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The Riot Damage bill was voted down in the House, and frowned out of the Senate during the earlier days of last week; but still with all that, it persisted in intruding its corrupt presence upon the attention of the Legislature, for at the closing session of the week in the House it was again brought forward.

The act of 1849 grew out of religious riots, Catholic and Protestant, that are in no way analogous to the riots of 1877; but, should the courts find liability under the provisions of 1849, it will be time enough then for the appointment of a committee to lay damages.

If the courts decide—which may Heaven forbid—that the business interests and the industrial interests of the State must pay damages arising out of the work of bad men, it will be time enough then to appoint a committee of citizens to determine the amount of damage the State must pay.

It is fundamentally wrong for a State or county to permit the honest industrial interests and business interests to be taxed for the outrages of bad men. No State can live long under the application of such a principle.

THE men in and about the Legislature, who favor the \$1,000,000 riot bill, cling to the obvious bill like buzzards to a carcass. From expressions dropped in different ways, the effort looks as if it were a game of "you tickle me, and I'll tickle you" on the part of the bill and you shall have such and such an amount out of it.

THE new presentation of Magee and McNeill is like the showman who painted stripes on his jacks and tried to pass him off on the public as a Zebra. The showman got his money that time, but the next time he came around with his show, the public would not look at it. So it will be with the Senate, and the Legislature, if they pass McNeill's painted jacks.

THE public are so ignorant that they vote for a resolution that when they say, "No Zebra," Mr. Showman, but a painted jacks.

THE Rebel brigadiers keep on a while longer in Congress, denying everything in regard to Rebellion, it need not surprise the country if they deny that they ever organized a war against the government. It need not surprise the country if they appoint committees in Congress to whitewash their rebellion, and make it appear that they were the Northern people who were a band of government robbers.

A French astronomer declares that by recent discoveries he has become satisfied that the moon is inhabited. He is desirous that a fund of two hundred thousand dollars be raised to pay for the manufacture of a telescope by which he will be more fully enabled to learn of the inhabitants of the moon.

"The Big Steel"

For once the smell of money failed to entice a majority of the Pennsylvania Legislature, jolly-coked as it was between the solicitations of good men and honest women. The steel in the bill struck out too prominently, the price of votes ran up too rapidly to escape the criticism of even those who have suffered by such transactions, and the dose revolted them.

This much from across the water relative to the present reigning family in Russia: All the children of the Crown Prince of Germany are scrupulously like their mother. When it was first proposed at the Prussian Court to marry the young and rich Countess Bismarck to the Prince, Bismarck opposed the project in these words: "You will ruin the sound and lusty Hohenzollern stock."

CONGRESSMAN BLACKBURN said in his place in Congress: "We do not intend to stop until we have stricken the last vestige of your war measures from your statute books."

"Some one in Washington has been counting up the brigadiers." He finds that there are 58 in the House and 19 in the Senate who served in the Confederate Army. The Democrats have 39 Representatives in the House from Southern States, so that about sixty per cent. of their number were in the Army.

"The colored people of Baltimore celebrated the anniversary of the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment. There was a procession of Masons, Odd Fellows and other civic societies. A heavy rain the afternoon did not break their ranks. There were many thousands in the procession. The celebration concluded with a ball."

"The Rebel brigadiers in Congress get out in such a way in their extraneous reason that there is no mistaking their purpose. Their object was to repeat the resolutions measures, they began at the middle one, and threatened that if it be not repealed no appropriation should pass."

"The people have elected the present Congress under the cry of 'no more money' and so forth. They were deceived. If there is such a thing as carried out they will find that the election was most unfortunate and as costly as rebellion itself."

"The Mexican Congress assembled on the 1st inst. In his message President Diaz called attention to the operations of Gen. Oria for the pursuit of Mexican raiders across the border was still in force, and the treaty of 1848 is thereby repealed."

CERTAIN has a great amount of testimony before Congress relative to his contest for a seat. It will take the Commission days and days to read it. If there is such a thing as a man who can get through the Democratic will have him in.

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