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# PARTIES IN CONGRESS—THE LAST

The supplemental enforcement act, add ing new and greater iniquities to the indecent and violent legislation sometime since adopted by Congress to regulate suffrage in the States, has passed in a modified form. The struggle over this villainous measure has developed one notable result in a decisive parliamentary advantage gained by the Democracy. During the protracted debate in the House last Wednesday, the leaders of the Democratic minority assailed their opposition with sig-nal tact and gallantry, and it is not too much to claim that the Radical | ledin were unhorsed. As a result of the debate the Radicals, in very shame, allandoned one of the most offensive features of their infquitous measure—the placing of the army in the hands of the President for the purpose of overawing the electors.

It is evident from the results of the parliamentary wrestles in both Senate and House, last week, that, in future contests in Congress, Radicalism will be at immense disadvantage. The Democracy daily acquire confidence, and their opponents grow despondent in the face of the constantly accumulating popular odium which impends over them. That modicum of pluck the much-needed self-assertion, at last inspires the Democratic leaders to abandon their timid and imbecile defensive, and to carry the war into the country of the enemies of the public liberties. Hereafter the attitude of parties will be entirely changed. The Democracy. assumes the offensive, and Radicalism will sneak under the cover of a cowardly and ineffectual defensive.

The Democratic ranks in both branches of Congress have been powerfully rein forced within a few months past, and the enemy has received no compensating ac quisitions of talent. In the Senate Judge Thurman is without a rival in debate. He has already overmatched the ablest Senators of the opposite side, and, like a gladiator of conceded invincibility, he now stands unopposed by even the boldest of his adversaries. There is a remarkable absence of ability for debate among the active Republican Senators. Sumper is a rhetorician, capable of handsome sunbursts in the best sophomore style, but utterly worthless in the quick encounters of debate. There is nothing of the parliamentary athlete in Summer. Judge Trumbull, an able logician, is in a chronic state of sullen dissatisfaction with the corruptions and follies of his party, and cannot be relied upon in grave emergencies. Carl Schurz is also disaffected, and his brilliant debating powers have been rendered valueless to Radicalism by Grant's stupid persecution of Schurz and his followers. Morton, of Indiana, is now almost the sole dependence of Radicalism in the Senate, and he was signally overthrown by Frank Blair in the debate of Wednesday. Blair is a splendid auxiliary to Thurman and Casserly. His first speech was a telling one, and by the unanimous verdict of the Senate and the galleries he left Marton uprawling in the mire of defeat. He will figure prominently in the future detates of the Separe Courage, dash. energy and constancy will combine with his fine abilities to render him a stalwart champion of the progressive and rejuvenated Democracy, A D /AICI

In the House of Representatives the debate upon the enforcement bill showed the Democracy to be rich in able and zealous defenders in that body. Voorhees gleamed like a meteor; Sunset Cox shone respien-dent; Eldridge used his battle-axe of logic in admirable style, raining blows thick and factoren the moribund carcass of Radicalism, and Kerr went straight for the detenders of the iniquity with telling facts and cogent reasoning. The monster, though not destroyed, was badly bruised and erippled. Take other similar expedients of Radicalism, this unblushing out-rage upon popular liberties will recoil upon its authors. Moreover, Radical insolence diminishes with its waning powers and its exponents will not long be equal to the attempting of such desperate haz-

The housville Courier Journal says that " if anybody had met Christophie Columbus in the middle of the Atlantic, and told him that he was in the act of discovering a country that would ultimately tion as the present, he would have gone back home and stayed there.

hat the Duke of Edinburgh, (Prince Alfred,) the ment second son, is to mary a plebelan but rich daughter of a London banker. The girl has no blood in her veins, but her father has \$25,000,000 to give her. "Thrift, thrift, Horatio !"

BUSINESS.

In New York the feeling is one of general encouragement regarding business prospects for the current year. During January few unfavorable symptoms were developed, and since the first of the year the indications have been generally assuring of a season of steady, conservative and prosperous business. The past year was one of exceptionally light profits and the mercantile classes judiciously made their arrangements upon a basis of rigid economy. The spring trade has opened at an earlier season than is usual, and promises considerable activity. In the absence of disturbing elements the trade of the season is likely to prove steady and satisfactory.

The probabilities of peace, with the consequent introduction of a new era in European polics, an unsettling of the "bal ance of power," and the creation of a new set of international rivalries and jealousies, has a somewhat depressing effect upon some branches of business. There is too much reason to fear that the conclusion of hostilities may be followed by a general increase in the armaments of Europe. There will naturally be a readjustment of international affiliations, during which each country will feel itself threatened by some other; and even in anticipation of these jealousies, we find some of the leadings powers recruiting their armies and strengthening their military works. While it may be reasonably hoped that this phase of affairs will pass without further Main street, between two young men hostilities, yet it is evident that it must be attended with a general disturbance of confidence, the effects of which must be felt on business here! for with commercial relations with Eu rope involving about \$750,000,000 of exchanges annually, besides intimate financiel relations, it is not to be supposed that what injures Europe can fail to similarly

From the interesting statements and views of the monthly circular issued from the Banking House of Messrs. Henry Clews & Co., of New York, we gather the belief that, while there is nothing in the general condition of the country, to excite extravagant hopes of commercial activity during the year, there is also nothing to warrant depressing forebodings.

#### A TIMELY SUGGESTION.

Now that the machinery of the Federal courts is fast drifting into the same infamous uses to which the English judiciary was put by James II., Mr. Woodward, of Pensylvania, does well to introduce a bill in the House requiring the several United States courts henceforth to procure, their uries by drawing names from a hollow wheel resting on axis pins, so as to admit of easy revolutions of the wheel, in order that the slips of paper containing the names of jurors may be more effectually mixed. "Packing" juries to convict persons accused by this administration of political offences is so imminent an abuse as to require this or some other like LOUIS, DAVIS & STUDI

St. Valentine's Day appears to have been a failure as compared with the old-time observance of the lovers' annual festival. The utilitarian aspirations and counting-room philosophy of the present age have done away with many of the beautiful customs of more sentimental periods. People now make love in too materialistic a manner to pay attention to amourous verses. Very hard cash or culinary qualities are what they seek, and it is a difficult thing to compose love poetry out of these material things.

The "coming man" has already found his way so far into the social system of the Pacific coast, that he takes up a liberal share of room in the courts,-Among the criminals arraigned in the police courts of Sacramento, on the 2d of this month, were-Ah Wong and Fee Yong, for larceny, and Ah He, for violations of ordinances. Ah Sin was not, on that occasion, among the rest of the sin-Pireted lane live dinner Efforted

An engineer in the employ of the Turkish Government has planned a rail way tunnel made in sections to be submerged thirty-lour feet below the surface of the water, and moored to the bottom by chain cables. He proposes to sink it across the Bosphorus.

Governor Safford, of Arizona, reconmends, in his annual message, the extermination of the Apache Indians. The chief crime of these Indians is that they do not like to be swindled and cannot vote (hendical tickens auditognost)

The rascally types of the Springfield Republican represent the Kentucky Kukhik as France of cowardly loutlays."

The Earl of Mentmore is to be the title of Rothschild, and he is to be called to the English House of Lords

One Indianapolis editor writes down another as the 'imbecile word-making reptile."

A Pennsylvania chemist thinks he can produce genuine diamonds from pe-

TA 15 11 11 11 11 California is expecting a visit in April from President Grant and Secretary Palmetto Leaves.

The Presbyterian Church

.. The ladies of Washington have presented the Schutzen Corps of Charleston with a beautiful fleg. of the South Carelina Railroad Company, shall be elected or appointed to any office held on Thursday last, W. J. Magrath, Esq., was unanimously re-elected Presi-

Griffin, employed in the store of Mr. R. W. Tinsley, of Union, robbed him of \$2,700 worth of watches, a few nights since, and

.. The engineer of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, who was shot on the train Tuesday, last, has lost his sight in both eyes, and is in a critical condition.

... A murder occurred at Spartanburg on Friday last, during a difficulty about a culvert, in which a Mr. Conner lost his life at the hand of one Gosnell, by a pistol shot.

The Columbia Union says: Quite an excitement existed at Lexington Wednesday, occasioned by two men, named Shealy, firing into the Boozer school house, as they were passing it on horseback, one ball lodging in the house, and the other, passing through the window, grazing the head of a girl as she sat in her

.. The Columbia Phonix says: A serious shooting affray occurred yesterday afternoon, about half-past 5 o'clock, in tront of the store of Mr. E. Pollard, on named L. Von Bieman and H. Grey-in which the latter received a pistol bullet in the lungs, which will likely prove mortal. It was a personal affair altogetherpolitics baving nothing whatever to do with the matter.

#### NARROW GAUGE RAILWAYS.

Hon. L. B. Dibble recently addressed a large audience in the State Capitol of Michigan on the subject of narrow-gauge railways. The Detroit Tribune gives the following summary of his speech :

"The common American gauge is four feet eight inches and a half, and the least cost of construction of any road of such width is \$25,000 per mile. Roads whose gauges range from two to three and a half feet, can be constructed, equipped and operated at one-third of the sum required for the same purpose by wide gauge lines, and as tributaries to trunk lines, or for opening up new countries, are fully as useful as the broader roads. The have lighter locomotives, smaller cars, narrower wheels, lighter ties, cheaper rails, steeper grades, and sharper curves, and connected with these peculiarities are savings in the cost of excavation, in the material used in bridges and culvers, in the value of the iron, in the amount of dead weight per passenger or per hundred weight of freight carried in each train, in the length of the line, and in nearly every other item of expenditure. Moreover, railways of this class have been and are practical successes. There are two now in use in our Upper Peninsular, one of which is eight miles in length, and transports 450 tons of ore daily. In Wales, a railway with a gauge of but one foot eleven and a half inches, which was incorporated in 1882. has some gradients of one foot in 60, feet, has reversed curves of such a character that trains sometimes run upon three of them at a time, and so short that the locomotive and last car of the train are often parallel, runs at as high rate of speed as thirty-five miles an hour, and pays a annual dividend of thirty per cent. on its original capital. Similar roads now exist in Norway and in Canada, and one is about being constructed in Pennsylvania from Allentown to Harrisburg, which will have a gauge of three feet six inches, and, it is estimated, will profitably transport freight at the rate of one cent per ton per mile. Mr. Dibble also presented a large collection of estimates, showing that in this State railways with a guage of about three feet could be built and operated for, at the most, one-third of the gost of the usual style of road, and be explained that the measure introduced in the Senate by Mr. Emerson, to provide for the incorporation of narrow-gauge companies, was only a substantial adaptation of the new system of the present general railroad law, with the omission or correction of some of the many incongruities of the latter. The specker was claimed that such roads, which experience has shown, can be very cheaply constructed and will work were exactly what is needed for the newer portions of the State, whose wants they would relieve fully as well as the more expensive style of railway, while they would entail far fewer burdens upon the communities constructing them. He also disclaimed any personal interest, direct or indirect, present or prospective, in any narrow gauge line or lines, and presented the matter not as one to be benefitted by it, but only a matter of great possible importance

to the State of which he is a citizen." Very Late. Out in Chester county, lately, a clock-eddler was tramping along hot, dusty, and tired-when he came to a meetinghouse wherein sundry Friends were engaged in silent devotion. The peripatetic tradesman thought he would walk in and rest, He took a seat upon a bench, doffed his bat, and placed his clocks upon the floor. There was a painful stillness in the meeting-house, which was broken by one of the chocks, which commenced stri-king furiously. The pedier was in an ag-any, but he hoped every minute that the clock would stop. Instead of that it struck just four hundred and thirty times by the actual count of every Friend in the meeting, for the best disciplined of them couldn't help numbering the strokes.— Then up rose one of the eldest Friends, at the end of the 430th stroke, and said : "Friend, as it is so very late, perhaps thee had better proceed on thy journey, or thee will not reach thy destination unless thee is as energetic as thy vehement timepiece." ... what well well year of

A bootmaker in North Bridgewater. Mass, last year lasted 15,025 pairs, an average, omitting holidays, of nearly 49 pairs a day. GEA HELLENG HORSE

The amount of ice that will be cut in the vicinity of Boston will not be much less than 500,000 tons, the largest crop by far for many years.

Repeal of the Test Oath. The following is the text of the act re-pealing the "test-oath," which is now the at law of the land : "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when any person, who is not rendered ineligi-ble to office by the provisions of the four-At a meeting of the Directors | teenth amendment to the Constitution, of honor or trust under the government of the United States, and shall not be able, on account of his participation in the late rebellion, to take the oath prescribed in the act of Congress approved the 2d of July, 1862, said person shall, in lieu of said eath, before entering upon the duties of said office, take and subscribe the oath prescribed in an act of Congress entitled 'An act prescribing an oath of effice to be taken by persons from whom legal disabilities shall have been removed," approved 11th of July, 1868."

The following is the act of July 11, 1868, to which the new bill refers: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any person who has participated in the late rebellion, and from whom all legal disabilities arising therefrom have been removed by act of Congress by a vote of two-thirds of each House, has been or shall be elected or appointed to any office or place of trust in or under the Government of the United States, he shall, before entering upon the duties thereof, instead of the oath prescribed by the act of July 2, 1862, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation : I. A.B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, toreign and domestic: that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

The fourteenth amendment excluded from office all Confederates who held office under the United States before the war. Subsequently a form of oath was adopted, the effect of which was to exclude from office all who had voluntarily aided the rebellion, whether they had previously held office under the United States Gov-

ernment or not. It will be observed that the act of July 11, 1868, was intended to qualify those who were disqualified by the fourteenth amendment, and whose disabilities should be removed by Congress, but not those who were excluded from office by the 'iron-clad" oath. The effect of the act just become a law is to remove the obstacles to holding office by those whose disabilities under the fourteenth amendment may have been or may be removed, or who were simply unable to take the iron-clad oath. Those who have not been relieved from the disabilities imposed by the fourteenth amendment are still excluded from office.

Cotton, it is said, will keep for a long time without change. Thus, at Columbus, Georgia, no difference was noticeable in the appearance of the staple in bales of cotton that had been in the warehouses there since 1866; and at Augusta, Georgia, a bale was sold recently which had been in warehouse for eleven years, and which though presenting an oily appearance, brought as high a price as new cot ton of similar grades.

When Horace Greeley traveled in Europe, he was impressed with the value of drainage, and immediately got an antethetical agricultural proverb to the effect that if a man didn't drain his farm his farm would drain him. Then Horace went to Lombardy, where he witnessed the fructitying influence of irrigation by means of dams; wereupon he added another proverb to his store of terse sayings. "If a man don't dam his farm, his farm will

The New York Herald says: "There are now seventy-two Postmistresses in the United States who receive salaries of \$1,000 and upward, besides women in minor post-offices. The Postmistress of Louisville, Kentucky, receives \$4,000; at Richmond, Virginia, \$4,000; at Spring field, Ohio, \$3,000. The offices filled by women are reported at Washington as the best managed under the Government."

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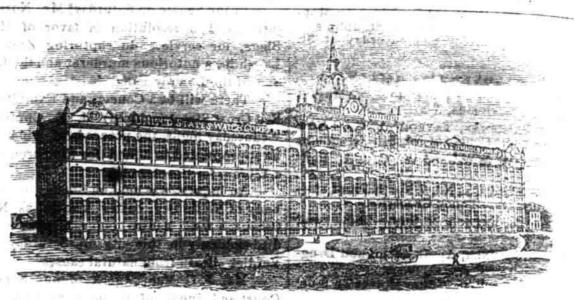
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