

now, I have the most perfect confidence in its final triumph. The public attention is roused. The subject will be thoroughly investigated, and I have no fears but the side I support, will prove to be the side of truth, justice, liberty, civilization, and moral and intellectual excellence.

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS. IN SENATE.

Saturday, March 10.

A petition was presented by Mr. Buchanan, from a citizen of Philadelphia, on the subject of the currency, proposing a plan for a national bank, the stock to be owned by the different States, in the proportion of their delegation in the House of Representatives; the drafts to be endorsed by the respective States, and become the currency of the country; the capital at first to be \$70,000,000, afterwards to be increased to \$150,000,000, and then to increase at the rate of two per cent, per annum. Mr. B. said the plan was ingenious, though he was not convinced of its expediency. Ordered to be printed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Sub-Treasury bill.

Mr. Calhoun rose and spoke nearly two hours in reply to the speech of Mr. Clay, delivered on the 19th ult.—chiefly in defence of his own political course and consistency, accidentally on the character and merits of the question which had been called upon to act during his public career.

Mr. Clay rejoined at considerable length in support of positions taken, and the opinions expressed by him in the speech referred to, in regard to Mr. Calhoun's political course.

Mr. Preston made some remarks, in reply to Mr. Clay on the subject of Nullification, and in defense of the course of South Carolina in that regard.

Mr. Clay and Mr. Calhoun continued the debate in alternative reply and rejoinder until half-past 5 o'clock; when, on motion of Mr. Webster.

The Senate adjourned.

In the House of Representatives, nothing of great interest took place.

IN SENATE.

Sunday March 11.

A message was received from the President of the United States, through Mr. A. Van Buren, his private Secretary.

The following petitions, &c. were presented:

By Mr. McLean: The memorial of G. A. Perkins and ninety others, citizens of Athens, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the annexation of Texas into the Union, and praying Congress to respect all propositions of that sort from whatever source they may come. Laid on the table.

By Mr. Buchanan: From citizens of Washington county, Pennsylvania, praying Congress to pass a law for its suppression.

By Mr. Wall: A memorial of the same import, from a meeting at Newark, of citizens of New Jersey. Both memorials were read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Anti-Sub-Treasury.

Mr. Crittenden rose, he said, to present to the Senate certain resolutions of the Legislature of Kentucky, condemnatory of the course of the late and present Administrations in relation to the currency, and especially of the sub-Treasury bill, and he would accompany the performance of this duty with a few remarks.

We should be gratified to publish Mr. Crittenden's truly able and eloquent remarks; but our limits will not permit. He insisted that the dominant party were bound to respect public opinion on this subject; that New York, great in wealth, resources and population had spoken against the sub-Treasury; that Pennsylvania, slow, majestic, and considerate, in announcing her opinions, is also advancing to the rescue of the country from this measure. Other states were opposed to it; little Rhode Island, with all her business, talents and sagacity; New Jersey, Ohio and Tennessee, and in that bright array is the state of Kentucky. He demanded of "the party" if all these demonstrations of popular opposition to the sub-Treasury, were to be contended.

Mr. Webster spoke at large in opposition to this measure, as a novelty in legislation and in practice; in vindication of the credit system, as the great source of equal and individual wealth and general prosperity; on the advantage and necessity of a sound currency; and the constitutional duty of the Government to furnish and regulate such a currency, or the tendency and necessary effects of the pending measure, and added much to his former argument, affirming the power of Congress to regulate the currency, especially as connected with their power over commerce and the intercourse between the States. Mr. W. had spoken four hours, without completing his argument—the greatest, it is believed, he has ever, on any occasion, delivered—when he yielded the floor for a motion for adjournment, and

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Several gentleman presented memorials against duelling which were referred.

Several memorials, very numerous, signed, remonstrating against the passage of the sub-Treasury bill, and

others in favor of the establishment of a national bank, were presented by several gentlemen, which were severally referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which had been committed the sub-Treasury bill, reported by the Committee of Ways and Means.

Petition to Expunge the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Adams presented a memorial, praying Congress to rescind the resolution of December, 21, 1857, and, accompanying it, a memorial praying Congress to cause the Declaration of Independence to be expunged from the journal of the old Congress, which he moved to refer, together, to a select committee.

Mr. Campbell, of S. C., rose and said that he represented upon that floor a constituency, which—

The speaker told him that no petition was debatable on the day it was offered.

Mr. Cushman moved to lay it on the table; which motion prevailed.

On motion, the House adjourned, at 4 o'clock.

IN SENATE.

Tuesday, March 13.

SUB-TREASURY SCHEME.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY.—MESSAGE ON THE NORTHEASTERN BOUNDARY, &c.

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On motion, the House at 40'clock adjourned.

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After some remarks by Mr. Ruggles, in respect of the memory of the deceased, the Senate passed the customary resolutions, and adjourned to Saturday.

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