

Ocean Telegraphy.

The progress of ocean telegraphy, from the signing of the agreement constituting the first Atlantic company, twenty-five years ago, down to the present, is full of interest almost dramatic.

The Crisis at Washington.

They are having an awful time in Washington. The Star, of yesterday, reports a fatal collision on Pennsylvania avenue. It seems that a large party of Kentucky office-seekers, by the Metropolitan road, hurrying down Louisiana avenue, collided in front of the market with Virginia coming up 7th street.

Much is being said in the Radical press as to what would be done by Mr. Hayes should the Democrats follow the numerous examples set by the Republicans, and attack political riders to appropriation bills.

The Scene between Lamar and Hoar and Edmunds.

Lamar rose. There was a dead silence as he began to speak. Senators on both sides leaned forward expectantly. Hoar left his seat in the outer row, and stood in the aisle, his hand on the desk in front of him.

Lamar straightened up, folded his arms, threw back his head, and deliberately enunciating every word, said: "In the judgment of the Senator from Mississippi he is entirely out of order, and his language is entirely unparliamentary."

The Tobacco Tax.

A few weeks ago we published, at the request of District Attorney Albertson, a notice to farmers concerning the sale of tobacco to their hands. There seems to be a conflict of opinion on the subject, and for the benefit of our farmer friends we publish the following letter regarding the matter:

Dear Sir:—I have just received from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the "contract" of the Department upon the selling of tobacco by farmers to their employees. It is somewhat different from the ruling of Judge Brooks upon the same subject, which I communicated to you when in Barbours, and which you gave me in the information to your farmers. This construction was arrived at and published April 4th, 1878, in a circular letter to Edward C. Wade, Collector, Savannah, Georgia.

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THE SENATE proceedings Thursday night and the House proceedings yesterday in passing John Turner were the comedy after some tragic events of a few days previous. The Senate was the scene of angry discussion and pugilistic demonstrations, while the House at the night session Wednesday recalled the various Radical conventions of 1868.

NORTH CAROLINA has 37 cities, towns and villages, according to the "Hand-book of North Carolina." Strange to say the population of the three largest cities in the State is not given. Newbern and Fayetteville is credited with 6,000 each. Winston has 4,000—a wonderful growth. Greensboro has 3,500. Hickory, a comparatively new town, has 1,200.

THE STEERS that some were pleased to level at Senator Graham on account of his untiring efforts in behalf of the tax-payers of the State did not in the least affect that gentleman's zeal in the people's cause of reform. So excellent and impartial a judge as the Charlotte Democrat appreciates his valuable services in the Senate. The Democrat says: "Senator Wm. A. Graham, of Lincoln, has shown himself to be a consistent and worthy representative of his constituents. He not only favored enactment in the salaries of a few State officers, but he voted against the big appropriations of public money, and against all doubtful schemes of every sort. We have watched his course in the State Senate and can confidently say that he will do to trust with the public business of any people."

Robinson's Investigating Committee. The high-handed outrage perpetrated by Senator Robinson's committee is fully characterized by the Charlotte Democrat, whose main edior is ever on the alert to resent any encroachment on the freedom of the Press. The Democrat says: "We might, probably with propriety, speak against the attempts of members of the Legislature, in the shape of an investigating committee, to innuendate a certain Raleigh newspaper and interfere with the freedom of the Press by inquiring who wrote certain articles which appeared in said paper, but it might bring on another quarrel, and inasmuch as but one individual man in the whole State came to the defence of the Charlotte Democrat when its freedom to discuss a public affair was assailed and denied by a combination, we believe we will let the matter pass without engaging in the difficulty. But when it is gravely voted by a committee of the Legislature (with a lawyer at its head) that it is proper to inquire for said committee to ask a newspaper publisher who wrote certain articles which appeared in the columns of his paper, we feel bound to protest and disapprove of such impudent and hostile and unbecoming interference with the Press."

DANIEL DUGHERTY is right. In America the newspaper is the rival of the court, and is rapidly rendering its office one of subordinate importance. The editor controls a hundred votes to the orator's one. The editor interprets the will of the people, and the orator echoes the interpretation. A free press in a free country is like the voice of Jethro Bullfinch crying in the wilderness.

IT IS THE opinion of that able and sagacious representative (C. L. Brown, of Mecklenburg), that the new revenue bill is the best the State has ever had. The machinery employed for the listing and assessing of personal property is one of its distinguishing excellencies. Much valuable thought was given this subject by Senator Alexander.

THE DISTRACTED DEMENTS at Washington can find a happy solution to their troubles by electing Lieutenant Governor Armfield Speaker of the House. As President of the Senate of North Carolina he made a reputation as a parliamentarian. As a lawyer he has few equals in the 46th Congress. He is incorruptible. The Backburs and the Radical Democrats cannot do better than elect him Speaker.

THE MEXICAN Veterans. The following act of Congress, granting three months extra pay to the officers and soldiers of the Mexican war, has been published by the Secretary of War for the information of all concerned: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, directed, out of the moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the officers and soldiers engaged in the military service of the United States in the war with Mexico, and who served out the time of their engagement or were honorably discharged, by the three months extra pay provided for by the act of July 19, 1862, and by the limitations contained in said act, in all cases, upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence that said extra compensation has not been previously received: Provided, that the provisions of this act shall include also the officers, privates, sergeants, seamen and marines of the United States navy, the revenue marine service and the officers and soldiers of the United States army employed in the prosecution of said war. The auditing officers of the Treasury are having considerable difficulty in ascertaining who properly come under the provisions of this act. The first part limits the act to those who served out the time of their engagement, or were honorably discharged, and one of the questions which arises is whether the latter clause is limited by that provision. A decision on this and other points which may arise will be rendered in a few days.

Too Much Veto Unhealthy. Mr. Hayes will find it the part of wisdom not to lavish his veto power. A too free use of the prerogative might provoke a joint congressional inquiry into the fraudulent use to which it was acquired.

THE SENATE ready for the question of the "Judgment of the Chair" was sustained by the formal demand put to the Senate. "The yeas and nays?" exclaimed a half-dozen Democratic senators. "The yeas and nays are demanded; is there a second?" quietly said Edmunds. Up went a score of hands on the Democratic side.

THE YEAS and nays are ordered; the Clerk shall call the roll. Edmunds, almost in the same breath, the roll was called, and by a large majority the decision of the Chair was reversed. With great gravity of manner Edmunds turned his face towards Lamar, and said: "The Senate has decided that the Senator from Mississippi is out of order, and his language is entirely unparliamentary."

There was a faint effort at applause in the galleries; but Lamar threw up his hand, and the President, with a sharp sound, and perfect stillness reigned. With an effort at self-restraint, and slowly and deliberately, Lamar began again. Senator Blaine, who of all men is certainly a company of men, said to the Senator who displayed more tact than Lamar under the trying circumstances in which he was placed. He made no apology for the language he had used; but he said if there was one senator who felt aggrieved by the ruling, it was himself, whatever he had said. Posing an instant, as though for a reply, he proceeded as deliberately as before. Usually Lamar is an impassioned speaker, but on this occasion he was seemingly weighed every word by the clock. He made unqualified defence of Jefferson Davis and of the whole southern people, claiming that they were actuated by the highest motives and inspired by the truest patriotism. Mr. Davis, he said, was the representative simply of the southern people, and he as well as they dedicated their lives and fortunes to a cause they believed to be right. A wanton insult had been offered to the Southern people, and the Senator from Massachusetts, and to himself and every other southern man in the Senate who in a less degree only had been the representative of their people in that great struggle. But they had bowed to the decree of fate, and loyally accepted the situation when the God of battles had decided against them. Since the war no man had more unreservedly accepted the situation than Mr. Davis. He had courageously and bravely met the great struggle and ended by the overthrow of the southern armies. The meaning of the speaker was plain. He meant that if Davis had not surrendered after the surrender, sought to prolong the struggle by guerrilla warfare.

But this expression was seized by the ever-ready and always vigilant Blaine, and used with great effect a few minutes later. In speaking of the motives that inspired Hoar's motion, Lamar used a singularly appropriate figure of speech. He was referring to the persistent attacks made by the Senator from Massachusetts, he believed, classed himself among those who were called Christian statesmen. He might have learned more charity even from heathen mythology.

At this point the speaker paused, turned, and in a stage whisper asked: "Who was it that was chained to the rock?" and Thurman, across three rows of desks, whispered, "Prometheus." Without a moment's delay, the speaker went on: "When Prometheus was chained to the rock it was not an eagle that plucked at his vitals, but a vulture." The action was suited to the utterance, as he said it was not an eagle that plucked at his vitals, the arms were thrown up and the curving sweep of the king of birds was described in the gesture, and then as he hissed out it was a vulture the right arm straightened out, and the index-finger pointed at Hoar. It was an firm and effective piece of oratory as I ever witnessed. Hoar felt the sting.

As Lamar finished and sat down the Hoar rose and made a half-apologetic defence. He said that he had thought that his motion would have been interpreted by the Senator from Mississippi, and those who, like him, had been devoted to the Confederate cause, as an insult to themselves, he would not have made it.

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