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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

The debate was resumed on the resolution

for an investigation into the

sales of arms to the French, and

speech, which was listened to with profound

attention.

EASTERN DISPATCHES.

A Washington special says that

Chaffee, of Colorado, is working busily

to gain support for his plan of consolidating

the territories into States, or

with States already existing. He

proposes to unite Colorado with Wyoming,

Dakota with Nebraska, Utah with New

Mexico, Washington with Oregon and

Arizona with California. He proposes

to leave New Mexico as a territory and

Alaska as a province.

Further investigation into quarantine

affairs in New York, shows much official

racism in that department.

Among other injuries received by

Ristori, in a railroad accident lately,

was a fracture of the skull. She is not

likely to appear before the public pro-

fessionally for a long time.

EUROPEAN.

PARIS, 20.—There is much excitement

over the discovery of the last Bonaparte

conspiracy. Extraordinary precautions

have been taken against it and the

troops are held ready for action.

LONDON, 20.—The companies operating

the existing cables between Europe

and America have agreed, it is

said, on a basis whereby the French

company will lay another.

Miner, the American, reported mur-

dered last Sunday. He was really the

murderer. He was formerly a surgeon

in the United States army, and is reported

insane.

Matthew Arnold is dead.

ROME, 20.—It is reported that on Sun-

day last the Pope signed a decree re-

voking the Ecumenical Council. The

place of meeting will be in Malta or the

Tyrol as shall be hereafter decided, and

when the council meets the Pope will

leave Rome.

Gladstone comes out in a letter, which

is published in all leading English

journals, in which he explains his posi-

tion relative to the Alabama claims

question. He declares that his ex-

pressions offensive to the United States

ions, and nowhere in the character

from which the Federal government

derives its existence and all its powers,

there found any warrant of authority

or right in Congress to positively deny

to the people of a new State, formed

from United States territory, admission

into the Union, and to hold such

people in a condition of provincial

dependence, and to deny them the

benefits of the Constitution of the

Union. The whole theory and structure

of our political system, and of every

republican system or form of govern-

ment, is in direct and positive con-

flict with the existence of any such

monarchical power in any part of its

organization. The proposition is directly

at war with the principle of self-deter-

mination. It is wholly incompatible

and irreconcilable with the most es-

sential fundamental principles of political

liberty upon which the republic of the

United States was established, and

without which its government would

be republican neither in form nor in

fact.

Either the inhabitants of the Territory,

comprising a political and civil

community, are entitled to the same

institutions to the requirements of the

Federal constitution by agreeing upon a

constitution republican in form, have

not a right to be admitted as a

State into the Union, or they have such

a right. If they have not such a right,

then Congress may not admit them. If

they have not such a right, then they

have no right of self-government; but

only a right to yield a passive and un-

questioning obedience to whatever form

of government or fashion of laws a

power having its seat far beyond their

borders may think proper to send

its agents to execute among them, and

their only mode of escape from the

local domination of a foreign power is

in a successful rebellion against that

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people, why their advice may be received

for the information of their superiors,

but to have control of these affairs—

never! The invasion would be too

radical! It would be worse than

admitting a Territory with 139,000 in-

habitants when the ratio of representation

was 140,000. We fear our delegates

have made a serious mistake, in mak-

ing this request. Congressmen who

have friends unprovided with fast places,

will resist this suggestion upon their

rights, and a few more may produce a

revolution. Our ancestors a hundred

years ago formed themselves in a pretty

kettle of fish by just such objections to

the home rule as this, and we pray that

our delegates may be extremely care-

ful.

A SINGULAR STATE OF AFFAIRS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 1872.

Mr. George C. Bates, United States

District Attorney for Utah, appeared

before the House committee on Terri-

torial to-day, relative to the prosecution

of criminal cases against certain parties

in that Territory. He represented that

the present state of affairs in Utah

were for the present at an end, owing

to the fact that the Territorial Legis-

lature refuses to appropriate any money

to pay the expenses of criminal pro-

secutions. It appeared that the Com-

ptroller of the Treasury has decided that

the United States cannot pay for them.

Mr. Bates comes to Congress to ask for

instructions as to what he shall do.

There is now over fifteen thousand dol-

lars due for the expenses of witnesses

and jurors, and the District Attorney

finds both his money and his credit

gone. As Mr. Bates puts it, the ques-

tion now is, Will Congress furnish the

necessary means to pay witnesses,

jurors, and other expenses of these

criminal prosecutions, or order them

dismissed, and let the criminals go?

"As matters stand, I am placed in this

strange dilemma: I must prosecute

criminals of the highest grade

without jury or witnesses (except men

who are volunteers, bringing them

from great distances, most criminals of

immense wealth and power, aided by

the ablest counsel that money can buy,

without any means on my part, or be

considered as if I do not

From this dead-lock you, the Represent-

atives of the people of the United

States, can alone deliver us, and I wait

your instructions. You, on behalf

of the government, must decide whether

anarchy shall continue in Utah, or life

and property shall be protected by law

there; whether, in that beautiful and

happy land, the rights of the United

States, all needful and religious

shall bow alike to the silent majesty of

the law, or crime shall go unwhipped

of justice, and the blood of the innocent

shall be shed. I am not a lawyer, and

do not their duty and the United States

cannot?"—Philadelphia Press.

NOTICE.

To all interested. You will please meet at

the south yard of the U. S. Depot, to-

morrow morning at 10 o'clock, to say how

much gravel will give to make a road

from the Warehouse and the Street. Small

contracts will be made on the spot.

STUCK IN THE MUD.

THE UTAH PROSECUTIONS.

To the Editor.—The press dispatch in

the Times of yesterday from Salt Lake

relative to the action of the grand jury

of that city, charging district attorney

George C. Bates with unprofessional

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