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THE NEXT SESSION OF CONGRESS.

The Fifty-third Congress will meet in less than four weeks. It will sit probably until next June. It will have a great deal of work to do and the trouble lies in the fact that so many raw and incompetent lands are to undertake it.

THE NEW YORK COMMERCIAL CHRONICLE SAYS.

It would be greatly to the advantage of the public business to have these important matters reported early and upon by the House of Representatives and sent to the Senate, so as to allow that branch of Congress much more time than is now allowed. It seems almost certain that neither the navy appropriation bill, nor the pension bill, which carries all the salaries of the officers of government, will be reported to the Senate this year for a first consideration.

A good, practical, working body is needed. Too much demagoguery and too frequent airing of rhetoric will spoil any legislation. The important business should be certainly first attended to and then if there is time towards the close for cheap displays let the rhetoricians and declaimers sport their little pieces and all for the "dear people."

During the "long session," as the next is called, the great question of how to raise the revenues of the country must be considered. It cannot be postponed or evaded. The long suffering and long forbearing tax payers demand that the accumulation of a surplus shall be stopped and the burdens of taxation be lightened.

of prompt, efficient legislation. The approaching Congress is to make a record that may very seriously influence the elections of 1888. This will inevitably turn the session into a political body, not so much legislating for the good of the country as making capital for party success.

It is certain that the record of both parties in the Congress between now and June next is to have no little effect upon the next Presidential election. The Democrats cannot be too cautious, wise, industrious and broadly patriotic.

THE RESULTS IN THREE IMPORTANT STATES.

We greatly rejoice over the Democratic triumphs in Virginia, Maryland and New York. The victories are very gratifying to all true Democrats. Mahone's evil influence in Virginia has been so great that we are indeed glad that he has been again rebuked and that the affairs of Virginia will continue to be controlled by the genuine sons who have at heart the prosperity, glory and honor of their State.

The election in Maryland is also very gratifying. That State is Democratic. This year an unwise and mischievous coalition of kicking so-called Democrats and the old Radical rotten party was formed for the defeat of the Democracy, but their plans have been thwarted and Maryland is safe by a round majority to the Democracy.

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The New York World of Monday has a long telegraphic dispatch dated Ashland, Wisconsin, November 6th. It is an account of the "white slaves" in that State. It tells how inequity and crime flourish—how bloodhounds are used to track inmates of the "Pinery Den" who attempt to escape—how brutal and beastly are the border ruffians, who are worse than was ever told of painted Sioux—how girls are kidnapped in Chicago when sixteen years of age and held as prisoners—how their hair is cut off so that they may be known to all the infamous "dive-keepers of the League"—how bad women are employed as decoys, and so on.

We congratulate the Baptists of North Carolina upon the announcement that Rev. Dr. Bailey has resumed the editorship of his own paper, the Raleigh Biblical Recorder. Under his supervision for some twelve or fourteen years that paper was an interesting and able paper. A few months ago Rev. C. S. Farris took exclusive charge. He had been assistant editor for several years and did well.

Cotton Crop Estimates. The Cotton World's report for October, and its final estimate of a yield of 6,235,358 bales, is the sixth of the series of 1887-88 reports, in continuation of the National Cotton Exchange system. It has created something of a sensation among the bulls and bears, the correctness of the system of the National Cotton Exchange making estimates being established by remarkable accuracy in the three preceding years, as is shown by the following, issued on the 10th of November:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Bales, National Exchange estimate, Actual product. Rows for 1886-7, 1887-8, and 1888-9.

From this it will be seen that in crops varying from each other by over 900,000 bales the estimates put forth in November by the National Exchange have not differed more than 28,788 bales from the actual output in any year.

The Cotton World adds: In this connection we may without unjust assumption point to the record of these reports of final production as published on or before the 10th of November for the last three years. The commercial crop is made up on a certain defined basis; it may and does vary from the actual crop, but the estimates have not varied materially from the actual crops, which fully attests the correctness of our system.

The Proposition for a Fire Boat. The "Memorandum" submitted to the Board of Aldermen at their last meeting by Capt. Edgar Williams, of the tug Marie, is as follows:

"We will have banked fires all night and all day, steam all day. At night, we will have two or three on board, one to attend to the boat and the other to give an alarm to the fire department. We will have a fire boat on the river, report to the Chief of Fire Department and act under his orders; provided always that we are not in distress or require assistance it is clearly understood that we have liberty to assist them on our own account, and also that our claim for salvage shall not be hampered by any regulations to the city. Should there be no shipping in jeopardy we will tow flats or pump water, or act in any other way under the Chief of Fire Department's orders. We will buy a new, first class steam pump, and sufficient hose under the requirements of the Fire Department. Our efficient use of the cost of production will be about \$800, at our own expense. For this service we ask \$90 per month, which we believe to be very moderate compensation."

Wm. Sneed and Silas Sneed, who have been in jail here for several days, were released yesterday, in the sum of \$750 having been furnished for their appearance at the next term of the Superior Court, through the instrumentality of their counsel, Messrs. Strange, Waddell and Meares.

The County Commissioners of Pendler at their meeting in Burgaw last Monday, adopted resolutions in respect to the memory of the late Col. John D. Powers, a highly esteemed member of the Board, and one of Pendler's most honored, useful and valuable citizens. Col. Powers was more than ordinarily gifted with all those moral and intellectual qualities which combine to make up a true and good man.

The steamer D. Marchion arrived yesterday morning with a good freight of new tobacco. The cotton Captain Smith reports a rapid fall of the high water in the upper Cape Fear, but farther down the river the lowlands are still submerged. The Marchion left on her upward trip about 3 p. m., with a number of passengers for Fayetteville.

The Robesonian says that "an able committee of the business men of Wilmington passed through Lumberton Monday on their way to Greensboro to capture the C. F. & Y. V. Railway, and carry it down to Wilmington. They are now doing what ought to have been done some time ago."

The British steamship Carn Marth, previously reported aground near Southport, was floated at high tide yesterday morning and came up to the city. She is loaded with cotton at the Champion Company.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners of New Hanover county met in regular monthly session at the Court House, yesterday afternoon. There were present, Chairman H. A. Bagg and Commissioners B. G. Worth, Jas. A. Montgomery, Roger Moore and E. L. Pearce.

Treasurer Hewitt submitted his report for the month of October, showing balance on hand to the credit of the general fund amounting to \$2,123.68; to the educational fund, \$6,586.68.

The Register of Deeds submitted his monthly report of fees received from marriage licenses for October, amounting to \$9.03, and exhibited the Treasurer's receipt for the same.

Application of August Deumelandt for license to retail spirituous liquors in the city of Wilmington was granted; also, application of C. W. Garrison, S. Van Amringe, Clerk of the Superior Court, reported the sum of \$23 collected from the Cape Fear Agricultural Association.

The poll tax charged against Isaac Hines and Wm. Fonville were ordered remitted, it appearing that Hines and Fonville are over fifty years of age.

The poll tax charged against John Hill was ordered remitted, it appearing that he is a resident of Robeson county.

Wilkes Morris was ordered remitted; he being a resident of Columbus county.

R. B. Moore was relieved of payment of poll tax on account of physical disability.

The following order was directed: It appearing to the satisfaction of the Board that there is an error in computing the tax on incomes in the tax book of 1887, it all having been computed at one per cent. It is ordered that where the tax has been at half of one per cent. on all incomes derived from salary or fees, it be corrected by the Board, that the sheriff make the necessary corrections in the tax on incomes, and collect the same in accordance with the section of the Revenue Act of 1887.

THE ELECTIONS.

A Sweeping Triumph in Virginia. The Victory in New York Amazes Citizens. Summary of the Election. Collapse of the Labor Party Foreshadowed by the Result in Ohio.

Virginia. Richmond, Nov. 9.—Additional returns from the counties this morning were sent to confirm the telegrams sent last night, that the Democrats have gained a sweeping victory and that the Republicans will be a third majority in both branches of the General Assembly.

New York, Nov. 9.—A special train from Richmond, Va., says: Two thirds of the State delegates have voted for the Democrats a majority of forty in the General Assembly. The remainder of the State delegates have voted for the same majority they had in the last Legislature. Five colored members of the House have been elected by the Democrats.

Wisconsin, Nov. 9.—In Frederick county the official vote gives 621 majority for Harrison, Democrat, for the State Senate. Delegates for the House of Delegates has 699 majority.

Danville, Nov. 9.—Full returns from Pitsylvania county give Hurd, Dem. candidate for the Senate, a majority of 33. Three Democratic members of the House of Delegates are elected by a majority of 10 to 6.

Richmond, Nov. 9.—Returns up to this hour confirm the election of the Democrats. Democrats 28, Republicans 10, with five Senatorial districts yet to hear from, which will probably change these figures. Democrats 28, Republicans 10, with five Senatorial districts yet to hear from, which will probably change these figures to Democrats 28, Republicans 10, making a majority of 46 on joint ballot.

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WASHINGTON.

Resolutions adopted by the Bar Association on the Death of Justice Woods. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

Washington, Nov. 7.—There were no decisions of public importance rendered by the Supreme Court today. Attorney General Garland presented resolutions adopted by the Bar Association on the death of Justice Woods, and addressed the Court. The resolutions were as follows: Resolved, That the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and officers of the Court be profoundly sensible of the loss that has been sustained by the death of William Burnham Woods, who has illustrated his country as patriot, citizen, soldier and jurist. 2. That we tender the family of the deceased the assurance of our sincere sympathy. 3. That the chairman be and he be hereby requested to transmit a copy of these proceedings to the Attorney General of the United States, with request that he present the same to the Supreme Court of the United States for such action thereon as usual and proper, according to the course of the Court. 4. That the Chairman be and he be hereby requested to transmit an engraved copy of these proceedings to the family of the deceased.

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THE INDIANS.

Gen. Seward's Command Attack the Hostile Indians Killed. The Outbreak at the Mouth of the Crow River. Capt. Upton's Report on the Indians.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The Secretary of the Interior late this afternoon received the following telegram from Indian Inspector Crow Agency in Montana, dated today: "Refractory Indians all delivered and in the good faith of the Government. A skirmish yesterday; the balance of the Crows are in camp, quiet and submissive. The balance of the Crows are in camp, quiet and submissive. The balance of the Crows are in camp, quiet and submissive."

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