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Harrisburg Letter.
Harrteburg, May 16, 1879. Ed. Republican:-
In the House the past week the main subject of discuss.
ion has been the Revenue Bill. Incorporated in it is a proposed tnx on
oil for State purposes, whicb, as might be expected, is strongly opposed by Representatives of the Oil Regions, More bitierly since the defeat of the
Anti-diserimination Bill. Ex.Gov. Hartranft in his mesaagestated further taxation was unnecessary. Auditor General Schell corroborated the same.
Col. Davis, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Speaker Long and others asserted on the floor of the
House that a tax on oil would be House that a tax on oil would be on-
necessary, even if the State should assume $\$ 3,000,000$ or $\$ 4,000,000$ o Riot losses. It was rather difficult for
these gentlemen to explain the ity since the measure was defeated. Some have been so uncharitable as to suggest Wat the necessity arone from
the desire to punish the oil delegation for opposing the Riat Bill. The first vote on 5 cents per bbl, State tax, re-
sulted 69 yeas, 104 nays. Then the coal men asked and received a reduction from 3 cents to 1 cent per ton
where mined by corporation, (individual, or miners in copartnership pay was placed on oil, and afterward reconsidered, when the hour of adjournment arrived. This morning the
on oil was defeated by a vote 53 and 103 nays. It is pretty certain the House will not submit to the taxation The Investigating Committee on the before it. Several members testified from 8300 to 81,000 to support the Bill. In fast, it has been pretty well developed that $\$ 300$ was the sum of members at first; then 8500 , and finally 81,000 , as the prospects of the not so far been shown that any mem. ber yielded to such arguments. When we reflect that for weeks the vote was so close that a change of three or four
votes would change the result it argues well for the integrity of the present Legislature of Pennsylvania. The mittee. Ouly one, the editor of the offered any money, Kemble, to withdraw he 8500 by The committee meet again Tuesday evening.
Mr. Wheeler of your county called lands," or rather more stringent law on the subject, which passed second
reading Wednesday afternoon. The present fires now destroying so much in its favor.
Some one who has taken pains to
denominations are represented as fol-
lows in the present House: Methodist 21, Presbyterian 33, Baptist 8, Lutheran 11, German Reformed 14, Roman 4, United Brethera 2, Episcopal 7 Christ Church 1, Morarian 1. A lustration of the freedom enjoyed in
this country to worship God secording When final of ones own conscience. When final adjournment will take
place is not decided, hut probably not until the full 150

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 month of May, which is not returned and repuisins unpaid on the first day of June, finty per cent. will bo added.Liquor, Cigar and Tobaceo dealens should make a note of this.

Our Washington Letter. Wasminaton, D. C., May 15,
The Democrats are the worse used The Democrats are the woree used up set of men ever seen at thet Capitol
They dare not go on, since the, second veto, and enact their treasonnble deigus for fant of the solid North, and they dire not show patriotism enough
to back down from a very bad posito back down from a very bad posi-
tion, for fear of the solid South, which ovidently means treason now just as much as it did in 1861. And more
than this, they have than this, they have become frightened
at a ghost of their own creation; they at a ghost of their own creation; they
actually besitate now at going into ancus, because they have lost faith in their ability to hold the party
together. Already the Green backers are nervous under the broken pledges of the Democrats to help them in
or general logislation, and they cannot be depanded on to support any more coercive measures, and many of the Democrats themselves bave received advice from home to the effect that
the country has had enough of this extra session, and want a rest. I seems probable therefore that finally
the Democrats will swallow their dis. appoiatment the best they may, and make the appropriations in some for Ajourning very soon thereafter. brought out most admirable speeches brought out by the new Democratio of Minnesota. That Gentlemand ot monopolize the time of the does much, but he could not understand the provocation of Ben Hill's harnngue which was intended to maguify the He set out by citing the efforts of the North and the Republican party to pacify the secessioniats, all in vain, and remarked that indeed it did seem that the extremists of the North must be responsible for all the blood shed, Mr. Hill thought the poor-rebels wer so entirely innocent. Senator Win-
dom was especially pointed and severe in his reference to the dictation of the Democratic caucus, and dwelt at some length upon this phase of the new de-
perture in nationa: legislation, delaring that history would be searched in vain for a precedent. One tender
place was touched by Seaator Windom prominent Democrat had told him with helping the Government to get along until July 1880 as the appropri because there would then be ouly 4
months, which the Govern
and of the fiscal year way between th dential election. On the other hand if the issue was mado on the appropriien be 16 months in which to would he Presilent, and this was what he ad his friends aimed at. Doubting his statement, the Democratic Senaof his informant, but did not want Atkins, House Appropriation Cormittee. This was a poser, and they didn't aterrupt the Senator to ask ques.
ions after that. Senator Windom' speoch adds another forcible campaiga decument to the many that have Confederate raid on the Federal Goyerument.
Thos. H. Brents, Delegato from
Vashiogton Territory Washiogton Territory has published
a statement here touching that expectant State which is interesting and
important. The population is rapidly
incrensing incrensing, and at the present growth,
its vote will be more than 15,000 next year, which is about the average vote
of Congressional distriets. That the Territory ought to be made a State one obstacle to it. It would be a Re. publican State, sending two Repub-
ican Senators and one M. C. Now, fican Senators and one M. C. Now,
whea the Confederates are so desperate as to make efforts to steal Republican
seats like that of Kellogg, of La., will seats like that of Kellogg, of La, will
they consent to give the Republieans two sents, and thereby pretty well Congress in 1881? That is the serious question. The Demoerats are "going for"
every place of profit they can get their
bands ou, Two more places at the Capitol were made vacant yeaterday To furnish homes for Ex-Confedorates,
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