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APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE. THE PRESIDENT is necessarily engaged upon important public matters preparatory to the early assembling of Congress and will have no time, until after the meeting of that body, to give the slightest attention to applicants for office.

POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CONGRESS. It is no new thing under the sun for political parties as well as individuals to seek responsibilities which they are unable to bear.

It is reasonably certain that the course which that body has already taken has arrayed the people of the South very generally against the Republican party—a result which ought to have been and which might have been avoided if loyal Senators and Representatives from the States now unrepresented had been promptly admitted to their seats.

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THE RECEPTION OF CONGRESS. Few of our readers are aware of the nature and extent of the preparations to receive Congress on the first week in December.

There will be great doings on the occasion. The Capitol Grounds are to be whitewashed overhead.

A scaffolding is to be erected on the dome of the Capitol, from which the Orator of the Day will address the crowd.

A strong escort of radical men-at-arms, completely armed with axes, (to grind,) will protect the loyal members of Congress from the assaults of blood-thirsty conservatives.

These will be marshalled in battalions, as follows: The Bankrupt Law Rangers, the Tariff Dragoons, the Railroad Musketeers, the New London and League Island Marines, the Northwest Lake Noddy Depot Pioneers, the Mexican Loan Stock Jobbing Sharpshooters, the Iron-clad Monitor Heavy Artillery, the Foraker and Stevens Air Line H. A. D.'s, the Anti Revenue Blunderbasters. This force, well loaded and primed, is deemed sufficient for the protection of the most feeble of the Congressmen.

The patriotic members of Congress will be received with cold.

There is great activity among the hospitable boarding-house keepers in preparing to welcome Congress. They are—Dusting their aged carpets, Sweeping off venerable cobwebs, Thinning out their chintzes, Purchasing tough hens, Raising their prices for board and lodging. Congress is to have a glorious reception!

Several vacancies have recently occurred at some of our principal hotels by the sudden disappearance of copperheads. They have gone to their holes. They will probably change their colors and slough their slimy skins and reappear some day.

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BY TELEGRAPH. The National Republican. FROM EUROPE. THE BANQUET IN LONDON. A SPEECH BY EARL DERBY. A REFERENCE TO AMERICA. THE REFORM DEMONSTRATION. THE MARKETS. NEWS FROM MEXICO. Maximilian Will Not Abdicate. HE IS STILL AT ORIZABA. DISSEMINATIONS AMONG THE LIBERALS. THE REBUIR OF THE MEXICAN EMIR. A VISIT TO JEFF. DAVIS. WOMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION. THE LOUISIANA STATE FAIR. Another Serious Railroad Accident.

FOREIGN NEWS BY STEAMER. New York, Nov. 22.—The steamship Africa has arrived.

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DISSEMINATIONS AMONG THE LIBERALS. The London Times says that Earl Derby made one of his happiest after-dinner speeches, and it notices as of great importance the intimation that a proposition for the arrangement of the differences between England and America with respect to the Alabama claims would be entertained, and that the duties of neutrals in maritime war might if necessary be reconsidered.

THE LOUISIANA STATE FAIR. Another Serious Railroad Accident. Louisville, Kentucky, Nov. 21.—A band of desperadoes have committed a most atrocious crime on the Louisville and Nashville road. Three men have already been killed and others in custody, and will probably share the same fate.

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