

National Banner.



Resistance to Tyrants is Obedience to God.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15, 1871.

DOINGS AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Since the democratic caucus disposed of the several positions in the gift of the Legislature, the crowds about the hotels and the legislative halls have been wretchedly decimated. The friends of the successful candidates left with the consciousness of having achieved a "glorious triumph," whilst those less fortunate retired with feelings difficult to describe.

Nothing of general interest has yet been transacted. A large number of bills have been introduced, as only a very small number thereof will ever be acted upon, we reserve our space for better purposes than their publication in these gol

ums.

A second attempt to secure the admis

sion of Senator Burson was defeated by

24 against 22.

The joint resolution against the annex

ation of San Domingo, originated and

passed in the Senate, was adopted by the

House by a vote of 54 to 44.

The House passed a joint resolution fa

voring Congressional appropriations for

improving the Wabash river, in which

the Senate also concurred.

On Wednesday, at 2½ o'clock p. m., the

two Houses met in joint convention and

elected for State Printer, R. J. Bright;

Canal Trustee, James V. Mitchell; State

Librarian, James DeSano; Directors of

Northern Prison, Gottschalk, Blach, James

J. Smiley, and W. B. Longhridge; of

Southern Prison, Jno. Kirk, Levi Sparks,

and Ed. Price.

A joint resolution to instruct our Sena

tors and Representatives in Congress

against voting public lands to railroad

companies, etc., has passed in both houses.

House Bill No. 32, to appropriate \$100,

000 to defray the expenses of the forty-

seventh session of the General Assembly

was passed by the Senate under suspension

of rules.

At the Democratic caucus on Tuesday

night of last week, Pat. Shannon, of Terre

Haute, was nominated for Agent of State;

Cas. Byfield, of Johnson county, for Trus

tee of the Blind Asylum; J. M. Caldwell,

of Indianapolis, for the Insane, and W. R.

Hogshire, of Indianapolis, for the Deaf

and Dumb. All good selections.

Gov. Baker has refused to commission

but one of the newly elected Directors of

the Southern State Prison. Gen. Sparks,

of Jeffersonville, is the lucky gentleman

who has received his commission.

A bill for the creation of a Fifth Judicial District has been introduced, and

will doubtless pass. The Governor, and

both the former and present Supreme

Bench recommend its passage.

Election of U. S. Senators.

On the 17th, United States' Senators

were elected by the Legislatures of the

respective States, as follows:

Illinois—John A. Logan, Rep., over

Thomas J. Turner, Democrat.

Missouri—Frank P. Blair, Democrat,

over J. J. B. Henderson, Rep., by a vote

of 90 against 69.

Maine—Lot. M. Morrill, Rep., opposi

tion two to one, count.

Massachusetts—Wm. W. Hinman, Rep.

Massachusetts—Henry Wilson, Rep., reelected.

Delaware—Gov. Eli Salsbury, Dem., brother of the present Senator.

New Jersey—F. T. Frelinghuysen, Rep.

The Democracy of Connecticut, yes

terday re-nominated their present popular Governor, as well as the balance of the present State officers.

Libel Law.

The Democratic Editorial Association of Pennsylvania recently held a meeting in the city of Harrisburg. Among the

business transacted was the appointment

of a committee to prepare and submit to

the Legislature of that State a bill in

regard to libel, by which the truth will

be admitted in evidence and prevent un-

principled lawyers from swindling newspaper proprietors by bringing persons of

bad reputation to bring suits, so that the

attorneys are enabled to pocket the

large part of the plunder.

The San Domingo Commission.

President Grant has finally succeeded

in completing his appointments for the

San Domingo commission, as follows:

Benj. F. Wade, of Ohio, chairman; Pres

ident White, of Cornell University, New

York; and Dr. S. G. Howe, Superinten

dent of the Perkins Institution for the

Blind, Boston, Mass. Allen G. Burton of

Kentucky, but a temporary, instead of

Gen. Sigel, who declined the appointment.

European War News.

Later dispatches from the seat of war

show how crushing the defeat of General

Chamzy in Thursday's battle before La

Mans really was. Even the correspondent

of the New York *World* is compelled to

acknowledge the complete overthrow of

this army, apparently, the last hope of

bruised and broken France. The news

for the last few days has shown how uter

ly prostrate France is, how utterly annihi

lated is the spirit of her people, how

worthily the *Brave* and *Brave* criminal,

it is for the broken and dislodged fragments

of her pride and *La France* to stagger up

before the well disciplined German troops,

flushed with the spirit that victory alone

can give to any army.

The French loss at La Mans amounted

to 18,000, and the Germans entered and

occupied the city in force. Reports from

Paris up to Thursday say the German

fire to be, fearfully destructive. Fully

one third of the city is now under bom-

bardment. The church of St. Sulpice,

wherein two men were killed, is as near

the heart of Paris as the State House is

near the heart of Indianapolis. Paris can

not hold out much longer, and the question "What next?" is one full of interest.

King William telegraphs to the queen

from Versailles, on the 16th, that the

number of prisoners captured in the re-

cent battles at La Mans is increased to fully

25,000. Four locomotives and 40 wagons

are among the spoils.

Several of the Irish American Fenian

prisoners under heavy sentence in Eng

land, have been released and are now on

their way to this country. O'Donovan

Ross among the number.

STATE POLITICS.

A special dispatch from Washington to the Indianapolis *Journal* says the revenue districts of Indiana will be consolidated into six districts between the 1st and 15th of February. The fourth district is the only one that will not be attached to another, as the amount of revenue collected there will be larger than any of the new districts after the consolidation takes place. It is asserted in connection with the above that Will Cumback will be appointed Collector of the Fourth District—the position being worth nearly \$10,000.

The proposed reduction of salaries of county officers has created quite a commotion among that class of useful citizens. From one of our Southern exchanges we learn that the trains on the several rail roads leading to Indianapolis have been crowded for several days past by county officers from the southern counties, all going up to see about the different bills introduced in the Legislature in regard to salaries and fees. They contend that if some of them pass, their offices will be worthless.

The Indianapolis *Journal*, among other radical papers, does not approve of the manner in which the San Domingo job was put through Congress. The New Albany *Ledger* very truthfully remarks that it is one of those acts that cannot and will not receive the support of the American people, and does not wonder that sensible radical journals oppose such legislation, as it must sooner or later bring condemnation upon those who favor it.

Our Democratic contemporaries are very anxious to know the result of the Hughes' graveyard. One of the greatest trials with Jim is his inability to kill a corpse from a live man. This defect of his political oversight will get him into serious trouble, and finally into the deepest grave by his dug *La Fayette Journal*.

Democrats have nothing to do with the great grave-diggers of the Republican party, Cumback and Hughes. A few leaders may put Hughes on the back for present purposes, but the rank and file of the party will never touch him after he is pronounced dead. —*Terre Haute Journal*.

The leading German democratic paper of the Northwest—the Cincinnati *Voice of Freedom*, edited by Emil Roth—having expressed a decided preference for Senator Thurman for President, the Terre Haute *Banner* (the liberal republican) is constrained to say that in the opinion of its editor Mr. Hendricks would "doubtless be the best and strongest candidate that could be placed in the field by the Democracy." —*Cincinnati Voice of Freedom*.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. C. S. McDonald, for a long time employed as a type-setter on the *Journal*, has received a clerkship in the House of Representatives of the Indiana Legislature. Mrs. McDonald is well qualified for the position, and we are glad that "woman's rights" are thus recognized in so practical a way.

Crawfordsville Journal.

It is not at all difficult to convince the people that such is the fact, as note will take the pains to discover the contrary.

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