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**Bill Printing.**  
In commenting upon Gen. Seales' effort to reduce the expense of publishing the proceedings of Congress by limiting the speeches of members to one page, we suggested as a further move in the direction of retrenchment that the number of bills printed be also limited, publishing only such as were of general importance, and then only after they had been acted upon by the committee to which they had been referred. We are not alone in this opinion, as the following, which we clip from the Savannah (Ga.) News, will show:

A reform that will limit the number of bills introduced in Congress is earnestly demanded. There are thousands of bills and resolutions introduced which never receive any consideration from either the House or Senate. They cost a good deal of money, however, and they take up valuable time of committees. They block business because they get in the way of more important measures. They are generally private bills, and there is always somebody behind them lobbying vigorously for them. They are, therefore, a great annoyance to Senators and Representatives. The work they impose on the Government Printing Office is enormous. The reports made on some of these bills are very lengthy. The printing of them and the reports is a very big item in the printing bill which the government pays.

A few figures will show how the number of bills and resolutions has increased in each succeeding Congress: In the 38th Congress, 1,608 bills were introduced; in the 39th, 2,358; in the 40th, 3,723; in the 41st, 5,314; in the 42d, 5,943; in the 43d, 6,381; in the 44th, 6,230; in the 45th, 8,736; in the 46th, 10,067; and 47th, about 11,000.

In the Forty-sixth Congress, of the 10,067 bills and resolutions introduced only 450, or 4 1/2 per cent, passed. There have already been introduced in the present Congress many times more bills and resolutions than can possibly be considered. In fact the number is so large that the Doorkeeper of the House has demanded additional help. What is the use of permitting the introduction of so many bills? They have very little chance of passing, and they prevent the passage of measures that are of great importance. Why not send all claims to the Court of Claims, and adopt a rule that will permit the introduction of such bills only as are of general interest?

Our contemporary goes to the root by suggesting the adoption of a rule that "will permit the introduction of such bills only as are of general interest." But this is not practicable, for every member has some measure in which his constituents are interested, and hence but few of them could be found to favor such a proposition. But the printing of this fearful array of bills, in nine out of ten of which the public at large have no earthly interest, and the reports of committees upon them could be dispensed with with profit to the people and without doing injury to any one. The expense that this needless printing amounts to annually is enormous and every year it grows larger. To meet the demands upon it the Government printing office has been enlarged from year to year until it has become the greatest printing establishment in the world, where at times, according to the statement of the superintendent, there are several tons of type locked up, ready to be printed, waiting for the reading of the proofs. When they run out of type they buy more and keep on setting, for the printing must be done.

We don't believe in niggardly dealing in public affairs under the name of economy, nor do we believe in needless extravagance, but there is needless and gross extravagance in the matter of public printing and it ought to be cut down.

**ENGLISH FLORIDA LAND OWNERS.**  
The Earl of Huntingdon, Lord Hastings, and several other English gentlemen arrived in Washington last week and left Saturday on a special train for Florida. A Washington letter to the Baltimore Sun speaking of the party and its object says: The Earl of Huntingdon is chairman of the Florida Land and Mortgage Company, which was organized under the English laws, and owns 2,300,000 acres of fine land in Florida, generally known as the St. Johns River land. The object of the trip is to make an inspection of the company's lands and devise plans for bringing settlers to Florida from England and also for the full development of the property of the company. After completing their business in Florida the distinguished party will extend their trip through various portions of the South and West. Those gentlemen came at the instance of Col. C. D. Willard, the general manager of the company in America, and also the Vice-President of the Florida Central and Western Railway system. Mr. Thomas Nast, the artist, will accompany the party. The grand jury of Union county, New Jersey, wants the whipping post erected for wife beaters and habitual drunkards.

**Important Railway News.**  
Raleigh News and Observer. It is stated that engineers have gone to Hamlet to stake out the Virginia & North Carolina railroad from that place to Cherow, S. C., and will immediately let it out to contract. This road, it is said, will surely be built. The work goes on in earnest and west of the Savannah river, South, and from Roanoke river to Richmond, north, and forty miles more of the grading has just been let to contractors. The heaviest work on the line has been accomplished and the piers for the bridge over the Roanoke river are finished. The line will run from Richmond to Ridgeway, thence over the Raleigh & Gaston and Raleigh and Augusta railroads to Hamlet, thence south to Cherow. It is said to be the straightest and most direct line south. Its completion will put Raleigh on a great thoroughfare of through travel. Many persons assert that by this time next year the road will be in operation.

**Asking Appropriations.**  
AGUZZA, Ga., Jan. 29.—The city council yesterday entrusted a memorial asking an appropriation for the improvement of the Savannah river and for public building in Augusta to a committee to present to Congress and ask immediate consideration. The committee is General Clement A. Evans and Patrick Walsh.

**Killed in a Circuit Saw.**  
AGUZZA, Jan. 29.—John Butler, a laborer, was killed yesterday by being drawn up in a circular saw at the saw mill owned by J. C. Butler, near the Savannah river. The saw was in operation and the laborer was caught between the teeth of the saw. He was instantly killed. The body was recovered and buried in the afternoon.

A new secret society called the Patriotic Sons of America, has been organized. It has for its motto, "God, Our Country, and our Order."

The birth rate during 1871-81, in Great Britain, was higher than formerly and the death rate lower, making a difference of upward of 300,000 above what would have been had the rates been the same as during 1861-71.

J. K. Emmet, the comedian, must have a weakness for St. Bernard dogs. He owned one some time ago which died, and he said as a mark of affection, that he proposed to erect a \$5,000 monument over it. He has just purchased another St. Bernard at the small sum of \$4,000.

There is a fancy cat, bird, chicken, etc., show in progress in New York. There are on exhibition some remarkably fine specimens of the cat family, native and imported, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and yet there are men who would hurl a boot jack at these as soon as they would at a common cat.

Drunkards in Germany will for the future be sternly looked after by the State. Each town must keep a record of all the hard drinkers, and the city medical men are bound to report those who habitually inebriate to subject them to a strict course of treatment.

Charleston, S. C., shows a rapid increase in real estate values, the increase for 1883 over the previous year being \$662,000. During 1883, 628 permits for buildings and improvements were granted, against 280 permits the previous year. A lot of ground in the northwestern part of the city, which is assessed at \$400, sold at public sale a few days ago for \$3,301.

Philadelphia Record: How hard it is to weaken the smoldering fires of sectional hatred is shown by the cold indifference with which the country receives the bloody shirt speeches which have been lately made in Congress in opposition to the Fitz John Porter bill, and upon other irrelevant occasions. Thank Heaven, the war is over, and its hatred and malignities are perished, except in the minds of mousing politicians, who are nothing if not malevolent.

A Chicago judge has rendered a decision which will have a tendency to limit the number of divorces granted in that city. He rules that a woman cannot have a legal residence in a place unless it be at the same time the residence of her husband. This will be apt to throw a damper over divorce-seeking women who flocked to Chicago to take advantage of the lax divorce laws. It does not, however, operate against the men who come for the same reason.

We are in receipt of the Tribune Almanac for 1884, which is rather a compendium of important events, especially of a political nature, within the past few years, than an almanac in the ordinary acceptation. It is filled with valuable information on current events, with figures on the tariff old and new, which grouped as they are in comprehensive, condensed space, will be found useful and convenient for reference. It is an excellent work evincing great care and thoroughness in its preparation.

There seems to be considerable difficulty in carrying out the anti-Chinese immigration act in California. The immigrants come on with certificates of having been residents of California formerly. There are now 190 of such habeas corpus cases on the court calendar and all other business is blocked. Judge Hoffman, of the United States Circuit Court at San Francisco, in an opinion delivered last Saturday, says it will be necessary for Congress to appoint a commissioner with power to dispose of such cases.

**An Anti-Republican Crusade.**  
MADRID, Jan. 29.—The Government has commenced an anti-Republican crusade. Senator Castellar's organ, El Globo, has been seized. The cabinet will not allow any anti-dynastic speeches to be made or toasts proposed, if the Republicans attempt to commemorate the proclamation of the Republic of February 11th, 1873.

**The Advantage of Education.**  
Arkansas Traveler. "What we want in this here community," said an Arkansas school director, "is education. Some time ago, when I didn't know nothing, I was locked down on a mill but now look at me. Been indicted for forgery! a check!"

### A STRANGE VIRGINIA STORY.

The Shenandoah Valley Agitated by the Metamorphosis of Elizabeth Rebecca Payne.

A special to the Baltimore Morning Herald from Winchester, Va., says: One of the best known ladies of the Shenandoah Valley, Va., has turned out to be a man. Miss Elizabeth Rebecca Payne, daughter of the late Joseph Payne, seven miles from Winchester, who has lived for thirty-eight years as a lady, suddenly avowed herself to be a few days since, a man, and started James P. Kelly, clerk of the County Court here, by signing for license to marry a Miss Hinton, who had resided in the Payne family as a domestic. The lady who fired the heart of Mr. Kelly with such passion as to compel him to throw off the habit of a lifetime and declare his sex in proposing and forty years of age. The strange affair has caused a decided sensation in the Shenandoah Valley and is now the talk of the country. Payne was brought up as a girl. No one ever questioned her sex, and his own avowal that he was a man took the breath of the community. Elizabeth Rebecca Payne was one of a family of six daughters, was brought up as a woman, and was admitted into the best society in company with other members of the family. He was expert in that way off. He was a "masculine girl," but no one ever suspected he was a man. He was a most graceful and dashing equestrian, and always challenged admiration as a rider. He was distinguished for his culture and person, charming and several of them married prominent gentlemen. Rebecca Payne devoted herself to the management of a farm and to the supervision of a store which he had established at Rest, where he also held the appointment of Postmaster. He also dealt in cattle and horses and became an expert in that way off. His enterprises prospered and he has acquired considerable wealth. Determining to marry he threw off his dresses and applied for a license from the court at Winchester, but the astonished clerk, who, like everybody else, considered him as a woman, declined to issue a license for a woman to marry a woman.

When Payne proved his real sex by producing the certificate of Dr. P. W. Maguire, of Winchester, the license was still refused on the ground that the Virginia law compels a man to have given names which show his sex before he can act as a man before the law. Payne then determined to have his name changed at the March term of the Circuit court, which will meet on the first proximo. The affair is a strange one and has excited much curiosity and has created more excitement than any event which has disturbed the social circles of the State for half a century. No explanation has been offered as to why he has masqueraded so long as a woman. Rumor has it that Payne and his sweetheart went to West Virginia yesterday and were married, but this lacks confirmation.

**Favoring the Preservation of the National Bank.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—At the meeting of the House committee on Banking and Currency today, the resolution of Representative Hunt, of Louisiana, introduced last Tuesday, was discussed and with the amendment offered by Representative Wilkins, of Ohio, was adopted by vote of 9 to 4. Those opposing were Buckner and Mills of Texas, Gapsle and Brannin. The resolution as amended declares that public welfare demands that the benefits of the National Banking system be substantially preserved and continued for the time being, provided that the resolution shall not be construed to be the declaration in favor of perpetuation of a public debt.

**Prepared to go.**  
Arkansas Traveler. "Do you die contented?" was asked by a minister of a citizen whose earthly accounts were being balanced. "Oh, happily." "You believe that you will receive a crown above?" "Don't know." "Don't you believe in the resurrection?" "Don't know, parson," and he smiled. "But why are you happy?" "Because I have taken advantage of the three days of grace." "His mind is wandering," said the minister, aside. "No, I'll be blamed if it is. You see, I have a note in bank. It is due. By the time the three days of grace expire I will be dead. Oh, let me laugh!" "But can't they go on your security?" "He's dead, Oh, let me laugh again!"

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### VOORHEES ON PAYNE.

What the Indiana Senator Thinks of the Successor of Mr. Pendleton.

Washington Letter in the Cincinnati Enquirer. I asked the Senator if he had read the speech of Senator-elect Payne, delivered at the Columbus banquet. "Read it?" said he. "Yes, I was in the midst of the preparation of my argument when a Pittsburgh paper was handed me containing it. I seldom read speeches. I did read this. Let me tell you this—it is the best speech which has been delivered by any public man for a quarter of a century. I felt so good after reading it that I sent a telegram to Mr. Payne at Cleveland, telling him I endorsed every word of it. The speech is a platform. It is a brave speech and a timely one as well. His allusion to the civil service sham was most prophetic. I believe with him that you cannot clean the Augean stable with a tooth-brush. How sententious and brave the speech! It covers every vital issue before the people and deals with them in a broad spirit of statesmanship rather than hypocrisy. As I said before, it is the best speech which has been delivered by any public man for more than a quarter of a century. I do not know Mr. Payne intimately, but I feel so toward him that I know I shall enjoy a better acquaintance with him. I wish we were ten years younger. Then I might be such a man for the highest office in the gift of the people."

**A Treated Failure.**  
GALVESTON, Jan. 29.—A special to the News from Aurora says: Creditors of J. W. Belling & Co., general store, issued attachments against their property yesterday afternoon. Their liabilities are \$40,000 and assets said to be \$50,000.

**A Damaged Ship.**  
LONDON, Jan. 29.—The British ship, Citradel, from New Orleans for Liverpool, has put in at Cardiff. She lost her sails and was damaged in other ways.

**A Fair Offer.**  
The Voltaic Belt Co. of Marshall, Mich. offer to send Dr. Dreyer's Celebrated Voltaic Belt and Electric Appliances on trial, for thirty days to men, old and young, afflicted with nervous debility, nervous vitality, and many other diseases. See advertisement in this paper.

**Lady with the Snake-like tongue.**  
She sat in the crowded church that gradually cooled Sunday, and kept her new snake on all her morning. She went with perspiration and the snake into the chilly street, and caught an awful cold. She was unable to eat in any way until they thought of Perry Davis's Pain Killer and sent to the druggist for a bottle. This gave relief. Suddenly checked perspiration brings sudden colds, chills, coughs, consumption.

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**Our Great Sale of Hamburg Embroideries.**

Will continue this week, which for variety of design, excellence of quality and low prices has never been shown before in this market. We have a few DOLMANS that we wish to clear out. They are beautiful light flannels and marked at about half price.

**Hosiery, Hosiery.**

In order to close out the balance of our winter HOSIERY at once we have made up our minds that cannot fail to make a speedy clearance. We never stand on ceremony as to price.

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**A Merry Xmas.**  
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