

Indiana American.

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The Suffrage Amendment.

The Monday evening session of the Senate did not end until half past eleven on Tuesday forenoon, having continued sixteen hours, during which time the suffrage amendment to the Constitution was under consideration. Mr. Wilson's amendment was substituted for the one adopted by the House, and there was added to it another proposed by Mr. Morton, which provides for choosing Presidential electors by districts. As amended, the resolution passed by a vote of 40 to 16, two-thirds, with a large margin. Wilson's amendment declares that no discrimination shall be made in the United States, among the citizens of the United States, in the exercise of the elective franchise, or in the right to hold office in any State on account of race, color, nativity, property, education or religious creed.

There is a good deal of talk in Washington as to what the House will do with the joint resolution. The Morton article has not been discussed at all in that body, and the Wilson amendment contains a clause which was rejected over there by a very decided majority. The whole matter will probably have to go into a Committee of Conference, and may not be settled for some days.

The Crops.

Dr. Warder, who has just returned from a tour through Indiana and Southern Illinois, informs the Gazette that the winter wheat everywhere looks well and promises an extraordinary yield. The fall was favorable, and the plants got very firmly rooted before cold weather set in. This information corresponds with our advice from Ohio and Kentucky. Of course, the crop is not out of danger; but it is all right so far. All kinds of fruit are safe in Indiana, Ohio and Southern Illinois. In more northern latitudes peaches are killed. With a reasonable spring, we have a promise of good crops of fruit.

Liberal Proposition.

Gov. Baker sent a message to the Senate on the 25th ult., embodying a proposition from citizens of Tippecanoe County, for the location of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at the Battle Ground. It is proposed, in case the College is located there, to donate to the State property to the value of \$100,000 and money to the amount of \$50,000. There has been considerable rivalry for the location of this institution. But this is thought to be the best proposition yet received. Gov. Baker submits the proposition without recommendation, but characterizes it as very liberal.

Reimbursing Commissioners.

The Secretary of War has appointed W. R. Kinney of Kentucky, John H. Broadhead of Pennsylvania, and Robert Flint of Wisconsin, Commissioners to reimburse the State of Indiana for moneys expended for the United States in enrolling, equipping and procuring military forces to aid in suppressing the rebellion. The Commission will meet in Indianapolis on the 10th of March.

Legislative Excursion.

The members of the Indiana Legislature indulged in an excursion to Terre Haute, on Saturday last, to visit the State Normal School building. This edifice is not yet finished, and an appropriation of \$100,000 is asked to complete it. Our legislators were tendered a free ride, and the invitation having been accepted, three extra cars were attached to the regular train leaving Indianapolis at 9:20 in the morning. Two of these cars were models of beauty, elegance and comfort, and fully equal to any that are run upon any roads East or West. These three cars were filled to their greatest capacity, the very unusual number of 120 out of 150 members of the Legislature going with the company, the total number of invited guests amounting to 165. The ride was a very pleasant one, as any ride over the Terre Haute Railway must be, the company arriving in Terre Haute soon after twelve o'clock. They were taken in cars and carriages to the building, which was inspected by the members of the Legislature as critically as they might choose.

Supreme Court Decision.

In the Supreme Court of the United States, on Monday, Chief Justice Chase delivered an opinion, which affirmed the decision of the Supreme Court of Oregon in favor of the taxes of that State being paid in gold and silver according to its law. The Court held that the legal tender notes being receivable for all debts, with exceptions in the statutes, imply a satisfaction of contracts or agreements, while taxes are of a different character from such obligations; and that it is competent for a State to designate the character of the money in which taxes shall be paid.

Beer and Ale at the Capital.

The Journal states that the manufacture of those slightly stimulants and aristocratic beverages, beer and ale, does not languish in Indianapolis, and shows no evidence of decay. The product of these two articles in that city last year aggregated twenty-eight thousand two hundred and forty-nine and one half barrels.

Spanish Troubles.

Bands of Carlists have appeared in Catalonia, and are rising against the provisional government of Spain. They come from the valley of Andorra. Troops have been sent from Madrid to disperse them. The journals at Madrid, fearing a civil war, are urging the Government to take active measures, and the people to unite against the reactionary party.

Hearth and Home.

Indiana is the second greatest corn growing State in the Union. In 1868 she produced 80,332,000 bushels, 10,975,000 in excess of 1867.

Congressional.

In the Senate, on Saturday, the bill for repealing the Tenure-of-Office act was debated. Mr. Edmunds favored amending the present law. Mr. Morton wanted it altogether repealed, and so did Mr. Thayer. Mr. Howe sustained the bill as it stands. Mr. Doolittle made a speech against the proposed Constitutional Amendment. Mr. Bayard followed on the same side. Mr. Howard, from the Committee on Pacific Railroads, reported the new bill which has been prepared on that subject. Messrs. Wilson and Morgan, of the committee, expressed disagreement with the report. Mr. Corbett supported his amendment to the proposed Constitutional Amendment, and Mr. Wilson proposed a new form of words.

The following are the estimates for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1869:

REVENUES.
The amount of revenue levied upon the duplicates for 1868 is \$1,324,586 81
Deduct for delinquencies \$200,000 00
Costs of collection 75,000 00
325,000 00

Estimated net collections \$999,886 81
Add balance on hand November 1, 1868 582,433 94

Total resources \$1,582,026 75

EXPENDITURES.
Ordinary expenditures \$262,650 00
Public institutions 181,500 00
Public indebtedness 620,051 74

1,074,201 74

Leaving a balance of \$507,819 01

ESTIMATES FOR 1870.

REVENUES.
The assessment of real and personal property may reach \$200,000,000, which, at a rate of 15 cents on each \$100, will give \$30,000,000.

Post tax on 250,000 polls, at 50 cents each 125,000 00

Deduct delinquencies \$1,062,500 00
Costs of collection 75,000 00

300,000 00

Add estimated balance November 1, 1869 507,819 01

Total estimated resources \$1,279,319 01

EXPENDITURES.
Ordinary expenditures \$157,150 00
Public institutions 178,000 00
Public indebtedness 321,035 10

660,385 10

Leaving a balance of \$609,733 91

TAX LEVIES AND ASSESSMENTS.

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Estimate of the amount of taxes levied upon the grand duplicates of each year, for the last thirteen years, have been as follows:

Total taxes levied for 1856 \$1,865,619 49

Total taxes levied for 1857 2,459,355 59

Total taxes levied for 1858 2,800,000 00

Total taxes levied for 1859 3,253,014 21

Total taxes levied for 1860 3,765,129 57

Total taxes levied for 1861 4,095,913 05

Total taxes levied for 1862 3,998,025 07

Total taxes levied for 1863 3,994,000 07

Total taxes levied for 1864 3,602,566 64

Total taxes levied for 1865 3,167,335 22

Total taxes levied for 1866 10,167,834 39

Total taxes levied for 1867 9,655,736 27

Total taxes levied for 1868 10,274,050 13

7,000 counties estimated.

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