

HOW CONGRESS STANDS.

The interest which attaches to all political movements in the United States Senate is still further augmented just now by the well matched strength of the two parties in that body. In the pending contest for the vacant seats from Louisiana and South Carolina, even one vote is a matter of very great importance, and the political strength represented in the Senate, as calculated by the Washington correspondent of the Richmond Whig, is noteworthy. "The death of Senator Morton," says this correspondent, "has reduced the Republican Senators in attendance to thirty-seven, even counting Blaine, who is away sick, but who is expected back within a week. The accession of Voorhees has increased the Democratic number to thirty-four. Davis, of Illinois, has not probably changed his mind since the first week of the session, although Conkling has labored with him assiduously almost every day. His vote will make thirty-five. Patterson declares positively that he will vote for Butler's admission. This will make the vote a tie, counting Blaine at present, and all the other so-called independent Senators as too meretricious to decide the question on its merits, and it is not so certain that they can count on Christianity. In this state of affairs the Republicans will not risk a vote." Not if they can help it, truly, but last Thursday, on the motion to discharge the committee on Privileges and Elections from the further consideration of the Butler-Corbin case, they had well-nigh exhausted all of their expedients, and according to the well-informed Washington correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch, Butler would have gotten his seat that day if Conover had stood by his guns for half an hour longer. Instead of that, however, he weakened under Republican influence, voted for an adjournment, which was accomplished by Wheeler's casting vote, and the matter went over. But speaking of the relative strength of the parties in the Senate, it is interesting to note that the Democratic majority in the House has just been reduced to thirteen by the admission of Mr. Metcalf, Republican contestant, from Missouri. There are now in the House 291 members, of which 152 are Democrats and 139 Republicans, with one Congressional district unrepresented—that of Colorado.

MAGAZINES FOR DECEMBER.

St. Nicholas, Scribner's Illustrated Magazine for Girls and Boys. Conducted by Mary Mapes Dodge. Vol. 11, November, 1876, to November, 1877. Scribner & Co., New York. St. Nicholas, ever the delight of the little people, has never been more brilliant and interesting than it is for December, when the fourth volume makes its appearance in a most artistic dress of crimson, relieved by delicate traceries of black, with golden morning-glories. But the alluring exterior is even surpassed by the treasures within. The smooth tinted paper, the careful and numerous illustrations, are as good in their way as the reading matter, on which no pains have been spared. The author of "Helen's Babies," William Cullen Bryant, J. G. Holland, Lucy Larcom, Albert Rhodes, Virginia Townsend, Longfellow, Edgar Fawcett, Mary Mapes Dodge, Miss Phelps, Donald Mitchell, Susan Coolidge, Edward Eggleston, Whittier and Richard A. Proctor, are some few of the contributors to St. Nicholas. SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY. An Illustrated Magazine for the people, conducted by J. G. Holland, and published by Scribner & Co. This old and popular magazine for December is a real treat, fully up to the reputation it has gained in preceding volumes. It is unsectional, and free from that trashy literature which detracts from many publications. Its articles are marked by a genuine freshness, which at once commends it to the intelligence of the general reader. THE ECLECTIC MAGAZINE, of Foreign Literature, published by E. R. Pelton, 25 Broad Street, New York. This old and well established magazine, long a favorite with the Southern people, now in its sixteenth volume, in its December number, fully sustains its justly earned reputation. Selections from The Nineteenth Century, The Cornhill Magazine, Blackwood's Magazine, and other English periodicals are presented in an attractive and inviting form, and we trust that it may live and grow gray in the cause of general intelligence and first class literature. POTTER'S AMERICAN MONTHLY. An Illustrated Magazine of History, Literature, Science and Art, published by Jno E. Potter & Company Philadelphia Pa. The December number of this popular magazine is the beginning of the ninth volume which is of itself an evidence of its stability and adaptability to the wants of the people. The leading article in the volume before us is the "Power and progress of cultivated mind," which upon a cursory examination we pronounce a most admirable theme, which is handled with the skill of an adept. Other articles are as fully entitled to our favorable comment. We should be pleased to know that it is graded every cent in the land. THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY. A journal devoted to the advancement of the cause of modern science, conducted by E. L. and W. J. Youmans and published by D. Appleton & Co., New York. The December number of this publication is on our table. For ability and character it ranks with the first American periodicals, numbering among its regular contributors such eminent scientists as Prof. Thurston, R. A. Proctor, Prof. Bain, Prof. Draper, Dr. Paul

Niemeyer and others of equal fame. Perhaps the most noteworthy article in the present number is one on Evolution: its origin and consequences, by Prof. Draper. LITTELL'S LIVING AGE. A reprint from the finest reviews and magazines of England, is published by Littell & Gay, 17 Bromfield street, Boston. The number before us is up to the usual high standard at which this publication has established and for which it is known throughout the United States. Littell is perhaps the finest eclectic on the American continent.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Butler Case Before the Committee—The Ewing Bill—An Important Bill to be Reported from Mr. Wadell's Committee Shortly—Mr. Steele's Bill—Mr. Yates' Fish Amendment—Adjournment Delayed—Dockery's Prospective Consularship.

[Special Correspondence of the Observer.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov 22, 1877.

The proceedings of the Senate for the last few days have been of unusual interest. The question of the admission of Butler, of South Carolina, has been before that body. The Democrats, aided by Conover, of Florida, Patterson, of South Carolina, and Davis, of Illinois, have succeeded in taking Butler's case out of the hands of the committee on Elections and brought before the Senate. The reason of this unusual action on the part of the Democrats was that the committee on Elections, for purposes of delay, refused to report the case to the Senate. In being able to bring Butler's case before the Senate, and to defeat the committee, is regarded as a triumph for the Democrats. To-day a final vote on the admission of Butler would have been had but for the action of the Republicans, who resorted to dilatory tactics to cause delay. Could a direct vote have been had Butler would have been seated. Conover announces himself in favor of seating Butler, of South Carolina, and Kellogg and Briggs of Louisiana.

The same question comes up on Monday, to which time the Senate adjourns to-day. On the question of adjournment Conover voted with the Republicans, thus causing a tie of 31 to 31. Wheeler, for the first time this session, had an opportunity of exercising his privilege of voting, and gave the casting vote in favor of adjournment. During all the numerous votes to-day the most intense interest was felt, and the responses of the doubtful Senators were closely watched. Conover and Patterson held frequent conferences with Thurman, McDonald and other Democrats during the course of the day.

The Ewing bill, which had been postponed, came up again to-day. Mr. Ewing closed the debate, principally addressing his remarks to the argument of Mr. Garfield, of Ohio. He contended that the positions assumed by Mr. G. were not correct; that it would bring financial ruin upon the country if the third section of the resumption bill was not repealed; the fourth section of specie payment, made on January 1st, 1877, which his bill would abolish, would produce such a contraction of the currency that nothing short of a financial crisis would ensue. He stated that the present issue of the currency gave but \$17 per capita to the people of the country, while in England it was \$34 per capita, and in Germany \$23 per capita. Yet if this forced resumption was continued it would be even less than it is now. He apprehended that none of the direful consequences, which had been depicted by the opponents of the bill, would result if it became a law. On the other hand he thought it would stimulate trade, promote enterprise and invigorate all branches of industry. The lack of currency to carry on the business of the country was the cause of the hard times now, and what his bill proposed was to relieve the country. The bill will come to a vote to-morrow, and will pass the House by from 20 to 80 majority.

A canvass has been made of the Senate on this bill, and from what has been ascertained, it is thought that the Ewing bill cannot get enough votes to pass that body. The Republicans, with but few exceptions, are opposed to it, and such Democrats as Thurman, Bayard and Hill are also arrayed against it. It is stated that nine Democratic Senators will vote against it, which, with the Republican vote, will defeat its passage. As at present informed it would seem that the Ewing bill, in its present shape, will never become a law.

A bill of great importance to the South, introduced by Mr. Reagan, of Texas, early in the session, has been favorably considered by the committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, and Mr. Wadell, its chairman, has been directed to ask action on it at the first opportunity. The bill provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall begin, at once, to pay, in full, to the late mail contractors of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, their legal heirs, or representatives, the amounts due under their respective contracts for the years 1859, 1860 and 1861; and the appropriation of \$375,000, made by an act approved March 3rd, 1877, shall be made available, immediately, for said payments. The bill provides that no payments shall be made for service rendered after May 3rd, 1861, when discontinuance was ordered by the Postmaster General. A bill of similar purport, but more comprehensive, has been simultaneously presented in the Senate by Mr. Merrimon, and in the House by Mr. Stockwell. Both bills provide for the payment of all unpaid salaries due to route agents, mail contractors, mail messengers, etc. in the Southern States. The bill has been referred to the committee on Claims.

The deficiency bill, which passed yesterday, had an amendment attached by Mr. Yates, of North Carolina, which provides that \$17,500 be used for the propagation of fish.

The question of final adjournment is further off than ever, and it now seems probable that the extra session will not come to a close before Wednesday. The intention is a week ago to adjourn finally to-day, and the committee on Ways and Means had reported a resolution to that effect, but the debate on the army, deficiency and Faris appropriation bills occupied so much time that it was found impossible to do so. Dockery, who has been here for the past week, left last night. He has been working like a Tartar to secure the position of Consul General to London. But it so happens that that place is

now filled, and in addition to securing the appointment, he had to displace the present occupant, who is an appointee of Grant. It is understood that Mr. Hayes has promised him the place on Grant's return, which, from the latest advices, will not be for some two years. In the meantime Dockery may be supposed to be in the condition of the man who invented the saying, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." Dealer is here looking after his appointment as collector of the fourth district of North Carolina. He is accompanied by Rollins, of Buncombe county. Carter, of Asheville, is here. Fagg has his eye still on Mill rd. Millard's friends are serene and undisturbed.

A Good Deed.

Editor Charlotte Observer.— Having read with much satisfaction, the well merited tribute, in your column yesterday morning, to the eloquence and ability of Senator Ransom, I am reminded of one of his good deeds as stated in a special telegram published by the Baltimore Sun during the session of Congress of 1876 and '77.

The service in question was as follows: "A bill which had passed the House of Representatives without notice, authorized a writ of mandamus issued by any circuit court of the United States against any State officer, to remain of full effect, notwithstanding the death or resignation of such officer. The effect of the bill, as was asserted, would be to compel the payment of all the bogus bonds State and municipal, issued during the Radical and carpet bag rule in the several Southern States, which would have bankrupted North Carolina, Georgia and some other States. It is believed that the holders of some six millions of bogus railroad bonds issued by the North Carolina Railroad authorities, inspired this bill, and the common rumor is that Gen Butler worked up the bill in his ingenious style, by which suspicion as to its true intent was not aroused. The bill had already been enrolled and was ready for the signatures of the presiding officers, when through the efforts of Senator Ransom it was arrested in the last stage, before becoming a law.

Believing, Mr Editor, that an act of such vigilance and devotion to duty should not be forgotten, have attached its republication. SENTINEL. Charlotte, November 24th.

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