

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 11. HOUSE.—THE TAXATION OF COAL.—Mr. Noble (Ohio) offered an amendment taxing anthracite coal twenty-five cents per ton, and bituminous half a cent per bushel.

Messrs. Campbell, Lehman and Wright opposed the amendment, showing the injustice of imposing such a tax. Mr. Wright said that in his district coal was delivered to the pits, worth, on an average, one dollar per ton.

Mr. F. A. Cowling (N. Y.) showed from the Census statistics that at the amount stated in the amendment nearly \$8,000,000 would be raised.

Mr. Noble advocated his amendments. Other gentlemen debated the matter. Mr. Cox (Ohio) proposed to amend the amendment, so as to tax anthracite fifteen cents per ton and bituminous eight cents per bushel.

THE LATE REV. JOHN L. LENHART.—The Chaplain of the ill-fated sloop-of-war Cumberland, which was sunk in the naval engagement in Hampton Roads, on Saturday the 8th ult., was formerly a citizen of Williamsport, and the son of the late Rev. Henry Lenhart.

RATHER COOL.—The first three local items of the Democrat last week were taken from our paper, and in the fourth the editor finds fault that we did not furnish more to steal from.

MESSRS. KELLY AND BOUND each presented petitions in the Senate in favor of restricting the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, and other corporations with reference to mining privileges.

MR. REILLY also introduced a bill to prohibit corporations from mining, buying and selling coal in Luzerne county.

WE find the following traitorous paragraph in the last Sellersgrove Times, as the Breckinridge editor of that semi-rebel sheet is the political friend and ally of the editor of the Breckinridge "Bible" in this place, we should like to know the opinion of the latter on this subject.

A QUESTION ASKED.—We have frequently been asked how long we supposed the war would last? We will for once answer that, in our opinion, it will last just as long as there are fools enough to fight and fools enough to pay.

SUCCESSORS GAME BAGGERS.—The following named cities and towns have been taken from the enemy since the commencement of the present year.

ELIZABETH, N. C., Springfield, Mo., Elizabethton, N. C., Estport, Miss., Winston, N. C., Columbus, Ky., Bowling Green, Ky., Sevierville, Tenn., Nashville, Tenn., Brunswick, Ga., Columbia, Tenn., Fernandina, Fla., Clarksville, Tenn., New Augustine, Fla., Dover, Tenn., Jacksonville, Fla., Fayetteville, Ark., Marietta, Va., Denton, Va., Martinsburg, Va., Lexington, Va., Berryville, Ga., Lovettsville, Va., Winchester, Va., Smithfield, Va., Windsor, Va., Charleston, Va., New Madrid, Mo., Harpers Ferry, Va., Pleasant Hill, Pa., Big Bethel, Va., Hickman, Ky., Paris, Tenn., Newbern, N. C., Harrisville, Va., Beaufort, N. C., Florence, Ala., Morehead city, N. C., Cedar Keys, Fla.

The following rebel forts and fortifications have also been captured since the first of January.

Fort Johnson, Va., Columbus fortifications, Fort Beaufort, Va., Ky., Fort Evans, Va., Bowling Green, Va., Ky., Big Point Battery, Va., Mill Springs, Ky., Shiloh Point Battery, Tennessee, Island No. 10, Battery, Va., Cockpit Point Batteries, Elizabeth city, Va., N. C., Fort Clinch, Fla., Fortifications at St. Port Henry, Tenn., Simons, Ga., Fort Donelson, Tenn., Fortifications at Manassas, Va., Fort Mifflin, Pa., Fort Warren, Fla., Batteries at Aquia Creek, Port Mazon, N. C., Va., Besides a number of forts on the Neuse river.

The Federal reverses have been in Mexico alone, where the confederates have occupied three or four evacuated military posts and towns.

COAL TRADE.—The quantity sent by Railroad this week is 34,216 5/8 by Canal 23, 517 9/16 tons for the week 59,733 9/16 tons against 51,287 for the corresponding week last year.

Bad Fate of a Unionist. I know of one whose sad fate will ever prove a bitter recollection in his mind. He was of Northern birth, but had long been an adopted citizen of the South, and was to all intents and purposes a Southerner, but not a secessionist. He took no part in political matters, and never discussed such questions, but confined his attention exclusively to the management of his own affairs.

Through his servants it soon became known that he had an American flag in his possession. His house was searched, the flag found, and he was thrown into prison, but soon released, as the flag could be found made out against him.

He was wounded in the first skirmish, carried off the field with the retreating Rebels, and placed in the hospital. But as his wounds were many indications of a further advance by the Union forces, it was thought prudent to keep him beyond the possibility of capture.

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Another speech from Parson Brownlow. A committee of the Ohio Legislature waited a Parson Brownlow, in Cincinnati, on Monday last, and invited him to visit the State Capitol. In reply, he made the following address.

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Children will be in vigor, by the BITTERS Head column.

THEM can be permanently cured by the "ANTI-RHEUMATIC BARK."

POST OFFICE has been established at Milton, Union county, and John appointed Postmaster.

REBELS and CONFEDERATES in the Northern Central Railroad Depot, BALTIMORE.

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