Contested Seats in the Next House. WASHINGTON, March 23.

The following is a list of the contested seats in the House of Representatives, in the 45th Congress, which will be convened in special session on the 4th of June next:

Alabama—Jere. Haralson, Republican, against C. M. Shelly, Democrat. California—Peter W. Wigginton, dem., agt. Rolando Pacheco, rep.; Wm. G. Piper, dem., agt. Horace Davis, rep. Colorado—Thos. W. Patterson, dem.,

agt. J. B. Belford, rep. Florida—H. M. Davidson, dem., agt. Wm. J. Purman, rep.; Jere J. Finley, dem., agt. Horatio Brisbee, jr., rep. Illinois—John H. Hungate, dem., against B. F. Marsh, rep.; Benjamin T. Wiley, rep., agt. William Hartzell,

dem. Lonisiana—J. H. Acklin, dem., agt. Chester B. Darrall, rep.; J. B. Elmer, dem., agt. George F. Smith, rep.; Edward W. Roberts, dem., agt. Charles E. Nash, rep.

Massachusetts—Benjamin Dean, dem., agt. Walbridge A. Field, rep. Missouri—Robert G. Frost, dem., agt. Lyon S. Metcalf, rep.
Oregon—Lemuel McDowell, dem.,
agt. Richard Williams, rep.
Pennsylvania—Jas. B. Hutting, rep.,

Pennsylvania—Jas. B. Hutting, rep., agt. Jas. B. Riley, dem. South Carolina—L. Cass Carpenter, rep., agt. D, Wyatt Aiken, dem.; J. L. Richardson, dem., agt. J. H. Rainey, rep.; Tillman, dem., agt. Robert Small,

rep. Tennessee-W. M. Randolph, rep., agt. Cary Young, dem.
Virginia—Joseph Segar, rep., agt.
John Goode, Jr., dem.; W. E. Hinton, dem., agt. Jos. Jorgensen, rep.

In two States, Louisiana and Florida, there are double sets of certificates, which agree on some of the names and disagree on others. In South Carolina only one set has been filed.

Natural Soap.

The news comes from California of the discovery of a mine of mineral soap, which can be used for all the purposes to which manufactured soaps are applicable. The discoverer found it when prospecting for coal, and used it in his family for a year before announcing it. It is now, however, taken up by a company, and will be brought into commerce. The mine, which is situated in a somewhat inaccessible part of the coast, is in close vicinity of a stream, and it was from the fact that pieces of stone which fell into the stream were observed to melt away that the properties of it became known.

The soap is described as marbled or particolored like Castile soap, and the extent of the mine is said to be very great. The soap is in the neighborhood of slatestone and sandstone, and near a mountain of gypsum, which innears to have been turned up on its edge. The whole country around bears evidence of volcanic action, and the mountains near appear to have been once under the sea, as shells and other marine products abound on the highest points.

Mesmerism and Spiritism.

"Mesmerism is high life below stairs, or Momus playing Jove in the kitchens of Olympus. 'Tis a low curiosity or lust of structure, and is separated by celestial diameters from the love of spiritual truth. It is wholly a false view to couple these things in any manner with the religgious nature and sentiment, and a most dangerous superstition to raise them to the lofty place of motives and sanctions. This is to prefer haloes and rainbows to the sun and moon. Were this drivel which they report as the voice of spirits really such, we must find out a more decisive suicide. They are ignorant of all that ts healthy and useful to know, and by law of kind—dunces seeking dunces in the dark of what they call the spiritual world-preferring snores and gastric noises to the voice of any muse."-Ralph Waldon Emerson, in North American Review.

Mr. Devens Not Happy.

[From the Baltimore Sun.] The Attorney-General is rapidly coming to the conclusion that he has done one very big thing for himself in giving up a life position on the Supreme Bench of Massachusetts to accept the precarious tenure of a place, in the Cabinet, with all its attendant annoyances and inconveniences. His judicious turn of mind and his habits are put to a sore test by the crowd of plate-nunters and other people, who take up almost his entire time. In speaking of the subject to-day to a Senator he said: "You see before you the biggest fool in Massachusetts. I gave up a place which suited me exactly, where I was comfortably and permanently fixed, for one which does not suit me at all.

"Gwendolen." The original Gwendolen of George Eliot's "Daniel Deronda" is a London She was formerly worth about \$1,000,000, but went to the continent, became addicted to gambling and lost most of her money, even parting with her necklace, as the book states. During her infatuation she was narrowly watched by George Eliot, and by a wealthy gentleman living to-day in Manchester, and so interested did he become in "Gwendolen" that he offered to make good her losses if she would cease to play, but was refused. The lady now lives in London on an income of \$1,000 a year, all that is saved from the wreck. She is twenty-five, unmarried, and said to be very handsome, and what adds interest to the tale is the fact that she is the granddaughter of one of England's greatest poets.

Information, not Importunity.

A western congressman called on Secretary Schurz to-day and said to him that he would like to know exactly the status of congressmen in reference to appointments—whether they were to have any influence with the present Administration at all. Mr. Schurz replied that according to his understanding the Administration would be glad to have information from members of Congress, but not importunity .- Washington special to Baltimore Sun.

The New York Times thinks "there is no special significance to be attached to the so-called massacre of Chinese in California, except so far as it shows what a lawless element exists in the white population in the interior of the State." Yet, if five or six colored men had been killed under similar circumstances in Georgia or Alabama the Times would have declared that the State was in rebellion against the general government. Chinese have no votes. - Savannah

tion. From the Philadelphia Times.

An old German buried his wife, and was telling a sympathizing neighbor of her sad decease. His friend inquired if the late lamented "was resigned to her fate." "Resigned!" ex-claimed the honest Teuton; "mein Gott, she had to be." This little story is recalled to mind by the news that Elihu B. Washburne, our Minister to Paris, has resigned.

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