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News of the most momentous event in the history of the United States passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday last by a vote of 130 to 50; it is to be hoped that the cause will be restored to its former position in the Senate, and that the impossible will be made possible. It is to be hoped that the everlasting bugle will now take up its trumpet in the halls of Congress.

Now comes THE WAR.

The military situation is unchanged. Peace rumors are now ripe. Alex. H. Stephens, R. M. T. Hunter, and Judge Campbell, representatives, are now said to be en route to Washington, to have an interview with the President.

Readers, this sheet, and Why,

Readers, we ordered a quantity of copy from the manufacturer. In due time (not more than three days) we received the bill, postage paid in the usual way. From that time to the present, we have made repeated applications, by telegraph, and otherwise, as to the whereabouts of this paper. Both the manufacturers have thus far been silent as to its whereabouts. Rather than pay the bill, we have been forced to use what we could get, in a half sheet. Nearly the whole amount of reading material has gone to the wind. None, however, has complained, except to complain. We fear, that our readers will not find fault, when we assure them, that we have done every thing in our power to avoid a half sheet, and to get a full sheet.

No man on either side of the Ohio thus expressed the general sentiment of his party. The Republican party in the Senate last week, I think, did so.

**UNEXPECTED Oppression.**—The Republicans are as badly disappointed in Brutes J. Clay as they were in Garret Davis. These Kentucky politicians cannot be relied on where their love for slavery is concerned. They had counted on Clay to vote for the Abolition amendment, as he had constantly acted with them upon the chief questions of the past years. During the debate on Monday last, he spoke against the proposition as thus proposed:

"Mr. Clay (Rep.) of Kentucky opposed the resolution urging that such an attempt should not be thrown into our hands." We have no right to touch property without just compensation, and cannot do even that unless the slaves thus taken are for public uses. He did believe that in Kentucky there was a solidary press not under arrest; and by dictation and by power it was sought to change the fundamental law. He said he had been called a rebel because he would not bend the knee to power. But so help him God, he and never vote for what he considered a wrong.

You will never make a man love your laws by oppressing him and plundering him, and robbing him of his rights, as has been done in Kentucky, and the passage of this constitutional amendment will be an outrage and headstrong faith against that State.

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"I say nothing of war until that is done. I am glad of the grabbers, with which the South hold out. I hope they will hold out in their blindness, but they provoke us to do that which the occasion demands, without which being done you ought to have no peace and you can have no peace."

**ARMED ARRESTS.**—A DREADFUL INVESTIGATION.—The Military Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives are now acting under a resolution of that body, directing said committee to ascertain the number of persons confined in the Old Capitol and Carroll prisons, the dates of their arrests, and confinement, the charge against them, whether any army officers are among them, and, if so, whether the laws for such cases made and provided have been respected; whether any persons are confined in said prisons without written charges, and whether any of those prisoners bargained for trial, &c., &c. For the purpose of ferreting out the truth in these inquiries the committee is further authorized to send for persons and papers from one end of the country to the other.

After the adoption of this provision, Mr. Thaddeus Stevens moved a reconsideration in order to amend the resolution so as to limit the committee to the "expediency" of the proposed investigation—but the House by an almost unanimous vote decided that there was no need for the "expediency" in this thing, and so the investigation is under way.

Let the committee fearlessly prosecute their inquiries and do them duty.

The **greatest** Legislature, which waited for the arrival of General Fry at Washington, has adjourned to Harrisburg. Their **new** Legislature, "great" in that it has been pro-slavery and pro-slavery, and we now learn from Harrisburg, that when apportionment of seats is made, it is to be divided among the districts under the state call will be 130, which is expected to reduce the number of seats to 130, instead of 130 thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine, as formerly announced.

We learned that the usual order of January 1st, which the area that "credit" would expire before any excess of credit beyond the amount formerly called for, to be withdrawn and that "districts" will be credited with all men furnished up to the 2d, of January.

That is very consolatory for our already tax oppressed people!—A twenty-five per cent. income tax to whom? Had not the government still a few men left?

Antiquated and specieless taxes about these "fellers." They all mean to have the government better off all the property of the people at once!

## A Dangerous Weapon.

From the New York News.

It has been discovered that an English highway robber's newly invented instrument has lately been brought to this country, which is one of the most dangerous weapons the informal genius of a criminal brain has ever invented. It is called the "sand club," and its use is almost certain to produce instant death.

It is made of strong canvas, in the shape of a club, about twenty inches long, and from six to eight inches in circumference. This bag or club is filled with closely packed fine sand, and weighs from five to ten pounds, and has great advantage over the "club" of bludgeon, brass knuckles or stung shot.

It will not rebound after a blow is struck, and it is said leaves no mark or bruise.

When the victim is struck on the top of the head, and there is where the sand club is directed, he instantly sinks to the pavement without a struggle, the result of concussion to the brain, and not even a bruise which any ordinary blunt instrument makes, is believed to be left by the hand of the victim after the sand club has passed its fearful mission.

A few of these instruments have already been found in the possession of desperate characters, and their use and history confesses the skill.

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