

The Intelligencer

Meeting of Congress. The forty-fourth Congress assembled at Washington today at noon.

Of course the President will veto any act repealing the law of last January, but then he will not be before the people next year and nobody will be responsible for what he does this session.

Why Not. Our readers will remember that on Monday last Mr. Campbell, of Hancock, offered a resolution in the House requiring the Special Committee of Seven, appointed February 24, 1875, to investigate the finances of the State, to continue their investigations in relation to the \$38,000 alleged to have wandered from the State Treasury by crooked ways during the year 1863 under Republican administration.

Booker Short. In the person of Hon. Booker Short, the Delegate from the District of Wyoming and McDowell, has been short in her representation during about eighteen days of the extra session.

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ALL NORTH. Hon. John A. Bingham (our neighbor from over the river) minister to Japan, has been instrumental in negotiating an arrangement whereby postage on single letters between the United States and Japan, on and after January 1, will be reduced from fifteen to twelve cents.

Manuhal & St. Joseph Railroad Case. TOPEKA, December 4.—In the U. S. Circuit Court to-day a bill on the part of certain stockholders of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad Co. asking for an injunction to restrain collecting along the line of said railroad and from levying upon, seizing and selling personal property to pay taxes assessed against the property of the company, and also to enjoin certain counties from prosecuting certain suits in the State Courts of Missouri and Kansas, was filed.

Desperate Attempt to Break Jail. CINCINNATI, December 5.—An Enquirer special from Circleville says that a desperate attempt was made to break jail by convicts this morning. When Keeper Hartman entered to replenish the fire, he saw the convicts, who were chained to the wall, and saw them striking the floor with the poker, falling to the floor, and the three then ran. Hartman's wife raised the alarm, and Johnson and Mason were captured but Dunston is still at liberty.

Large Sale of Short Horns, Draught Horses, &c. TORONTO, December 4.—The sale of short horns, draught horses and Colswold sheep, at Crystal Palace, yesterday, was the largest ever held in Canada.

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THE WORK OF SINGLING OUT AND EJECTING outsiders was completed about 2:15 p. m. when the caucus was called to order by Fernando Wood. On his motion J. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi, was chosen presiding officer, and on the motion of Mr. Holman, of Indiana, Mr. Banning, of Ohio (Independent), was made Secretary.

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CONWAY WAS BEING LECTURED IN Chicago. The Cleveland Leader in noting with what success, says a sweet smile of satisfaction went rippling over a Chicago audience, and their eyes became suffused with tears of gratitude when Conway told them there wasn't any such person as the Devil. The burden of life had been lifted from their souls.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE IN THE MEMPHIS (Tenn.) Appeal: "Hr matchless and perfect figure was a model, and never showed to so much advantage as when she knelt for baptism."

WIKEN A SWEET LITTLE CHILD skips up excitedly and rests its unclashed, anointed fingers on your light casimere, it is well enough for you to remember that of such is the Kingdom of Heaven

WHAT THE PEOPLE DEMAND. The people demand at our hands a swifter and more thorough reform in the civil service, which shall be conducted in a spirit that will secure the appointment to places of trust and responsibility the honest, the experienced and the capable.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION. In meeting and grappling with the difficulties of this vital and perplexing question, it will be our duty to take care that nothing is done which would impair the good faith of the country, or tarnish the public honor, or lower or disturb the credit of our Government, but we are to remove those obstructions which bar the progress and check the prosperity of the American Republic. It is our duty as Democrats, it is the duty, and it is to be the glory of the Democratic party while it controls this House to see that the National debt is paid, and that the currency of this Democratic Republic is made equal with that of any nation on the earth.

NICE TALK, BUT SOME OF IT A LITTLE THIN. THE GRANDEST ASPIRATION of the Democratic party will be to restore the Constitution to its original meaning and authority, and to make it the protection every section and every State in the Union, and of every human being of every race, color and condition in the land. The

apprehension and distrust of one part of the nation, that portion of the Southern people arrayed against the authority of the Federal Government in the late rebellion, should be an element of disturbance to the American Union, has mainly disappeared, as is evinced by your election, and in its stead has grown a more fraternal feeling, which regards us of the Southern States as fellow citizens of the same great nation.

Let us not forget that the great victory of last fall, which brought us here, was achieved not alone by Democratic votes, but with the co-operating efforts of the independent patriots of all parties alarmed by the increasing evils resulting from corruption and maladministration. Before an urgently needed, let us wisely make them. A renewed prosperity is everywhere urgently desired. Let us by removing unjust discriminations, by imposing rigid economy, by restoring a sound currency, by securing the equal rights of all the States and all the people, and by the Democratic party the authors of our new prosperity.

At the conclusion of Mr. Lamar's speech, a discussion ensued upon the method of voting, by secret ballot or viva voce, and resulted in an order to vote by secret ballot. Nominations were then made and voting was begun. FIRST BALLOT. The first ballot for nominee for Speaker in the Democratic caucus resulted as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 161, of which Randall received 59, Kerr 77, and Cox 21. Necessary for a choice 82. No other candidates were voted for. Another ballot will be taken immediately.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, December 4.—Settling day at the end of November was the largest ever known. The nominal value of stocks passing through the clearing house was £300,000,000.

A denso fog envelops the metropolis; travel and traffic are interrupted.

PARIS, December 4.—The funeral of Madame De Jazet took place to-day in the Trinity Catholic Church. Although the sacred edifice seats 4,500, thousands of ticket holders could not enter, so great was the throng. The remains were interred in Pere La Chaise.

SPAIN.

MADRID, December 5.—Mr. Cushing, U. S. Minister, has had a long conference with Senor Callates, the new Minister for Foreign Affairs. It is understood that the negotiations continue satisfactory.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 4.—Matt McCord was arrested at Livermore, Mead county, Ky., and brought to this city this morning by Mr. W. C. Hackett, Town Marshal of that place, and placed in the custody of the U. S. authorities.

THE PRISONER IS CHARGED with setting up a bogus lottery and using the United States mails as a conveyance to promote its interests. It is stated that McCord has been traveling through Ohio and Indiana distributing circulars through the mails at different postoffices. These circulars set forth that the plan of lottery which they represent was to have been drawn at Louisville, December 31, and for the benefit of some charitable or religious institution of that place. Tickets \$1.00. Answers to these circulars were directed to be sent to Livermore, and when McCord arrived there he found a large lot of mail awaiting him, and also an officer who had been appointed to receive the lottery tickets. McCord's trunk was found a large lot of mail matter connected with his scheme, and among which are about fifty packages addressed to James A. Clark, Crawfordville, Ind. It will be necessary for the authorities to ascertain to which postoffice the lottery tickets were sent, and then remand the prisoner to the United States Court in the district where the misdemeanor was committed. McCord was placed in jail to await further developments.

STEAMSHIP LOST—SUSPENSION OF A HARDWARE FIRM.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 4.—The vessel reported lost on Destruction Island proves to be the ship Emily Farnum, hence to-day's papers may witness that McCord was driven on the island the night of the 16th ult. in a gale. The ship broke in two on the rocks. John Hauglin, a seaman, a native of Nova Scotia, and the Chinese steward were swept away. The crew got a line to the island and the others were taken by Indians to the mainland.

JACOB UNDERHILL & Co., a heavy hardware firm, has suspended.

A DISPATCH FROM COMPO, San Diego county, near the Mexican line, reports an attack by Mexican bandits, supposed to be Chaves, on a party of Americans. The party was probably fatally wounded, his brother seriously wounded and several missing. One robber was killed and a number wounded. They robbed Gaskill's store of everything of value and made off. A requisition is asked from the Governor for the apprehension of the bandits, who have probably crossed the border.

WEATHER REPORT.

FOR THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND GULF STATES, Tennessee, the Upper Missouri and Lower Mississippi and Upper Lake region, the weather is generally cool, northwest winds, a norther in Texas, and generally light rain or snow, followed by clear or clearing weather.

FOR THE LOWER LAKES, Middle and Eastern States, a falling barometer, northeast winds, cloudy weather and rain or snow, followed by the Middle States and Lower Lakes by northwest winds, cooler, cloudy or clearing weather.

FOR CANAL REGION, from New Jersey to Virginia, temperature remains near freezing point.

FOR OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI will remain stationary or rising slightly.

HEAVY RAINS IN TEXAS—CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

HALFINGTON, December 5.—There has been very heavy rain throughout the State. It amounted to twelve inches of rain fell in seven hours. The entire country is flooded and considerable damage has been done to the railroads. One passenger train is off near Courtney on the Central. An engine and tender which were dispatched to its assistance were precipitated through a culvert, which had been washed out. One man, Mr. Fowler, of Hempstead, is reported killed, and two others seriously wounded. The through express trains are blocked up at Navasota and Hempstead and the Austin train at Chapel Hill. It is stated that the breaks will be repaired by Monday and trains again running regularly.

CATHOLIC CLERGYMEN BURNED TO DEATH.

MONTEBAL, December 5.—On Saturday Rev. Father Murphy, editor of the True Witness and a famous lecturer on Papal infallibility, and Rev. Father Lynch, a talented young priest lately from Ireland, drove out to back river, seven miles from Montreal, and stopped at Lejeune at night. After retiring a fire broke out in the hotel, and Fathers Murphy, Lynch and Madame Champagne, a lady sleeping on the third floor, were burned to death before assistance could be rendered. The Lejeune Hotel is a large wooden building and burned very rapidly, spreading to Marce's Hotel opposite, and both were burned to the ground. Fully 8,000 people visited the scene to-day.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW YORK, December 4.—Arrived—Steamships Algeria, from Liverpool, and Labrador, from Havre.

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LAMP EXPLOSION.

NEWARK, N. J., December 5.—A lamp containing gasoline fell from the wall in Frederick Hoffman's beer saloon last night and exploded. Mrs. Hoffman and daughter were burned so badly that they died today.

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