

The House of Representatives had under consideration last Saturday a bill reducing the salaries of members of Congress.

We quote his words: "But, Mr. Chairman, I simply got up to utter my protest and express my disgust at these repeated attempts to chop down everybody's salary on a false idea of economy."

We think Mr. Waddell's "disgrace" is wrongly directed. There are a hundred thousand office-holders in the service of the country, and thousands of them are flashing through the gay streets of our cities and towns in brilliant equipages and fairing sumptuously every day.

JOSEPH TURNER, Esq., is out in a pamphlet addressed to John Knox Hughes, Esq., on the Finances, Bonds, and Railroads of the State. It is characteristic—bold in its announcements, unsparring in its criticisms, and unrelenting toward his adversaries.

Senator Crawford, of Rowan, has introduced a bill to amend the Constitution so as to require the payment of poll tax by electors before being allowed to vote.

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The Steamer Geo. Washington, from New York, wrecked at Cape Race on the night of the 20th Jan., and all on board, about 20 in number, were lost.

Another Big Indian fight in Montana Territory, Jan. 19. Crazy Horse beaten again by Gen. Miles. Oh! the poor Indian.

WILLIAMSON G. HARRIS, if about here, may learn something of his interest by calling at this office.

THE PRESIDENTIAL QUESTION.

It is impossible even at this late date, to tell who will be President, and this difficulty originates not from the lack of knowledge as to who was elected, for it is a well known fact from Maine to Oregon, the Tilden and Hendricks were chosen by the voters of the country; but the difficulty arises solely in the fact that the leaders of the Republican party formed a conspiracy (before the election) to defeat the will of the people in the event Hayes was defeated at the polls.

The evidence to show the utter corruption of the Grant administration and the conspiracy against Louisiana is perfectly overwhelming and conclusive. There is no escape. The guilt has been fastened upon the managers of the Republican party.

Two low-down whites, and two equally pliable and corrupt negroes, were set to work deliberately to "bull-doze" the returns, and to make a President of their own in the face of the voice and votes of a large majority of the American people.

We have published from day to day some of the facts. The want of space has alone prevented the publishing of the evidence in detail. It is monstrous and overwhelming, and will damn, and ought to damn, the conspirators forever and ever, world without end.

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Q.—State, if you please, what those directions were, and from whom received.

Q.—Did you make any change with reference to the whole ticket?

Grangers.—The grand council met in Goldsboro on the 6th.

FROM THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

Special to Richmond Dispatch. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 11:50 P. M. The committee on Powers and Privileges continued to-day its investigation of the Louisiana case.

Later in the day David Dudley Field had up Anderson of the Returning Board, and put him through a severe examination, especially upon the part of the attempt to bribe him (Anderson). He confessed to agreeing to have a second interview with his tempters upon the subject, and was contradictory upon the question whether he had or had not preserved his friendly relations with the party.

The chief interest of the day centered in the speeches of the objectors upon the Florida case. The court room was filled with such an array of eminent men as has not been seen there since the days of the old Senate, when Clay, Calhoun, Webster and other intelligent jurists were there.

When Mr. Tucker concluded, the Republican objectors said they were not ready to proceed, and asked an adjournment until to-morrow morning.

To-day Kelly, of Pennsylvania, and Waddell, of North Carolina, and Holman (of Ind.) non-re-election shows that his economical schemes had not been approved.

Q.—Hold it up to the light and tell me whether in precincts 1, 7 and 10 the original figures have not been erased and new ones put in?

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LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATION BILL, WHICH WAS PASSED.

The President's financial message was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Question—Did you say in the course of your conversation with E. O. Barrett that you had determined to make a statement to Gov. Nichols?

Answer—It is an infamous lie! Gov. Wells looks weary this morning. He was able to appear before the House Committee and testified that he did not see Littlefield after the Vernon Parish returns, but Littlefield told him of it.

Senator Bruce is not disposed to sign the Mississippi objection to the Electoral vote. His idea is that while it is useless, it may be damaging to the colored people.

The transfer of troops hence to Fortress Monroe has been contemplated.

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