

CURRENT NEWS.

GENERAL.

The Presidential Electors of the various States met at their respective State Capitols, on the 6th, in accordance with the provision of the Constitution, and cast their votes for President and Vice-President.

WASHINGTON.

There was a long session of the Cabinet, on the 1st, at which it is said the subject of Federal intervention in South Carolina was fully discussed.

The public debt statement for Dec. 1 shows an increase of the debt during November of \$467,000.

The Democratic members of the House of Representatives met in caucus, on the 2d, and nominated Hon. Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania, for Speaker, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Kerr.

A letter signed by ex-United States Senators Carl Schurz, John B. Henderson, and others, was on the 3d transmitted to Hon. T. W. Ferry, President of the Senate, suggesting that, in the event of a Congressional dead-lock in the counting of the Electoral votes for President, the United States Supreme Court, by joint agreement of the two Houses, be empowered to finally adjudicate in the matter.

The Secretary of the Treasury has submitted to the House of Representatives the estimates of appropriations required for the public service for the fiscal year ending with June, 1878.

The principal changes in the membership of the Senate committee are those caused by the resignation of Senator Morrill and the death of Senator Caperton.

The President, on the 8th, transmitted to Congress the report of the committee of Northern Republicans who visited Louisiana for the purpose of witnessing the canvass of the vote in that State for Presidential Electors.

A New York dispatch says that John Morrissey has declared all pools sold by his house on the direct result of the Presidential election.

order to present his case to the President, with the hope of obtaining a pardon, or at least a commutation of sentence.

Congress.

The second session of the Forty-fourth Congress began at noon on Monday, Dec. 4. After the Senate was called to order the new members were sworn in and took their seats.

The House was called to order by Clerk Adams. The Speaker's chair was draped in mourning as a token of respect to the late Speaker, Mr. Kerr.

The Senate, on the 5th, after considerable discussion, adopted by a strict party vote the resolution offered by Mr. Edmunds for a committee to investigate the elections in South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana.

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Col. Thomas Dowling, a prominent citizen of Indiana, member of the Democratic National Committee, and founder of the Terre Haute Express, died on the 5th.

The Legislature of Colorado, by a nearly unanimous vote, adopted a joint resolution protesting against the action of the lower House of Congress in declining to qualify Mr. Belford, the Representative-elect from that State.

The Oregon Republicans were reported as greatly indignant over the course of Gov. Grover in commissioning the Democratic Elector in that State, and passed resolutions asking the United States Senate to prevent him from taking his seat, on the ground that he had willfully violated his oath.

A Rio Grande dispatch says that Gen. Diaz has occupied the City of Mexico, and that Lerdo and his Ministers have fled westward.

THE DISPUTED STATES.

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questioned the latter to withdraw the troops from the State-house.

The Northern Democrats who went to Florida to witness the canvass of the votes for Presidential Electors, on the 6th forwarded by telegraph an address to the House of Representatives, stating that the counting in of the Republican Electors by the Board of Canvassers was done in the face of a decisive popular majority for the Democratic Electors, and that the result was accomplished by throwing out whole Democratic precincts and counties in open disregard of facts and in violation of the law.

Report of the Secretary of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The report of the Secretary of the Navy will show that there are belonging to the navy 145 vessels, of 150,157 tons displacement. Exclusive of howitzers and Gatlings they carry 1,142 guns.

Precious Stones on the Isthmus.

Some specimens of sparkling stones were shown to us lately, which, we are told, are found in certain localities on this Isthmus.

No Organ for Old St.

Some of the members were discussing the question of getting an organ for the church. Old St. remarked: "When yer passes 'round de hat fer dat 'musement, jes skip me!"

Domestic Life of the Presidents.

Washington was married, but had no children. Adams was married and had one son, whom he lived to see. President Jefferson was a widower; his wife died twenty years before his election.

A Romantic Story.

In the middle of the winter of 1838, a fire broke out in the Female Seminary at Limoges, France, and spread with such rapidity that it was feared all the inmates would perish.

MEMPHIS.

COTTON—Middleling..... 11 1/2
FLOUR—Choice Family..... 7.00
COAL—Mixed..... 4.50
GATS—in Store..... 47 50

NEW ORLEANS.

FLOUR—Choice Family..... 7.00
COAL—White..... 35 00
GATS—St..... 45 00
HAY—Prime..... 15.00
POKE—New Mess..... 17.75
SACON..... 07 1/2
COTTON—Middling..... 11 1/2

Rapid Transit on Nebraska Prairies.

SIDNEY, Neb., Nov. 26.—Brainerd, of the Telegraph, and I were standing upon the depot platform when I espied a red flag flying over a residence near by. "Small-pox in town?" I inquired, as I leveled a finger at the bunting.

General Sherman's Annual Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—Gen. Sherman, in his annual report to the Secretary of War, says: By the assignment of Major-General Schofield to the Superintendency of the Military Academy, that institution is made equal that of a division command, and West Point is rightfully constituted a military department, so that its Superintendent, as the Commanding General of a Department, may exercise all the powers and functions of such commander, especially to order General Courts, or disciplinary proceedings; and to execute all sentences not specially reserved by the Articles of War to the President and Secretary of War.

THE AGGREGATE FORCE.

of the army now consists of 2,331 men, all of whom are actively employed, though war existed. By the subdivision of territory every foot of the country is under the supervision of a general officer near at hand, with a part of the troops proportioned to the necessities to maintain order and peace, whereby the settlement of the country may progress, and civil officers be enabled to enforce the laws of the United States.

MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ATLANTIC.

there are no hostile Indians, but troops have been actively employed in the enforcement of the laws in enforcing the revenue laws, and in protecting the weak against the prejudices of the strong. In the frequent cases of civil elections, the presence of the highest qualities of firmness and prudence, and I am sure the behavior of troops in every instance has commanded the respect of all.

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where a state of actual war has existed for many years, and still continues. I am not yet in possession of a Sheridan's report, but, in anticipation of its receipt, will endeavor to give a concise account of some of the chief events as gathered from reports and letters received during their progress.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF.

the troops under Gen. Augur have been shifted from place to place, in aid of the civil authorities, under the same state of facts as in the Department of the South, with similar results, and have always used their power with consummate discretion.

ON THE TEXAS FRONTIER.

especially the Mexican border—has long existed an unsatisfactory condition of affairs. Civil war has existed in the border Mexican States, and each faction has at times sought an asylum on this side of the Rio Grande; but, from an examination of the reports of the military authorities, it seems to be an organized system of robbery by small bands of Mexicans and Indians, who cross the Texas side, commit murder, steal horses, cattle, etc., and escape back to their stolen property to the other side, where they are comparatively free from punishment and pursuit.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI.

the Indians of New Mexico have been remarkably good of their word. On the 2d of October, Gen. Sherman's expedition against them, and the death of Gen. Custer with his command, etc., Gen. Sherman says that the security of the country is now in the hands of the Missouri River, with four companies of his regiment (6th Infantry), to head of Sitting Bull, who is reported to have ordered his warriors to slip out with 30 lodges of his own special followers during the retreat down Bad Route creek, and to have resumed his course for Fort Peck for the purpose of replenishing his supplies, and to turn north and follow this last desperate band to the death.

THE WAR WITH THE SIOUX.

The chief events to which Gen. Sherman refers are those relating to the war with the Sioux; and, since giving a detailed history of the campaign, he expatiates against them, and the death of Gen. Custer with his command, etc., Gen. Sherman says that the security of the country is now in the hands of the Missouri River, with four companies of his regiment (6th Infantry), to head of Sitting Bull, who is reported to have ordered his warriors to slip out with 30 lodges of his own special followers during the retreat down Bad Route creek, and to have resumed his course for Fort Peck for the purpose of replenishing his supplies, and to turn north and follow this last desperate band to the death.

NEW YORK, December 8, 1876.

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Medical Adviser.

—Medical Adviser—"Now, first of all, you must not drink beer in the morning." Patient—"No more I should, old fellow, but it so happens there's not a drop of brandy in the house."