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second Congress the number in the

Presidential Electoral College, electors

in 1872, will be determined by the

present basis, is erroneous. The President

and the forty-third Congress will both

be elected at the same time and both on

the new basis. This is in accordance

with the precedent of 1832.

Col. Murphy's action, in receiving

released Fenians with a government

vessel, and apparently in the name of

the government, is the subject of official

criticism here; but it is not likely

that any action will be taken, unless

there should be a call made upon this

Government for an explanation, which

has not as yet been made.

NEW YORK.

A collision of ships.

New York, County Auditor Watson,

while driving a sleigh yesterday

ran into a drunken man driving another

sleigh and his horse, valued at ten

thousand dollars, killed. Watson's

sleigh was fractured and he now lies in

a precarious condition at the hospital.

New York.—A cable message was

received in this city yesterday, from

Kingston, Jamaica, which states that

the late Governor, General Sir John

Harbord, has been elected Governor of

the island, and has concluded arrangements

with the Pacific Mail Steamship Com-

pany for one of their steamers to call

at Kingston once a month. The steamer

is to make Kingston the first port of

call from New York, thence to Aspin-

wall, leaving Aspinwall for New York

she will again stop at Kingston, for

through passengers and cargo. By this

arrangement a subsidy of twenty-five

thousand dollars in gold, per annum,

will be paid the company.

The Presbytery of Brooklyn granted

the request of Rev. Dr. Spear, to be

relieved from the pastorate of the South

Presbyterian Church, that he may

assume the editorial chair of the

Independent.

The U. S. Frigate, California, twenty-

three guns has been taken to the navy

yard at New York, where the department

has ordered the gunboat Shamout, five

guns, to be made ready for sea by

February 5th, when her officers and men

will be assigned. She is said to be

fitting out for the West Indies to look

after affairs at San Domingo.

It is stated on apparently good au-

thority, that the President, on Monday,

ordered the immediate discontinuance

of the sale of surplus arms and mu-

nitions of every kind. Numerous

speculators in arms in this city, in con-

sequence, are unable to fill their con-

tracts with foreign buyers.

Secretary Boutwell denies that there

is any truth whatever in the statement

in a paper here, that the Secretary of

the Treasury has written to Collector

Murphy informing him that his resig-

nation will be accepted.

ILLINOIS.

Separate Opinion.

CHICAGO.—The following is the sepa-

rate opinion of Chief Justice Lawrence

and Justice Sheldon, of the Illinois

Supreme Court, rendered yesterday in

the celebrated case of Chase, and others

sufficient on the part of the Italian

government, to remove the distrust at

present existing between the civil and

religious authorities. The reply, by

order of the Pope, intimated that the

Court of Rome wished no guarantee

other than a pure and simple resti-

tution of the territories of the Church

from the Neapolitan frontiers to the

Po, and would accept of no arrange-

ment not based on these conditions.

The Pope's health is good. Much of

his time is occupied in receiving visi-

tors. A Belgian deputation waited on

him recently and presented the offering

of the Catholics of Belgium, and an ad-

dress. The Pope, in reply, said: "I

thank you for having come to comfort

me under the circumstances. Doubt-

less God is our principal support, but

the natural affection of children should

lead them to sustain the courage of their

fathers. I will continue on in the way

I am walking. Do not allow yourselves

to be cast down. What happens to-

day is only a trial. The Church was

born amid trial, and has always lived

in trial, and will continue its career on

earth expecting and surmounting fresh

trials."

Recipe for an evening party.—Take

all the ladies and gentlemen you can

get, put them in a room with a slow fire,

and stew them well. Have ready

twelve packs of cards, a piano, a hand-

ful of prints and drawings, and throw

them in from time to time. As the

mixture thickens, sweeten with politeness,

and thicken with wit, if you have

any; if not, flattery will do as well, and

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for an hour, add ice, lemonade and

lemonade and wine. Fill the room

quite full and let the steam run off.—Etc.

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