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WEDEESDAY MORYISG, MAR, 6, 1879.

## Harrisburg Letter.

Harnieburg, March 1, 1879. Ed. Republeas:The past week has
been crowded with work and play. The evonings afforded a well selected line evonings afforded a well selected line
of amusements, amateur and professof amusements, amateur and profess-
ional, while on Capitol hill our Solons ional, while on Capitol hins our solons
daily toiled in the interosts of this great Conumonwealth. The State Temperance Convontion was well atten
ded. They held mase meetings in the Senato Chamber Monday ovening, and in the House of Representatives Tucsday afternoon and evenimg. Able and friends of local option feel hopefol about passing the local option law. Many petitions numerously signed are pouring in favoring its passage.
In the House, the bill abolishing jury commissioners passed second reading Feb. 27 gh . It abolishes the office and provides for the performance of the dutios by the
County Commissioners.
County Commissioners.
The Columbia Dam
The Columbia Dam question is finally settled. Friday the Agricultur al committee reported it with a neg.
ative recommendation. As it will ative recommendation. As it will
take 101 votes to put it on the calendar, we will probably hear no more o it this session. The bill provides for
the removal of the Culumbia dam, and the removal of the Culunbia dam, and an appropriation of of was to allow The ostensible object was to allow the shad, on their habitual annua
trip from the ocean in search of fresh trip from the streams in which to spawn, to
water water streams up the Susquehanna and supply fine fresh fish; The real object was to create an extensive job of removing a dam about 11 miles in length across the Susquehanna at Columbia. As the Reading R. R. owns the dam and heir canal crosses the river there it would necessitate the purchase of the Reading R. R. and also the expensive nothing was provided. Then, unless the canal were abandoned another dam must be built three miles above to enable the canal boats to cross the river, and the query arose how the firb would get over the second dami any
better that the first. It was thought to be but the entering wedge for the expenditure of a large amount of
public money, and the members broathed easier when the bill was negatived.
Mr. Wheeler of your county read in place and presented to the chair a bill to prevent firing wild land which aside from the lateness in the session has
fair prospects of passage. I believe that was all of general interest your readers, in the Logislature. March, in this latitude has come may took out for the roaring lion in fow weeks.

## Our Washington Letter.

Special to the Republica
Wabnisotox, D. C., Feb. 27, '79 Neither House of Cungross can es cape its just share of responsibility for the back ward condition of much of
the business before them. The little episode in the Senate the other night when the Sergent at-Arms and hi deputies were ordered out into the
midright darkness to the boarding mouses, hotels and residences of Senators to bring enough of them in that august body to make up a quorum respond till hours afterwards or not at all, shows with what contempt they Several of them were reported as having refused to open their doors to rethe Capitel; others who were notified vouchanfed no reply to the messengers and went to the Senate when they got
ready whick nes shout 1 n'elock the followiog P. M. I need not say tha if either House was to devote itself one half as assiduously to businass hours per day during the sesion lasts as the av erage business man does, uight session would rarely be necessary. And other than a member had been guilty of similarly contemptuous treatment
likely have been thrust into the black-
hole, there to remain a prisoner untI hole, there to remain a prisoner untll
he had humbled and purged himself of his contempt by an abject npology
at the bar of the Senate ; and we should at the bar of the Senate; and we should have been regaled by any number of
stereotyped speeches at the daring and
plater stereotyper speeches at hes isring and
presumptious disregard of the rights, dignity and prerogatives of the uppor
Honse. Ever since the House fell Hoose. Ever since the House fell under Demneratic sway the rule roquiring the regular annual appropria-
tion bills to be reported within 30 days from, date of convening or assigning a valid reason for failure as though it had no existence. But every year the same bonsts have been heard that they were not going to wait 30 days but that the bills were going to be reported within 2 weeks
at the very farthest, and just as regularly they have been delayed up to point so near the end of the session that the Senate Committee has. had bills whose aggregate ran away up it the hundred millions. With few ex ceptions the same inefficiency, indo management of all business in the House. Making every possible al lowance for their inexperience and
taking iuto the account every demeri of Republican management when i control, wo unbiased observer wil deny the superiority of Republica satesmanship as compared with thei opponents in the transaction of pub-
lic businoss. And I do not hesitate to y that the Republicans never even aring the war when men's passion were guilty of the flagrant partisan utrages in the matter of contest most un rarying line of decisions in favor of Demooratic contestants re gardless of facts and in notorious de fiance of every principle of law and equity. The Bisbee-Finley case is one point. The evidence lof room for ot so much as the shadow of a doubt of Bisbee's election and of the repudiation of Finley by a comparatively
arge majority. Yet Finley wa warded the zent, because that was necessary to give a show of consistency carried the State (Florida). Uulers he mass of voters have become wholly iudifferent to the vindieation of popuBourbonlsun in this case will be propcrly rebuked at the next general elec-
tion, though it was sought to impart an appearance of impartiality by
a warding Metcalf (of Missouri) a seat he has always occupied and whose questioned. Nothing better was expected of self-acknowledged renegades the notorious Hamburg Massacre Butler in the Senatorisl seat he ha usurped, despite the Committee's port showing be had no more right to the Presidency. It was shown after an exhaustive investigation that Cor bin was legally elected and that But ler's pretended election by a mob wa outrage, bloodshed and outright mur der that he pertonally direeted. the face of all this a man elected to represent the sturdy Republicanism of ono of our great central States
threw his influence and vote with the Democrats, practically endorsing the horrible atrocities of the red-shirted ku klux.
question involving the repenl of the Iaw so that every Democratic rough can vote as early and often as he
pleases was badly managed by Houso Republicaus.
Every differenee upon which hinges an extra session is or soon will be be fare conference committees and they will likely he decided before this is in
print. print.
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and it will soon be new moon
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