

The Republican.

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The terms of twenty-five United States Senators expire on the 4th of March next. Men to fill nearly all of these places will be or have been elected this week.

Voorhees was elected United States Senator, Tuesday, for both the long and short terms. Don Cameron was elected in Pennsylvania, Platt, in Connecticut and Vest, in Missouri.

Gen. John A. Logan received the caucus nomination of the Republicans of the Illinois Legislature Friday night. The vote stood eighty for Logan, and twenty-six for Oglebay.

Reports from Washington indicate that the Senate Finance Committee is divided in regard to the tobacco tax. The probabilities are that the Committee will report this week, and that a compromise will be made and the tax fixed at twenty cents.

The Indianapolis Evening Sun died Saturday night. It was ten months old. Its death was probably caused by the course pursued by the Democratic members of the Indiana Legislature. It was useless for a Greenback paper to live any longer.

The Crown Point *Cosmos* says: "It seems like it would be necessary for the Democratic Legislature of this State to increase the number of prison directors. If something of the kind is not done, a great many Democrats who did the party good service last fall, will be obliged to leave their living by hard labor. It makes one tired to think of it."

The Democrats of the lower house of the Indiana Legislature put themselves on record, Friday, as demanding the unconditional repeal of the resumption act, and of the acts exempting bonds and greenbacks from taxation; the abolition of all bank issues, the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver, and the government issue of legal-tender paper currency at least to the amount of \$300 per capita. This would be \$1,350,000.

Cooking has been unanimously nominated for United States Senator by the Republicans of New York. Vest is the nominee of the Democrats in Missouri. Voorhees of the Democrats in Indiana; O. H. Platt of the Republicans of Connecticut; Don Cameron in Pennsylvania, and John A. Logan in Illinois. All of these men have probably been elected before we go to press. There was a dead lock in the Republican caucus of Wisconsin, the votes being about equally divided between Keyes, Howe and Carpenter. It may take several days to elect them. Governor vase, Democrat, is the Senator from North Carolina.

The State municipal authorities of Alabama last week arrested United States District Attorney Mayer and United States Marshal Turner for contempt of court, for not returning the ballot boxes and ballots of the town of Selma used at the last election; although they knew that the boxes and ballots were not in possession of those officers, but were in the custody of the United States Circuit Court. The District Attorney was released on writ of habeas corpus, but the Marshal, not being prepared or so situated as to make immediate application for such a writ, was committed to jail. These authorities evidently fear the evidence of their fraud, as shown by the ballots and ballot boxes, and have become reckless, not seeming to care what they do under the name of law.

A Washington special to the Cincinnati *Gazette* says: "As the National banking act provides that after specific payments have been resumed, no notes shall be issued to National banks of lower denominations than \$5, the National bank redemption agency is now assuring all \$1 and \$2 bills that are fit for circulation, and returning them to the banks. This will relieve the scarcity which might otherwise result from the immediate destruction of ones and twos, and the law is not violated by returning old notes, the statute only requiring that no new notes shall be issued. The treasury authorities think that it will be fully twelve months before, in the ordinary course of business, the outstanding ones and twos of the National banks will become unfit for circulation, and be consequently presented for cancellation."

Secretary Sherman has more than realized his expectations in the sales of the 4 per cent. bonds. It is said that he did not anticipate a sale of more than a million dollars daily, but the demand was so great that during the first ten days of the new year he sold more than forty millions, and the demand still continues. These bonds have thirty years to run, and every million dollars worth sold and 6 per cent. bonds redeemed saves annually to the government twenty thousand dollars in interest; thus the sales of the first ten days will reduce the interest account of this year nearly a million of dollars. In 1868 our annual interest on the national debt was one hundred and forty millions. A saving of a million dollars a week may not seem anything in the eyes of those who have so bitterly opposed Sherman's policy, but when the people look at it dispassionately they will see that it is quite a sum. With the same good management, keeping our credit up, the annual interest will be reduced forty millions more within the next five years, to say nothing of the great reduction of the debt.

The Democratic members of the Legislature last Monday night in caucus, nominated D. W. Voorhees for United States Senator—both long and short terms. Senator Reeve of this city placed Hon. Geo. W. Julian in nomination for the short term, and made an eloquent speech in his favor, but five votes were all that could be got for Julian. The Democrats don't like bolting Republicans.

A bill has been introduced in Congress looking to the admission of Dakota as a State in the Union, and it is thought the bill will pass. Dakota embraces the territory lying just north of Nebraska and west of Minnesota. Its area is about twice as large as that of Illinois. There are said to be \$100,000 white persons within its limits at present, and it is claimed there will be 150,000 before the completion of the necessary steps for its admission into the Union.

The Democrats at Indianapolis having sold out to the National party, there is no Democratic party in Indiana. Honest Democrats should at once unite with the Republicans. There is no longer any hope for the Democratic organization in this State. Even if Senators Reeve, Barnighausen and Winterbotham, with Speaker Cauthorn, should attempt to resist the delivery of the entire party to the Nationals, which now seems doubtful, they cannot hope to accomplish anything after the action taken by the Democrats in the House last Friday.

General James Shields has been elected to the United States Senate from Missouri, to fill a vacancy for the short term of five weeks. This makes the third time that General Shields has been elected to the United States Senate, each time from a different state. In 1849 he was elected from Illinois, and served six years. He afterwards emigrated to Minnesota and in 1857 was elected from that state, serving two years. His election from Missouri makes a Senator from three states, and is without a parallel in the history of distinguished men.

Senator Reeve is said to have declared in his speech in the Democratic caucus Monday night, that in his opinion a majority of Democrats in this state hold views at variance with those of Mr. Voorhees. The *Journal* reporter says: "It was whispered that the action of Reeve and his associates in the caucus followed by their quiet acquiescence in the result, was simply done to teach Mr. Voorhees a lesson in party allegiance, and to convey a hint that when the national Democratic convention two years hence should declare for hard money he would be expected to fall in line."

Cannon, the Mormon delegate, is at work explaining the effect of the recent decision of the Supreme Court, which subjects all who have lived in polygamy since July, 1862, to a fine and imprisonment, and renders all children illegitimate. Mr. Cannon wants a relief act passed that gives amnesty for past offenses under the law, which the Government itself has allowed to remain a dead letter, with the provision that in future all shall be held strictly to account by the Government under the criminal sections of the law. He says this will gradually but effectually break up polygamy. A number of members are in favor of adopting such a law, and we shall not be at all surprised to find the law still remain unexecuted, or at least evaded by the "Saints" to such an extent as to render it non-effective.

In noticing the fact last week, that the Democracy at Indianapolis, on the 5th of January, ignored General Jackson, we said it looked as though they were preparing to cut loose from the National Democratic party and "go it alone." They did this sooner than we expected. Last Friday the Democrats of the lower house of the Indiana Legislature declared by a vote, in the ratio of ten to one, that they were in favor of the principles advocated by the "Brick" Pomeroy wing of the National Greenback party. There is no longer any Democratic party in Indiana. Individual members of the old party can now vote as they please, and we expect to see numbers unite with the Republican party, the party to which they ought to belong, and with which they would have voted were this, but for a little prejudice.

Judge Osborne, Representative from Elkert and Noble counties, has introduced a bill in the Legislature to abolish the system of paying county officers by fees providing for the payment of all fees into the county treasury; fixing the salaries of clerks and Treasurers at \$1,000 each, in counties having a voting population of three thousand; providing a gradual scale of salaries in counties having the great bulk of the burden of taxation, and the fees of officers that should be added to those of county and township. These three constitute the great bulk of the burden of taxation, and the fees of officers that should be added to those of county and township. The last twelve or fifteen years have been years of extravagance and inflation in the expense of local government as in nearly everything else. They have been debt-making years. At the same time official fees have been multiplying and increasing until together they constitute a load which the people can hardly bear. We have said this state of things is general. The Governors of Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, as well as the Governor of Indiana, all refer to the subject and call the attention of their several Legislatures to the need of practical reform in this regard. The wiping out of existing debts and a reduction of the expenses of local government are likely to transfer or money to loan, to help pay for the recording of deeds, mortgages, &c. This would be unjust, and we do not think is contemplated by the bill.

Governor Williams said in his message: "It is not the State taxes, but the county and township taxes and fees of officers, that oppress the people." The fact here so plainly stated is being recognized all over the country, and is likely to demand a large share of the attention of the various State Legislatures for some years to come. In order to cover the whole ground, municipal taxes should be added to those of county and township. These three constitute the great bulk of the burden of taxation, and the fees of officers that should be added to those of county and township. The last twelve or fifteen years have been years of extravagance and inflation in the expense of local government as in nearly everything else. They have been debt-making years. At the same time official fees have been multiplying and increasing until together they constitute a load which the people can hardly bear. We have said this state of things is general. The Governors of Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, as well as the Governor of Indiana, all refer to the subject and call the attention of their several Legislatures to the need of practical reform in this regard. The wiping out of existing debts and a reduction of the expenses of local government are likely to transfer or money to loan, to help pay for the recording of deeds, mortgages, &c. This would be unjust, and we do not think is contemplated by the bill.

The Legislature is now fairly settling down to work. Senator Reeve, after helping Lieutenant Gray in his little game of "shenanigan" in organizing the Senate, seems to have waked up to a realization of the responsibilities resting upon him as the Democratic leader in the Senate, and seems to be taking a stand in favor of honesty and reform. We shall always be ready to accord to him honor when we think it is due, and if he gets off the track we shall let the people know it. Dr. Confer started off right by voting with the Republicans in favor of a non-partisan resolution for dividing the State into Congressional and Legislative districts. We have not seen the ayes and nays on this foolish resolution adopted by the House, Friday, by which the Democracy was sold out to the Greenbackers, but fear the Dr.'s name is among the ayes.

It is the opinion of the Terre Haute Express that when the Greenback party triumphs it will be "over the prostrate form of the dead Democracy."

Prof. N. P. Hill has been elected United States Senator from Colorado to succeed Hon. J. B. Chaffee. Senator Jones has been re-elected from Nevada.

The man who drafted the new army bill must have been brought up on a newspaper. He botched down fourteen pages of the Burnside bill into a single sentence.

In Louisiana there are 62,883 white voters who can write their names, and 13,936 who can not do so. Of colored voters 10,390 write their names, and 60,300 do not.

Heavy shipments of grain are being made to Cincinnati from points on the Illinois Central road. It is quite unusual to see the cars of that line moving in the direction of Cincinnati.

A number of our exchanges express the belief that the price of money cannot be regulated by law, and that an interest law is worthless so far as it attempts to fix the per cent to be paid on interest for money loaned.

When the fees and salaries of county officials are reduced to a basis commensurate with the times, and the paupers sent to the poor house, where they belong, it will be in order to talk gravel roads.—West Lebanon Statesman.

The Mormons are rather reticent in regard to the decision of the Supreme Court sustaining the law of Congress for the suppression of polygamy. The Mormon papers say that the decision is wrong, but they say nothing about obedience to the law.

At some points on the New York Central road the snow-drifts have reached such a depth that when trains pass through them the coaches are as dark as when passing through a tunnel, and in some instances the drifts seem to be a mile or more in length.

The trial of the directors of the City of Glasgow Bank is proceeding at Edinburg. The prisoners are charged with fraud, theft and embezzlement. The court room is densely crowded.

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