

CURRENT EVENTS.

President Grant has signed his intention to sign the bill providing for counting the Electoral votes, should it pass both houses of Congress.

Hon. John R. McPherson, Democrat, has been elected United States Senator from New Jersey, in place of Senator Frelinghuysen.

The Electoral bill passed the Senate at 7:10 on the morning of the 25th, after an all-night session, by a vote of 47 yeas to 17 nays.

Judge David Davis was elected United States Senator from Illinois on the 25th. The contest was decided on the fourth joint ballot and the eighth day's joint session of the Legislature.

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The South Carolina Supreme Court, on the 26th, rendered a decision in the quo warranto proceedings against the Hayes Electors, dismissing the case, on the ground that the proceedings were illegally presented on the part of the State, instead of the United States.

The President signed the Electoral bill on the 29th. In his message approving the act, he says he believes the bill gives assurance that the result of the election will be accepted without resistance from supporters of the disappointed candidate, and that the highest officer shall not hold his place with a questioned title of right.

MINOR NOTES.

Two South Carolina negroes, one a Democrat and the other a Republican, recently had a duel at Fair Bluffs, in that State.

Secretary Chandler denounces as an unqualified forger an alleged dispatch purporting to have been sent by him to Gov. Stearns, of Florida, which is printed as follows: "Hold Florida for Hayes and Wheeler. Money and troops will be sent you."

Senator Cockrell has introduced a bill granting a pension to the widow of the late Major-General Francis P. Blair, Jr.

Mr. Blaine, recently elected United States Senator from Maine to fill the unexpired term caused by the resignation of Mr. Morrill, was sworn in on the 23d.

W. H. Rhodes, a photographer of Quincy, Ill., was found in a dying condition in his studio, about 7 p. m. on the evening of the 23d. He had been terribly bitten, his skull being broken in three places, and there were evidences of a desperate struggle taking place.

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Mrs. G. Never; and besides, she is not any more a believer in spiritualism than we are. And none of us are believers.

R. Do these raps occur only in reply to questions asked by the sitters? Mrs. G. Oh; no; they seem to be with her constantly, in the daytime as well as at night.

R. How old is your daughter? Mrs. G. Fourteen years of age. R. Has she ever been in the habit of going among spiritualists or so-called mediums?

Mrs. G. Yes; and at one time insane, and was treated for this disease at the hospital.

R. Have medical men ever examined her case? Mrs. G. They have, but have been unable to explain or account for her sudden attacks or fits.

R. And how long do these fits last? Mrs. G. I don't know the exact length of time they have lasted or how long they will last.

R. Do the raps occur when your daughter is in one of these fits? Mrs. G. No, sir; that is, not always; sometimes they occur.

R. Is she subject to these attacks, now? Mrs. G. She never has them now, but I think these raps annoy her now. They prevent her from sleeping at night, and they scare us about half to death.

R. Can your daughter give me a test to-night? Mrs. G. I guess she can. Mary, do you think the raps will come to-night?

"I can't tell, but I can ask," replied Mary; "shall I go into the side-room, mother?"

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The side-room in which the test was to take place contained a small bedstead, a few chairs, a bureau, etc., and was, to all appearance, free from any device in the shape of corner screens, etc.

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