



A bill has been introduced in the Senate providing for the admission of Dakota as a State.

SENATOR LAMAR is in such feeble health that his friends fear he will never again be able to take his seat in the Senate chamber.

The President has retired Gen. E. O. C. Ord, and appointed Col. Nelson A. Miles to be Brigadier General vice Ord.

GEN. W. R. HAYES has been appointed by President Hayes, chief signal officer of the army, in place of Gen. Meyer, deceased.

ON Thursday the Senate adjourned over until Monday. Judging from this start there is not likely to be much business done this session.

The total vote cast at the late presidential election was between nine and ten million, showing a very large increase since 1876.

VERMONT outstrips Maine in liquor laws. The Legislature of the former State had just passed a bill declaring all places where liquor is sold or given away a nuisance.

ON Friday last, the House Committee on appropriations instructed its chairman to report a bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the payment of pensions for the ensuing year.

It is now settled that the Republicans have a good round majority in the California Legislature, and will elect a U. S. Senator to succeed Senator Booth.

It is said in Washington that General Sherman has repeatedly stated that he will celebrate his sixty-second birthday in April next, by retiring from the army.

GEN. BEN HARRISON, of Indiana, a grandson of "Old Tippecanoe," appears to have the inside track for United States Senator. Old Tip was another Ohio man who was President forty years ago.

JURIES STRONG, Swayne, Clifford and Hunt will all soon retire from the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States. Old age and failing health are the causes assigned.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad is now running its own palatial and sleeping cars, and has reduced the charges on them one-half which is attracting travel to its route.

REPRESENTATIVE Wolfe has gone to the trouble of being interviewed for the purpose of saying that Mr. Grow cannot be beaten for Senator. Of course Mr. Wolfe knows, and that settles it. Big Injun me!

It turns out that another Republican Greenback Congressman is elected from Missouri and another Democrat defeated by a majority of two votes. Nicholas Ford is the lucky man.

It is said that Senator Blaine will introduce into the Senate a bill reducing the rate of postage to two cents instead of three. He argues that it will greatly add to the income of the department.

GEN. McCook, M. C. from New York, has introduced a bill in the House to place General Grant on the army retired list with the rank and pay of General of the army.

The Virginia judges of election who refused to receive the ballots of colored voters on the pretense that their tax receipts were not in due form have been indicted by the United States Grand Jury, in session at Richmond.

SAMMY TILDEN has got in his work on John Kelley. By a combination of the Tilden Democrats with the Republicans, Kelly has been beaten, and the Controversy of the city of New York has passed into the hands of Allan Campbell.

The late James E. Brown, the Kittingham millionaire, in his will makes a distribution of \$2,000,000, and bequeaths \$25 to every widow in Kittingham, and an equal amount to every wife who shall become a widow. A large portion of the estate goes to Presbyterian church boards.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for representation of the volunteer militia from every State in the Union at the inauguration of President-elect Garfield. For the first time since the war the people of the South will take an active part in the ceremonies on inauguration day.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue in his annual report shows that the government can raise sufficient revenue without the tax on bank checks, matches patent medicines, bank deposits and bank capital, and he recommends the repeal of the tax collected from these sources. He says that sufficient revenue can be raised from the taxes on spirits, malt liquors and tobacco. The taxes proposed to be abolished on the above articles amount to \$11,900,000 per annum, and the fact that the burdens of the people can be lightened this much, shows not only the prosperous condition of the country, but the natural fruits of the sound Republican administration of the National finances.

The Republicans of the Fifth Senatorial District (7th, 8th and 9th wards of Philadelphia) nominated Col. A. Wilson Norris for Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. William Elliott. Col. Norris served through the war, was private Secretary to Gov. Hartranft from 1873 to 1876, and since then has been Register of the Supreme Court of this State. The election took place on yesterday the 4th inst.

ACCORDING to the estimates of the London Economist the emigrants to the United States during the current year have brought with them \$35,000,000 in specie while the average value to the United States of each person in addition to the productive resources of the country is \$940, so that the number landing this year constitute "actual or potential addition to the wealth of the country of \$100,000,000.

WILL H. KIRKMAN, late editor of the Okolona Southern States has started a weekly at Memphis, called the Solid South, a patent outside in which he says: "The secession of the south was the grandest manifestation of patriotism in the history of humanity. Pray God that the day is not far distant when the Union will become a thing for worms to feed upon, and our people to be free, free and forever free, of Yankeeism.

We lay before our readers in this issue the last annual Message of President Hayes. It is very long, but it will repay perusal, and in its general scope and exhibit of the affairs of the Nation will doubtless prove eminently satisfactory. Publishing as we do almost the entire text of it, extended comment is uncalled for. Each reader can and will make up his own judgment, and we do not think that judgment will be most favorable to its author. To all we most heartily commend it.

It is reported from Washington that some of the leading Democrats in the House are dicker with the Greenbackers with a view of capturing the organization of the next House. It is said they offer to support a Greenback Congressman—Mr. Ladd of Maine for Speaker. It cannot be done, and the proposition only shows to what a depth the Democratic party has fallen, when its leaders propose to make it the tail of a half dozen Greenbackers.

COSMOSMUS HERR of Ohio, who is an out-and-out Democratic free trader, and believes in the doctrine of "a tariff for revenue only," has introduced a series of resolutions in the House denouncing our present protective system, and is mercilessly whipping his Democratic colleagues into line against protection. With Watterson of the Louisville Courier Journal and other Bourbon Democrats, he believes that true Democracy means free trade, and is determined to make his party the mark. Mr. Speaker Randall and other professed protectionists in the party, will have to do some talk dodging and squirming in their attempts to serve two masters. The result of the late elections is not very encouraging to Northern Democrats who have the wit to understand the drift of public sentiment, on the question of protection to home industry.

The electoral college of Georgia assembled last week, and of course cast the vote of the State for Hancock and English. As the law says the electors shall assemble and vote on the first Wednesday of December, they cannot therefore legally vote on any other day, and having failed to vote on the day fixed by law, their subsequent action amounts to nothing, and the vote of the State is lost. As well might Somerset County have refused to observe the State law, and held her election on the Third Tuesday of November, and then demanded that her vote be counted. Georgia having clearly forfeited her right to have her vote counted, we insist that there is no power existing anywhere that can now authorize or legalize its being counted. To count it is to violate a plain provision both of the Constitution and of the law, and it is no excuse to say that this thing has been done before, or that it can make no difference as to the general result. To do so is not only adding strength to a bad precedent, but is a most flagrant violation of the law that cannot be justified, and we trust that no sentimentalism will induce Republicans to countenance the effort that will be made in that direction.

Those who thought that the result of the late election had taught the Democrats a lesson were badly mistaken. Your regular Bourbon Democrat is as thoroughly incapable of learning anything new, as is an old dog of being taught new tricks. Instead of the present short session of Congress being strictly devoted to the transaction of necessary business as was hoped by the country, the Democrats have forced a protracted debate, which has already wasted three days, over a proposed new rule for counting the electoral vote. If there was any dispute likely to arise over the counting of the vote cast last month, there might be a necessity for speedily adjusting the manner of the count, but as the election of the Republican candidates is admitted without the slightest cavil, and four years must elapse before the question can again arise, it might well and most properly be deferred to a more fitting season. The time honored custom of the organization of the government to the election of Mr. Lincoln, was for the two Houses to meet in joint convention, each House selecting a teller who summoned up and delivered the result to the

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HO FOR THE HOLIDAYS! CHRISTMAS IS COMING WITH PRESENTS FOR EVERYBODY. I Take Pleasure in Inviting the Public to Call and see the Immense Stock of JEWELRY, SILVER WARE, WATCHES, NOTIONS, FANCY TOYS AND TOYS FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS. I have without any exception the largest selection of Holiday Goods in the city, and with the view to leaving Goods to suit the taste of all, and come within the reach of every body. From my Stock you can select A PRESENT FOR YOUR FATHER, A PRESENT FOR YOUR MOTHER, A PRESENT FOR YOUR BROTHER, A PRESENT FOR YOUR SISTER, A PRESENT FOR YOUR NEPHEW, A PRESENT FOR YOUR NIECE, A PRESENT FOR YOUR UNCLE, A PRESENT FOR YOUR AUNT, A PRESENT FOR YOUR FRIENDS, A PRESENT FOR YOUR SERVANTS, A PRESENT FOR YOUR DOGS, A PRESENT FOR YOUR CATS, A PRESENT FOR YOUR HORSES, A PRESENT FOR YOUR CATTLE, A PRESENT FOR YOUR SWINE, A PRESENT FOR YOUR BIRDS, A PRESENT FOR YOUR FISH, A PRESENT FOR YOUR PLANTS, A PRESENT FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD, A PRESENT FOR YOUR OFFICE, A PRESENT FOR YOUR SCHOOL, A PRESENT FOR YOUR CHURCH, A PRESENT FOR YOUR SOCIETY, A PRESENT FOR YOUR CLUB, A PRESENT FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION, A PRESENT FOR YOUR ORDER, A PRESENT FOR YOUR LODGE, A PRESENT FOR YOUR GUILD, A PRESENT FOR YOUR CONGREGATION, A PRESENT FOR YOUR PARISH, A PRESENT FOR YOUR DIOCESE, A PRESENT FOR YOUR ARCHDIOCESE, A PRESENT FOR YOUR BISHOPRIC, A PRESENT FOR YOUR KINGDOM, A PRESENT FOR YOUR EMPIRE, A PRESENT FOR YOUR WORLD.

TO REDUCE STOCK. Bargains in BOOTS and SHOES, Bargains in HATS and CAPS, Bargains in NOTIONS and MILLINERY Goods. I am Respectfully, PAUL G. NOWAK.

Terrible Explosion. These lengthy, tireless sensations causing you to feel constantly able to be on your feet; that constantly drain that is taking from your system all its elasticity; driving the blood from your cheeks; that continually strain upon your vital forces, can easily be removed by means of Hop Bitters. Irregularities and obstructions of your system are relieved at once, while the special cause of periodical pain is permanently removed. Will you feel this?—Chambers' Sating Night.

Into a Snow Bank. ST. LOUIS, Iowa, December 10.—An east-bound train on the Fort Pierre line of the Northwestern road, consisting of seven coaches, two baggage cars and two locomotives, containing three hundred and thirty passengers was thrown from the track five miles east of New Ulm, by the falling of an axle. The accident occurred on the level prairie, and the cars were tipped over in a snow bank, breaking the force of the train, which was running at the rate of thirty miles an hour. None of the passengers were injured, but they suffered much from the cold, the thermometer indicating 29 below zero. The road was blocked for four days, until a track could be built around the wreck.

What an English Journal Says. LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Times, in its financial article says: "The finances of the United States may excite the envy not only of England but of Europe. The unpromised rate of the loan, the effect of its untimely effect of raising the credit of the United States to a level with the most stable and best paying communities of the old world. In reaching that level the United States will only attain a position of equality with a country which is so faithful to its engagements, whose resources are so limitless, and whose population increases with such remarkable rapidity, ought to enjoy the best credit accorded to any State.

Accident. ARKANSAS, Dec. 7.—The regular passenger train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad which left this city at 5:45 last evening was thrown from the track near Edgerton Junction, twenty-three miles from here, by a broken rail. The baggage, mail and express coaches were overturned, and the engine and tender burned. W. K. Syms, the mail agent was burned to death, and Mail Agent A. G. Beller had his shoulder broken. The conductor, Westfall, has an ankle badly sprained. None of the passengers were hurt. The reports are conflicting, and saying that only the mail car and coach were burned.

A Burglar Foiled. NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—To-night Miss Mrs. George McNeil was seated in her sitting room, on the second floor of her residence, No. 148 South Elizabeth street, Williamsburg, a rough looking man raised the window and entered the apartment. He drew a revolver and demanded the money or her life. Mrs. McNeil said she had no money and ran into an adjoining apartment, where she secured a revolver soon. As she reappeared the ruffian discharged one shot, the ball penetrating the fleshy part of her arm. The plucky woman, taking deliberate aim, fired two shots at him as he made his escape through the window. Mrs. McNeil says she thinks she wounded the fellow. She was unable to give any description of him.

America in the Future. LONDON, Dec. 7.—Mr. Charles Jewell Read, who went to America recently to inquire into American agriculture, in addressing the Farmers' Club in London, said he would not fear American competition in the future. He said that the increase of the land would come in that time and the cost of production increase; but in regard to beef there were serious prospects of competition from the vast herds of cattle in the far West. Mr. Read deemed it likely that the American nation would become the greatest in the world.

Verdicts for Riot Losses. PITTSBURGH, December 8.—Nineteen verdicts for amounts aggregating \$100,000 were returned by the Common Ple