

NEWS AND OTHER ITEMS.—The Credit Mobilier investigation by the skillful swearing of implicated parties is likely to turn out a veritable "tempest in a teapot."

The meeting of Southern members of Congress was held on Saturday last to consider the proposed refunding of the Cotton Tax to the cotton growing States.

San Domingo is not to be annexed, it seems, in the usual way, but is to be absorbed into our system, gradually and by inches.

In Louisiana, the Pinchback party have proposed a compromise with the legal government, with what success is at present unknown.

THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The report of the State Board of Education for 1872 has been published in the Baltimore city papers and does not, says the Gazette, present such satisfactory results as ought to have been and was expected.

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THE LATE VATICAN COUNCIL.—It is stated that Father Jandel, the General of the Dominicans, recently deceased, is the seventy-fifth of the members of the late Vatican Council who has died since it was opened on the 8th of December, 1869.

A VALUABLE ARRANGEMENT.—The Postmaster General has made arrangements with the Signal Service Bureau of the War Department to transmit to all post offices that can be reached from the several points of distribution daily, by mail, the weather reports issued by the Signal Service Office.

THE DEER HORN AND GIRL'S MAGAZINE.—Demorest's Young America is always speaking with entertaining stories, poems, fables, puzzles, games, travels, and other pleasant features.

OUR ELECTORAL SYSTEM.—The subject of a change in the present mode of choosing our Presidents and Vice-Presidents is engaging the attention of the United States Senate.

PROTHOROUGH—he who helped to wed Abby to her first love—opposes the gallows. He would have the murderer quietly poisoned when he did not expect it.

A PRACTICAL VIEW.—The Richmond Enquirer thinks the "best way to get out of our present embarrassed condition would be for every farmer to come to a fixed determination to buy no more finery for his daughters on credit.

SMALL-POX.—This loathsome disease appears from the papers to be on the increase in the cities, three thousand cases being reported in Boston alone.

A FRANK ADMISION.—The revelations of Governor Carney before the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections confirm the rumor that Caldwell paid him \$15,000 to withdraw from the Senatorial contest.

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FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICES NOT TO BE COMBINED.—An executive order has been issued by the President to the effect that any person holding any State, Territorial, or municipal office while holding a Federal office shall be considered as having vacated the latter.

POMEROY'S DEMOCRAT.—Brick Pomeroy's Democrat has just completed its 4th volume and inaugurates its new issue with all the striking characteristics which has heretofore distinguished it.

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