article in the Ashburton treaty for the suppression of the slave trade

Mr. Parrawy, delegate from Kansas, introduced a bill to reduce the quantity of land now included in the military reservation at Leavenworth, and to change the boundary line of the Territory.

A large number of bills and resolutions, on a variety of subjects, were introduced, and referred to the appropriate committees.

The House hiten, on motion, adjourned over to the

Washington Affairs. WASHINGTON ARRIVS.

WASHINGTON, Boc. 23.—The Federatry of War has saked Congress for an appropriation of nearly, \$414,000, to pay the Florida voltneers called into service by leneral Harney and Colonel Loomis, in the years 1857 and 1858. and 1858.

Among the many bills introduced during the session of the House to-day, was one by Mr. Branch, of North Caroline, appropriating one million of dollars to enable with Spain a treaty of amity, and for the settlement of all differences, including the Among the many bills introduced during the session of the House to-day, was one by Mr. Branch, of North Carolina, appropriating one million of dollars to enable the President to conclude with Spain a treaty of amity, and for the settlement of all disferences, including the cassion of Cuba, to be used by him. if he thinks fit, in advance of the ratification of such treaty by the Senate. If there is not, at the time when the payment is required, so much money in the Treasury available, the President is authorised to borrow it. The bill was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A large number of the members of Congress left to-day to spend the holidays at home, and many others have made arrangements to follow their example.

C. P. Sengstack was to-day confirmed by the Senate as warden of the District of Columbia penitentiary.

The highest bid for the construction of the Atchnfairay (Louisians) light-house was made by Heasm. Resny, Neafe. & Co., of Philadelphia, \$12,000 and the lowest by the West Point Foundry, of New York, \$3,000 There were nine other bids racging between these figures. The sloop-of-war Plymouth has been ordered to Nor folk for repairs.

Opening of the Senate with Prayer by a Roman Catholic Priest in full Vest-ments--Interesting Occasion. ments--Interesting Occasion.

Wassington, December 23.—Father Boyle, of St. Patrick's Durch of Washington, opened the Senate, this morning, with prayer, in full priest's dress—the surplice and cassock. This is the first occasion since the foundation of the Government that the entire vestiments of the Gatholic clergy have been worn in sither chamber of Concress. Father Boyle read from the Breviary, Bishop Clarroll'apprayer for those in authority, The Senate chamber happened to be crowded at traction, and much interest and curlosity was manifested, with every appearance of devotien, both in the Senators and spectators.

The Rank of Admiral in the Navy--Texas Debt.

Washington, Dec. 28.—In connection with the naval restorations, yesterday, in the Senate, that body, after re-opening its doors, passed's joint resolution creating temporarity the bevet grade of Admiral in the United States navy, with the view to confer it on Captain Charles Stewart, the eldest offer in the service, as a recompense for having been harrhly treated by the action of the Retiring Board. On his death the rank shall be abolished.

By a joint resolution, which has already passed the Senate, the time within which the creditors of Texas must present their claims at the Treasury is extended until January 1st, 1862.

Machiner Fillutatering Expenditures.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The Government this morning received a telegraphic despatch from New Orleans giving a few particulars relative to another fillutatering expedition from that port against Nicaregua. The Federal officers will be forthwith instructed to redouble their vigilance to suppress it.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant Colouel De Rus-by was yesterday assigned to the command of the corps f engineers and to the charge of that bureau of the far Department.