

A Democratic Compromise.

The Democratic members of the House of Representatives held a caucus on Tuesday night to consider a bill to reduce taxes. A number of speeches it was decided by a vote of 114 to 57 that the bill commonly known as the Morrison bill, which proposes a reduction of about thirty per cent. on duties and rebates on the existing tariff lists, shall be considered in the Committee of the Whole, a reasonable time be allowed for amendment and debate, and that a bill reducing war taxes shall be passed. It was also decided that there shall be contained in the bill a clause repealing all taxes on tobacco, snuff and cigars, and a reduction of ten cents per gallon on brandy distilled from fruit. The latter decisions were contained in a resolution which set forth that they were made to harmonize conflicting opinions on the manner of reducing the revenues of the government.

The action of the caucus is reassuring to those Democrats who feared a split in the party on the tariff question. The tariff Democrats desired to avoid large annual surpluses by repealing all internal revenue laws, and the Carlisle Democrats favored accomplishing the same end by a reduction of the tariff. Now that a compromise, offered by the strong element, is made, it is hoped that a bill will be perfected that will command the entire Democratic strength. The people have been taxed for years a hundred millions of dollars annually more than the government, extravagantly administered, needed, and the people demanded a halt. The present Democratic majority is the result of a result of that demand, and a reduction of taxation must be consummated.

A Proper Veto.

Gov. McLane on Wednesday sent into the Senate a message vetoing the bill reducing the marriage license fee from four dollars and a half to sixty cents. The reasons the Governor assigns for vetoing the measure are the same as those advanced against the reduction in the Advocate, namely, that the state could not afford to lose the revenue, and that the law now provides for avoiding any fee from those too poor to be economical to purchase a license, by having the bans of matrimony published in church. If any argument of the friends of the bill in favor of the reduction be admitted, they fall when it is considered that the state cannot afford to lose \$27,000. There has been no complaint from the people against the license fee, and there has been no demand for its reduction or abolition, except by Senator Moore, the patron of the bill, and the Baltimore Star. Even if the license fee is wrong in principle, the people are accustomed to pay it, and the condition of the state's finances will not admit of a reduction of revenue. The license fee paid is all that some people pay to the support of the state government that protects them. In fact it is a trial, and the Legislature could have employed its time in a more profitable way. From the Governor's oft expressed views the Legislature might have known he would have vetoed any bill reducing the revenue, and his action in returning it without his signature will be supported by a large majority of the property owners in the state.

A poll of the Democratic members of the New York Legislature shows a large majority in favor of Mr. Tilden for President. Among the Democratic members of the Pennsylvania Legislature Mr. Randall is the preference, with Tilden next. Unless Mr. Tilden positively refuses the nomination, Pennsylvania will be for him in the convention, as Mr. Randall would not be in the field against him. The Democrats of New Jersey are also for Tilden, and the preference of those states will settle the nomination. Mr. Tilden's health, as usual in presidential years according to the Republican press, is not robust; in fact the Republican journals report him as a physical wreck, but he is healthy enough for Democrats and the Republican party will find him too healthy for them, should he accept. Four years ago Republican papers said he was in very bad health. Their representations were so positive on that score, that some believed he was near dissolution. It was even so in 1876, but the old Roman still lives, and the same certain nomination of him for President has paralyzed the Republican party. They would like to avoid the inevitable defeat that would visit with Tilden to lead the Democratic hosts, and are endeavoring to defeat his nomination by representing him as on the verge of the grave. Democrats, however, will not be misled. As a prominent Democrat of the Empire state recently remarked of the Empire state is not looking for a Hercules—they want brains.

Greely as a Journalist.

In Catheer's Literary Record, prepared for the instruction of the young, is found a brief biography of Horace Greely, in which the biographer speaks of him as "the greatest of American journalists." This is not only fulsome, but it is in accordance with the words of the late President, Mr. Lincoln, who said of Greely: "I have never known a man whose mental horizon, like his own, was circumscribed, he would have been regarded as scarcely above mediocrity. And this was the true estimate of his mental caliber. He was not a man of broad and cosmopolitan views, but narrow and contracted in his conceptions of men and things. Greely's head was full of crochets, but to call him great is to invite ridicule."

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Gen. Grant has expressed himself in favor of Logan as the Republican nominee for President against all aspirants, and says, in regard to a rumor that he was shortly to dine in company with Mr. Blaine at Gen. Bea's in Washington, that it is probably not true. He declares that he would not go to a dinner where he thought he would meet Blaine. It will now be in order for Mr. Blaine to say that he will be better off at dinner with Gen. Grant. Go it, gentlemen, keep up the Stalwart and Half-Breed quarrel, and the Democrats will come in and take charge of the government next March.

The Frederick Examiner heralds the suggestion of the Hagerstown Herald that the horse of Federal office holders "manage to shove themselves to the front" whenever there is a state convention called, "as if such a thing could be run without them," and the better remain at their desks and leave the work of managing county affairs to the people, and it will be better for all concerned. They are not needed at primaries or conventions.

Richard C. Holyday, Secretary of State, has resigned on account of ill health, and Gov. Melane has appointed George B. Milligan in his place.

The Havre de Grace Republican has entered upon its 17th volume. It is an active, energetic and progressive journal.

Maryland Affairs.

Cecil county roads are said to be in a terrible condition. The Heptastrophs ("Seven Wind Men") number 1200 in Maryland. The citizens of Salisbury have a \$68,000 bond subscribed toward establishing a bank in that city. Dr. John G. Archer, brother of the Hon. Stevenson Archer, died at Pointe Coupee La., on the 17th. Highland Park hotel, on the Western Maryland, will be opened in May under new management. Strawberries and green peas are now reaching Baltimore from the South by the Norfolk and Savannah steamers. Henry Atkins, of Frederick, was fatally injured by a fall from a horse near Piedmont, Va., on Wednesday. The Cecil County Agricultural Society will issue \$5,000 more in stock, in order to enlarge its grounds and buildings. The 34 indictments against the Montgomery county grand jury found by the delinquency of the local option law.

The quarter-house on the place of Mr. Alfred V. Thomas, of Howard county, was consumed by fire on Sunday. Delegate Joshua H. Cockey, of Baltimore county, has been appointed a member of the Governor's staff, with the rank of colonel. The Flamingo Company's fertilizer mill and S. S. Appell & Son's saw mill, at Zahn, were burned Sunday. Loss about \$200,000. J. Frank Morrison, ex-Frederick Commissioner of Baltimore, on trial for alleged falsification in office, was acquitted Wednesday afternoon. In Hagerstown on Monday, a Republican mayor and Democratic councilmen were elected.

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A sensation was occasioned in social circles in Baltimore on Wednesday night, when Mrs. Charles DeLeon, a lady prominent in the highest social circles and highly connected, has signed a contract with the Madison Square Theatre Company to star next season. She has been leading lady at the Wednesday Club for the past three seasons. Her acting is very much admired in a letter from a friend who attended amateur performances in New York last summer, and it was there that her acting won her the renown which led to her engagement with DeLeon. Her husband is not engaged in any business. She has an income from property left her by her parents.

While Governor Hamilton, of Illinois, was in his office at Springfield, Monday afternoon, a bullet struck through a window of the Executive mansion, and a man, who called himself "John Kane," was engaged in firing shooting. As a precisely similar occurrence took place a short time ago in Chicago, there are suspicions of an assassination plot.

The heaviest earthquake shock felt at San Francisco since 1868 occurred there Tuesday night at 44 minutes past 12 o'clock. The shock lasted 15 seconds, and several buildings on made ground, near the water front, were badly damaged. Property rushed from the street to the water front, and a great shock followed at 5:18 P. M., and more are expected.

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The first through train of cars with passengers left the City of Mexico Saturday for Chicago. The party consists of fifty, both Mexican and American. The number of cotton mills in the Southern States has increased from one hundred and eighty-four years ago, to three hundred and fifty-two in 1883. The military and firemen of Winchester, Va., have decided to celebrate the Fourth of July in a manner equalling, if not surpassing, any previous occasion of the kind.

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Table with 4 columns: Station, Rate, Station, Rate. Includes Hillen, Union Depot, Penna. Avenue, Windsor, Highland Park, etc.

EMMITTSBURG RAILROAD. Appoll's, 80 Long's, 80 Emmittsburg, 80 BALTO. & CUM. VALLEY RAILROAD. Midvale, \$1.20 Guilford, 1.20 Fair View, 1.20 New Franklin, 1.20 Geiser, 1.20 Chambersburg, 1.20 Waynesboro, 1.20 Plainfield, 1.20 Russell, 1.20 Green Village, 1.20 Five Forks, 1.20 Southampton, 1.20 Milbrook, 1.20 Shippensburg, 1.20 Altoona, 1.20

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