

The joint committee of Printing of both houses of Congress, it is stated, intend to give the publication of the Congressional debates to a new contractor, by which a saving of from ten to fifteen per cent. will be effected. The old contract expires with the present Congress.

Mr. ORTON, in his opposition to the postal telegraph scheme, states the gross receipts of the Western Union Telegraph Company to be over \$10,000,000 a year, while the gross receipts of all the companies returned to the Government for taxation were \$5,000,000 in 1906, \$7,000,000 in 1907, and \$7,000,000 in 1908.

Spain is divided into forty-nine provinces, which, in 1864, had 166,291 inhabitants under the laws that restricted the right of suffrage to a comparatively small number of persons. The new law confers the privilege upon all males above the age of twenty-five. The aggregate of voters will thus be increased to 3,612,642.

The Secretary of War states to Congress that there are, at this writing, no fewer than one hundred and thirty-eight over-seen generals in the regular service, embracing all ranks of officers from brigadiers down to captains in the line. The Secretary very sensibly recommends a repeal of the article of war which gives them any consequence by virtue of the little political fiction known as late as brevet.

SENATOR CONKLING last week introduced a bill prohibiting the future sales of gold, and the allowing of commissions to bankers and brokers for such transactions. Some such measure as this should have been passed long ago. It will be remembered that General BULLER, in the impeachment trial charged that the President's supporters, through the agency of the Secretary of the Treasury, were enriched by transactions of this nature.

The New York Herald has information that the House will ask the Senate, by petition of the Republican members, not to confirm another of ANDREW JOHNSON'S appointments. It is a very sensible movement. Why should GRANT be encumbered with any more of this administration's office-holders than he has already to get from under? Shut down the gate, and let the mill cease to grind for the few sad days and nights that ANDREW is to reign.

The report of the American Colonization Society shows that the receipts last year, from donations, legacies, etc., were over \$50,000. Over \$30,000 were paid to transport emigrants to Liberia, \$15,000 to repair their ship, and \$17,000 for other purposes. The expenditures during the last three years have exceeded the receipts by \$62,000, and they call for more income. The emigration fell off nearly two hundred last year.

The Fall-Mail Gazette is against any re-opening of the question of the British recognition of our rebels, and hopes that the English Parliament will refuse to ratify the Alabama claims treaty if we insist on such a reopening. But this is the very way we are going to take John Bull by the horns. There is no use in his pawing and bellowing. He must be won right up and knocked on the head with that question.

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MR. BARNES, of New York, proposes to Congress that it shall be an offense for any national bank or corporation or person to loan national bank notes upon the collateral security of greenbacks, or upon deposit of greenbacks which form a portion of the consideration. During the great "locking up of greenbacks" in New York, which preceded the violent and immense speculations of two months ago, something of this kind is alleged to have been done, although much of it was done by borrowing and obtaining certified checks, which deposited in other banks, were again certified and liable to a similar operation, so that the crippling process seemed to be indefinite in the extent to which it might be carried. Mr. BARNES may be able to get at one source of the difficulty by the law which he proposes, but there are other things connected with the paper money system which require equal consideration and thorough reform.

The New York Tribune has an elaborate notice of Mr. Carpenter, the new Senator from Wisconsin. He was a Democrat, of the Lincoln stripe, opposed Mr. Lincoln's election in 1860, and adhered to his old party associations until the breaking out of the war. Mr. Carpenter is a native of Vermont, and is a little past forty years old. He was at West Point two years ago, but for some unexplained reason, did not persevere.

Gov. SKYMOOR was not wrecked in his reason, as it was feared he would be, by a campaign against Grant for the Presidency. He has just been making some irreconcilable arguments before the American Dairyman's Association why cheese is a good thing and ought to be eaten more than it is. This shows that his mind has only been churned up a little by his political excitement and labors.

## Personal and Political.

GEN. G. W. CASS is named as a possible Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania.

The New York Times is gratified with Napoleon's progress in piety, and remarks that he has lately "paid his respects more frequently to Providence." He is too late with his blarney.

SECRETARY Seward, it is stated, proposes to himself an extensive tour of travel on the expiration of his term of office. We wish he had to go all over Alaska on a velocipede.

The war between Hugh Hastings, of the Advertiser, and Horace Greeley, of the Tribune, is opening murderously. Horace stigmatizes Hugh as a "rottenness," and Hugh comes back on Horace as being, in Hugh's thinking, "a first-class fraud and hypocrite." This will result in no blood; but it promises to make the fur fly.

JOHN HAWKINS is said to own one-half of Morgan county, Illinois, and 60,000 acres in Nebraska. His estate is valued at six millions of dollars. He went from Massachusetts to the West in 1835, and by keeping out of "warmer lands" in employments during the speculative mania of 1836-7, and by confining himself to farming lands purchased at \$1.25 per acre, he has become one of the prime land-owners of the country.

Mrs. DR. MARY WALKER and Mrs. Harman, in attendance on the woman's rights convention at Washington, are noticed as dressed in male attire. If a woman decent policeman would hand her over to the virtuous city court inside of twenty minutes, and from thence she would be delivered hurriedly to the horrid keeper of the city prison. Woman's rights mustn't put on any velocipedal airs among respectable folks.

EVIDENCE of the positive disloyalty of Miss Susannah Murphy, the Georgia claimant, is accumulating. It is even questionable whether the property claimed by her did not, in reality, belong to a male member of the family who was an active rebel, and with whom she publicly manifested a decided sympathy. The Tennessee Senator, Mr. Fowler, who unluckily hinted at general repudiation in revenge if this claim should not be allowed, should learn to keep his feelings under a more wholesome restraint.

BIGHAM YOUNG, the great prophet, who perhaps has attracted more attention than any other man of his age of the nineteenth century, is represented as looking no longer young, and the Mormons must be on the qui vive shortly for a new prophet. His latest revelation is to the effect, that the Lord desires a canal to be dug from Salt Lake City to Salt Lake Valley, and from this it would appear that Brigham contemplates devoting the remaining years of his life to irrigation and cotton growing, the faithful to furnish all necessary appliances.

The Indianapolis Express expresses an earnest hope—in which we heartily concur—that the Legislature will act promptly upon the suggestion contained in Governor Baker's message, and pass a law making it a penal offense to engage in or attend a prize fight, within this State. If it is not done, our State will soon be overrun with thieves and cut-throats, from all parts of the country, until human life will be unsafe. We are already made to bear the odium of the prize fights arranged both in Chicago and Cincinnati, but which take place on the soil of this State. Let us have a vigorous and efficient law, and put a stop to this business at once.

The New Albany Commercial is something more than ecstatic in its jubilation over the election of Mr. Pratt. It thinks that whatever may be said of the late Senatorial contest, it will be admitted by all that Hendricks has a successor worthy of him. Republicans have never denied that the Democratic party of Indiana had their best man in the Senate. Hendricks compelled respect by his talent, his scholarship, and his personal dignity. Among his colleagues and throughout the country he ranked as an able man, whose respectability, character and bearing made him worthy a seat in the highest deliberative body in the world. It is no small compliment to his successor to say that in a comparison with the retiring Senator in all the essential requisites for the seat he vacates. Pratt does not suffer.

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

## SENATE.

The Senate met at 2 o'clock.

The appointment of M. O'Leary, Timothy Nicholson and John Ingle, Jr., as trustees of the State Normal School was confirmed.

A large number of bills were reported back from committee.

Resolutions concerning the National Bank were introduced by Messrs. Wolcott, Caven and Hughes, and were referred to the Finance Committee.

The appointment of J. R. Ogden, as one of the Commissioners of the State of Idaho, for six years from March 1st, 1910, was reported by the Governor.

The Committee on the House of Refuge was announced as follows: Messrs. Hooper, Hadley, Case, Elliott, Bird, Bradley and Henderson.

Bills were introduced, as follows:

Senate bill No. 94, touching the consolidation of railroads. The bill provides that where a railroad of the State shall be chartered to with any other, its special charter shall be regarded as forfeited, and it shall be placed upon the foundation of the general law. The bill is also retroactive, declaring that by so consolidating with other roads, the special charter has been forfeited. Referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Cravens, Hanna, Hughes, Stein and Bradley.

Senate bill No. 95, to amend section 363 of the Civil Practice act.

Senate bill No. 96, to prohibit judges from practicing in any court where they are appointed judges, and to prohibit any county officers in any court of the county.

Senate bill No. 97, making an appropriation of \$415,590.45 to pay the Morgan railroad claims.

Senate bill No. 98, to provide for the assessment and collection of municipal taxes upon stocks of banks or banking associations.

Senate bill No. 99, to establish an Agricultural College in connection with the State University at Bloomington.

Senate bill No. 100, to amend section 6 of the act of March 2, 1859, for the relief of the State University.

Senate bill No. 101, to authorize the

## Trustees of the State University to establish a medical College.

Senate bill No. 102, to amend section 5 of section 324 of the Civil Practice act.

Senate bill No. 103, to amend section 7 of the divorce act.

Senate bill No. 104, for the appointment of official reporters for courts in the State.

Senate bill No. 105, to repeal the act of June 4, 1852, concerning County Treasurers.

Senate bill No. 106, to amend section 24 of the act regulating descents.

Senate bill No. 107, to amend section 2 of the act for incorporating county libraries.

Senate bill No. 108, to amend section 2 of the registry act.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

The House was not in session.

## THE STATE.

HALL thieves infest La Fayette.

SAXE lectured at LaPorte last night.

A CENSUS of Evansville will soon be taken.

TOM THUMB was in New Albany last night.

RICHMOND has two hundred and sixty-five firemen.

A RICHMOND paper publishes an obituary notice of a cow.

JANASCHKE played "Elizabeth" at Indianapolis last night.

LAGRANGE has seven doctors, six lawyers and three preachers.

HIGHWAY ROBBERS waylay poor college professors near Madison.

INDIANAPOLIS "young ladies" make attempts at shoplifting.

It costs \$21.00 in Richmond to cave in a man's head with a stone.

The State Librarian's term of office does not expire until April.

MARION county sends five additional recruits to the Northern Prison.

The new Universalist Church at Princeton was dedicated on the 24th.

A MILLION and a half of dollars worth of goods were sold in La Porte last year.

The Indianapolis Furnace Company, Brazil, will resume work in a few days.

HENRY VINCENT, the great English orator, lectured at Crawfordsville on Saturday night.

SHAVING HORSES Tails is a practice indulged in to some extent in Wayne county.

At CASTLETON, last Saturday, a young man made several unsuccessful attempts to kill himself with "cold poison."

The old settlers of Morgan county are to have a meeting at Martinsville on the 18th proximo to discuss old times.

The Republicans of the Legislature will meet in caucus to-night to nominate several officers not yet decided upon.

HON. D. D. PRATT was born in 1814, and not in 1844, as a typographical blunder made us say yesterday.

Eight hundred thousand dollars of taxes were paid last year by the people of Marion county.

ABOUT fourteen thousand hogs were bought in Wabash county this season, at a cost of \$300,000.

The annual supper of the Indianapolis Burns Club came off last night at the "House of Lords" in that city.

In WASHINGTON, Davies county, last week, John Stuart severely cut Robert Wells with a razor. Whisky.

MR. ROBERT SMITH, who lives near Waverly, Marion county, was robbed of \$140 at his residence on Friday night.

Gov. BAKER nominates Judson R. Osgood as Commissioner of the House of Refuge for six years from March 1, 1869.

The Swedenborgians have organized a Society in Richmond, and will soon be provided with a regular place of worship.

HON. JESSE L. WILLIAMS of Fort Wayne has been appointed receiver of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad company.

MAJOR DICK LITTON, of Madison, who mysteriously disappeared from that place a couple of months since, has been seen in Canada.

THIRTY or forty members have been added to the Methodist Church in Vincennes during a protracted meeting which is still in progress.

A LITTLE boy named Elsenbaier, living at Huntington, while playing last week, fell into a boiler of hot water and was scalded to death.

The Richmond Radical has a new head, whereupon the Humming Bird says: "It would help the paper very much if the editor had one."

A MAN named Brett was killed in a saw mill near Michigan City last Wednesday, by a stick which was thrown violently from a circular saw.

The expense of assessing the internal revenue in the Tenth District of this State last year, was less than any other district in the United States.

ONE firm in Richmond has manufactured \$10,000 worth of school desks in the last six months. There are two other manufacturers there.

SAMUEL STROGO, of Princeton, was struck on the head by a brick thrown by John Hicks, on the 22 instant, died last week. Hicks has disappeared.

Every paper that comes to hand tends with complimentary allusions to Hon. D. Pratt. He seems to have been everybody's second choice—and a second choice is sometimes much better than the first.

There is an interesting biographical sketch: George Wood of Wabash, who was recently blown up on the steamer Glide, had been blown up twice before to say nothing of the countless times to his wives, of whom he has had four. "His first was killed a week after marriage by a carriage runaway; his third fell into a well, and was not found for two weeks. He is the only one living of a family of seven children."

LIETUWANT-GOVERNOR CUMBACK has been called home in consequence of sickness in his family and urgent private business.

WE HOPE the Legislature will be prompt in devising some effective means of putting a stop to prize fighting in this State.

SOME of our State exchanges are still quarrelling over the late Senatorial unpleasantness. It will not pay. "Let the dead Past bury its dead."

THE "Commercial Hotel" property on South Illinois street, Indianapolis, was sold on Saturday to Mr. Horace R. Allison. The price paid was \$20,862.

THE new Auditor and Secretary of State kept open house, yesterday, for the reception of their friends, on entering upon the duties of their respective offices.

THE Columbus Journal pays the following compliment to the new Indiana Senator: "Garrett Davis has a voice like a three weeks' fall rain, but Pratt can wash him high and dry with one squirt."

THE permanent organization of the Louisville and Vincennes Railroad Company has been deferred until the 18th of February, at a meeting to be held in New Albany for that purpose.

SOME one stole a bible belonging to the editor of the Warsaw Union. He was both discriminating and accommodating. He couldn't have taken anything else which was of so little use to its owner.—Ind. Sentinel.

A STALWART negro in Evansville successfully resisted three policemen who attempted to arrest him. He knocked them about promiscuously and "hit out," but was afterwards captured and brought to a sense of his "cussedness."

LAFAYETTE is much in need of additional school buildings. Many children are waiting their turn to enter the public schools of that city. So beautiful and wealthy a city should not be deficient in educational facilities.

AMONG the names mentioned as candidates for Congress in the Eighth District for the year of Hon. James N. Tyner, of Miami, Col. M. S. Robinson and Hon. T. N. Stillwell, of Madison, and Col. Asbury Steele, of Grant.

THERE appears to be a determination on the part of the citizens of New Albany, Vincennes and "intermediate points" to build the Falls City & Vincennes railroad. They talk like men who mean business.

IN EVANSVILLE on Monday two boys named Lewis D. Foulks and John Carr, the former aged 17 years and the latter 12 years, got into a quarrel over a copy of the Police Gazette, when Carr stabbed Foulks in the shoulder, inflicting a very severe wound.

THE jury in the case of George Scott, on trial in the Marion Criminal Court, last week, for arson, retired for deliberation on Friday evening, and at eight o'clock Saturday evening returned a verdict of acquittal, thus reversing the decision of the jury in Scott's first trial.

A MORTGAGE was recorded in Marion county on Saturday for five million dollars, given by the Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central Railway Company to secure the issue of that amount of Consolidated Sinking Fund Bonds.

CAPTAIN JAMES SEABROOK, an old citizen of New Albany, favorably known in years past as clerk and commander of several fine steamers on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, died at Indianapolis last Friday. His remains were taken to New Albany for interment.

A DEAD BEAT at Richmond gets his liquor by rushing frantically into the drug store, crying out that his son has been trampled to death by a horse, and calling for a pint of alcohol. The unfortunate man has always left his money at home.

THE New York Tribune exceeds the facts a hundred weight or so when it says of Senator Pratt, of Indiana: "He is about forty years of age and weighs about four hundred pounds, and will no doubt prove to be the most weighty member of the Senate since the days of Dixon H. Lewis, Alabama's great Senator."

A FORT WAYNE special says:—"D. P. Wheeldon has appointed next Saturday as the time for our citizens to vote for a postmaster. Several candidates are in the field urging their claims to it. The present incumbent, H. Bailey, has filled the position since the death of Moses Drake, and has given general satisfaction. He will probably receive an appointment under Grant."

A FEW nights since burglars at Madison broke into a book store, and the gas having been shut off, found themselves without a light to prosecute their nefarious work, and as a substitute employed five dollar greenbacks found in the money drawer, which they lighted with matches. They used about thirty dollars in that way.

THE Indiana Temperance Alliance will hold its annual meeting at Muncie, Ind., on Saturday next, commencing at two o'clock on Tuesday. All temperance associations are entitled to membership, and all friends to the cause may become members, by paying a dollar and signing the pledge. All the railroads terminating at Indianapolis, excepting the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette, intend to send delegates free who pay full fare going. A large audience is earnestly requested.

OUR DISPATCHES, yesterday morning, made brief mention of a prize fight in Tipton county. The following more detailed account of the shameful affair, is from the Indianapolis Sentinel, of yesterday:

The prize fight between Mike Donovan and John Boyle, for \$300 a side, came off yesterday, one mile from Buena Vista, Tipton county, on the line of the Peru Railroad, the ring being formed in a field about one hundred yards from the railroad. Boyle was the first to "shy his castor" and take his place in the ring. He was quickly followed by Donovan, and the two entered the ring.

Most of the rounds were terminated by a clinch and fall, Donovan generally being the victor.

On the second round Donovan got in on the snout of Boyle, drawing the fight to the ground. Boyle, however, was not so easily thrown, and he quickly got up and squared back down during the fight.

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Of the 92 counties in Indiana, 71 have railroad communication. Of the 21 without railroad communication, 18 have river communication, leaving but 13 without public means of conveyance, while even these have railroads at no great distance from them.

It was stated at the official meeting at Indianapolis, the other night, that there were five offices in Marion county that were worth, in the aggregate, over \$500,000 a year, and that either one of these offices was worth more than the salaries of all the county judges and county prosecutors combined.

WILL CUMBACK deserves his defeat. We do not question his devotion to the Republican party, yet his corrupt proposition to Gov. Baker, during the gubernatorial campaign, that Indiana's General Assembly could knowingly endorse, without self-stultification, trading in official positions is an ulcer upon the body politic, which, if continued and repeated, may one day cut into the vitals of the Republic. The practice has long been in vogue, but the rebuke just administered is well-deserved.—Chicago Republican.

ONE of the quickest railroad trips ever made in this State was made on the Jeffersonville road Sunday. A train, consisting of the engine D. Kicketts, a baggage car and passenger coach, containing Jay Gould, Esq., of the Erie railway, and a party of railroad men, left Seymour at five o'clock and arrived at Jeffersonville in fifty-eight minutes. The distance is just fifty miles. Such time as that can now be very easily beaten.

THE Lafayette Journal has been shown by Senator Stein the original compact upon which the Senatorial bolt was grounded. It reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned Republican members of the House of Representatives of Indiana, hereby repudiate the late nomination of Will Cumback to the United States Senatorship, and mutually pledge ourselves to refuse our votes to him at all elections, and to use our influence in the most effective manner to secure the election of an acceptable Republican to the office, but in no event casting our vote for a Democrat."

THOMAS SANT, an old citizen of Franklin county, was found dead near his house last Tuesday night. During the afternoon previous, he had gone to a neighbor's, a short distance off, and after having partaken of a hearty dinner, and spent a short time in conversation, he started home. The cause of his death is unknown.

SO many bad things have been said of Will Cumback that even his worst enemies will not grudge him these kind words from the Cincinnati Chronicle:

"Lieutenant Governor Cumback is barely forty years old, full of energy and pluck, and can bide his time. If we do not misjudge, he has a successful career before him. He will emerge from the political conflict still stronger than before, and wield an important power in the future politics of Indiana."

A MAN was arrested recently at Louisville, Ky., for extreme cruelty to a little child, roasting it over a fire. While the trial was going on a woman who had come from Indianapolis rushed into the court room and claimed the child—Withers, the man under arrest, was the father of the child, the Indianapolis woman was his mother. It was illegitimate, and Withers having married, treated the child cruelly. It will not be given up to him.

In the Indiana legislature, Mr. Underwood introduced a bill for authorizing wives to take out policies of insurance on their husbands' lives, provided that the amount of premiums on a husband's life shall not exceed \$50,000. But Mr. Underwood, would not a wife who could be trusted with an \$800-per-annum investment in her husband's future state be a perfectly safe woman to live with all day long? He would not. If she let go as high as that, it is of no use to limit her at all.—Cin. Times.

Mrs. EZRA BEXON, Bedford, has deposited Ezra and a quartette of "pledges of their mutual affection," and valdicated their accustomed dormitory and gastro-poc privileges in company with a "captivating crew" from Chicago. They "borrowed" \$280 in greenbacks which Ezra had saved up from the proceeds of his honest toil to make a payment on his farm. Ezra is on their trail; not that he wants the woman, you know, but he would like those greenbacks. This is a very sad episode in domestic life. If we haven't written it in a sober way it will not be difficult for the intelligent reader to see where the pathos ought to come in. The deserted little ones could tell you perhaps.

THERE is a good deal of luck in this world. General Veatch has had one of the best. The snake had been in the house for some time, and was about to be brought before the Republican State Convention three years ago, and he barely escaped. The last coil had fallen and the reptile was making for the milk.

"I am saved," I am saved," and Maxey bounded from his chair and fell senseless into the arms of his servants. In the meantime, another instant, need it be added, we were all dispersed—the snake was killed, and our poor friend carried more dead than alive to his room.

"AFTER SUFFERING SEVERAL YEARS with chills and or fever without finding anything to give me permanent relief, I was effectually cured by two or three applications of Palmer's Lotion, and although several years have elapsed I have not been troubled with the disease since that time," writes Chas. E. Marshall, Insurance Agent, S. E. corner Third and Walnut Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio.