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LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 12.—This
being the day for the
counting of the electoral
votes, the President, Vice-President,
the Senate and House of Representatives
met at 1 p. m. in joint session
in the hall of the House. Vice-
President Colfax called the session
to order and, announcing the
business before them, began by
opening the sealed package contain-
ing the certificate of the Governor
of Maine, as to the persons chosen as
electors in that State, together with
the certificate of electors, and
presented the same to the tellers.

Senator Sherman thereupon read
the certificate of electors showing
the votes of that State which were
given for U. S. Grant for President,
and Henry Wilson for Vice-President.

The same ceremony was enacted
with the State of New Hampshire,
when it was ordered that, instead
of reading the certificate in full,
the tellers should simply announce
the result of the vote in each State.

When Georgia was reached, Heck
announced the vote for President
R. G. Brown & Greeley 3; for
Vice-President Chas. Jenkins, of
Ga. 2; Col. Quilt, of Ga. 5; Banks 1.

Mr. Heck objected to the counting
of 3 votes for Greeley, as the electors
assembled, and therefore was not a
person within the meaning of the
constitution.

The Vice President read the rule,
requiring, in the case of any ques-
tion arising in a vote, that the two
Houses shall separate and vote upon
that point.

Potter's suggestion of Counting,
Hear's objection was withheld tem-
porarily, as it was likely that other
questions would arise, and they
might be all disposed of at the same
time.

The certificate from Mississippi
was read.

Trumbull objected to its being
counted on the ground that the cer-
tificate of the electors failed in that
State as they voted by ballot.

Potter objected to one of the votes
of Mississippi on the ground that
one of the electors had been sub-
stituted for another who was ab-
sent.

The Senate then withdrew to its
chamber to consider the points
raised.

The House then, by 102 to 74,
adopted a resolution that the votes
of Georgia cast for Greeley, be not
counted, and a resolution that the
votes of the electors having been
counted, was adopted 101 to 73.

Potter's objection was also overruled
by the House. In the meantime,
the Senate, on returning to its
chamber, decided, 19 to 19, that the
votes of Georgia be counted.

Trumbull withdrew his
objection to counting the vote of
Mississippi, and Potter's objection
was voted down.

The Senate returned to the Hall
of the House, and the joint session
was resumed, when the certificate
of the vote of Texas was read.

Trumbull objected to its recep-
tion on the grounds that there was
no certificate by executive author-
ity in that State, but that the per-
sons who voted for the President
and Vice President had been ap-
pointed by the electors.

Dickey objected because it ap-
peared that there was not a legal
majority of electors, only four of
the original electors having been
present, and they had undertaken
to fill the places of four absent.

The Senate withdrew and the
House overruled the objections of
Trumbull and Dickey, and decided
that the vote of Texas be counted.

The Senate took a similar action
and the joint session was resumed,
the Vice President presenting the
certificate of the State of Arkansas,
and the Secretary of State received a
copy on the 11th of December, and
that on the 4th or 5th of February
he received, by an authorized mes-
senger, what purported to be the
certificate, which was wholly
informal, and so treated by him.

Nice objected to the recep-
tion of the vote of Arkansas
on the ground, first, that the
official returns of the election of
Arkansas were not made according
to the laws of that State, to show
that the persons certified by the
Secretary of State to have been
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because the returns read by the
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