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The length of the President's Message precludes nearly every thing else from our paper.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Both Houses of Congress assembled on Monday the 2nd inst., a quorum of members being present in each branch. In the Senate Mr. Mangum took his seat as President pro tem., and in the House, Mr. Jones as Speaker. Nothing was done except the usual interchange of messages.

In the Senate on the 3d, the Message was read and ordered to be printed. Mr. White of Indiana, gave notice of his intention to bring in a bill to complete the Cumberland Road, in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The message having been read in the House, Mr. Adams rose and presented a resolution to abolish the rule of the House, known as the 21st of the last Congress, and 24th of the present, excluding the reception of Abolition petitions. Mr. Thompson of Miss. moved to lay the resolution on the table, and called for the yeas and nays. The vote on Mr. T.'s motion stood yeas 81, nays 101. This vote created a marked sensation, as it was altogether unexpected. Mr. Adams' resolution was then adopted: Yeas 109, Nays 77. So Abolition petitions will be no more received.

Mr. J. R. Ingersoll of Pa. gave notice that he would shortly introduce a bill to amend the Naturalization Laws. Mr. Davis of Ky. introduced a Joint Resolution for repressing the domestication of the Fourth Instalment of the Surplus Revenue withheld from the States. After a brief debate the Resolution was laid on the table by a party vote.

Notice was given of a bill to reduce the rates of postage.

On the 4th in the Senate, Mr. Tuston was re-elected Chaplain.

In the House, Mr. Duncan of Ohio, asked leave to bring in a bill to make choice of Electors of President and Vice President of the U. S. on the same day in all the States of the Union. Leave was granted many members not at once. A short discussion as to the propriety of its reference was then submitted to the Committee of the Whole, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dale was chosen Chaplain of the House on the 3d ballot.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE BEE.

DOINGS AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Dec. 4, 1844.

GENTLEMEN:—You will probably have received the "last epistle of John" which was delivered yesterday, ere this reaches you, and as regular letter matter cannot be judge of its merits, and able to analyse at this time, I shall not presume to undertake the task, of doing it for your readers. I may say generally, however, that there is something in it to commend, but much to animadvert upon. It is pretty much what was expected, and has made no more impression here than if any other responsible editor had been read in the two Houses of Congress. Such a remark has been made upon it in nearly bearing the same import. It is being considered of no more consequence now in the political world than if it were a Capuchin Friar. We know him to be in the keeping of Mr. Calhoun, and if we were not—should he escape, he is a harmless animal except so far as he has the power to remove from office better and abler men than himself, which he does occasionally. An instance of his tyrannical exercise of power occurred a few days ago. On the night the Lucesco rabble of this city had a grand torch light procession, the procuress of the proceedings requested the attendance of an officer of the government, with the express object of belonging to the Army and Navy, should manifest their honors.—Mr Wahnsman, Recorder of the land office, neglected or refused to comply with this unwilling and modest order, and was consequently dismissed the next day, and REUBEN M. WHITNEY, a boon companion of "Omen Anne," and the "galvanized corpse," Blair, appointed in the place. This is *Democracy*, ex-mplified in strong colors—or rather, I should say this is *one* example of the progress of republicanism, for throughout the land of the free, and the home of the brave, from the Aroostook to the Aransas, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and in our own Gulf of Mexico, and in the Atlantic Ocean. The only formidable impediments in the way of its successful expansion from time and space are those in the progress of republicanism, for time and space, in spite of the age, as to render no longer speculative the ability of Representatives from that remote region to which I refer, to be present, so that their constituents shall participate in all the benefits of Federal legislation.

The end is, that in the progress of time, the unestimable principles of civil liberty will be enjoyed by millions yet unborn, and the great Architect of our system will be remembered as extended to time distant and uninhabited regions. In view of the vast will-power yet to be reclaimed, it is very well that the lone star of Texas has risen to take up the abode among us, and to assist us in the great work of advancing the standard of civilization, and give a wider spread to the area of our republican and connected life. Our prayers should everymore be offered up to the Father of the Universe for his wisdom to direct us in the path of our duty, so as to enable us to consummate those high purposes.

One of the strongest objections which has been urged against our annexation of Texas, is either on Government, as the right has of the members to be suspected with the foreign Governments, of the people of foreign States, either in their state, or in such as affected the peace of the country, or endangered the peace and tranquility of the confederacy. We cannot hope to be entirely exempt from such attempts on our peace and safety. The United States are becoming a powerful nation in population and resources not to attract the observation of all other nations. It, therefore, may, in the progress of time, occur that opinions entirely abstract in the States in which they may prevail, and in the abstract, may not affect their domestic institutions, may be artfully, but secretly encouraged with a view to undermine the Union. Such opinions may become the fruitful source of discord and conflict at last the conflict of opinion, producing an alienation of friendly feeling among the people of the different States, may unduly influence the confederative relations and institutions under which we live. It should ever be borne in mind, that what is true in regard to individuals, is equally so in regard to States. The interference of one in the affairs of another is the fruitful source of family dissension and neighborhood disputes; and the same cause affects the peace, happiness and prosperity of States. It is time to awaken from our lethargy, and the sense of the American people will ever be ready to repel all such attempts, should they ever be made.

There has been no material change in our foreign relations since my last Annual Message to Congress.—With all the Powers of Europe we continue on the most friendly terms. Relief has at length been afforded to the state that at no former period has the peace of that enlightened and important quarter of the globe ever been apparently more firmly established. The convention that peace is the true policy of nations, and seems to be growing and becoming deeper among the enlightened of every where; and there is no people who have a greater interest in developing its principles and adopting the means of preserving and giving it permanence, than those of the United States. Amongst these, the best and most effective one, no doubt, is the strict observance of justice and the honest and punctual fulfilment of all engagements. But it is not to be forgotten that, in the present state of the world, it is no less necessary to be ready to enforce their observance and fulfilment by reference to ourselves, than to observe and fulfil them, and under the present organization of the Executive Department, the development of the latter may be regarded but as the shadowing forth of the mighty future.

In the bright prospects of that future, we shall find as patriots and philanthropists, the highest inducements to cultivate and cherish a love of union and to frown down every measure of strife and discord which may alienate the States, or the People of the States, in sentiment and feeling, from each other. A rigid and close observance of the laws of our political compact, and above all, a sacred observance of the guarantees of the Constitution, will preserve union on a foundation which cannot be shaken, in the personal liberty is placed below the blizzard or jeopardy.

The guarantee of religious freedom, of the freedom of the press, of the liberty of speech, of the trial by jury, of the habeas corpus, and of the due process of law, each of each of the States—leaving the private citizens in the full exercise of the high and ennobling attributes of his nature, and to each State the power to regulate its domestic institutions in manner best calculated to secure the happiness of its own inhabitants; those are the great and important guarantees of the Constitution, which the lovers of liberty must cherish and the advocates of union must ever cultivate. Preserving, these, and avoiding all interpretations of the Constitution, not in the guise of an imagined expediency, but upon the Constitution, the influence of our political system is destined to be as actively and as beneficially felt on the distant shore of the Pacific, as it now is upon those of the Atlantic Ocean. The only formidable impediments in the way of its successful expansion from time and space are those in the progress of republicanism, for time and space, in spite of the age, as to render no longer speculative the ability of Representatives from that remote region to which I refer, to be present, so that their constituents shall participate in all the benefits of Federal legislation.

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