WILMINGTON, N. C. THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1877.

THE NEXT HOUSE.

The rumor which found its way into the press dispatches a few days since relative to a new coalition between Democrats and Republicans, by which Foster o rGarfield was to become Speaker of the House, has fallen almost still-born. No sane man could have believed it for a moment. and Democrats everywhere recieved it with scons fund jeers. If it was put forth for the purpose of feeling the Democratic pulse of the country, it is hoped that its projectors are satisfied with the result. The pulse may be said to have been felt, and the result has shown a sound and healthy circulation of political blowl, and unquickened by one, throb of hope, fear or expectation. Nobody thought enough of it to take it into careful consideration for one moment, and the scheme now lies as dead as Job's turkey, without a mourner outside of the few, the intriguing few, who may have hoped to foist it on the country.

The folly of such a thing was apparent on the first glance. The Democratic majority in the next House will be, it is true, greatly below that in the last, but still there is enough left to make what may be called a good working majority No true Democrat could have thought for one moment of making so base a surrender of the advantages possessed by his party. It is only necessary for the party to stand together to ensure success. The maj rity is small, but it is enough for all | Wells, \$18,790. practical purposes. It is better even in its smallness than the huge and unwieldly excess of the last session, for it is a well known fact that the nearer the strength of the two parties in a legislative body, the better will be the result for the people at large. Large majorities are unwieldly, while small ones may be kept compact and beld well in band for any emergency which may arise.

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EXTRA SESSION

A statement compiled from the records session of that body ever held was con- might result-no doubt as was intended vene.l March, 1789, and continued until as follows: May 15 to July 10, 1797; May 22 to June 28, 1809; May 24 to August 2, 1813; September 4 to October 16, August 21 to August 30, 1856; July 4 to July 17, 1861. During the late war there was a number of adjourned sessions, and during most of the administration of President Johnson, a regular session of longer any doubt of a bitter and powerful Congress began on the 4th of March af et the election of the members. It is expected that the coming extra session, which will be called for June 4, will not last more than a month; but a great deal depends upon the condition of affairs in Louisiana and South Carolina at the time of the meeting. 2

ROBBED AND RUINED.

Even if the cause represented hy Nicholls and Hampton presented less doubt of a popular election, the present financial condition of their two States would present a strong argumentin favor of a suspension of the Radical rule under which the have ground in vain for the past ten years. As the New York Sun says, the large reduction already effected by the Nicholls Administration in the expenses of collecting the revenue of Louisiana is significant of what advantages the State would enjoy under her legitimate government, and of what spoliation and extravagance she would escape when the marauders who have ruled her to the verge of ruin are finally driven off.

Replying to a correspondent, who asks whether J, Madison Wells is a white man or a negro, the Cincinati Enquirer answers that he is a white man with colored proclivities, and is to be inserted in the next edition of the Peerage as the Fraudulent

The Boston Post, referring to a rumor that Washington's body had turned to stone, assures its readers that the Father of his country is not petrified, but there is no saying that he wouldn't be if he could come back and see what's been done since

Mr. J. Madison Wells has put in his little bill before the Southern Claims Commission. The gross amount is \$692,013, itemized thus: J. Madison Wells, \$450,658; Fannie M. and Ida F. Wells, \$221,405; estate of Michael B Wells, \$1,160; estate of Mrs. M. L.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

An Organ that is 'not' an Organ-Enthusiasm over Gov. Hampton-Chamberlain-Danger to the Republican Party-Blaine, of Maine, Again, etc.. etc. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3, '77.

The bright and the balmy effulgence of It is well enough, therefore, in every- organship no longer shines upon the body to keep cool and not fly off the National Republican. It is now a travelhandle at such idle reports. The party is er, faint and astray. With the out-going safe in Congress for the next two years of Grant even the administration kitchen no matter what the country may be. So refuses to have its intentions indicated in mit far from there being any defection, the or- advance through that paper. Perhaps ganization of the next House may prove the bad grammar of his Private Secretary, stronger than that of the last. When the is all of that article that the new Presilines are closely drawn every vote will dent wishes to be responsible for, and be watched and no member of the next certainly, in that respect, the Republican House can afford to do any less-or any has always been a sore upon the body of more—than his duty to his country and our literature. From its carly days, under Peck, of Maine, to the present time, no scholar has been connected with it. Much is said now of establishing a daily paper, According to the latest published re- but the local advertising patronage is so small that I doubt if any man could aferal at Washington the militia force of ford to publish here a good newspaper. Besides, the President has not given any indication of a desire for an "organ". It is amusing to note the effort of the Re-1,175 regimental, field and staff officers, publican to forecast, from day to day, the actions of the Administration in South Carolina and Louisiana affairs. In the beginning of the Presidential campaign of 1864 the New York Herald advocated McClellan's election on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Lincoln's on Tuesdays and Thursdays; later, for some business reason or other, Mondays and Wednesdays were given to Lincoln, and Tuesdays and Thursdays to McClellan. But this is nothing to what the Republican does, for

Gov. Hampton intended to start for home on Saturday, but has doubtless concluded that he can be of more service to sylvania, 356,388; Delaware, no report. his State by remaining North for awhile. If anything can bring to the understanding of the Administration the intense and almost universal desire to see justice done South Carolina, 77,040; Georgia, in the South, the unequalled enthusiasm of Hampton's reception here will do it. Grant, fresh from Richmond at the close of the war, and in some sense representing the victory of peace and Union, was the object of hardly more general attention, though his was the highest military position ever given to a citizen, and Hampton is simply the Governor of a small State. But Democrats and Republicans seem to understand that in Hampton's cause a principle is involved no less important to Republican institutions than that which was settled by the preservation of the Union. Hence, wherever he goes the people flock around him, and his presence is sought all over the North. His coming a thirty days call the Government could has done more towards a settlement of our Southern difficulties than can be accomplished by a hundred impertinent commissioners sent to South Carolina or men eminent in these several branches. These

Chamberlain's proposition, submitted to ments during the year. the President on Friday, would confirm of Congress shows that the first extra Hampton's title to the Governorship, but be published as often and as fully as their imto result-in making Chamberlain Senathe 20th of September of the same year. tor. Very properly such a peddling of New Instruments and Appliances, New Reme offices was declined by all the Conserva-The duration of other extra sessions was tives here from the State. It is freely 28- ease will be specially treated. New medical serted to-day that the President will order the troops out of the State House at Columbia early this week, and allow the courts of the State to settle all questions that may arise. That being the object-, 1837; May 31 to September . 13, 1841 that may arise. That being the objecttained, and the President having rightfully no more responsibility in the case than any other citizen, it will be strange if he hesitates much longer. But there is no opposition within the Republican party, or of its leadership. There is to come out postage, of Maine, whenever the President decides to go with his country instead of his party, a call to the faithful to come together and reconstruct the Republican organization. Without pretending to know all the plans of the conspirators, I am enabled to say positively that if the am enabled to say positively that, if the President removes the troops from the

South by May 1st, meetings in the interest of a re-organized Republican party will be called in the North even before Congress meets in June.

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