### NOON REPORTS.

NEW YORK.

Unearthing the Whiskey Frauds-The Chicago Ring-High Officials Implicated-Marine News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. To-day's Times has the following dis patch from a special correspondent detailed to investigate the whiskey frauds in Chi-

cago:
"To-day for the first time it has become known with positiveness that there was a gigantic whiskey ring, with its headquarters in Chicago, similar in all material respects to the whiskey rings of St. Louis, Milwaukee, Evansville, and probably New Orleans. It has been impossible hereto fore to make that statement with any degree of certainty, owing to official complications calculated to suppress the development. There has been nothing but surface indications since the first seizures. The grand jury found indictments against only a few of the distillers and rectifiers and gaugers. It went no deeper, and there was nothing but the present disposition of every community to suspect all persons that justified the assertion of higher official personages being connected with the revenue - trauds. There has also been a persistent effort on the part of interested persons to frauds, in this city, were merely the result of individual and independent efforts; that is, that there was no combination outside of each individual distiller with his gauger, ings. and no central and systematic organization for plunder extending to the higher revenue officials, and implying an official guarantee of protection against exposure and punish ment. This theory has been generally accepted, heretofore, and received confirmation in the character of indictments return ed. It is now reasonably certain that the theory is entirely false, and that the revenue frauds have been worked out by the same means and through the same machinery, and with the same systematic division of spoils, as in St. Louis. The facts seem to justify the assertion that had it not been for the recent change in the office of United States District Attorney in this city, this phase of the Chicago whiskey trauds would never have been publicly developed."

A cable dispatch, dated Dec. 14, says

vessel named Terrier, which arrived off Scilley to day from Newfoundland, reports having passed the French steamer L'Amerique, from New York for Havre, before reported, with shaft broken, on the first of December, in latitude 50 degs., longitude

#### WASHINGTON.

enate Proceedings-Morton's Join Resolution for Constituting the United States a Nation-No Nomination of District Judge for Louisiana. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.-West introduced a resolution directing the Committee on Contingent Expenses to report what amount is due

McMillan and Ray as contestants, Morton introduced a joint resolution that the United States constitute a nation. and that the rights of the States cannot be enlarged or diminished except by constitu tional amendment, and that secession is impossible.

Morton moved for a committee of five with power to visit Mississippi and investigate the election.

MISCELLANEOUS. No Louisiana Judge was among the nominations to-day. "We have not settled your Judge down there yet."

# CONNECTICUT.

Destructive Fire-A Number of Persons Killed and Wounded. BRIDGEPORT, Dec. 15.

A large destructive fire broke out here last night and did much damage.

The building of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company occupied a whole block covering two acres, and the fiames spread with great rapidity. At eight o'clock the whole establishment was a sheet of flame. About nine o'clock the walls fell, knocking down a dozen spectators, half of whom were taken from the ruios dead or seriously wounded. Two hundred skilled-mechanics are out of employment. The new buildings of the company erected seven years ago, are uninjured.

# VIRGINIA.

Democratic Legislative Caucus-The Morning Session - The New Rule Adopted.

RICHMOND, Dec. 15. The morning session of the caucus was spent in discussing numerous propositions looking to the adoption of some new rule for regulating the manner of voting. A resolution was finally adopted rescinding rule previously governing nominations, providing for the nomination of all candidates before the next ballot, dropping the person receiving the lowest vote on each succeeding ballot until a choice is made, and allowing no renominations Adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M.

# OHIU.

Discovery of Heavy Forgeries-The Perpetrators at Large.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16. Forgeries of the names of firms and individuals doing business at the United Stock Yards have just been discovered. Several banks have been victimized. The imitation signatures so close y resemble the genuine that reference to the books is required to detect them. How many of these checks are out, or to what extent the banks and brokers have been swindled, is unknown,

# BLECTRIC SPARKS.

Cobb has been re-elected Mayor of Bos ton by 2,500 plurality. The French Geographical Society has elected Gen. Andrew A. Humphrey a cor-

responding member. The Massachusetts State Grange church property and savings bank deposits.

The brig Nepouset, from Wilmington, N. C., for Glasgow, which put into Fayal Nov. 20th, lost her sails and had a seaman washed overboard. She is repairing. So says a London telegram.

A Cologue telegram says the Archbishop of Cologne left that city Tuesday and is not expected to return. It is understood that he delegates his powers to subordinate Catholic ecclesiastics

WEATHER REPORT. WAR DEPARTMENT. Office of Chief Signal Officer, Washington, Des. 15-8:35 P. M.

Probabilities and For the South Atlantic and Gulf States, rising barometer, warmer, southwest winds, clear weather, followed by a norther on the Western Guif.

### DER BRUSS MASTORIA.

WACHINGTON.

Congress-7ho Late Andrew Johnson-The Mississippi Election-Morton's Resolutions on the Relations of the Federal Government and the States-Secession Combatted, &c. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.

CONGRESSIONAL. SENATE -Cooper gave notice that on Tuesday next he would ask the consideration of resolutions commemorative of the life and services of his late colleague, Andrew Johnson. Morton submitted the following resolu-

WHEREAS, It is alleged that the late election in Mississippi for members of Congress, State officers and members of the Legislature was characterized by great frauds, violence and intimidation, whereby the freedom of the ballot was in a great measure destroyed, a reign of terror estab-ished, the ballot boxes stuffed and spurious tickets imposed upon voters so that a popular majority of more than 25,000 was overcome and in its place was given an apparent but fraudulent majority of more than 25,000; and whereas the Legislature thus chosen will have the election of a Senator to represent that State in this body. and whereas if these allegations are true a

stitution and laws of the United States wickedly violated, therefore, Resolved, That a committee of five Senators be appointed by the Chair to investi gate the truth of the said allegations and the circumstances attending said election, with power to visit said State to make their investigations, to send for persons and spread the impression that the revenue papers and to use all necessary process in he performance of their duties, and to make report to the Senate before the end of this session of their investigation and find

> At the request of Bayard, of Delaware. the resolution was laid over until to-mor-

Morton also submitted the following: Resolved by the Senate, the House of Kepre sentatives concurring. That the people of the United States constitute a nation and are one people in the sense of national unity. Resolved, That the Government of the United States is not a compact between the States in their municipal and corporate characters, but was formed by the people of the United States in their primary capacity; that the rights of the States are de fined and guaranteed by the Constitution and not by any outside theory of State sovcreignty, and that the rights of the States cannot be enlarged or diminished except by an amendment to the Constitution.

Resolved, That the rights of the States have the same sanction and security in the Constitution as the rights and powers of the National Government, and that local domestic government by the States within the limits of the Constitution is an essential part of our free republican system.

Resolved, That the doctrine that a State has the right to secede from the Union is inconsistent with the idea of nationality, is in conflict with the spirit and structure of the Constitution, and should be regarded as naving been forever extinguished by the suppression of the rebellion. Stevenson, of Kentucky, submitted the

following:
Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treas ary be and is hereby requested to transmit o the Senate copies of all letters, telegrams, orders and instructions relating to the orintractions of internal revenue laws at St. Louis, Chicago and Milwaukee, if nor deemed incompatible with the public in

After long argument and much objection rom the Republican side, Stevenson withdrew it. After executive session, adjourned. HOUSE.-Randall introduced a bill re-

moving all disabilities imposed by the 3d section of 14 Article of amendment to the Constitution. The bill is set for Tuesday of next week immediately after the reading of the Journal.

Rainey, of South Carolina, introduced a bill to abolish the committee on Freedmen's Affairs of the House. Holman, of Indiana, offered the follow-

ing resolution: Resolved, That in the judgment of this House, in the present condition of the financial affairs of the government, no subsidies in money, bonds, public lands, en-dowments, or by pledge of the public cred-it, should be granted by Congress to associations or corporations engaged, or proposing to engage in public or private enter-prises, and that all appropriations from the public treasury ought to be limited at this time to such amounts only as shall be impetatively demanded by the public service.

Adopted—yeas 223, nays 30.
Springer, of Illinois, offered a resolution declaring that in the opinion of the House the precedent established by Washington and other Presidents of the United States, in retiring from the Presidential office after their 2d term, has become by universal concurrence a part of our republican sys-tem of government, and that any departure from that time honored custom would be unwise, unpatriotic, and fraught with evil to our free institutions. Adopted-yeas 232, nays 18.

Among the nays were Haralson of A'a., Hoge of S. C., Hyman of N. C., Nash of La., Smalls of S. C., Walls of Fla., Wells of Miss., and White of Ky. On motion of Blaine, Rainey's resolution abolishing the House committee on Freed-

men's Affairs, was agreed to. The House passed the concurrent resolution to adjourn over from next Monday until Tuesday, 4th January. Adjourned till Friday.

# NEW YORK.

The Six Million Tweed Suit-Conse cration of a Bishop.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. The six million Tweed suit has been set for the first Monday in January.

President Grant has accepted the invitation of the New England Society to be present on Forefathers! Day, December 22d Rev. John Henry Hubart Brown, S. T. D. of Cohoes, was consecrated Bishop of Fond du Lac, in St. John's Church, this morning, Bishop Potter presiding.

# GERMANY.

The Bremerhaven Explosion-Confession of Thomason.

BREMEN, Dec. 15. It has been ascertained that the passenger who twent the case of dynamics is named Thomason. He has confessed that adopted a resolution in favor of taxing had arranged the dock work to explode it after the lapse of a certain time. The police examined his workshop and found some of the packing material, but no ex-

# MASSACHUSETTS.

Deficient Accounts of a Deceased College Treasurer-The Municipal Elec-

BOSTON, Dec. 15. A deficiency of thirty thousand dollars has been discovered in the accounts of

#### VIRGINIA.

The Senatorial Contest-The Long Agony Over-Renomination of Senstor Johnston on the Forty-Fifth

RICHMOND, Dec. 15. The exciting contest for U. S. Senator which has occupied the time and attention of the Conservative legislators of Virginia for four days, was brought to a close this afternoon in the renomination of Hon. John W. Johnston, the present incumbent, under the rule adopted at the morning session of the caucus. Seven candidate were placed in nomination and balloting was resumed. Four ballots resulted in the dropping of Judge Christian, Hon. Jno. T. Harris, Hon. A. H. H. Stuart and Ex-Gov. Smith, successively in the order named, leaving the field to Senator Johnston, Hon. John Goode, Jr., Representative of the Second Cengressional District, and State Senator Jno. W. Daniel. The roll was called for next ballot, the forty-fourth, amid most profound silence. This ballot resulted thusly: Johnston 53, Daniel 45, Goode 39. Upon the announcement of this vote and that the name of Mr. Goode would be dropped, the excitement became so great that some minutes elapsed before the roll for the forty-fifth ballot could be called. Quiet being finally restored, the roll was called with the following result: Johnston 75, Daniel 64-Johnston receiving only three great number of the citizens of the United votes more than the number required to States have had their rights under the Conmake the nomination. The Chairman announced the result of

the ballot amid great applause. Adjourned The second ballot was taken to-day in both Houses for United States Senator, resulting the same as yesterday, but to morrow's bal lot will result in the re election of Senator

Johnston.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Tax-Payers' Convention-Action of the Tuesday Night Meeting. COLUMBIA, Dec. 15. The Tax-Pavers' Convention met last

night with full delegations from twenty A resolution was adopted to-day recounting the extravagance and corrupt adminis tration of the State and county governments since 1868, recognizing some amelioration under Gov. Chamberlain, and recommen ! ng the a continuance of Tax unions t roughout the State as a means to the reformation and redemption of the State; also calling attention to the disregard of the provisions of Constitution as to registration, and recommending the registration of all qualified voters through tax unions, and for protection of the purity of elections.

The Convention adjourned this evening o meet at the call of the President and Executive Committee

#### DEPREMETEC MAREKETS. NEW YORK, Dec. 15-Noon.

Stocks dull and lower. Money 4 \$\mathbb{H}\$ cent. Gold opened at 114\mathbb{H}\$ and closed at 114\mathbb{L}\$. Sterling exchange—long \$4 851; short \$1 891. Government securities inactive wille, Williams & Murchison.

Sterling exchange—long \$4 851; short burds on the securities of the quiet and strong.

Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn quiet and un-changek. Pork dull at 21 50. Lard firm -steam 13 1 16 cents. Spirits turpentine quiet at 37 cents. Rosin dull at \$1 70@ \$1 75 for strained. Freights firm.

Cotton steady, with sales of 1,551 bales at 13 5-16 for Middling uplands and 13½ for middling Orleans. Futures opened firm as follows: December 13 9 32 cents; January 13 19 32@13 13 32 cents; February 13 19-52@134 cts; March 13 13-16@184 cts; April 14 1 82@14 3-32 cents; Mary 14 7 32 @14 9-32 cents.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15-Evening. Financial.

Money 4@5 \$\pi\$ cent. Sterling exchange quiet at \$4 85\frac{1}{2}\$. Gold 114\frac{1}{2}\pi 0114\frac{1}{2}\$. Government securities dull and strong-new 5s 1171. State bonds quiet and nominal.

Commercial. Cotton firm, but low grades neglected, with saies of 1,873 bales at 13 5-16@13} cents. Flour, shipping grades in light supply and other kinds quiet-common to fair extra \$5@6; good to choice do. \$6 05@\$8 75. Wheat in limited demand at \$1 14@\$1 22 for new winter red western and \$1 42 tor choice amber Texas. Corn firm, with fair inquiry at 754@76 cents for high mixed and yellow western, 66 cents for new white western and 67 cents for do southern. Oats about 1 cent better and fairly active at 44 @50 cents for mixed western and State. Coffee—Rio dull and nominal at 18@20; cents (gold) for cargoes, 18@21 cents (gold) for job lots; by auction 18@19 cents; bags of Santos sold at \$18 57 (gold). Sugar duil and easier at 81@8 cents for fair to good refining, 81 cents for prime, 91 cents for centrifugal; refined unchanged. Ricedull and unchanged. Molasses—New Orleans quiet at 55@61 cents. Tallow firmer at 92@101 cents. Pork firmer and more active-uninspected new \$21 40@\$21 50. Laid closed heavy—prime steam, spot, 13 conts. Spirits turpentine steady at 364@87 ents. Rosin steady. Whiskey dull and nominal at \$1 184. Freights steady.

Cotton—Net receipts 1,656 bales; gross receipts 8,006 bales. Futures closed firm and

tending upward, with sales of 17,000 bales as follows: December 18 7 32@13\(\frac{1}{2}\) cents; January 13 11-32@13\(\frac{1}{2}\) cents; February 13 19-32@13\(\frac{1}{2}\) cents; March 13 29-32@18\(\frac{1}{2}\) cents; April 14 1-16@14 8-32 cents; May 14 9 32@14 5 19 cents; June 14 13 32@14; cents; July 144@14 21 32 cents; August 14 11-16@14# ceuts.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 15. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet and steady at \$1 05@\$1 25. Corn quiet and steady at 45@56 cents. Oats quiet and unchanged. Provisions quiet and unchanged. Pork \$21 50@\$21 75; bulk meats—nominally unchanged Lard—tierce 13 cents; keg 144@15 cents. Bagging quiet and un-

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15. Oats are firmer-western mixed 44@45 cents; southern nominal. Rye firm at 80 @85 cents. Provisions quiet but steady. Coffee nominally with \(\frac{1}{2}\) cent lower—jobbing lots 18\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\) cts. Whiskey quiet at \(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\) trm and active at 10\(\frac{1}{2}\)

COTTON MARKETS.

Norfolk, steady at 121-receipts 3,200 bales; Boston, quiet at 131—receipts 482 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 134—receipts 237 bales; Baltimore, quiet at 124@13—net receipts 18 bales; New Orleans, steady at 104, 114@124-receipts 14,191 bales; Moannah, quiet but firm at 127-receipts 4,647 bales; Charleston, firm at 13—receipts 3,570 bales; Memphis, firm, with good demand, at 121@124—receipts 6,445 bales; Galveston, quiet at 124—receipts 4,429 bales; Augusta, firm, with good demand at 121@ 124 -receipts 2,179 bales.

POREIGN MARKETS. Parts, Dec. 15-Noon. Rents 66f. 474c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15—Noon.

Cotton firm—middling uplands 7d;
middling Orleans 71d. Sales of 15,000
bales; for speculation and export 3,000 Daniel Blandsell, deceased, treasurer of Dartmouth College. His family have placed their property at the disposal of the college.

The total vote yesterday was 27,200, with one exception the largest ever east. The Republicans elect 8 Aldermen and 49 Common Councilmen. The Democrats elect 4 March and April, 6 15-16d.

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Epirite turpentine 25 dd. COMMERCIAL WILMINGTON MARKET.

OLHEAR SENTAR OFFICE, Dec. 15. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Receipts 255 casks. No sales reported. Market closing quiet at 34 cents per gallon for Southern ROSIN-Receipts 1,129 bbls. No sales

reported. Market steady at \$1 421 for 25 TUBS G. E. BUTTER; CRUDE TURPENTINE—Receipts and 75 Bbls and Boxes Crackers, all kinds; Strained and \$1 45 for Good Strained. sales of 554 bbls at \$2 55 for Virgin and Yellow Dip and \$1 55 for Hard. Market TAR .- Receipts and sales of 217 bbls at

\$1 60 per bbl. Market steady at the de COTTON.-Receipts 791 bales. Market steady, with sales of 280 bales at the follow-

Low Middling..... 124 cents. Middling...... 12‡ Good Middling...... 12‡@13

ing official quotations:

New York Naval Stores Market. December 13, 1875.

Receipts to-day, 2,441 barrels rosin, 309 do spirits turpentine, 6 do pitch, 58 do tar. The general movement still moderate and the market without salient points for the day. On spirits turpentine a little call was made by the regular trade for lots suited to momentary wants. Holders offered enough stocks to satisfy the outlet, but without pressure and were pretty steady in asking about former rates. Sales of 50 bbis at 37c. Rosins were about steady on all grades, without any very large amount offering, though plenty could have been obtained if called for. The general demand moderate. Sales of 100 bbls No. 2 at \$1 85 and 180 obls No. 1 at \$3 124. Tar dull and unchanged. Pitch quiet at former

The following are the telegraphic advices: Liverpool-spts turpentine steady at 25s6d; common rosin dull at 5s 3d; fine, dull at 18s. London – Spirits turpentine steady at 25s 3d; common rosin steady at 5s. 3d.

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> EXPORTS COASTWISE.

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