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REVENUE REDUCTIONS.

A dispatch from Washington states that the internal revenue bill which passed the House last session was dispoed of by the Senate on the 18th, being passed by a decided majority, but not before certain important amendments were added.

Commissioner Raun estimates that this bill will reduce the revenues nearly \$13,000,000 a year. In other words, it will be robbing the people of \$13,000,000 less every year.

EXCITEMENT IN CALIFORNIA.

Congress has passed a bill restricting Chinese immigration. California has become disgusted with the heathens; society has suffered from their presence, while industry and prosperity has been discouraged and retarded.

But the Fraudulent President, it is rumored, proposes to veto the bill, and excitement runs high in California on that account.

We believe it is so; the President is badly hen-pecked. When we were in Washington we heard things which looked that way.

within our boundaries, the exhaustless resources of wealth that are ours, and will set up an Occidental republic, which, if it cannot rival the old republic in its glory of the past, will at least be a magnificent empire of white freemen, whose heritage shall be preserved to their children and their children's children forever.

VALEDICTORY.

With this week's issue, my connection with THE DANBURY REPORTER ceases, and custom makes it obligatory upon me to retire with a bow to the public.

To my friends and the public I respectfully state that I have engaged to transfer my services to the Winston Sentinel, and will enter upon the discharge of duty, amid new surroundings, about the middle of March.

Sincere thanks is respectfully tendered to friends and citizens for many kind words and encouragements they have lavished upon the management of this paper.

And to "brethren of the quill" I am greatly indebted for frequent expressions of approbative kindness. In the new field of service awaiting me, their goodwill will be regarded as an object worthy of constant effort and the highest appreciation.

Respectfully, J. T. DARLINGTON.

Henpecked President.

We came across a little piece in one of our exchanges, we do not now remember which, going to show that Mr. Hayes is under petti-coat government.

A wife can give most excellent advice sometimes; but, we can not help having a contempt for the husband who lets his wife rule him in a matter like the above.

We heard of a brave set of a lady of Danville, which we cannot too highly commend. A negro was prowling about in the back lot at night when she called for her pistol loud enough for him to hear her.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 19, 1879. Congress has made in the past week immense progress in its work.

The Senate has concurred in the action of the House reducing the tax on tobacco from 24 to 16 cents. By a practically unanimous vote, it has also refused to put a duty upon tea and coffee.

There was most interesting testimony given before the Potter Committee yesterday. Gen. Francis P. Basler, of New York, one of the Republican visiting statesmen, gave his version of the Presidential contest in Florida in 1876.

As I have repeatedly stated, there is no possibility of the Army re-organization scheme, which passed the House a part of the Army appropriation bill, being favorably considered in the Senate.

Mr. Hayes has done better than was hoped for in nominating Rev. Joseph P. Thompson as Minister to Germany, in place of Bayard Taylor, deceased.

Remarkable Story of an Alibi.

A special dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, to the Cincinnati Gazette says: "To the jail of this county, under sentence of death for murder, lies a negro with a strange history."

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Secretary of State.

With his usual good judgment Governor Harris has tendered the vacant office of Secretary of State to Col. W. L. Saunders whose name is familiar to every Democratic household in North Carolina.

William Laurence Saunders was born in Raleigh, July 30, 1835, graduated in June, 1854, studied law under Judge W. H. Battle, at Chapel Hill, obtained license to practice in the county courts in January, 1856, and another to practice in the other courts in June, 1857.

With health and strength greatly impaired by wounds, Colonel Saunders after the war removed to Florida and engaged in planting. Returning to this State, he was elected in 1870 Secretary of the Senate, and in 1873 re-elected.

The Whole of It.

The whole matter therefore narrows itself down to this: Unauthorized Democratic agents, acting solely upon their own responsibility, entered bids for electoral votes rightfully belonging to the candidate of their party.

Judge Denton, of St. Louis, has fined a man \$15 for robbing a woman of a kiss. Go west, young man.

Extra Session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Will there be an extra session of Congress? That's the question. It has been decided in the Democratic caucus to incorporate in the Legislative Executive and Judicial appropriation bill a section, repealing the test oath for jurors and the law authorizing the appointment of Federal supervisors of elections.

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A Naval Officers' Shame.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—A disgraceful elopement was brought to light to-day. The parties are Lieut. Fletcher, a married naval officer, recently from the West but originally from Washington city, and a Miss Bailey, 18 years of age, the daughter of the woman with whom the officer and his family were boarding.

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It was a long time before the mother of Miss Bailey could realize that her daughter had really taken such an extraordinary step.

Some of the two toward each other to arouse the suspicions of the family. Miss Bailey never went out of the house with the Lieutenant alone prior to the evening of the elopement.

Lieut. and Mrs. Fletcher's family are among the best people in Washington, and his conduct was a great shock to them.

A Snake Story Confirmed.

THE REMAINS OF THE MONSTER REPTILE. 22 FEET LONG, FOUND IN A HOLLOW TREE.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 20.—Some seven or eight years ago an astounding snake story came from South Canaan, Conn., and it was copied far and near, both in this country and Europe.

Time and again the reptile was shot at by hunters, but it always managed to get away. The track of the Housatonic Railroad runs through the swamp named.

Four or five years ago two men were riding in a buggy along a road which skirts the swamp, and saw ahead a dark object lying across the roadway.

On Saturday last two men named Kelly and Smith, both well and favorably known in the neighborhood, went into the swamp with a yoke of oxen and a sled to get a load of wood, the ground being frozen so hard that there was no difficulty in passing over any portion of it in safety, which it would be impossible to do in warm weather.

They opened the wood as far as they could find bones, the length of the being twenty-one feet, and the remains proved to be those of the monstrous reptile so often seen but never captured.

It is believed that the last time a snake chased some four years ago, he sought refuge in this tree, and never came out again.

One Salem merchant has shipped this season 400,000 dozen eggs.