

THE DEMOCRAT.

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CONGRESS.

The action of congress, up to this date, has been of so unimportant a character as to hardly justify a publication of its proceedings. The message was duly received, and there seems a probability that the tariff bill will be revised to some extent in order to afford a little more protection to monopolists; that Virginia will be admitted if her senators will swear fealty to radicalism; that the financial question will not be acted upon until late in the session; that Georgia will be subjected to another dose of reconstruction and be legislated out of the Union until it becomes loyal to the "party of great moral ideas," and that, as usual, all the contested seats will be awarded to the radical members.

We shall commence, next week, publishing a synopsis of the action of this interesting body.

THE NEW YORK TRAGEDY.

The recent tragedy in New York, resulting in the death of A. D. Richardson, connected with the editorial department of the New York *Tribe*, has created an excitement throughout the country which has seldom, if ever, been equalled by a like occurrence. The peculiar circumstances of the case—the connection of one of the principals with a prominent newspaper of the country—and the attendance and conduct of one of the most eminent divines in the United States—combine to render this tragedy one of unusual interest to the reading public.

The reader is doubtless fully informed of the history of this case, and a repetition will not be necessary at this time.

Our object in this article is for the purpose of condemning the loose state of morals which this manslaughter, or murder, has revealed. It is not so strange that there should be found men and women in high social position, who so far forget the duties and obligations of married life as to make matrimonial engagements while one of the parties is legally and morally bound to another, but that there should be found these occupying the highest civil, religious, and journalistic positions who would lend their personal influence in furtherance of the desires of the guilty pair.

Reverend Henry Ward Beecher, Vice-President Schuyler Colfax, and Honorable Horace Greeley, knew that when Richardson made love to Mrs. McFarland, she was by law—both human and divine—the wife of another.

The position taken by Beecher, that the deceased fought the rebellion with his pen, and nerves the hearts of fighting loyalists to go bravely forth to battle, and that he was therefore entitled to his everlasting love and gratitude, is the position of a demagogue—a very low demagogue.

According to the law which he is paid twenty thousand dollars a year to expound, the sin of which Richardson was undoubtedly guilty, was one with which no compromise can be made.

It is condemned in the strongest terms.

In *Holy Writ* there is not even a proviso that he or she who is guilty can escape punishment, though "loyal" be-yond a doubt.

All this furnishes no excuse for the cowardly assassination perpetrated by McFarland, who should be punished according to the enormity of his crime.

The killing of a man who has no opportunity of defending himself is a cut-throat game, which is not palatable by any known exposition of the code of honor.

The plex of great personal injury is no justification. The assassination has not even the extenuating circumstance of a sudden exhibition of passion, consequent upon the discovery of the great injury which had been done him who played the assassin.

He has been cognizant of all the facts in the case, as they transpired, during the past three years. It was an instance of deliberate killing, which cannot be too strongly condemned.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

The Logansport *Pharos*, says Dr. French has sold \$1,100 worth of pork. Also, that after a long delay, Thos. H. BRIGHURST has received the appointment of special mail agent of Indiana.

The Columbia City *Post* complains that a number of young bruisers raised a fearful row at the depot in that town, on Saturday night, and regrets that the marshal was not present to arrest them. That's just the time and the place where and when marshals are not to be found.

A savage fight, with pistol and knife, ensued between two men named Howell and Larvine.

A fire occurred in the machine and stove works of Huntington, on the eve of December 2d, doing damage to the amount of \$5,000; partially insured.

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The editor of the *Northern Indiana* has a hallucination that the single string on which he has played so long will finally be the death of him. Warsaw has a benevolent society. The Washington correspondent of the *Indiana* makes the startling announcement that Billy Williams has drafted a finance

measure which is approved by Jay Cooke. Jes' so.

LaPorte has had a mush and milk festival, which was very successful, except financially. The *Herold* publishes a list of heavy city tax-payers, from which it is seen there are eighty-nine individuals and firms paying more than \$50 city taxes each; twenty-three who pay over \$100, and less than \$200; twelve paying over \$200 and less than \$300. The total levy for 1869 is \$122 on each \$100 of valuation—80 cents for general purposes and 49 cents for schools. During the less than three years past the members of St. Paul's (Episcopal) church have contributed some \$11,000 for church purposes, whereof \$7,000 has been expended for the enlargement and improvement of their edifice.

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Mrs. Kersey, residing near Wheeler, Porter county, committed suicide by drowning, on Tuesday morning of last week. The cause is attributed to temporary insanity. The local of the *Vigil* has "flattened his noses" against the window pane, looking for the "dreamy days of autumn." The flat-tenting process has also taken possession of his literary efforts.

Stark county has had a teacher's institute, and is happy.

Red windows are getting to be very fashionable in Peru. The No. ones are decorating the fronts of their houses with rows of them, until the edifice looks like Argus on a bum. Red roses are not at all uncommon either.

So says the *Sentinel*, and the *Sentinel* ought to know.

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The letters which passed between General Butterfield and Grant, in February, 1866, in which the former conveyed a receipt of a testimonial in the substantial of \$105,000 subscribed by citizens of New York, are printed in our special despatch from New York, this morning. A list of the subscribers is also appended, as well as a list of the subscribers to the Sherman testimonial fund. The latter amounted to \$102,750, and \$65,000 of this sum went to General Grant in payment of the house and furniture in Washington which were transferred to Sherman's possession in March last.

General Butterfield was rewarded for his activity in getting up the testimonial to Grant with the position of assistant treasurer, having charge of the sub-treasury in New York. His appointment was strongly opposed at the time it was made on the ground that he was not fit for so responsible a trust. But a sense of favor received seems to have had its weight with the president, and Butterfield was appointed and confirmed. The ambitions general was very anxious at the time the testimonial was raised, that the documents should not be published, because, as he modestly put it, many subscriptions were made with understanding. Since the failure of his speculations in gold, and his re-ignition, his anxiety to keep the documents in a pigeon-hole has been mitigated, and so we have the whole matter spread before the people.

It is to be regretted that General Grant, in the first place, even accepted the testimonial, and, in the second place, that it should have had any influence

on him.

Don Piatt thinks Chandler's bust should be made of brass, with a pedestal of pan copper, taken from the protected mines of Michigan, for the profit of which this great statesman makes us pay tribute.

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with him, as it can not be doubted it had, in naming an assistant treasurer for the New York office. It would have stood infinitely higher in the estimation of the American people had he declined the fatal gift, and, like the sterler old patriot, General Thomas, rather preferred to remain poor and independent, than accept riches with a sense of obligation to those instrumental in bestowing it—an obligation which he might have been sure he would be called to redeem, if placed by the people in such a position as to make the required possible.

Miss Cushman is rapidly gaining health, and expects to winter in Rome. Another "young lady school teacher," in New Jersey this time, has provoked a public meeting by coqueting her infant pupils.

Mr. E. Goodwin, of Monroe county, Ky., has been married three times, and has 33 children, all boys.

The radicals extract an immense amount of comfort from the fact that ALCORN, radical, was chosen governor at the recent election in Mississippi. We congratulate them. Although ALCORN is a radical of the meanest character, he is a southern man, and knows something of the wants of the people of the south; and a southern "scallawag," as he is preferable to a "carpet-bagger" of the character of GRANT's brother-in-law, DENT. The platform on which these two worthies ran were equally "niggery," and on each ticket was a "colored" candidate. The only influencing cause that insured success seemed to be the fact that the people of Mississippi preferred trusting a southern ex-rebel "scallawag" to a northern "carpet-bag" brother-in-law of our most illustrious president. This victory over the only relative Grant has who is not in office is worthy of note, and that radicals can rejoice over it indicates that even they think it all right that one so large a family can be properly "left to the ways of sin."

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On motion of D. E. Van Valkenburgh, after the call of the townships, the convention resolved itself into a mass convention. On motion, a committee of two from Center, and one from each of the other townships represented, was appointed to select delegates and contingent delegates to the state convention at Indianapolis, on the 8th of January. The committee consisted of Messrs. D. E. Van Valkenburgh, D. D. Luke, D. McDonald, John Neff, Wm. Zehner and Alex. Bland.

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