

Arrest of John H. Surratt.

The United States consul at Alexandria, Egypt, telegraphs by cable to the State Department that JOHN H. SURRATT has been arrested, and that there can be no doubt of his identity. The capture of this man is of the greatest importance to the country, for from him can doubtless be obtained facts concerning the murder of our beloved President, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, which will startle the world. The deep mystery which still envelops that terrible tragedy may yet be explained.

ONE CASE TRIED.—At the recent Court in Lycoming county, two election officers in Nippenose township were prosecuted for having refused to take the vote of a deserter from the draft. Verdict of the Jury—Not Guilty; county for costs. The Law Judge of the county (Hon. A. Jordan) is a Democrat, and we presume charged the Jury that the officers had only obeyed their oath, and that the State Law had disqualified deserters from voting; and the Jury decided accordingly.

The Meeting of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.
The weather is as pleasant as could possibly be expected.
The galleries of the two branches of Congress are densely crowded. Those of the House are not sufficiently large to accommodate all seekers of admission.
The members of the House are present in full force. Long before noon the members of both parties were seen shaking hands with marked cordiality, and conversing on other subjects than politics. A mere looker-on would scarcely suspect that differences on any subject ever divided them, so happy are they in greeting.

SENATE.

The Senate was called to order at twelve o'clock precisely, by Mr. Foster, President pro tem.
Mr. Anthony presented the following resolutions, which were severally adopted:
That the Secretary inform the House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.
That a committee of two be appointed to join a committee of the House and wait upon the President to receive his message.
Mr. Sumner said if there was no business before the Senate he would move to call up Senate bill No. 1, an act to regulate the elective franchise in the District of Columbia.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The roll of members was called, and 146 answered to their names.
Three new members were sworn in from Tennessee, and two from Kentucky.
A committee was appointed to wait on the President and inform him that Congress had assembled and was ready to receive any communication.
Mr. Elliot (Mass.) asked leave to introduce a bill to repeal the thirteenth section of the act of July 17th, 1862, which section authorizes the President to grant pardon and amnesty to persons who took part in the rebellion.
Mr. Elliot's bill was then put upon its passage, and was passed by a vote of 111 to 29.
A bill was introduced, and referred, directing the sale of \$2,000,000 of gold, by the Secretary of the Treasury, every Monday.
Also, a bill for the meeting of Congress on the 4th of March.
Mr. Stevens introduced a bill to regulate removals from office, which was made the special order for Friday next.
Mr. Schenck (Ohio) introduced a bill to equalize the bounties of soldiers, sailors and marines. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The MORMONS are organizing a movement to exterminate all those from Salt Lake City and Utah Territory who do not agree with them. In consequence of this, the Gentiles of that region are preparing to resist the Saints, and bad work may be looked for where the world has been taught to believe only holiness prevails.

Gov. ORR, of South Carolina has acknowledged that the black man free is of far more use in a community, and consequently of larger benefit to himself, than in a condition of bondage. Gov. Orr confesses, by this admission, that the system of bondage which the South maintained for so many years, and to extend which it essayed to destroy the Government of the union, was a barbarity by which the rights of a race were ignored and the interests of humanity annulled.

The organization of manufacturing companies for the production of iron machinery is one of the wonders of the times. The amount of invested capital in these manufacturing is immense, greater by far than that ventured in any other interest. The impelling cause of this enterprise is the anticipated demand for improved machinery in the south, for the cultivation of the staples of that region. Heretofore, slave labor did all the service, while the rudest and most imperfect implements were used. Already a different influence, in this respect prevails in the South. Those who cultivate large plantations are introducing improved machinery. Steam, iron and steel are taking the places of blood, bone and muscle. This demand will create a vast market which can only be controlled by Northern manufactures.

A YOUNG MAN in Cincinnati of rich and respectable parents has just been discovered in a very mean trick. He paid his fond attentions to a wealthy young lady, and succeeded in taking a valuable gold watch from her, which he pawned for some "loose change." He has been compelled to disown.

EMIGRATION TO LIBERIA.

In some portions of the South it is stated that the negroes prefer emigration to Liberia to living in idleness and poverty in the many sections of the South that are now destitute. One hundred and sixteen colored persons recently passed through Atlanta on their way to Charleston to embark for Liberia, and the Southern papers report that large numbers of emigrants, awaiting an opportunity to sail, and who have come from all portions of the South, are now collected in Charleston. Our latest advices from Liberia represent that colony to be in a prosperous condition and enjoying a lucrative trade.—Ledger.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.—Andrew Johnson has pocketed the bill to admit Nebraska into the Union as a State, and will of course veto it. The following reasons for immediately passing it over his head says the Press, should be conclusive with republican Senators and Representatives:
I. Nebraska has been represented seven years by a Republican Delegate.
II. She has elected two radical republican United States Senators.
III. She has elected a Republican member of Congress for the Thirty ninth and Fortieth Congress.
IV. She has elected Republican State officer.
V. On the second Tuesday of October she elected a State Legislature with a majority of about 24 on joint ballot.
VI. She is able to adopt the constitutional amendment.
VII. She can elect a successor for six years to the Senator who may draw the short term.
VIII. Her majority is 770 on the popular vote.
IX. Her population is not far from 70,000.

A GOOD JOKE has just been perpetrated by the clerks in the Departments at Washington. Before the late elections these bread-and-butter gentry organized a club for the purpose of co-operating with the Copperheads of the various States in winning victories to vindicate the infamies of Andrew Johnson. But the results of the elections somewhat confused these presumptuous scribes. They received a blow too hard to be withstood. At their last meeting, it was resolved to change the character of their organization, and make its object for the future, "to the promotion of temperance." This is certainly commendable, and if the Departmental Clerks at Washington can win Andrew Johnson to temperate habits, they will be doing him and the country, whose pay they are receiving, more good than if they had won a hundred political victories for my policy.

WE HOPE THE REPUBLICAN PRESS will not deceive their readers with statements to the effect that the President intends acquiescing in what Congress adopts, and that he will respect the mandate of the people made at the ballot box. It is not in Andrew Johnson's nature to be just or truthful, nor is it a part of any of his purposes to seek a fair harmony of the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government. If he acted in harmony with Congress, and obeyed the will of the men who saved the Government from destruction, he would become the instrument of punishing those with whom he has reciprocal oaths of alliance. The little more than twenty-seven months allotted to Andrew Johnson, as president, will be entirely devoted to a furtherance of the interests of traitors. Therefore, let no intelligent Republican delude himself with the idea that Andrew Johnson will not need watching while he is in power.

So long as the spirit of hatred to union soldiers prevails in the South, the people of that section need not be surprised at the determination of the loyal North to exact ample security for the future peace of the country and the rights of loyal citizens, before restoring the Southern States to their forfeited privileges in the Union.
The Catholic Church has decided that there can be no distinction in race and color in the folds of the Mother Church. We may now conclude that the gates of Heaven are not closed against the African race. "We never doubted their 'title clear to mansions in the skies,' but it is well enough to have the question taken up by a powerful church and pronounced upon. We are not aware that any churches, as such, deny the title of the negro to immortal existence. But the members of churches are not quick to show that they believe in equality of privilege beyond the grave.

Shooting people in Peru is a pastime, and highwaymen have it all their own way, but a correspondent of the New York Tribune tells "how he was surprised by a band of robbers, and how he outwitted them, having just eighty-five cents in his pocket, he rode out of Lima one morning, armed to the teeth, but expectant of robbers. About a mile from the city he was suddenly met by four men, and just at the same moment ten more appeared in sight. One of the number demanded his money or his life. Pretending to search for his funds he drew a Derringer and shot the highwayman through the head, and spurring up his mule got out of range, halted, drew his seven shooter and dispatched four others, and then made his tracks for Lima, from whence he sent policemen to secure the five corpses.

There is a story of a celebrated French preacher, who on delivering a sermon on the duty of wives, said: "I see in this congregation a woman who has been guilty of the sin of disobedience to her husband, and in order to point her out to universal condemnation, I will fling my breviary at her head." He lifted his book, and every female's head instantly ducked.

Increase of Population.

In 1860, the population of Pennsylvania was 2,906,115, and the largest vote (for Governor) that year was 492,024. Divide the population by the vote for Governor, we have a fraction less than one voter to six population—say one to six.

The recent vote for Governor amounted to 497,370—which, by the test of 1860—would show a population of 3,584,020, in Pennsylvania, in 1866—an increase of 591,395, (considerably over half a million) in six years—say 100,000 a year, in the whole State.

The interior cities of Pennsylvania—taking the population of 1860 and the last vote for Governor as a test, show a handsome gain, as follows:

	1860.	1866.
Reading	23,162	32,358
Scranton	9,223	23,988
Lancaster	17,603	21,186
Harrisburg	13,405	20,010
York	8,605	13,056
Pottsville	9,444	12,858
Allentown	8,025	12,270
Williamsport	5,664	12,130
Erie	8,052	11,712
Norristown	8,194	11,262
Easton	8,944	11,160
	113,098	182,040

Gain in six years 68,942
Average gain; 1,213 per year. The vote of Scranton is doubtless largely fraudulent, but we take it as it is.—W. in the *Lepisburg Chronicle*.

It has been proposed that Congress shall institute an efficient system of competitive examinations for appointments in the various departments of the civil service in which education, knowledge of business, scientific attainments, or practical experience are requisite, and that appointments made under this system shall be permanent, that is, shall be held until some real cause, aside from political differences, shall warrant and justify removal. This scheme has several advantages. It would secure competent men in subordinate official positions, curtail the vast power of the Executive patronage, and remove many places from the theatre of party contentions. The duties of the places would be performed in a more satisfactory manner than they now are, and the atmosphere of politics would be comparatively purified, by relating chiefly to principles rather than a distribution of the spoils.

SOME folks kill rats with poisoned oysters. In Toledo, the other day, a German stepped into a store and seeing upon a plate several tempting bivalves, proceeded to swallow one. Imagine his terror when informed that the oyster had been covered with deadly arsenic to poison rats. A potent emetic was immediately introduced into the nearly insane German's stomach, and the dangerous bivalve came up, thus relieving him of his danger.

THERE IS A woman in the New Albany, Ind., jail on a charge of murder. She had a quarrel with a neighbor woman, and throwing at her a pot of boiling coffee missed her mark and struck a little girl, injuring and scalding her to such an extent as to cause death. The Grand Jury have just found a true bill against the woman.

DR. FRESHMAN, a christianized Jew Rabbi of Quebec, is delivering lectures in the West upon Judaism. Although now a disbeliever in the doctrines of the Jews, he paid a glowing tribute to them as a people, stating that they would not steal nor murder, while but few ever find their way into prisons or penitentiaries, charged with any crime.

A CINCINNATI paper throws out the hint to the pork eating world that, inasmuch as the hog cholera prevails to an alarming extent in that neighborhood, unprincipled dealers kill the animals infected and sell the meat in the markets.

A FLORIDA Judge named Long, in his charge to the Grand Jury said that he feared the time was not far distant when the people of America would prefer being governed by a chief with a glittering tiara rather than by the framers of the Civil Rights bill. Such a preference is no new thing in the South.

The hot-blooded Thomas Francis Meagher recently challenged an editor in Montana to fight a duel. The editor very properly refused to comply with the demand to shoot or be shot.

The Lewisburg *Chronicle* hoists the name of Hon. James Pollock for the successorship to Edgar A. Cowan in the U. S. Senate.

Gov. WILLIS A. GORMAN a leading Democrat of Minnesota, urges his political friends to accept the Constitutional Amendment.

The receipts from Madame Ristori's performances in New York city, since September 20th, will exceed \$130,000.

BRIGHAM YOUNG has just taken to his bosom a 45th Mrs. Young Mrs. Young No. 25 died the same week.

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