THE FORTY-FOURT A CONGRES

This pody meets in Washington City next Monday. The House of Representives is Democratic by an overwhelming majority. The patronage of the House will go into entirely new hands The Speaker of the House, and who he has been claiming attention, speculation and conjecture. The promineut members of the House for this position are not very numerous, but, nevertheless, enough for some of them and their friends to meet disappointment. Kerr of Indiana and Randall of Penns lyania, are the most prominent, with the odds, we think in favor of Kerr. The fitness of these two gentlemen, for the honorable, and responsible position, has been largely discussed, in connection with the prospects of each. That either one of them would make a capable presiding officer, there can be no doubt. Their antecedents, in public life; have been industriously hunted up, by both friends, and opponents within their own party, for very different pur. poses. The friends of Kerr, to brighten his prospects, and dim Raudall's, say, that he Randall will not de at all, be cause he was an advocate of what is known as the back sallary grab, voted for it and eargerly pounced upon his share of it, while Kerr, their man, opposed it. They further say that lo elect Randa! would be an essential departure from the landmarks of De mocracy, for that he is an avowed pro tectionist, that is favors a tariff on importations or purposes of protection.
To elevate and especially honor, purely voluntarily, a pronounced supporter of a protective tariff, does seem to us as surrendering a strong and just democratic position,-a doctrine randered sacred by the memory of the noble and gitted who so long contended for it. Kerr upon this question certainly does not go beyond the position taken by Andrew Jackson, when he declared for a tariff, for purposes of revenue, that might afford incidental protection to American industries.

American industries.

Randail's friends upon the other hand say that Kerr will not do, because he is all wrong on the parameunt living issue of the day, that is the financial issue? he being what is known as a hard-money man, whille Randall, their man, is an inflationist, which, they assume, covers up and hides back-sallary, pro-

tection and all. Next to these two we may perhaps mention Walker of Virginia who is the only man from a Southern State spoken of in connection with the Speakership, and he is a Northern man by birth and rearing, and was a general in the Federal agany in the late war. Then Fernaude Wood and S. S. Cox. are both spoken of and are both of New York. Cox especially, in what is said, is reaping some of the consequences of being a funny man. They say he lacks dignity and force of character and will, and age, whose deformity causes a pitying many of the characteristics that should distinguish the Speaker. And Wood was back salitry graber. The friends of Randell and Komen's Williams, and if you have said it recall it. of Randall and Kerr and Walker have seemed to consider that Cox and Wood being from the same State would manage to do each other the mutual favor of destroying each others chances, and then too it might not be good policy to make the friends of either too mad, because they might hold the balance of power and decide a donbtful contest as

they pleased. So speculation, and advocating, and denouncing goes on.

We should prefer seeing a Western man in the Speakers Chair, because we believe the west and the South are more identical in interest than the iron mongers of Pennsylvania, and the manufacturers and swappers, traders, bankers, and exchangers of New York and New England are with the South. F and New England are with the South. F. E. Shober, member of the ferty first and forly second Congresses, from the Sasishury district, is we believe the only caudidate for the various positions to be filled from this State. He wants to be Clerk of the House. We hope he will succeed. If he should, and Sunset Cox, as he is familiarly called, should set Cox, as he is familiarly called, should be Speaker, we think there might possibly be found in the Speaker and Clerk enough joyial good fellowship to bridge the bloody chasm, and to infuse, into the puritamical, fanational haters of the Scuth a glow of humanity and good human, that their cold popmy-hunting hearts, and grim sour visages never before knew. We shall know pretty soon, and it is not improbable that some avon, and it is not improbable that some one, heratefore unthought of, or at least unspoken of, may be made apeakof the pir turnever has

Louis, is the interest of a Southern Pa-cific road, there were twenty-seven States represented. Gen. Anderson of Richmond was elected temporary chair-man. Ex-President Jeff. Davis and Genes, Jos. E. Johnston and P. T. Beauregard, were present the two latter, taking seats on the platform, were warmly greeted by Gen. Sherman. Jeff. Davis was invited to take a seat upon the platform but politely declined.

HURSDAY, THE 25TH NOVEM

thereof. Through these proclamations, and by an observance of the day desig nated, we as a nation, as a people humbly acknowledge our dependence with raiment, and with food is that nothing? Is it nothing that we are still left us to prepare for that final ay, manded a mired and a decided when we shall be brought for judgment . Capt. McNelly had asked permission pefore the Giver of every perfect gift?

our crosses, our trials, our vexations for which we should feel the humblest uccess which we desired and expected, can we not, in candid communion with ourselves, discover that the fault has been ours, if our expectations and hopes were reacquable?

The earth has yellded a boundful har fook sor rose needy action. vest, to make glad the heart of the hus But these are only rebels, that these bandman, and to feed and clothe the hungry and the needy. No death imparting pestilence, strewing its pathways with human suffering and filling the air with the wallings of misery and on the morning of the 22nd. He was, despair, has swept over you and yours. It is said, originally a shoemaker at Does not the affectionate smile of the atient wife, and the playful gambols and innoced prattle of bright and habity but something else. He was one of children, cause feelings of gratitude to those fanatically opposed to slavery and God to well up in your bosom, and you this opposition to the South help-

be demanded at any moment. Do you feel no gratitude that it has been delaybe thankful for? Look, ye Heaven blessed youth, at that one of your own senseless ididt, in his aimless wander_ ings, then turn your thoughts to God. and say, if you can "I have nothing to feel thankful for". Old and young, married, and single, parent and child, rich and poor, wherever you may be, and whoever you may be, contrast your opportunities, your privileges, your comforts, your blessings, your condito day, are suffering from want of food. from want of clothes, from want of shelter, from want of health, in body and mind, from want of good influen-ces to help them break the bondage of body and soul destroying appetites and habits, and then, in contemplating the contrast, say, deep down in your heart if you can, that there is no teeling of gratitude and thankfulness to Him who has thus east your lives in pleasant places. Feel no thankfulness! Pity, not envy such a man, woman or child.

Carl Schurz delivered his new lec ture, "Centennial Thoughts," in But ton on Thursday evening. It is not display of rhetoric, but is an meariest discussion of antiects vitaly imports to the country and its honor and deas a nation. He said our Governme as constituted by the fathers with the true representive of the best thought the noblest of efforts and the high qualities of the American people, bu it existed to-day it showed a steady cline from this standard, although it ad prospered in material things. This decline was due to corruption and the lack of statesmen. The fathers he said would stand fairly aghast at the monstrous abortions which exist and exclaim with scornful disguet. "Is it this you have made of the fair fabric we transmitted to your hands, to be the embodiment, of liberty, wisdom, party, honesty & Is it this you have of made it?" If they could be present, they would say, "Spend a little less time praising our virtues and a little more in follow-

For some time past there have been This is Thanksgiving day. A day set occassional incursious of Mexicans spart by solemn proclamations of the across the Rio Grande for purposes of heads of our State and National Goy-ernments, to be devoted to thanksgiv-ings for the blessings of the past and the present, and prayers for a cotinuance between this and the Mexican government has been discussed by the papers, and strictures upon the Administration for not affording more ample protection to our citizens on the Mexican frontier, upon God, and our thankfulness tor his have been, in some quarters, quite freely nanifold blessings and mercies. How indulged. A recent occurrence may often we hear the ill considered, and however lead to berious complications. irrevently thoughtless remark, 'I have A dispatch from Galvestion of the 20th nething to be thankful for." Have we of this month says that a band of Mexinot all much reason for thankfulness? can freebooters had crossed the river If we are in the enjoyment of good for the purpose of cattle stealing. Purhealth and sound minds, is that not suit was given by Captain. McNelmuch? If those near and dear to us ly of the Texas State troops with are similarly blessed with health of some thirty men. The thieves were body, and vigor of intellect is that not overtaken on the Mexican side of the much? If we have, by industry and river, and a fight ensued in which four energy, been enabled to provide our of the raiders were killed. Capt. Mid. selves and our loved ones with shelter | Nelly and his band were cut off from their return to the river, and were at the Supreme Court shall consist of a the date of the dispatch surrounded, Chief Justice and two Associate Jusspared till the present, and opportunity and their unconditional surrender de-

to return to the Texas side but had been We have doubtless, all of us, the high refused, his command being regarded by this ordinance now reads: and the low, the rich and the poor, had as outlaws and fillibusters would only be treated with as such. The United and our temptations, and is it not cause States forces are in easy supporting dis- tices. West only insured land to of thankfulness that we have yet left us tance but have no orders. Forty of the power to stand up under them and them crossed the river to cover McNel battle against them? Is it not a mercy, ly's retreat but were ordered backid Ha undeservedly venchasfed to us, that is said to be a cool brave man, and if the There was never any use for more than we are not to-day the helpless victims Mexicans attempt his capture, with the three Judges on the bench of the Suof vices that have altured us with their prospect before him, will fight to the lastseductive influences and temptations. These Mexican banditti should be taught a lesson. They are much more and most profound thanks? If our its need of it than were the banditti of prespects, enterprises and undertakings Louisians. There lacks much, howevhave not all met with that measure of er of being the same alactrity in protecting the rights of property of these plundered Texans that there was in placing usurpers in power in Louisiana. If prompt interference would serve party interest or party favorites wo might

copper colored devils are about to

butcher; alcula - in Henry Wilson. Vice-President of the United States, died in Washington city Natic Massachusetts and it is also said that his real name is not Wilson at all but something else. He was one of to acknowledge yourself the object ed elevated him to the United of His peculiar blessing and mercy? States senate, gave him great reputation, Are you not thankful for, as well as and finally placed him in the second prond of that manly boy and lovely place in the first government in; the girl who calls you father or mother? world. His humble origin adds much They are but jewels sent into your to his great rame. That he was a man of keeping parents, and their return may powerful intellect must be conceded when his opportunities and accomplishments are considered. His blind fanated? And the young too, can they for-icism and prejudice sconer gave way getfully say that they have nothing to to the light of reason and the natural to the light of reason and the natural promptings of justice and humanity than did that of many of his political friends, and as a consequence he can scarcely be said to have been in full accord with the administration at the some things connected with the Credit tion of North Carolina be abrogated Mobillier investigations, calculated to throw a shadow upon his reputation for unswerring integrity, yet there was no unexplainable act or circumstance in evidence pointing direct by to his guilty participation in the corruption and bribery of that stupendous body of pubwhat age he had attained at the time of his death, but he was certainly not very old, and he could reasonably have promised himself many years yet in which to atone for the errors, into which we would fain beleive he had un witting ly been lead. We always regarded him as one of the best of his class, and in his death the world will acknowledge the demise of a great mair. The mass had his sympattiles, and we beleive that his pretensions and intentions of being their friend were stucere. That he was perfect none will contend, that he was, in so far as the South was concerned, prejudiced and janutical all will agree; but, before condemning too severely, we should consider whether we are en-tirely free from those taints ourselves. The longuages are to his daying in the latter part of his life, entertained, essti-ments not in keeping with absolute sub-serviency to the party in power to which he had belonged for so many years, and for which he had so long and efficiently labored; and his basing brought down upon his head alight and, contampropounts labored, and his having brought down upon his head slight and contemptuous comments of portions of the press of that party, will in after years by real-friends, be regarded as the brightest spot in his brilliant career.

spot in his brilliant career.

That wedding cause off sure enough They were married, and that is all we have been able to find out about it. They stole to the church, and had the keet the deed, and then they silently stole away, and we havn't heard from them since. There were no cards and no cakes,—that we have heard of. They made no more a do over it, than if they had been in the habit of getting married all their lives, when we have every reason to believe it was the very first time. Prefly soon, before long, we're going to have another wedding. Two more going the same way. It is as catching as to have another wedding. Two more going the same way. It's as catching as small pox. bus hadning first rough area all to yet all to reach analysis to the person of the property of the grant of the person of the pe

the Constitutional Conven tion of 1875.

The people of North Carolina in Conrention assembled do ordain, That section tour, of article two, be stricken from the Constitution.

Read three times and satisfied in open Convention, this 30th day of September 1875.

Section four of article two, which this amendment proposes to strike out sluply divides the State into fifty Senstorial districts, which division, by the terms of the section, has ceased to exist. The Legislature at its first session after the year 1871, was authorized by this very section to redistrict the State. which it did and emisequently this see. tion is now just so much dead matter in the constitution which the amendment proposes to get rid of. Dead matter should not axist in statute how, much less in a constitution.

The people of North Carolina in Convention assembled do ordain, That section 8, of Article 4, of the Constitution amended so as road as follows:

Read three times and ratified in open

Section eight of article four amended

"The Supreme Court shall consist of Chief Justice and four Associate Jus-

As will be seen this amendment cuts down the number of Judges of the Supreme Court and lessens the expenses. preme Court, and the money the people paid the too supernumeraries was just so much taken from them to pay officials tor which there was neither use nor decent excuse. The will be were

The people of North Carolinain Con rention assembled dowrdain. That section four, article four, of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows: "The Judicial power of the State shall be vested in a Court for the trial of Impeachments, a. Supreme Court, Superior Courts, Courts of Justices of the Peace and such other Courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be es-

Read three times and ratified in open Generation, this the 30th day of September, 1875.

Section four of article four as it now ands reads as follows: "The judicial power of the State shall

be vested in a court for the trial of Impeachments, a Supreme court, Superior Courts, of Justice of the Peace and Special Courts's. The Special Courts provided for are

hose for towns and cities only. If this amendment is adopted, the legislature can, in its judgement and discreption establish such inferior courts as may be necessary now, or may hereafter become necessary. The jail fees of accused criminals, who may be imprisoned for six months before trial are becoming unjustly burdensome to the taxpayers, and it is unjust to the accused that he should be denied a trial for so long a time. Both economy and justice required courts of at least criminal Jurisdiction oftener than twice a year.

The people of North Carolina in Conare tion nine of article tour, of the constitu and the following substituted therefor:
The terms of the Supreme Court shall be held in the city of Ralegh, as now, until otherwise provided by the General Assembly, in the city of the General Assembly, in the city of the

Read three times and ratified in open Convention, this the 30th day of Sep-ber, 1875.

Article four, Section nine. "There

shall be two terms of the Supreme Court held at the seat of government of State in each year commencing on the first Monday in January and first Monday in June, and continuing at long as the public interests may require."

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