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| 23th Congress-1st Session. | for all greater distances; and double those rates for letiers exceecing hall an ounce in weight, and not exceeding three-quanters ofan ounce; and for fill letters exceeding three- |
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| IN SENATE.Weduesday, Jan. 17.-Several memorials |  |
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| wero presented. Mr Merrick said the Committee were diligently preparing for a report |  |
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| upon this subject. Mr Win. R. King hoped $t^{\text {hat }}$ the Committee wouk either recommend |  |
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| the total abolition of the franking privitege, or restrict it to reasonable bounds, as its abuse |  |
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| . has become too glaring aud burdensome to be |  |
| Whiger permitted. Mr Merrick observed that the gealest abuse was to be fomdamong the |  |
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| ${ }^{5} 5,000$ pe,thasters in the conutry; they even frauk their love-letters (ibat is, wo suppose, the bachelor part of them.) <br> Sone debate ocecurred on a bill to inprove |  |
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| the uavigation of the Fox and $W$ isconsin rivers. On motion of Mr ilaywood the passage of the bill was postponed one day. Thuraday, Jau. 18.-To-day a discussion |  |
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| arose on the bill some time since introduced |  |
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| mittee, and that Committee raised the question whether the Senate was competent, under the Constitution, to uct upon the subject ; the |  |
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| Committee and the whig Senators, generally, argoing that it was a bill to raise revenue, and the fiends of the bill arguing that it wes a bill to reduce an existing tariff ouly, and not |  |
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| bill to reduce an existing tariff ouly, and not a tarift bill. Afier several speeches had been made, the Senate adjomened, to cuable Mr |  |
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| McDoffie to preprate fin a uefence of his bill |  |
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|  <br> Fitday, Jan. 19.-The Lill appropriating a quantity of laud to the purpose of improving |  |
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| Fos and Wisconsin rivers was perfected and made renty for a third reading. The bill to reduce the present tarifl was |  |
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| thea token up, when Mr McDuffie addressed the Senate for about three hours. Wo extract a few of his remarks as reported by the |  |
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| Globe : |  |
| li had not been more than twenty years since be had taken his seat in the other branch |  |
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| of Congress; and, duing that whole periad, while he remained a meaber of the House, |  |
| be could conscientionsly say that he had never contemplated this Government but with the most indescribatle feelings ; for, as God was bis judee, he could solemnly declare, that in |  |
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| all that perind-ueariy a quarter of a century <br> -he had never hnown the Government to act towned, Somh Corolina in any other way |  |
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| then with the most intantous oppression, day and night. We had looked and hoped or a |  |
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|  this Goverament. All that he had siruggled to oblain was, that it would leave them aloue |  |
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| to enjoy, in prace and quietuess, the producthous of he:r own madely for had never ques |  |
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| felt any interest whatever in any ofther ques-tion than this great question of the taif. which involved the interests of the whole country. Hie would surrender all he had en- |  |
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| country. Hie would surender all he had en deavored to maintain, if nis constituents could |  |
| be restored to their long-lost prosperity. This miserable straggle for power-the struggle for the Presidency - which was keoping the whole |  |
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| contempt, compared with this great question. Whes the compromise, act was passed, he |  |
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| was disposed to suy, in the huguage of the Palmit, "Lord let thy servant now dopart it peare" Ho was satisfied, and retired |  |
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| fon the conueils of this nation, disgrsted with all he hal seen. He retired with the |  |
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| hape of spending the rest of his days in peace; <br> fut he bad coasented to come here again, for un other parpose than to hive some participa- |  |
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| tion in this question ; and the moment jast legislaios upon it should be refused, he would |  |
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| shake the dast fiom his feet and leave this capiod forever. What might be the final resuit of this discussion he coald not pretend to |  |
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| aty; But he would admouish gentemen that they all had as much interest in the settienent |  |
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| of this question as he had. Things might change, and the day might come, wien they (the gentemen) would lose their control in |  |
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| (be gentiemen) would lose this chamber. The spirit of the West had |  |
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| that, within tive vears from this time, the States of the West, aimost Gaclusively agticultural, would be as uaited on this question as |  |
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| tural, wouid be as uwited on this question as the States of the South. |  |
| He admonished thoso tho .epresented the matuffecturing interests, that they stood upon a sandy foudation. Their system was a gi- |  |
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| itun; it was a mosster of iajustice; and it was ouly necessary to ueveil this ungodiy |  |
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| wonty, and the bideousheas of its features horror and diagust. He bad atiempted to perform this office. He had humbly attempted |  |
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| The Seuate went into executive session, havigg first resolved, on rising, to adjourn over until Monday next. |  |
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| duced a bill "to reduce the rates of postage, to timit the use, and correct the abuse, of the fraaking privilege, and to prevent frauds upon, <br> M: Nerrick said in relation to the bill: <br> "That while he was up, as this was a subt jast now exciting some interest in the Senate, and in the country, he would briefly <br> were the general features of the bill. <br> and leading feature (said Mr M.) is <br> ader the exitting haws, viz: I pro- <br> Wis bill that there shall be charged in futare apou atl letters in manuscript, un exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, five thore than one hundred miles, and ten cents |  |
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