33d Congress—First Session.

WASHINGTON, March 1

[illegible] of any importance transpired in Congress to-day. The House was occupied in Monday [illegible]

The Treasury estimates for the public [illegible] were the subject of speeches on the floor of the House [illegible] Bill passed [illegible]

Mr L[illegible] introduced a bill [illegible] has been detained by [illegible] Mr Bonham has been [illegible] published in the Union.

WASHINGTON March—P M

At the opening of the Senate to-day the galleries were crowded.

The resolution offered by Mr Pearce, inquiring of the Post Master General why extra compensation had been made, was withdrawn.

Mr Calhoun then rose, and, thanking the Senators for the courtesy extended him, requested Mr Mason to read some remarks which he had prepared on the question before the Senate. Mr Mason read:—

The loss of equilibrium between the two sections, the north and south, was the primary cause of Southern discontent, and if the question was not settled it would end in disunion. Northern aggressions were reviewed—the North was forcing the south to accede. To arrive at disunion would require time but it must come unless the question was fairly and speedily settled.

The reading occupied two hours and will fill six columns of the Washington papers. It was listened to with marked attention.

In the House, Mr Doty withdrew his purpose being accomplished by reference of the bill to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Mr Lane, the House went into Committee of the whole, and took up the special order of the day, being a bill to continue in force the law allowing the city of Baltimore to levy tonnage duties for improving the basin. Mr Lane explained the objects of the bill which was then laid aside to be reported.

The Baltimore bill was reported as amended and the House adjourned.

Mr Lessen, elected in place of Mr Butler King, appeared to-day, was qualified and took his seat.

FROM WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, FEB 28

The Union Meetings in New York and Philadelphia—Speeches of Mr Toombs and Mr Baker—What is meant by dissolution

The accounts of the Philadelphia and New York meeting is come in at another time. They back up the Northern doctrine of freedom in the territories most delightfully. It is refreshing to have these great, intelligent, refined, pure, peaceable, christian cities, thus encourage the hearts and enlighten the minds of Northern representatives. In these perilous times, one is quite carried away by his feelings of enthusiastic delight at reading the proceedings. Not the least delightful portion is that where we see full-blooded Free Soilers pirouette on the planks of the Buffalo Platform, and hasten to subscribe instructing the new edition, on the outer door of which is written, 'No admittance to Free Soil here.'

Well, there always was a great, enthusiastic, devoted body of men in New York who followed the lead of Mr Clay, go where he would. There are the men who now endorse his resolutions, and to use the language of Mr Greely, put their noses deep in the gravel of pro-slavery. It is not difficult to guess how well. Hence this manifestation.

The speech of Mr Toombs yesterday was a disappointment to me. I was less earnest and extravagant than one might have been led to expect from him. Mr Toombs spoke with great fervor and energy of manner, and displayed a manly tone throughout. It was a speech of ability. One thing in it was significant and indicative of an ebb in the dismal tide of disunion. In answer to the dictum of secession that had been so often expressed on the northern side of the house, that the union shall not be dissolved, he remarked that the men of the present day in the South might be misunderstood by succeeding generations.—But if there were it would be but a postponement of the day when Southern rights would be fully vindicated.—If the present generation did not, the next we certainly would, rise in their might and redress the wrongs, and re-establish the equality of the South, now threatened with destruction. This contingent adjournment of the question of dissolution gave us courage. If the North won't surrender at discretion quite yet, the disunion flag will soon be hauled down. It is by no means nailed to the mast. The flight of the North, as manifested in the New York meeting, is really ludicrous. The patriotic gentlemen be radical.

Gen Baker of Illinois followed Mr Toombs and gave us an open war speech, containing a good many good sentiments rather roughly worded. The argumentative part of his discourse was not altogether of the knock down character. Puff balls cannot be sent with the force of a bullet. Nevertheless the Colonel's speech pleased the galleries, and this detracts merit in the performance which we are not disposed to undervalue. Mr Colcock of South Carolina followed Col Baker with some [illegible] gentleman declared that 'The passage of the proviso IS the dissolution of the Union.' [illegible] what it has been taken to be. For the Wilmot Proviso has passed Congress several times. According to this explanation [illegible] already had dissolution [illegible] 'The passage of the [illegible] Mr Colcock, said [illegible] in the language of the proviso. There is another aspect of Southern politics [illegible] Tuesday [illegible] this serve to remove some dread in regard to [illegible] Dissolution [illegible] according to the Southern signification, is nothing but an expression for the Union Mr Colcock's disunionists dissolution, therefore, be simply means that the—will apply a term. A country Member of Parliament who had been very much amused in the Commons by a threat of Speaker Onslow 'tell the gentleman by naming to adjourning' addressed the speaker at the session, to know if it would have been the course [illegible] but his threat into execution. Gov Gowan, I expect is speaker. According to Mr Colcock [illegible] of the Southern, third [illegible] 'Pass the proviso, says Mr Colcock, and we [illegible] dissolution.' It is proposed 'The passage of the proviso is a reason to consider the Union dissolved' says Mr Colcock. Very well. We are content with the new revelation of the meaning of Southern disunionism. We have stood dissolution, it seems, for several years, and are none the worse for it. Let us abate our fears for the future, though it may come again.

Trouble among the Revenue Officers in New York.

A day or two since, it was discovered by the accounting clerks in the Custom House, that some goods had been delivered from the public stores without payment of duties; and, on investigating the matter, it was found that they were delivered under a special order of a deputy collector, whose intelligence and integrity had secured him an appointment. A check for the duties had been drawn by the importers and handed to their clerk, and the check had been cashed by the bank.—So much has been positively ascertained; but whether the money vamoused between the Bank and Custom House or in the Custom House, had not yet been determined. A further investigation is now going on, and the result so far as the outsiders can ascertain, shows that goods, have not only been delivered from public stores without payment of duties, but they have been withdrawn from warehouse without even the formality of an entry. The funds wanted to make good the deficiencies already ascertained, are supposed to amount to some $6,000 or $10,000.—*N Y Herald*

Participating Life and productions of the late Fessee Hill—It is welcome news, we feel sure, to the numerous friends of this favorite and much lamented comedian will learn, that his widow, Mrs Candelia Hill, has secured the copyright for a forthcoming work under the editorial auspices of Dr. Wm Knight Northall of Brooklyn to be entitled, the "Life and Reminiscences of Yankee Hill," comprising many of his witty sayings, comic speeches, lectures and other entertainments which rendered him so deservedly popular during his lifetime. Dr. Northall was intimately connected with the late Mr. Hill and if any person is able to give a concise and vigorous biography of the deceased, it is the present editor. We are sure that the work will be in all respects, a very extended reputation and its being solely for the benefit of his widow and family, will work no add to its sale. No compilation ever so successfully depicted the peculiarities of the New England Yankee as the subject of this work will be, a volume which will correctly and impartially represent his style, will undoubtedly be very popular. We would impress upon the minds of our readers, that the copy right obtained by Mrs Hill, extends over all her late husband's productions, and any publication therefore that does not emanate from her, would be a infringement of her right and will be prosecuted as such. We anticipate a rapid sale of the work.—*Express.*

The Canada, which arrived on the 15th ult. from Liverpool, brought the largest mail which had ever been received at this port, [40,000 letters] but she has been entirely outdone by the Europa, whose mails reached the enormous amount of fifty-five thousand letters. Of these, nearly twenty thousand were for the city of New York. Should the foreign correspondence continue to increase in this manner during the remainder of the season, Congress might probably be forced to admit the necessity for greater accommodations than are now afforded at our post office.—*N Y Jour Com.*

Gen. Bem, whose death was reported to have taken place in fulfilment of a certain wonderful prediction, is alive to fight more battles, and contradict marvellous prognostications.

THE HERALD.

Thursday Evening, March 7.

MR DODGE'S CONCERT.

The entertainment given by Mr Dodge on Tuesday evening was better attended than any performance in Rutland of the kind, that we now remember. There was a crowding and we are pleased to say that Mr Dodge fully sustained the characters which came before him—and that all who adopted in on this occasion, were highly delighted.

The range, the versatility of Mr D's talents is really astonishing and is only given to him by wonderful power over others. Possessed with a good voice and well cultivated taste he occupies a high position as a singer, while his inimitable power of imitation, his wit and natural good humor renders him just the man to make such an entertainment as he gives, highly agreeable and amusing, and at the same time powerful in its effect.

Western Vt. Rail Road.

The friends of this road held a meeting at Manchester on Thursday last, and made choice of the following Directors:

Robert Pierpont, Rutland; Robinson Hall, Wallingford; Aaron R. Vail, Danby; Ira Cochran, Dorset; Myron Clark, Manchester, Martin C. Deming, Ashley Hurd, Arlington; Lemuel Bottom, Shaftsbury: A. P. Lyman, Bennington.

In our opinion, a better selection could not have been made; they are all men who never flinch when work is to be done, and they will encounter all difficulties with a *determination* to overcome them.

The following excellent appointments were also made:

M. Clark of Manchester, President; A. R. Vail, of Danby, Vice President; Seneca Smith of Danby, Clerk; Daniel Roberts, Jr., of Manchester, Treasurer and Attorney; W. B. Gilbert, of Rutland, Chief Engineer.

In the selection of Mr. Gilbert, we think the Directors have shown that they do not mean to fail for want of a *good* and *experienced* Engineer, and he will carry more influence and talent to the aid of the enterprise, than almost any other man. They will find that his untiring and unflagging energy will be equal and superior to any obstacle that he may be called upon to encounter. They have a subscription of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars unconditional, and about forty thousand conditional. The city of Albany will, in all probability, render such assistance as the merits of the project demands, and thus secure to themselves a large portion of the business of Western Vt. The laws of gravity will naturally give to the valley of the Hudson, a large portion of the trade, sought by Boston enterprise.

We hope (and doubt not) that success will crown their efforts at an early day.

☞ Nothing particularly new from Washington. We see that the *Senate* is discussing disunion—the House are on the subject of *hemp*; if they would resolve themselves into a committee of the whole and put the two subjects together we think good might come of it.

Montreal Elections.

Montreal, March 1.

Mr. W. Walker, an American and an annexationist, was returned without opposition from one of the city wards, and Mr. Holmes an Irishman, and also an annexationist is supposed to be returned from the centre ward, in opposition to Mr. Guay. The election was finished, and the polls closed at about five o'clock.

There were some riotous outbreaks and some few heads cracked—but no lives lost, as we can learn.

MONTREAL March 6

The elections are closed, and that after less rioting than was expected. Axes and pistols were freely used, and some windows were broken. In Ashton's fur store in Notre Dame street some persons who had fired on the mob had taken refuge there, but on the whole, if the police men had been called in there would have been a very little or no rioting.

Among the candidates elected are four annexationists, as much and strong, and as the last much of color party.

A clergyman in Ashtabula has preached 126 sermons, married 40 couples, buried 19 persons, baptized 13 children, and added 28 members to his church, within the past year.

Mr Dunmore of the Tenth Texas was killed in New York by Bowie knife. Passengers of the Mississippi from the city of Mexico, place charges to the Texas against Mr Leavitt.

The Boston Post states that the Hon. Mr Winthrop has been summoned home by the extreme illness of a very near relative.

Election Returns.

We have not at this moment statistics at hand with which to compare the vote with last year but presume the majority has increased for No License. The vote must have been a very light one throughout the State, of the following as to be taken as a sample:

	No License	License
Rutland,	228	53
Manchester,	128	37
Bennington,	280 maj.	
Arlington,	72 do.	
Shaftsbury,	42 do.	
Woodford,		30 maj.
Pownal,		35 do.
Castleton,	195	48
Orwell,	89	31
Vergennes,	124	11
Berlington,	168 maj.	
St. Albans,	180	72
Lyndsborgh,	135	25
Billersfield,	50 maj.	
Wallingford,		40 maj.
Ludlow,	154	53

In the 16 towns above, the majority for No License is 1300.

Montreal and Burlington Railroad.

We have much pleasure in learning that the proprietors of this great work are "up and doing" and actually preparing for the spring operation. Mr Gilbert, engineer on the Rutland Railroad, with Mr Gray of Canada, are, we understand personally engaged in surveying the line of road to be adopted, from the village of Highgate in Vermont to Moffat's Island, opposite our city.—*Montreal Courier*

Mr Gilbert passed through Burlington, yesterday, on his way to Montreal on business doubtless, connected with the survey above mentioned. Our Montreal friends could have made choice of no more competent and energetic Engineer than Mr Gilbert, to carry forward the important public work in question.—*Daily Free Press*

Our friend Gilbert is now engineer for the Rutland and Burlington road, the Western Vermont road, and by the above paragraph it will be seen that he has a third road on his hands. Still we doubt not he will always be on hand and serve them all faithfully—as he is a *worker*.

☞ There are three things which cannot be made too short—and they are visits, pie crust, and 'communications' for the papers. Editors need 'condensers' as steamboats do.

Dodge's Concert.

We never saw our Court Room more crowded than on Tuesday evening for the reason that no more could get in. We do not call him the first of *singers*. Two of his pathetic pieces however were sung in good taste and with good effect, to wit: "The Dying Boy" and "Main Truck or Leap for Life" although the room was crowded to its utmost capacity, still such was the breathless silence, that the dropping of a pin would have been noticed.

His forte is in comic and descriptive pieces, and in these we think he excels any performer we have ever had the pleasure of listening to, among which we would mention, the "Thanksgiving Dinner," "A Chapter on Drawing," and "The Unfortunate Man." Instead of "laughing and growing fat," according to the adage, we laughed until we came near shaking what we had from our sides. Let no one who has the opportunity fail of hearing him. Success attend him—he deserves it all.

New Telegraph.

A new Telegraphic discovery has been made by Mr Wm. S. Thomas of Norwich New York, called the Electro-Thermic Telegraph. Letters patent were granted to Mr Thomas Feb. 14, 1859. This instrument is said to possess all the advantages of Morse and Bain's, and in some respects is far superior. Mr Thomas does not use the magnet which is the basis of Morse's Electric Magnetic Telegraph, or decomposition salt like Morse and Bain's Electro Chemical Telegraphs but works on an entirely new principle, never before applied to telegraphing, and is placed beyond all litigation. The principle of this invention is galvanic, generated and controlled by the galvanic battery and with the new modulator the operator is enabled, it is asserted to transact twice the amount of business in the same time as any telegraph now in use.

We understand that Mr Stoddard of this town, has entered into a correspondence with Mr Thomas in order to obtain a more explicit explanation in relation to the working of the system and also wherein its superiority lies. We are permitted to say, that should this correspondence elicit any facts that would be interesting to the general reader, they will be placed at our disposal.

One of the boilers of the steamer Columbia exploded on Saturday morning while she was lying at New Castle Del. One fireman was killed and several hands scalded. No [illegible] passengers were scalded and slightly injured.

The Manchester N.H. mill was set on fire and burned on Saturday morning, destroying Manchester and Boston. It was in the middle of the day and was discovered [illegible] The bag was set on fire and [illegible] few new papers, carried off.

Kalamazoo, Mich., has suffered from a heavy fire. The total amount of the property lost is $75,000.

TROY AND RUTLAND R. R.

We are happy to learn from an authentic source that an arrangement has been made between the Troy and Rutland and Washington Rail Road Company for a connection between, and that the Road is all put under contract from Poultney to Salem and ample bonds given for the completion of the Road by the 1st of May 1851. We also hear the Road is put under contract from Troy north to Eagle Bridge.

Disaster.

The U. S. S. Princeton sailed on Sunday for Cape Cod to visit the Shoals. Post Midshipman Temple of Rutland was lost by accident. The cause was, it is said, not appropriate to the service required. Other not being able to stand the heavy gales which have caused the loss of life at this season of the year.

We are happy however to learn that no more lives were lost.

California

A writer in one of the Boston papers says that 996 vessels will have left the different ports of the United States for California by the first of March—He estimates the cargoes and freights to be worth $52,000,000—an enormous amount of property to be taken out of our markets in 11 months! Of gold shipped to foreign nations is unknown, but there has reached the United States only $8,147,090—or less than one sixth of the value exported from us to that region. Is it any wonder that money is scarce and "times hard" when California and Railroads nearer home, are absorbing millions of capital every month.

APPOINTMENTS.—The following appointments have been made by the President and confirmed by the Senate:

Neal S. Brown, of Tenn., Minister to Russia.

Walter Forward, of Penn., Charge to Denmark.

Francis Schroeder, of R. I., Charge to Sweden.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE SMITHSONIAN BUILDING.—The upper floor of the main building had been loaded with a large quantity of clay to serve as deafening; one of the brick piers in the cellar, on which the foot of a column supporting the floor rested, gave way, and a part of the upper floor of the smaller room of the main building was precipitated into the room below, breaking down the floor into the cellar. Four men were at work in the room at that time, and miraculously escaped injury. The loss will fall on the contractor.

General Taylor and the Union.—On his way from Richmond, General Taylor stopped at Fredericksburg, where he was addressed by John M. Forbes, Esq. He replied, tendering his thanks for the welcome given him, and the eloquent and kindly expressions accompanying it; remarking that in all his wanderings and amid all the toils of his long period of public service, he had ever remembered with pride that Virginia was his native State, and had never ceased to regard her with the liveliest filial feelings; that of the military achievements to which allusion had been made, the glory belonged in a large degree to the brave men whom he had the honor to command, and amongst whom, Virginians had ever been conspicuous; and responding to the allusions of the address, in respect to the Union of the States, he said:

'In the sentiments respecting the inestimable value of our National Union, just now so eloquently uttered I fully concur. In regard to my duty, and determination to comply my best efforts to preserve it, it ought to be sufficient to say that I have taken before the world an oath that I will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the United States. This requires me to do all that I am empowered to do to guard and maintain the Union—for the Union and Constitution exist and fall together. In case, therefore, a necessity (which I trust never to experience) shall require me to act, I cannot neglect to employ, for the preservation of the Union, all the powers entrusted to me without committing perjury and that I assure you, fellow citizens, I have not the slightest intention of doing.'—*Atlas.*

T. Butler King has published a card saying that a report is delayed by illness. He denies that he had any specific instructions from Taylor in California or that there was any [illegible] difference there respecting slavery. He [illegible] Ruby and [illegible] in the case [illegible]

Dr Ayer of the Press has received from the president of the Independent at Paris a resolution of nothing [illegible]

☞ THE DEAN.—The following was one of the regular toasts at a dinner lately given to the Hon. Garrett Davis, of Ky. by the members of the [illegible]

'The Dean. Kentucky honorable and gallant representative of the republic. Next to the [illegible] of Kentucky [illegible]

A company has been formed in Albany under the general manufacturing law, with a capital of $[illegible] for manufacturing [illegible]

Arrival of the Alabama, with half a million in Gold.

SACRAMENTO CITY OVERFLOWED, AND IMMENSE LOSS OF PROPERTY—TERRIBLE SUFFERING—AMERICANS MURDERED BY CHILLIANS.

NEW ORLEANS Feb 28

The Steamship Alabama has just arrived from Chagres with 600 passengers and half a million in gold. She brings dates from San Francisco to the 1st of January.

Sacramento city has been overflowed by the sudden rising of the rivers and houses were visible above water. Our [illegible] were all swept away. An immense amount of property, probably upwards of one million of dollars was thus destroyed. No lives lost, as we understand, generally speaking, calamity.

A serious message has been received by a person [illegible] up on the American Station. They murdered an American and imprisoned twelve besides [illegible]

Arrival at San Francisco, ship Flying Dutchman and barque Hannah from New York.

The American ships [illegible] New York [illegible] 270 [illegible] a passage—some 200 days.

Alabama and the Nashville Convention.

Three Southern States not represented—In the legislature of Alabama, which has just held its session, no legislation on the Slavery subject. The House [illegible] resolutions [illegible] and that neither House would agree to the Nashville resolutions. Delegates to the proposed Nashville convention were elected by the members of the Legislature but not any legislative act defining any particular objects to be accomplished by that convention.

In addition to this there is the positive contrary action of the Legislatures of Kentucky and Tennessee which we have heretofore noticed; and we have now seen at also from New Orleans, that the Louisiana Legislature are strongly opposed to any resolutionary movements, and are not disposed to recognise the Nashville Convention.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—We understand that Mr Aaron Mansur, left his place of his house on Monday evening and since which nothing has been heard of him. He complained of slight indisposition but nothing which caused serious alarm.—Search has been made for him, but at the time of writing this, nothing has been heard.

The laying of the corner Stone of the Washington Monument at Richmond.

On the occasion of laying the Corner Stone there was a slight fall of snow in the morning, but it afterwards cleared, and the weather was delightfully fine. A procession was formed that for surpassed anything of the kind in Richmond before, and extended three miles in length. Among the procession were citizens from all the surrounding counties, and also the military from Petersburgh and Fredericksburg.

President Taylor was enthusiastically received and acquitted himself in a handsome manner at all points. The people pressed around offering him their congratulations, and making the air ring with their hard huzzas. He was drawn in an open carriage by four beautiful steeds. After receiving the Cadets of Virginia at the Military Institute, he attended a grand dinner which had been prepared for the occasion, and at which the Governor, Members of the Legislature and other dignitaries were present. Every thing passed off without accident.

AMERICANS EXCLUDED FROM AUSTRIA.—The Austrian Ambassador at Dresden lately offered an American a passport to Prague; as instructions had been received from the Cabinet at Vienna, formally prohibiting American citizens entering the Austrian dominions.'

It is stated on the authority of the Austrian *Lloyd's* that the Austrian Government had given its Ambassadors, or Foreign Courts, orders to refuse a passport to Americans, in the United States for Austria.

LATE FROM FLORIDA.—The Savannah Georgian, of the 22d February, has letters from Atto Hatchee, Florida, dated on the 12th, which state that 61 Indians had come into Fort Arbuckle, ready to emigrate; and states that should a proportionate number have reached the other stations on the line, the troubles will soon be over. The Kissimmee Indians, which have been considered most hostile, are said to be a most ready to emigrate. Speed has proved more serviceable than bad, and will doubtless be found much cheaper. 48 of Bowlegs's party have also come into Peace Creek, and no doubt was entertained that the remainder will soon follow.

Mr Peabody, of New York, who resides in Paris, has ordered three thousand lbs of bread to be distributed among the poor of the first arrondissement.

A letter from Oregon states that lots there which last spring sold for $1,000 have been lately resold for $16,000.

It is said that the Senate has confirmed the appointment of Collins Lee as District Attorney of Maryland; of Fletcher Webster as Surveyor of the Port of Boston; and —— Polk, as Collector for the Port of Wilmington Del.