

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

.....The rate of discount at the Bank of England is five per cent.

.....The break in the Brazilian cable has been repaired.

.....The specie in the Bank of France has increased to eleven million francs the past week.

.....Stephenson & Co., the well known car manufacturers of New York, have asked their creditors for an extension of time.

.....For text of Morrill's legal tender redemption bill introduced in Congress, yesterday, see telegrams.

.....Berk, the defaulting treasurer at Buffalo, has surrendered.

.....J. L. Mitchell, receiver of the land office at Pueblo, Col., under indictment for defalcation in his office, attempted to commit suicide yesterday.

.....For General Morrow's views on army reduction, see telegrams.

.....U. S. Paymaster Spaulding has resolved to have the alleged complicity in the Pinney frauds in San Francisco.

.....Captain Sawyer, of the *Oregon*, the collision with which caused the *Pacific* disaster a few weeks ago, is to be tried for willful wrecking his own ship.

.....The Grecian Chamber of Deputies have resolved to have the members of the late ministry tried for violating the electoral laws.

.....France and Italy favor Andrassy's pacification scheme for the insurrectionary Turkish provinces.

.....It is said that several Carlist officers and soldiers have been shot for conspiring against Don Carlos.

.....The Spanish government has appointed a commission to install Spanish colonial exhibits at the Centennial.

.....The Turks have succeeded in landing troops at Kieck.

.....The Carlists have raised the siege of Hernani.

.....A bill was introduced in the U. S. Senate, yesterday, to provide for a Commission to investigate the habits of the Rocky Mountain grasshoppers, and to find out the best means of preventing their incursions into fertile regions of the country.

.....The Prince of Wales is at Benares.

.....Turkey has ordered all her ironclads to be prepared for service.

.....The Prussian War Department has one of the Thomassen in fernal machines.

.....It is believed that the Ecumenical Council will shortly reassemble.

.....Five persons killed by an explosion in Staffordshire, England.

.....The *Cologne Gazette* thinks the American attempt at intervention in Cuba is ill-timed, and that the European powers would not countenance it.

.....A majority of the U. S. Senate committee on privileges and elections has resolved, and the Senate has the constitutional power to elect a new president *pro tempore*, if a majority of the senators are in favor of it.

.....Five hundred and ninety-six petitions for the repeal of the stamp tax on bank checks, were presented in the U. S. Senate today.

.....Two murderers executed today at Pittsburg, Pa.

.....A bronze statue, in honor of Gratian, the Irish orator, was unveiled in Dublin today.

.....Mr. Rice, the new governor of Massachusetts, was inaugurated.

.....For an account of a quarrel and sharp practice between railway companies, see dispatch from Trenton, N. J., in this afternoon's dispatches.

### THAT LIMPING ARGUMENT AGAIN.

THE *New York Evening Post* has the following:

"A Salt Lake correspondent of the *Evening Post*, in a letter which we published yesterday, says that the Mormons hope that the law prohibiting polygamy will be pronounced unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States on the ground that a clause in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo guarantees the free exercise of their religion to the inhabitants of the territory acquired from Mexico. The Mormons, whatever may be said of their morals, have been regarded as people of intelligence; but they raise an imputation against their own common sense by trusting to such a feeble defense. They need not go back to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo or any further than the Constitution of the United States to establish their right to religious freedom. They have it in common with all the people of this country.

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## Telegraph.

### TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

#### CONGRESSIONAL.

##### SENATE.

Innocuities in the Revised Statutes.—Five hundred and ninety-six petitions presented.—The Question of President's Power.

WASHINGTON, 6.—The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, enclosing the reports of the heads of bureaus in the War Department, showing the inaccuracies and omissions which, upon careful examination, had been found to exist in the revised statutes of the U. S., referred.

Sherman presented five hundred and ninety-six petitions, signed by twenty-nine thousand, eight hundred and ninety-six persons, praying for the abolition of the bank check stamp tax, referred.

Morton, from the committee on privileges and elections, to which was referred the resolution of Edmonds in regard to the election of a president *pro tem.* of the Senate, made a report, which was ordered to be printed and lie on the table.

Copier said, as a member of the committee, he was unwilling to let the report go out without placing on record his dissent from certain portions.

"Merrill said he also dissented from so much of the report as favored the power of the Senate to remove a president *pro tem.* of the Senate at will.

The committee agreed on a vote of five against two that it is within the constitutional power of the Senate to elect a new president *pro tem.* at the present time, if the majority of the senators so desire. The committee make no recommendation however as to the advisability of exercising this power. The report is concurred in by Senators Morton, Wadleigh, Mitchell, Cameron, of Wis., and McMillan, all republicans. Senators Cooper and McMillan, democrats, dissent from recommendations.

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**Petition for Relief.**  
Mitchell presented the petition of A. B. Meschery, praying for compensation for injuries received in the Modoc Indian war, while acting as chairman of the peace committee in treaty with the Modocs under the late President Grant.

Wright introduced a bill fixing the salary of the President of the U. S., referred.

Morton introduced a bill declaring, in effect, that permits to purchase products of insurrectionary States, in certain cases, should be granted by the President of the U. S., referred.

Morton said he introduced the bill by request, without knowing anything as to its merits.

#### HOUSE.

**Various.**  
Randall, from the committee on appropriations, reported a resolution instructing the committee on military affairs to take into immediate consideration the pay and allowances of all officers of the army, and to report thereon as early as possible in what cases such pay and allowances should be reduced. In connection with the resolution, he would also report a bill to amend an act relating to the committee on appropriations, desired to make the reductions as far as possible, but yet with justice to the army and all other branches of the government, it was not its desire to interfere in any way with business which other committees may have before them. He would also report a bill to amend an act relating to the committee on appropriations, desired to make the reductions as far as possible, but yet with justice to the army and all other branches of the government, it was not its desire to interfere in any way with business which other committees may have before them.

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A Statute Erected to Gratian.—Fish's Column erected.

A dispatch from London says that the colossal bronze statue of Gratian, mounted on a limestone pedestal, was unveiled today on College Green, in front of the old Parliament House in Dublin, Ireland, the scene of many of his greatest triumphs; speeches were made by Mr. Sullivan, Hon. Isaac Butt, and others. At 11 o'clock a popular procession, participated in by trades, unions, orders, and citizens generally, moved on to the Custom House and assisted in the erection of the statue. The Order of Foresters declined to join, giving as a reason that they regarded the demonstration as of a national character, and endorsing the idea of Irish independence. Arthur Guinness, member of parliament, Plunkett and Gibson, university representatives, also declined to participate.

The following special has been received:

"The *Cologne Gazette*, in an editorial on American affairs, says that Secretary Fish's Cuban speech was ill timed; and from its tone and character President Grant's identity with the speech is being reported to go out without placing the circular as a cheap bid for glory. It also expresses the opinion that the circular will be void of any effect so far as unsettling Alfonso is concerned.

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