

The Kentucky Senate contains but one Republican. He must feel kind of homesick, but has the satisfaction of knowing that his side is very numerous.

"GENTLEMAN GEORGE" Pendleton, has been nominated for U. S. Senator by the Democrats of the Ohio Legislature. He will take the place of Stanley Matthews after the 4th of March next, when Republican Ohio will be represented in the Senate by two Democrats.

CONGRESS re-assembled on Thursday last. The vacation is reported to have had a pacific effect, and it is now hoped that an open breach between the President and the Republican Senate will not occur. "Blessed are the peace makers."

The Democracy of Allegheny county have selected their delegates to the next State Convention, and instructed them to use every effort to secure the nomination of James H. Hopkins of Pittsburgh for Governor. Now watch how adroitly "big Lajun" Wallace will lift the ambrosial locks of the Smoky City candidate.

A BILL has been introduced a Harbinger by Senator Dunkle to pay the state troops for services rendered during the riots last summer. This measure should receive prompt attention from the Legislature. The troops did their disagreeable duty, and received but little credit for it, while the officers have ever since been blowing their own trumpets in the public ear. If the men are unnecessarily kept out of their pay, a quick response to similar calls cannot be hoped for in the future.

It looks very much as if the negroes of South Carolina are plucking up heart of grace, sufficient to determine to exercise the right of suffrage. At the late election in Beaufort county where they elected their Senator, it appears the bulldozers were around and many of them were assaulted, beaten and driven from the polls. Notwithstanding, in Georgetown county at a special election held on the 5th inst., the entire Republican ticket, composed exclusively of colored men, was elected. The negro vote was solid.

If anything is settled and well settled, notwithstanding some people think more the "hey" it is the fact that President Hayes is firmly and legally entrenched for the full term of four years, as Chief Executive of this Nation. And yet here comes Rip Van Winkle in the guise of Montgomery Blair, who has been asleep since the decision of the Electoral Commission, and wants the President's title investigated. Who struck Billy Patterson? That's the question Sammy Tilden's friends are trying to solve.

One thing is certain, only a sitcom person could be a Democrat can be elected U. S. Senator from Kentucky. And yet so prolific is the tree, and so many have the essential rebel qualifications, that they cannot make up their minds whom to select. Meanwhile, while the contest is going on in the Legislature, that body refuses to permit the National flag to float over the State Capitol. There are so many of the gentlemen composing that body who fought against the old flag a few years since, that they don't feel comfortable with it waving over them. They naturally have the same uncomfortable feeling as the rogne who couldn't abide the sight of a rope. There is a Democratic majority of 104 in that body.

MONSIEUR Tonson has come again in the shape of a new bill introduced in the Legislature at Harrisburg, to forthwith provide for the damages suffered by the border counties during Lee's invasion of the State. Through and by virtue of former legislation those damages have been ascertained, \$90,000 paid to the borough of Chambersburg—if we are not mistaken—and certificates issued for the residue of the claims, amounting in the aggregate to over three millions of dollars, payable when the United States shall pay said claims for damages. Now the proposition is made that the State assume the liabilities, pay them in interest bearing bonds and proceed to press the collection of the amount from the General Government.

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The loss by the fire is stated at \$250,000. The same amount, or a half of which is probably sustained by the Union Mining company, as that of the Masonic fraternity is light, and that of Williamson & Co., less-see of the store, said to be not considerable, as there was a very small stock of goods in the store. The Ohio variety of Democrat has just given proof that it can drive down deeper and come up easier than any other specimen of the genus known to modern politics. The South Carolina branch of the family selected a murderer as the most heroic type of representative in the Senate Chamber of the nation, but the Ohio species, more graceful, fifty chose a thief as the proper exponent of their views. Long in public life, George H. Pendleton has made no record except as the putative parent of the scheme to swindle the creditors of the government by paying the principal and interest of the bonds in greenbacks.

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The Senator from Ohio bore in mind the maxim that dirty work should be well paid for. The committee of investigation failed to make him tell what the sum of the award was, or what portion of it he had received. On both these points he was silent, and it is not to be supposed that he did not speak the conventional memory, but there were other sources of information attainable, and it was revealed that the amount was obtained by him on three drafts, one for \$30,000, one for \$50,000, and one for \$80,532, all dated June 30, 1871, and all payable to Mrs. Bowers. It came out that the last named draft comprised all that was turned over to the Treasurer of the Kentucky Central, and that Mr. Pennington consequently pocketed the sum of \$80,000, or more than 50 per cent of the claim. Perhaps the most convenient memory, but there were other sources of information attainable, and it was revealed that the amount was obtained by him on three drafts, one for \$30,000, one for \$50,000, and one for \$80,532, all dated June 30, 1871, and all payable to Mrs. Bowers. It came out that the last named draft comprised all that was turned over to the Treasurer of the Kentucky Central, and that Mr. Pennington consequently pocketed the sum of \$80,000, or more than 50 per cent of the claim.

This transaction, it may be said, is spread upon the public records of the country, and is known of all men, and yet the Democracy of Ohio have selected the principal in it as the recipient of the highest honor in their gift. Can public degradation descend to a lower depth?

Blind Distillers Destroyed

NASHVILLE, Jan. 10.—The Blind distillers of Hugh Alexander, Ben Parsons, McCormick and James Gibson, in Macon county, were destroyed by revenue officers on the 9th inst. Alexander and McCormick were captured and jailed at Harrisville.

Contrabands

About 6:45 o'clock yesterday evening the large building at Mount Savage, in which was located the "company store," and the offices of the Union Mining company, were destroyed by fire from, it is supposed, a defective flue, and was totally destroyed. Most of the books and papers in the store and offices were saved. The lodge rooms of Kemp lodge and the chair, A. F. and A. M. were located in the burning building. Members of the fraternity succeeded in saving a part of the furniture of the rooms, and the loss of that destroyed is covered by insurance.

A Trap's Work

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—This afternoon a tramp entered the basement of Furness's hugging factory, 256 and 258 Water street, Brooklyn, and was ordered out. When going out he struck a match against a bag of lime and in a moment it was in flames, which rapidly extended in the lower part of the factory. There were 120 girls employed in the upper part of the factory, who had narrow escapes from being suffocated or burned. They all escaped without accident by windows which opened on the roof of a neighboring shed. The flames were confined to the lower part of the building. The loss is \$8,000.

Abducted Girl Rescued

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 12.—At Kingston, Peter Walcott, proprietor of the Kingston hotel, was arrested last evening for passing counterfeit five dollar bills on the First National bank of Hanover and placed under \$5,000 bail.

OUR HARRISBURG LETTER

HARRISBURG, Jan. 12, 1876. On Saturday the House put a question on the project of the good people of Pittsburg to make the State a party to the damages done in the Smoky City during the riotous last summer by indefinitely postponing the resolution of Mr. Long, of Allegheny, authorizing the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the causes and results of the riot and report to the Legislature. This was properly judged by the House to be an entering wedge leading to the assumption of the debt by the State, and though it was strongly urged by its friends that an investigation would not harm and would not commit the House to the support of any bill founded upon the report of the committee, the whole matter was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 86 to 71.

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