

The Sun.

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The regular circulation of THE SUN for the week ending Feb. 18, 1882, was:
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Wednesday, Feb. 22, being a legal holiday, the weekly edition of THE SUN for this week will be published on the morning of Tuesday, the 21st.

The New Apportionment Bill.

The PRESCOTT Apportionment bill, which fixed the number of Representatives at 320, was regarded as unjust toward Vermont, Rhode Island, Florida, and two or three other small States, because it seemed to favor New York, Pennsylvania, and Illinois at their expense.

As the bill is a compromise between conflicting interests, the Senate will probably pass it without change as to the number of members and their allotment to the several States.

With the present number of States, the new apportionment increases the total of the Presidential electors to 401. The majority necessary to elect a President will be 202, which is 17 more than was required in the campaign of 1880.

The Shepherd Correspondence.

Letters of J. R. SHEPHERD had hitherto been withheld, and parts of letters which had been erased or left blank in the copies previously communicated, have now been laid before the House of Representatives.

As to the names of persons in private life mentioned by SHEPHERD in connection with his so-called Peruvian Company, these were apparently suppressed because, so far as the great majority of them are concerned, the writer himself does not allege that they had accepted his propositions.

Railway Speed in England and the United States.

The following table gives the greatest speed attained on nine railways running out of London. It was compiled by a correspondent of the London Iron, who, wherever the length of the line was sufficient, took a run of well over a hundred miles, with at least one intermediate stoppage.

Table with 5 columns: Railway, Feet, Miles, Time, and Speed. Lists various railways like Great Northern, London and Dover, and their respective speeds.

The quickest time from New York is, however, not equal to that made on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Jersey City and Philadelphia.

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as cranks and adventurers. They must have foreseen that even if their motives were not impugned, their mental soundness could be questioned.

The Triumphs of Our New York Senators.

The two Senators chosen last summer to represent the great State of New York have at last distinguished themselves in the Capitol at Washington.

Senator WARNER MILLER having first introduced a remarkable petition, now proclaims his own lack of sense by declaring that he had not the slightest idea what the petition meant.

Next came Senator LAPHAM. In the fatherly wisdom obtained by his experience in the lower House, this learned gentleman began his career in the Senate by still more recently some bright person discovered that the word "close" was a good substitute for "dense" and so used it.

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Tammany and the Republicans.

If Tammany goes clean over to the Republicans, and the adherents of JOHN KELLY become regular members of the Republican party, it will be interesting to see whether they place themselves on the side of the Stairwells or the Half Breeds.

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