

It is even wise to abstain from laws, which, however wise and good in themselves, have the semblance of inequality, which...

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MISCELLANEOUS.

THE BRAVO—A tale by the author of 'The Spy', 'The Red Rover', 'The Water Witch' &c. CARBY & LINA, Philadelphia, 1831.

This novel of 'The Bravo' is Cooper's first born in a new class. Paul Clifford was among the first of this kind which attracted great attention.

In vivid description of places, embracing alike nature and art, Cooper is inimitable. We find in the 'Bravo' many of his most exquisite touches.

The city of Venice stands on a cluster of low, sandy islands. It is probable that the country which was nearest to the gulf, if not the whole of the immense plain of Lombardy itself is of alluvial formation.

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probably the reason why the Lagunes have a more determined character at the mouths of the minor streams that empty themselves here, than at the mouths of most of the other rivers, which equally flow from the Alps or the Apennines, into the same shallow sea.

The natural consequence of a current of a river meeting the water of any broad basin, and where there is no base of rock, is the formation, at or near the spot where the opposing actions are neutralized, of a bank, which is technically called a bar.

The low margin of sand, that in truth, gives all its maritime security to the port of Venice and the Lagunes, is called the Lido di Palestrino. It has been artificially connected and secured, in many places, and the wall of the Lido, (literally the beach), though incomplete, like most of the great and vaulted works of the other hemisphere, and more particularly of Italy, ranks with the mole of Ancona, and the sea-wall of Cherbourg.

As all the deeper channels of the Lagunes have been preserved, the city is intersected, in every direction, by passages, which, from their appearance, are called canals, but which, in truth, are no more than so many small natural branches of the sea.

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is never heard in these straight avenues, they are of great resort for all the purposes of ordinary intercourse.

FROM THE OLD PRESS. The following has been communicated to us as a 'fact matter.'

In a neighboring county, a widower who had acted the part of the brute and a tyrant to his wife, went shortly after the demise of his spouse, to pay his respects to a buxom widow, who, like the suitor, had not the best reputation for suavity of manner and meekness of temper.

He—Well, Madam, I am come to see you. He—Well, you may just clear out again, for I'll have nothing to do with you. You needn't think to get me.—You abused and whipped your first wife—and I know what kind of a fellow you are.

He—Yes I did, and if I had you, I'd make you toe the trig—I'd give you a d—d good thrashing every time you deserved it.

Strange as it may appear, they were united in the blissful bands of matrimony in three days afterwards! "Was ever woman in this humor won't! Was ever woman in this humor won't!"

GOOD.

In a county somewhere in North-Carolina, about the finishing time of the session of the Court of Pleas, &c. a limb of the law, who was as much noted for his wit as for the shortness of his stature, found much difficulty in getting a jury, to sit upon a case in which he was professionally concerned.

ANECDOTE.

A certain Sheriff being "hard put to" form a Court—for while he was seeking a third justice, one of the two would leave the bench—was advised by a lawyer to "tye fast the two he had until he could run down a third."

CONGRESS OF THE U. STATES.

Monday, Dec. 5.

At 12 o'clock, the first session of the 22d Congress, was opened at the capitol.

In the Senate, a quorum having assembled, the chair was taken at 12 o'clock, by Mr. SMITH, the President pro tem. After the presentation and reading of the credentials of the new Senators, the oath to support the Constitution of the U. States, was severally administered to them, and they took their seats.

In the House of Representatives upon the first call of the list, a very full attendance appeared, two hundred and one members answering to their names. Seven members only were absent—one from Massachusetts, one from R. Island, one from Pennsylvania, one from Virginia, one from N. Carolina, one from Ohio, and one from Alabama.

On the motion of the Hon. Jesse Speight, Mr. M. St. Clair Clark was unanimously re-elected Clerk of the House. A committee was appointed, on the motion of the Hon. Aaron Ward, to wait upon the President, in conjunction with a committee of the Senate, to inform him that the two Houses of Congress were assembled, and ready to proceed to business.

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SENATE.

Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Mr. King, from the Joint Committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, reported that they had performed the duty enjoined them, and had received an intimation that the President would, at twelve o'clock, this day, make a written communication to both Houses of Congress.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The communication promised by the President, was received by the hands of Mr. Donelson, his Private Secretary; which having been read.

On motion of Mr. King, it was ordered that 3000 copies of the Message, and 1500 copies of the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. King moved that the 5th rule of the Senate be so far suspended as to authorize the Senate, in the absence of the Vice President, to appoint by ballot a Chairman of the Committee of Finance; which motion being agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to ballot for Chairman of that Committee, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, was chosen.

The following standing Committees were then announced from the Chair: On Foreign Relations—Messrs. Tagwell, White, King, Forsyth, and Bell.

On Finance—Messrs. Smith, Tyler, McPherson, and Johnston.

On Commerce—Messrs. Forsyth, Dudley, Johnston, Wilkins.

On Manufactures—Messrs. Dickerson, Cass, Knight, Miller, and Seymour.

On Agriculture—Messrs. Seymour, Brown, Moore, Hanna, Waggoner.

On Military Affairs—Messrs. Benton, Burnard, Troup, Clay and Kane.

On the Militia—Messrs. Barnard, Prelinghysen, Clayton, Prentiss, and Wagoner.

On Naval Affairs—Messrs. Hayne, Tappan, Robbins, Webster, and Bibb.

On Public Lands—Messrs. King, Ellis, Holmes, Robinson, and Hanna.

On Private Land Claims—Messrs. Keppel, Naudin, Prentiss, Ruggles, and Hendricks.

On Indian Affairs—Messrs. White, Tappan, P. Alexander, Benton, and Wilkins.

On Claims—Messrs. Ruggles, Bell, Naudin, Brown, and Moore.

On the Judiciary—Messrs. Murcy, Hayne, Webster, Prelinghysen, and Grundy.

On the Post Office and Post Roads—Messrs. Grundy, Ellis, Hill, Ewing, and Tomlinson.

On Roads and Canals—Messrs. Hendricks, Poindexter, Hill, Mangum, and Sprague.

On Pensions—Messrs. Foot, Chambers, Mangum, Buckner, and Sprague.

On the District of Columbia—Messrs. Chambers, Tyler, Holmes, Clayton, and Miller.

On the Contingent Fund—Messrs. Knight, Dudley, and Tomlinson.

On Engrossed Bills—Messrs. Robinson, Ewing, and Buckner.

The Senate then adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Ky, the said Message was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and ten thousand copies thereof with the Documents accompanying the same, were ordered to be printed, for the use of the members of this House.

And then the House adjourned.

Wednesday, Dec. 7.

In the Senate, Mr. Chambers, of Maryland, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat. Mr. Sprague submitted a resolution, calling on the President, for information in relation to the abduction and imprisonment of American citizens by the British authorities of New Brunswick. A message of a confidential nature having been received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Donelson, his Secretary, the Senate spent a short time in the consideration of Executive business.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Coke, of Virginia, appeared and took his seat. A message was received from the President of the United States, transmitting a communication from the Secretary of State on the subject of the recent census; which was, on motion of Mr. Whittlesey of Ohio laid upon the table. The Speaker presented a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, with the annual Report upon the Finance. The report with the accompanying documents, were, on motion of Mr. Polk, laid upon the table, and 10,000 copies ordered to be printed. The House then went into the election of its officers. For the office of Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, nominated John Oswald Dunn, Sergeant at Arms of the late House of Representatives. Mr. Gilmore nominated William A. Gordon; Mr. Condict, David Brearley, and Mr. Jarvis, William Robinson. On a second ballot Mr. Dunn was elected. Mr. Overton Carr was elected Principal Door Keeper out of five candidates; and the House proceeded to the election of Assistant Doorkeeper. Thirteen candidates were put in nomination; and the House balloted once without arrival at a choice. An adjournment taken, at half past two, took place.

Thursday, Dec. 8.

In the Senate, Mr. Hayne, on leave, introduced a bill to provide for the settlement of the claims of S. Carolina for advances made to the U. States during the late war, which was read twice, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. The resolution submitted by Mr. Sprague, calling on the President for information as to the abduction and imprisonment of American citizens by the British authorities of New Brunswick, was considered and adopted. The resolution submitted by Mr. Holmes, requesting the President to inform the Senate whether any further negotiation is commenced, proposed, or intended, in regard to the North Eastern boundary of the U. States, was considered, and after a few observations from Messrs. Poindexter, Holmes and Hayne, laid on the table. The Senate after a short time spent in the consideration of Executive business, adjourned over to Monday.

In the House of Representatives, the business of the election of Assistant Doorkeeper was resumed, and after several ballots, Col. John W. Hunter was elected by a vote of 104 out 177. An order was taken upon the motion of Mr. Taylor for the appointment of the Standing Committee of the House. The annual report of the Treasurer of the United States, and of the Comptroller's unexpended balances for the last three years, were presented by the Speaker, and ordered to be laid on the table and printed. The usual communications on the subject of the Navy Hospital and the Navy Pension Fund, were also laid before the House, and disposed of in a similar manner. The Speaker announced his intention to call over the States in their order on Monday, for the presentations; and at 1 o'clock, the House adjourned on Monday.