WASHINGTON.

The Closing Labors of Congress-Lawrence and Sheridan Sworn In-All the Appropriation Bills Passed and Signed-The Force Bill a Dead Failure, &c.

WASHINGTON, March 4.

CONGRESSIONAL. HOUSE.—Lawrence, who contested Sypher's seat, Sheridan, who contested Pinchback's place as Congressman at large,

were sworn in. The bill regulating the compensation of agents and attorneys prosecuting claims be-

fore Congress, passed The Senate amendments to the Bounty bill were concurred in and a Committee of Conference asked on the Army Appropria-tion bill as reported from Committee of

SENATE.—The Conference Committee reported on the Postoffice bill, with an amendment requiring telegraph companies to take down poles and reach the capital by underground cables. Passed. The Judiciary Committee reported favor-

ably on removing the disabilities of Generals L. Hawkins and S D. Lee, and adversely on Raphael Semmes. The Committee claimed that Semmes has been "cruel to American seamen in the Indian ocean." An amendment to the Appropriation bill, giving \$350,000 to ante-bellum mail contrac-

tors, was ruled out of order. The bill appropriating money for awards of the Southern Claims Commission, after striking out nine cases involving \$57,000, passed. This carries the bill back to the

The bill to pay awards for quartermaster and commissary stores, taken during the war, was tabled Eads' bill for the improvement of the Mis-

sissippi river, has been accepted by the Committee of Conference an amendment to the River and Harbor bill. MISCELLANEOUS. The Senate continued in session, but the

House took a recess from 8 to 9 o'clock. The report of the Committee of Conference on the Bounty bill was laid on the table and the bill is lost. Congress adjourned at noon. All the ap-

propriation bills were passed and signed— There are some details inaccessible until later-in the evening.

ENGLAND.

The Steamer Gottenburg, Her Passengers and Crew Wrecked-Negotiations for the New French Cabinet. LONDON, March 4.

The steamer Gottenburg, with eighty-five passengers and thirty-five of her crew, was wrecked at New Australia. Only four of the number are known to be saved. Those who filled the boats are yet to be heard from. The Gottenburg had a large cargo, including three thousand ounces of gold. A special from Versailles says that nego-Buffet will be Vice President and the Councils be without a port-folio.

The German Gazette hopes the government will prevent the French from purchasing ten thousand cavalry horses, which the French government have ordered from

PENNSYLVANIA.

Labor Troubles - Virginia Colored Puddlers Employed in Place of Whites.

PITTSBURG, March 4. A Baltimore company have contracted with a gang of Virginia colored puddlers, part of whom have arrived. Trouble is apprehended from home puddlers, who have been on a strike since December on account of reduction of wages. The puddlers offered to pay the new comers way back to Richmond, but they refused to accept the proposition and went to work without molestation.

CLECTRIC SPARKS.

The late snow storm stopped the railroads throughout Michigan.

The South Boston chemical works have been burned-loss \$75,000.

The Episcopal Dioceses of Wisconsin have voted to confirm Bishops De Kovan and Jagger. At Franklin, N. H., an insane woman cut

her daughter's and her own throat. The mother will die. In the March Consistory, the Pope will institute new dioceses in the United States

or raise those already created to a Metropoli-A Dublin telegram says the return game

of the American-Irish riflemen occurs June 29th. A committee to entertain American visitors has been appointed. Manager Tom Darcy, of the Memphis,

Tenn., theatre excluded negroes who had tickets to the dress circle. He will make this a taste case if the negroes bring suit.

OFFE NEGRIT REPORTS.

WASHINGTON.

The House Backs Down from Its Disagreement to Various Senate Amendments-Bills Calendared and Left Untouched-Andrew Johnson on Hand, &c., &c. WASHINGTON, March 4.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The House receded from its disagreement to the following Senate amendments: Making the single rate of postage on fourth class mail matter one ounce instead of two ounces; striking out the items of \$50,000 for a new lighthouse vessel for the Fifth District, \$100,000 for a steam tender on the Pacific coast, \$50,000 for a steam tender on the Pacific coast, \$50,000 for payment for property lost in the military service, \$34,000 for Montana war claim, \$150,000 for the purchase of the Stevens' Battery, and also the provision authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to call in on three months' notice such five-twenty bonds as he may need for the sinking fund. All of these Senate amendments, therefore, have been enacted.

nacted. The New Orleans Custom House gets \$75,000. Among the bills which remained on the Senate calendar at the close of the session

to-day, and which therefore failed, are the following: The House General Amnesty bill, which reached the Senate in December, 1873; the House bill for the protection of elections, &c., known as the caucus Force bill, which got no further in the Senate than its second reading.

All the various postal telegraph bills introduced in the Senate failed in the Senate.

The various postal telegraph bills into nothing below Low Middli February and March, 8 1-16d.

the House, failed in the House. The following bills were also left on the Senate calendar, and failed at adjournment: Senate bills for the payment of the French Spoliation Claims; to Protect, the Navigable waters of the United States from Injury and Obstruction; Declaring the True In-tent and Meaning of the Union Pacific Railroad Acts; to Pay the Two Per Cent. Claim of the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois; to Establish a Bureau of Internal Commerce; to make general provisions in segard to cable telegraphic communication; to grant pensions for service in the war with Mexico; to amend the act granting

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pensions to survivors of the war of 1812; to regulate the counting of the electoral votes for President and Vice President; the bill of the Joint Committee appointed the bill of the Joint Committee appointed to frame a better government for the District of Columbia, and many other Senate bills of minor importance; also the House bill known as the McCrary bill to Regulate Commerce by Railroad Among the Several States; the House bill to repeal the preemption laws and secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain, and the

House Steamboat bill. Among the other prominent failures of the session are the bills for the equalization of bounties, for the admission of New Mexico, and the Texas and Pacific, and Northern Pacific railroad bills, and all other land grant or subsidy bills, except a very few which proposed grants merely of rights

Aside from the regular appropriation bills comparatively few bills of general interest have been enacted this session, but they include the following measures of national importance: The finance bill to provide for the resumption of specie payments, &c. the Little tariff bill, the tax and tariff bill, the civil rights bill, the bill supplemental to the acts in relation to immigration and the bill granting rights of way through the public lands, on certain conditions, for all railroads that may be incorporated under local laws of States or Territories.

Ead's jetties for the mouth of the Mississippi is law.

In the Senate, Gordon called up the bill to amend the act for the erection of a public building for the U. S. Court at Atlanta,

which passed. The Secretary of the Treas ury has discretion regarding material. There are various rumors about the bounty bill. It may be positively stated it

is not a law. Andrew Johnson is here. Ex-Senator Pease and the Postmaster at licksburg are in trouble for slander.

Colorado is a State, but New Mexico re-

mains a territory.

Nominations—Pardee, District Judge of Louisiana and Evans Marshal of Texas. Returned to the President. The Senate amendments to pay the awards of the Southern Claims Commission were adopted.

WEATHER REPORT. WAR DEPARTMENT,

Office of Chief Signal Officer, Washington, March 4—6:35-P. M.

For the South Atlantig States, falling barometer, southeast winds, warmer, cloudy weather and rain.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

The light house at Cononicut Point, Narragansett Bay, has been carried away. The Alabama and Chattanooga railroad has repaired the breaks in its road, caused by the late flood, and will run trains over the entire route to-day.

Advices from Buenos Ayres say that tumults have occurred, and that the palace of the Catholic Archbishop was sacked and the houses of Jesuits fired.

DOMESTIC MARKETS. NEW YORK, March 4.- Noon.

Stocks active but lower. Money 3 P cent. Gold opened at 115 and closed at 115½. Sterling exchange—long \$4 81; short \$4 85. Government securities dull. State bonds quiet bonds quiet.

Commercial.

Flour firm. Wheat is a shade better. Corn is a shade better. Pork heavy-mess \$19 25. Lard firm-steam 134 cents. Spirits turpentine heavy at 35½ cents. Rosin dull at \$2@\$2 05 for strained. Freights firm.
Cotton quiet with sales of 671 bales at 16‡ for middling uplands and 16% for middling Orleans. Sales of futures to-day opened quiet but steady, as follows: March 16#@ 16 13-32 cents; April 16 11-16@16 23-32 cts; May 17 1-16 cents; June 17 5-16@17\$ cents.

NEW YORK, March 4-Evening. Financial.

Money active at 3@4 P cent. Sterling exchange weak at \$4 81. Gold firm at 115 @1151. Government securities are dull and lower. State bonds quiet and neminal. Commercia?

Cotton dull, with sales of 812 bales at 168 @164 cents. Southern flour is a shade firmer, with a fair inquiry-common to fair extra \$4 90@\$5 60; good to choice do. \$5 65 @\$8. Wheat is a cent better with a moderate demand, closing rather quiet, shippers generally refusing to pay the advance—winter red western \$1 23@\$1 26. Corn is a cent better, closing with a fair demand—western mixed 84@85 cents; yellow western 84@85 cents. Pork steady—new \$19 25. Lard easier—prime steam 184@13 11-16 cts. Coffee is quiet but steady at 16@181 cents, gold, for Rio. Sugar is more active at an advance of 1. Rice steady with a moderate jobbing inquiry. Spirits turpentine heavy at 35½ cents. Rosin heavy at \$2 for strained. I allow steady at 8½ cents. Whiskey quiet

but firmer. Cotton—net receipts 1,574 bales; gross re-ceipts 1,574 bales. Futures closed easy, with sales of 19,200 bales as follows: March 16 11-32 cents; April 16 21-32 cents; May 17 1 32 cents; June 17 5-16@17 11-32 cents; July 17 9-16@17 19-32 cts; August 17 23-32 cts; September 17 1-32 cts; October 16 11-16 @161 cents; November 161 cents.

COTTON MARKETS. Norfolk, firm at 154-receipts 907 bales

Savannah, quiet and nominal at 148, 151@ Savannab, quiet and nominal at 142, 154@ 15½—receipts 995 bales; Charleston, quiet but firm at 142, 15½@15½—receipts 824 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 14½, 15½@15½—re-ceipts 4,977 bales; Mobile, firmer at 15½— receipts 65 bales; Baltimore, firmer at 16½— —receipts 28 bales; Memphis, firm at 15½@ —receipts 1910 bales; Galveston, quiet 154-receipts 1,219 bales; Galveston, quiet and unchanged at 154—receipts 1,075 bales; Augusta, quiet but firm at 141, 151@151—receipts 302 bales; Boston, quiet at 161—receipts 220 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 161

-receipts 16 bales. FOREIGN MARKETS. LONDON, March 4-Noon.

Erie railroad shares 244. Paris, March 4-Noon. Rentes 65f 40c.

LIVERPOOL, March 4-Noon. Cotton steady—Middling Uplands 73@8d; Middling Orleans 83d. Sales of 15,000 bales, including 3,000 for speculation and

Sales on a basis of Middling Uplands, nothing below Low Middling, deliverable May and June, 81d. LATER. The sales of cotton to-day included 9,600 bales American.

Sales on a basis of Middling Uplands nothing below Good Ordinary, shipped February, 7 15-16d. Sales on a basis of Middling Uplands nothing below Good Ordinary, shipped February and March, 8d. Sales on a basis of Middling Uplands, nothing below Low Middling, shipped

Sales on a basis of Middling Orleans. nothing below Low Middling, deliverable March, 8 1-16d.

Breadstuffs quiet.
PARIS, March 4—Evenng. Specie in the Bank of France has increased 6,125,000 francs.

LIVERPOOL, March 4-Evening. Sales on a basis of Middling Uplands, nothing below Low Middling, shipped April and May, 8 1-16d.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 4. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Receipts 178 casks. Sales of 150 casks at 311 cents per gallon for Southern packages. Market

ROSIN.-Receipts 601 bbls. Sales of 800 bbls Strained at \$1,50 and 100 do. Extra Pale at \$6 25 % bbl.

CRUDE TURPENTINE-Receipts 400 bbls. Yellow Dip has declined 5 cts. Sales of 400 bbls at \$1 25 for Hard and \$2 20 for Yellow Dip.

TAR.-Receipts 165 bbls. Sales of 100

COTTON.-Receipts 84 bales. Market unchanged. Small sales at the following official quotations: cents # 1b. Low Middling..... 15
Middling...... 15
Good Middling..... 15

bbls at \$1 40 P bbl. Market steady.

New York Naval Stores Market, March 2, 1875. Spirts turpentine continue in the same

condition, in light jobbing demand with prices barely steady—sales were 100 barrels at 36c. Strained rosin is inactive and unchanged; 500 barrels strained, buyer's option 30 days, at \$2; in finer grades there were sales of 360 barrels No. 2 at \$2 371 flat. The following were the telegraphic advices: Liverpool-common rosin, 5s 9d; turpentine, spirits 26s. London-common rosin, 5s 9d; turpentine spirits,

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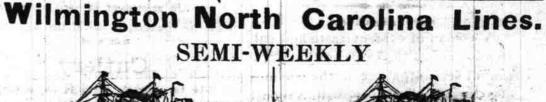
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