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CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.

IN SENATE.—The Senate met at 12 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Slicer.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, and, on motion of Mr. Johnson, 1,000 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, it was resolved that the Military and Naval Committees be increased to seven members each.

On Mr. Sevier's motion the Senate proceeded the election of officers, when the old officers were all re-elected almost unanimously.

The joint resolution from the House providing for the election of two Chaplains, was agreed to, and Mr. Slicer elected on the part of the Senate.

On Mr. Mangum's motion, the following appointments of Chairmen of the standing Committees were made:—On Foreign Relations, Mr. Sevier; Finance, Mr. Atherton; Commerce, Mr. Dix; Manufactures, Mr. Dickenson; Agriculture, Mr. Sturgeon; Military Affairs, Mr. Cass; Militia, Mr. Rusk; Naval Affairs, Mr. Fairfield; Post Office, Mr. Niles; Private Land Claims, Mr. Yulee; Indian Affairs, Mr. Atchison; Claims, Mr. Phelps; Revolutionary Claims, Mr. Johnson; Judiciary, Mr. Ashley; Post Office and Roads, Mr. Niles; Roads and Canals, Mr. Johnson; Patents and Patent Office, (ad hoc.); District of Columbia, Mr. Cameron; Patents, and the Patent Office, Mr. Westcott; Pensions, Mr. Hunter; Revolutionary Pensions, Mr. Douglass; Public Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hunter; Contingent Expenses, Mr. Felch; Engrossed Bills, Mr. Dix; Enrolled Bills, Mr. Downs; Enrolled Bills, Mr. Johnson; Joint Committee on the Library, Mr. Pearce.

On motion of Mr. Mangum, the clerks of the remaining members of the Committees were appointed standing committees.

The list was read by the Secretary, and agreed to. We subjoin the more important ones:

Committee on Foreign Relations—Mr Sevier, chairman; Messrs Benton, Webster, Hannegan, and Mangum.

On Finance—Mr Atherton, chairman; Messrs Dickinson, Bright, Clayton, Hunter, and Phelps.

On Commerce—Mr Dix, chairman; Messrs Johnson, Breese, Cameron, and John Davis.

On Manufactures—Mr Dickinson, chairman; Messrs Ashley, Upham, Butler, and Clarke.

On Military Affairs—Mr Cass, chairman; Messrs Benton, Crittenden, Jefferson Davis, Dix, Badger, and Rusk.

On Naval Affairs—Mr Fairfield chairman; Messrs Yulee, Miller, Bright, Rusk and Johnson.

On the Judiciary—Mr Ashley, chairman; Messrs Westcott, Berrien, Butler and Clarke.

On Territories—Mr Douglass, chairman; Messrs Bright, Clayton, Butler, John Davis.

After which Mr. Dickinson submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That true policy requires the government of the United States to strengthen its political and commercial relations with those countries, by the annexation of such contiguous territory as may conduce to that end, and can be justly obtained, and that neither in such acquisitions nor in the territorial organization thereof, can any conditions be constitutionally imposed, or institutions prescribed or established inconsistent with the right of the people thereof, to form a free sovereign State with the powers and privileges of the original members of the confederacy.

Resolved, That in organizing a territorial government in territory acquired by the United States, the principles of self government, upon which our confederative system rests, will be best promoted, the true spirit and meaning of the constitution be observed, and the confederacy strengthened by leaving all questions concerning the domestic policy therein to the legislation of those by the people thereof.

A number of bills were introduced, read a first and second time, and referred to their appropriate committees.

Mr. Cameron introduced a resolution providing for the furnishing of the new Senator with the usual books, &c., which was finally referred to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Pearce, some unimportant business the Senate adjourned.

IN HOUSE.—Mr. Harringer's motion, Mr. A. H. Stephens, to be excused from serving on the Committee of Agriculture, on account of a chronic disease not likely to speedily terminate, was lost.

Mr Giddings made a personal speech, in reply to an attack made upon him in the National Whig, which was finally laid on the table, by a vote of 97 to 81.

Mr. Ficklin, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill to amend the newspaper postage law, repealing that part relative to newspaper postage.

Mr Tallmadge presented a memorial from James Monroe, condemning Mr Jackson's conduct, from New York.

On Mr Pollock's motion, the House proceeded to the election of a Chaplain.

Mr Levy nominated the Rev. R. W. Cushman, a Baptist.

Mr Ashman nominated Mr Orville Dewey, of the Unitarian persuasion.

Mr M'Lane nominated Mr. J. M. Sullivan, of Baltimore, Episcopal.

Mr Brodhead nominated Royal R. Gurley, Presbyterian.

Mr Stanton nominated Levi R. Reese, of Baltimore, Methodist Episcopal.

On the third call it appeared that Mr. Gurley had 102, and Rev. Mr. Cushman 99, when Mr. Gurley was declared elected.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry reports from the Treasury Department, which were referred the appropriate Committees, and ordered to be printed.

The bill from the Senate for the relief of the heirs of John Paul Jones, was taken up.

Mr Bowlin opposed it, and moved its reference to the Committee on Claims which motion was carried.

Mr Vinton introduced a resolution for a new Committee on Internal Commerce; which was ordered to be entered upon the business, the House adjourned until to-morrow.

WASHINGTON Dec. 15.

SENATE.—Mr. Calhoun submitted the following resolution, which were ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That to conquer and hold Mexico, either as a province or incorporating it into the Union, is inconsistent with the avowed object of the war, contrary to the settled policy of the Government, in conflict with its character and genius, and, in the end, must be subversive of all our free institutions.

Resolved, That no line of policy in the further prosecution of the war should be adopted, which may tend to consequence so disastrous.

HOUSE.—Mr. Vinton's resolution for the appointment of a Committee on Internal Commerce came up, and was debated for some time by Messrs. Rhett, Vinton, Smith, Root, Bedinger, Wentworth, Baldwin, Stewart & Schenck; in the midst of which proceedings we received from the President the Veto Message over the River and Harbor Bill of last session. The balance of the day was occupied in debating the message and motions for its reference, without arriving at any definite conclusion.

LIBERIA—On the 24th of August, the flag of this new Republic was unfurled for the first time, amid much pomp, and ceremony, and rejoicing—a full account of which is given in the Liberia Herald. On the 1st of October an election for President and Vice President was held, which resulted in the choice of Gov. Roberts for President, and Hon. N. Brander for Vice President—both, of course, colored men. This Republic is one of the fruits of the noble exertions of the American colonization Society. A home is now offered the colored man, in which he is guaranteed the possession of civil, religious and political right, and can stand up in all the dignity of free and intelligent humanity. The happy influence which the new Republic may exercise over the destinies of Africa, no one can estimate.

☞The New York Tribune says that Madame Ravelli, the female albatrioist, will have to undergo a trial on another charge that has just been brought against her, by the victim a lovely girl of highly respectable family.

☞Three men were killed on the Reading Railroad, on Sunday last, by the break of an axle of one of the cars.

☞The Philadelphia Daily Sun, (Native) is becoming Locofoco as rapidly as it well can. Some of its late articles on the war would do credit to the radical sheet[illegible] of the Ledger.

ANOTHER CHURCH CASE.—Philadelphia county is paying dear for the riots in 1844.—Another church case has been decided—that of St. Michael's—in which the county pays $27,000, for damages done by the rioters.

LARGE HOGS.—On Wednesday last, Mr. Eliza Sheets, of this place, killed three hogs weighing 364, 399, and 461 lbs.—1264 in all.

☞Col. T. B. Andrews, of the Voltigeur Regiment, is mentioned at Washington.

☞A Telegraph line is about being constructed between York and Baltimore.

☞See Prospectus of the Philadelphia "Daily News," in to-day's paper—a first-rate Family Journal. By the-by, the "News" unfortunately reaches this Post-office one day *after* publication. Can the matter not be remedied by the publishers?

The same difficulty exists with regard to the "Daily Sun."

☞The Annapolis Republican, a Whig paper, in an article of three columns, labors to show the propriety of running Gen. Taylor for the Presidency—assigning as the principal reason our entire ignorance of his political views!

☞The South Carolina Hotspurs are voting terribly indignant resolutions against the Wilmot Proviso, and threaten a Dissolution of the Union, if Congress should dare to propose to second the efforts of the Slavery propagandists!

☞Bishop Hennessy of New York, is at present in Washington. On Sunday last, at the request of a number of members of Congress, he preached in the Hall of the House of Representatives. His discourse is highly spoken of as a masterly effort.

MISSIONS.—Rev. C. F. Heyer, missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to India, informs us that he has received from the Mission and Subscriptions to the Star and Collecting and receipting for the same.

FOR PRESIDENT,

GEN. WINFIELD SCOTT.

☞ Let John Jacob Astor, Esq. of New York, be our next President.

☞ Let Hon. Jacob Broom, of Philadelphia, be our next Vice President.

☞ Let Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, of Adams, be our next Governor.

☞ Let Hon. Jesse Lemisch, of Philadelphia, be our next Canal Commissioner.

☞ Let Hon. Jos. Casey, of Luzerne, be our next Surveyor General.

☞ Let Hon. Jos. Ritner, of Washington, be our next Minister to Mexico.

☞ Let Hon. Jos. Lawrence, of Philadelphia, be our next Minister to Russia.

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