

PROBEC ADVERTISING

THURSDAY, DEC. 12, 1872

A statue of the late Chief Justice Taney was unveiled at the Capitol of Maryland, on the 10th inst., with imposing ceremonies.

Gen. Hancock has been transferred to the Eastern Division of the army, with headquarters at New York or Philadelphia, as many best pleased him.

The day after the death of Horace Greeley several well-known gentlemen in Boston held a consultation for the purpose of forming a Greeley National Monument Association.

An election for Directors of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, was held at the offices of the Company, No. 74 Wall-street, on Monday, the 7th.

The Legislature of Louisiana began its session yesterday with vigor by the impeachment of Gov. Warmoth, whose trial was commenced in the evening.

A bill was introduced in the Senate on Monday to the effect, that on and after the first of June next, twenty per cent. of the custom duties may be paid in United States notes, and twenty per cent. additional each year thereafter till 1877, at which time they may be paid either in gold or notes.

Mr. Sumner's joint resolution proposing an Amendment to the Constitution confining the President to one term was referred.

A bill was offered in the House on Monday, proposing an Amendment to the Constitution authorizing Congress to fix a uniform law for holding State elections.

Mr. Banks offered a resolution in the House on Monday which fixes the salary of the President at fifty thousand dollars per annum, to take effect March next, also the term of office of the President and Vice-President to be six years, the President to be ineligible for re-election, and the President and Vice-President to be elected by the people at the same time that Congressmen are elected.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

The Commission appointed some time ago, by Governor Hoffman, to prepare amendments to the Constitution organized last week and adjourned to Wednesday, the 8th of January.

There is one very important change which is demanded now especially by the people of this State; which shall effect a reform in our legislature. Our legislative body should be larger, or have less to do, or more time to do it in, and then pay them living wages.

The State of Illinois took the advance step in legislative reform some two years ago. The chief amendment adopted to their Constitution was the limitation imposed upon the legislature. It is forbidden to pass special laws upon more than twenty specified subjects, which includes all the chief local interests in the State, which opens the great channel to collusion and corruption in the legislature, and which are passed many times in perfect ignorance of their real merits.

Speaker Blaine of the Senate after calling Mr. Cox to the Chair, took the floor and offered a resolution to appoint a Committee of five to investigate charges made against him in connection with the Credit Mobilier matter.

Mr. Blaine of all the charges brought against him. We have no fear but that the investigation will honorably acquit Mr. Blaine of all the charges brought against him.

Boston, Dec. 10.—The returns from all the wards were not received until midnight. The result was that (Gaston, Democrat, received 3,294 votes, and Pierce, Republican, 3,942.

Out of the twelve Aldermen elected three were Democrats and the others Republicans. The Common Council stands about forty Republicans to twenty-four Democrats.

The Warmoths give up the Fight. Possible Impeachment of Warmoth. NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—The city is comparatively quiet. The restraining order granted yesterday by Judge Durell, placing the whole matter of organizing the Legislature in the hands of the Custom-house party, is the general topic of conversation.

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DISASTROUS FIRE.

Twenty-two Lives Lost.

At 11 o'clock last night a fire broke out in the upper story of the Fifth-Avenue Hotel, on the Twenty-third-street side. The fire-engines were quickly on the spot, and were soon at work pouring streams upon streams of water on the flames, which at 12 o'clock enveloped the whole of the Twenty-third-street side.

On examination it was discovered that the fire originated in the elevator or stair-case leading to the laundry on the top floor. How it arose could not be discovered. The principal loss will be the damage done to the trunks and valises, into which they promptly packed their movables, and rushed down stairs to the office and demanded their accounts. Their apprehensions could not be quieted, and it fell to the lot of the firemen to work and make out several bills, on receipt of which the parties paid up, and took their departure, evidently well pleased at retiring with safety.

After the fire had been pretty well extinguished, the firemen, in going through the rooms in what is known as the "cockloft," which were occupied by the laundress women and domestics, they were horrified by stumbling over the remains of the human beings which were piled on the floor. Sentiments were proffered and the firemen, in going through the rooms, were horrified by stumbling over the remains of the human beings which were piled on the floor.

Gov. John A. Dix has resigned as an Erie Railway director. —Lotta, the actress, denies the report of her death in a public card in the Chicago papers.

The Senate on Tuesday confirmed the nomination of W. W. Fairman, to be post-master at Philadelphia. —The steamship City of Bristol, for whose safety some anxiety was felt, reached Greenock Monday.

The Hudson river is filled with floating ice as far south as Albany as Tivoli, and steamboat navigation is virtually closed for the season. —Since the adjournment of the last session of Congress five employees of the House of Representatives have died, including one on Monday night, Mr. Robert A. McPherson.

The number of the several Congressional appropriation bills reported, three are already before the House, and three more will be reported before the holiday recess. —The Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York took fire Tuesday night in the south-west corner of the upper story, and the two upper stories were ruined. Loss \$15,000. One lady was badly burned.

John J. Patterson, Republican, was yesterday elected by the South Carolina Legislature, United States Senator for the term commencing on the fourth of March next. He was subsequently arrested on the charge of bribery.

A terrific westerly gale, causing great destruction to property of all descriptions, prevailed throughout England and Ireland on Sunday. Telegraph wires were prostrated, buildings demolished, churches injured, ships blown ashore, and much other damage done. At Cork and Exeter the storm was particularly severe.

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NEW YORK TRIBUNE.

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