

Editorial Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5, 1881. The Electoral Count, which event transpires on Wednesday, has been the absorbing topic of the week at the Capitol.

Thursday, the Senate occupied its time upon the Morgan's electoral count resolution, declaring that the Vice President has no constitutional right to count the electoral vote in the sense of determining what votes shall be counted and what rejected.

Yesterday it came up again in regular order as unfinished business. It was discussed at length by Senators Edmunds, Thurman, Bayard, Mr. Edmunds offered an amendment to make the resolution read, "That in the opinion of the Senate and House of Representatives the President of the United States is not invested, &c."

Mr. Hoar then moved an amendment adding to the resolution the words "and that it is the duty of Congress to execute the due and orderly performance of said duty in future."

The affirmative vote included thirty-two Democrats, thirty-two Republicans, and one Independent. The negative vote included thirty-two Democrats, thirty-two Republicans, and one Independent.

During the Senate running debate, some very significant statements and admissions were made about the legal questions at issue. Senator Thurman said, to his mind, the President had no legal right to count the votes of Georgia.

As the House yesterday, by a decided vote, set aside the reappointment bill, and took up private bills, it indicates that there is not much interest felt in the passage of a reappointment bill at this session of Congress.

Politics in Congress.

Republican newspapers and speakers are sometimes blamed by "tender-footed" members of their own party for the unfeigned contempt with which they speak of the political sense, or lack of sense, invariably displayed by Democrats.

It is a curious fact that the Republican party believes that the Government should be administered in one way, and the Democratic party believes that it should be administered in another way.

It is supposed to have a majority in Congress at this session. Through the action of two Senators, however, they have a majority in the Senate, and through the theft of about twenty Southern Districts they have a majority in the House.

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Misery loves company. The Standard is an immense number of barrels of water pipes in Bridgeport. Danbury and Stamford papers make the same complaint.

Mr. Horton having taken his business, Col. W. M. Ferris has retired from the office of the United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York.

We have found Mr. W. B. Newcomb to be a very efficient and reliable messenger. He is in charge of the business in a very satisfactory manner.

Letters from the People.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 29, 1881. DEAR GAZETTE:—Do you or any of your readers know this place? If so you are wiser in this regard than your correspondent before yesterday.

Next we know, double-rippers will be constructed on the catamaran plan. An invitation is made to be given by Co. F, of Lockwood's Hall, this evening.

Remember "The Drunkard," at the Opera House, next Friday night, the play to be given under the auspices of our local Reform Club.

With freight rates almost doubled, and more freight offering than they can carry the railroads must be making money "hand over fist."

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At a meeting of St. Paul's church, held yesterday afternoon, the Rev. C. M. Sellick, who was the "minister in charge" last year, was elected Rector.

Court of Burgesses.

Bills read and ordered paid: O'Sullivan, Police, \$56 00; H. O. Randle, " 50 00; A. DePore, " 16 00; New York Democrat, adv., 4 00; J. C. Evans & Co. Lamps, etc., 30 00; J. C. Porter, Lamp Lighter, etc., 41 00; E. K. Betts, supplies, " 2 50; H. K. Lockwood, supplies, (referred) 1 95; Norwalk Printing Co., 13 35; C. W. Burritt, referred, 18 00; Pa. Harbor, Highway, lamp near Allen Batts, 5 00; Norwalk Gas Light Co., Streets, 117 83; " Hope Hose, House, 2 40; " Phoenix, " 8 40; " Pioneer, " 4 20; J. T. Powell, Shields, Police, 24 70; F. J. Betti, Highways, 11 00; M. Benson, " 8 50; M. Benson, " 2 50; D. Neelan, " 3 25; P. James, " 1 00; F. Sear, " 25; O. Shannon, " 50; R. Harden, " 1 50; J. C. Police, referred, 18 00; Police reported 11 arrests for the last month.

Committee on Lamps and Gas reported that they could discontinue 10 or 12 gas and 1 dozen oil lamps, viz: 3 on Main Street and 1 on Camp Street, 2 on East Avenue, 1 on Elm Street, Highway, lamp near Allen Batts, 1 on Hill, 1 oil lamp near C. W. Lockwood's house, on Westport Road.

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Personal.

W. A. Tolles has left the Republican and gone to the ice-located Elm city to seek his fortune.

Messrs. Henry, Allie and Victor Cole spent Sunday at Niagara. They reported the scene as grand and beautiful beyond description.

The Rev. J. A. Hamilton and Miss C. E. Raymond arrived home from Nassau last Thursday, after a rough voyage. Mrs. Hamilton remains for the present at Nassau.

The Rev. S. B. S. Bissell returned from Atlantic City last Thursday. He occupied the pulpit of the First Congregational church on Sunday, the pastor having gone East for a few days.

Gen. Wm. R. Smith has gone to Florida accompanied by his son, Harry G. They are intended to hire for copies of St. Augustine journals. Mr. R. may soon return with health fully restored.

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THE BIGLOW BATTALION, Norwalk, Conn. WHEREAS, in the infinite wisdom of the Great God and Preceptor, we are called upon to lose our late associate and Second Lieutenant, therefore

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SPECIALTIES.

Van Hooser AND Ambler Just Received, 40 Pieces New Tapestry and Ingrain CARPETS!

Utica Bleached AND Unbleached Sheetings. At much less than Regular Prices.

New Hamburg Edgings & Insertings. 1,500 Yards Best Heavy Unbleached Sheetings in Remnants.

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