

CONGRESS

The second session of the Thirty-Third Congress was commenced on Monday, Dec. 4, at noon. Thirty-eight Senators and one hundred and ninety-three Representatives were in their seats.

Wednesday, December 5.—The Senate this morning elected the Hon. Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana, President pro tempore.

In the House Committees were appointed by the Speaker. Mr. Phillips offered the following resolution. Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to report a bill reducing the duties on railroad iron, or allowing a credit thereon.

Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, moved to lay the resolution on the table. The yeas and nays were ordered, the question was taken, and yeas 97, nays 71, on the motion of Hon. G. A. Grow, voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Solters, of Maryland, gave notice that to-morrow, or on some future day, he should ask leave to introduce a bill to prevent the importation of passenger paupers and convicts to the United States, and to increase the revenues of the United States.

Mr. Solters yesterday was called upon by Mr. Phillips as follows: Resolved, That the President of the United States inform this House, if it is incompatible with the public interest, what was the object of the object of the meeting or conference of the American Ministers, at Ostend, and whether the said meeting or conference was in obedience to instructions of the Secretary of State; what the said instructions were, and what was the result of said meeting or conference.

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H. H. FRAZIER AND THEO. SMITH, EDITORS. MONTROSE, PA. Thursday, December 14, 1854.

The Independent Republican.

The publication of a weekly newspaper, with the above title, will be commenced at Montrose on the 1st of January next, under the editorial charge of the undersigned.

It is the object of this paper to be a medium for the expression of the sentiments of the Republican or Free-Soil party in Susquehanna County.

Having formerly acted with opposing political parties, one of us having published a Democratic and the other a Whig paper in this county, we have seen and experienced the merits and demerits of each.

We would feel particularly obliged to our advertising friends if they would hand in their favors as early as Tuesday.

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Grand Land Speculation in Nebraska. Every body likes late news, fresh news, startling, immense news. Well we have in their eyes open some. Our sources of information are direct and we believe reliable.

It seems that a co-partnership was formed last summer between Stephen Arnold Douglas of Illinois; Bird Chapman, ex-Special Mail Agent; Korney, Editor Washington Union and Clerk of the House of Representatives; Joseph W. Gray, Postmaster of Cleveland; Wm. Green of Eliza, Ohio, and one other party, whose name we forget.

This company of political brethren and imbecile patriots, have secured the refusal of a \$50,000 purchase of Indian Missionary Reservation lands in Nebraska Territory \$50,000 has been paid down, as the forfeit money, in case the Company should not pay the residue as the title stipulated.

Official Information has been received at this Department that the French and English Governments have determined, if the war with Russia shall continue, to close by block, in the coming spring, and as early as possible, the ports of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov remaining in the hands of Russia.

The first establishment in Virginia which became permanent, was made in 1007. It was a small colony of negroes in the colony until about 1550. The first brought here as slaves were by a Dutch ship, after which the English commenced the trade, and continued it until the Revolutionary war.

The Chicago Democrat of the 25th ult. announces the granting of a bill by the State Senate, which would give the Illinois delegation exactly six to three. Col Archer takes the place of Mr. Allen, who voted for the Nebraska bill. The Post will please to observe that the Nebraska has not gained a member of Congress.

NOTICES. The Slips in the Presbyterian Church in Montrose, will be sent for the year 1855 on Saturday, December 30th, 1854, at 10 o'clock a. m. The County Superintendents of teachers and of education, is earnestly solicited.