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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1868.

"The Great Commoner." A solemn and impressive scene is being enacted at the national capital to-day. The Hon. O. J. Dickey, the successor in the House of the late Thaddeus Stevens, at the opening of that body made a formal announcement of the death of his illustrious predecessor, and proceeded to deliver an eulogy upon his life and public services.

Aside from the universal custom which has prevailed in similar cases since the establishment of the Government, there is a special significance attached to this payment of fitting tributes to the dead. The life of Thaddeus Stevens was so intimately associated with the history of the country during the progress of the war and the efforts to restore it to its normal condition after the suppression of the Rebellion, that it is impossible to ignore the event of his death.

The Union Pacific Railroad. HITHERTO California and the other States and Territories of the Pacific slope have seemed to us of the eastern side of the continent almost as foreign countries; and, indeed, they are practically further removed from us than Europe, so that it is difficult at times to realize the fact that they are really part and portion of one great country. The time is near at hand, however, when the two sides of the continent will be united, and when a journey from Philadelphia to San Francisco will scarcely take more time than would a trip to Boston a hundred years ago.

clary, with the tenure of office extended to life and limited by good behavior and a capacity for the full and satisfactory discharge of the important functions of the judicial office. THE TWITCHELL TRIAL.—The trial of Mr. and Mrs. Twitchell for the murder of Mrs. Hill commenced in the Court of Oyer and Terminer this morning, with Judges Brewster and Ludlow upon the bench. Not since Anton Probst stood at the same bar, arraigned for the wholesale butchery of an entire family, has there been such a scene in our highest criminal court, and even at that memorable trial the crowd in attendance was not so great nor the interest so intense.

The Dog Question has been the great local sensation of London during the past summer, and the excitement created by the muzzling of stray canines while the warm weather continued has not yet abated. Singular as it may appear, this muzzling operation was denounced almost unanimously by the press as a gross outrage upon the brute creation. In a recent number of the Saturday Review we find a mention of the fact that all unmuzzled dogs caught in the streets of San Francisco are thrown into the pound, and, if not redeemed within a certain time, summarily put to death.

SPECIAL NOTICES. POETICAL READINGS.—MRS. E. E. W. HAMPER will read her new poem, "MOSES." AT CONCERT HALL, THIS (Thursday) EVENING, December 17, 1868. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Commence at 8 o'clock. Tickets, admitting two, 50 cents; single tickets, 25 cents. To be had at "Trumpet's," Chestnut street, below Third, and at the depot.

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