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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

The bill introduced by Fenton, for

customs reform, was taken up, and

Cole moved to postpone it and take up

the legislative appropriation bill. After

some debate Cole's motion was agreed

to, 31 to 18, and the appropriation bill

was taken up. The Senate proceeded

to consider it in detail.

Among the amendments reported

was one to discontinue the publication

of the laws in newspapers. A number

of the members of the Senate

opposed it, but no action was taken on it.

The vice-president laid before the

Senate two messages from the President

one transmitting a copy of the

case of the United States vs. John

Geneva; and the other the reports of

the secretary of state and the secretary

of war with reference to the questions

with Spain arising out of Cuban affairs,

and the orders given to our vessels in

Cuban waters.

HOUSE.

Dawes from the committee of Ways

and means, rose to report the bill to

repeal certain import duties, and asked

leave to make a statement and request

the house to have the bill recommitted.

Merchants objected to the bill, and

declined to report the bill, as he was not

permitted to make the preliminary

statement.

The house then went into committee

of the whole on the bill, and the

navy bill was taken up. The bill

was taken up, and the committee

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ing his resignation and expressing his

appreciation of his services. It con-

cluded with a warm expression of per-

sonal regard.

The Senate committee on interna-

tional copyright have united on the

plan of granting the right to foreign

authors, on condition that their work

shall be manufactured in the United

States.

Boston, 13.—Three young sons of Mr.

Miller, of Sharon, were drowned yes-

terday by breaking through ice.

EUROPEAN.

LONDON, 13.—Fifty thousand pounds

have been subscribed to the fund to de-

fray the expenses of the proposed ex-

pedition in search of Dr. Livingstone.

PARIS, 13.—The elections in the de-

partment of Eure, to fill the vacant

seats in the assembly were attended

with great disorder and numerous

conflicts between the opposing parties.

LISBON, 13.—There was an earth-

quake here last night. The shocks

were light and no serious damage was

done.

MADRID, 13.—The government invites

tenders for the construction and laying

of a telegraph cable between Spain and

the Canaries, to be extended to some

Spanish port in America.

CRIMINAL ABORTIONS.

Another Medical Society Appealing to

the Legislature for Reform.

The report of the Special Committee

on Criminal Abortions, approved by the

East River Medical Association at its

regular meeting, December 5, 1871, in-

cludes the form of a bill, "to suppress

criminal abortions, and to regulate the

practice of medicine and surgery in

the State of New York." The report

complains of the want of proper laws

to regulate the practice of medicine,

and avers that the characters of the

medical colleges are a disgrace, and the

titles conferred by them a mockery.

As to quack medicines for female com-

plaints, the evils produced by them are

severely and justly pointed out, and the

practices of professional abortionists

are also severely and justly pointed out.

30,541 stamps were required for the

product of one of these manufactories

last year.

The report makes the following

serious charge against regular physi-

cians:

"It cannot be denied, however, that

this practice has been more or less

promoted by the too ready consent of

the physicians, who, for the sake of

sheltering from injuries received at the

hands of the abortionists, thus, after

becoming the pious tool of the charlat-

ans, have done much to promote the

evil, and, with a view of protect-

ing his patient from scandal, failing to

bring the criminal to condign punish-

ment." If physicians would not

"knowingly give their professional

services to persons who are engaged in

the commission of a crime, they would

deal an almost fatal blow to this

growing evil."

The form of bill to suppress abortion

contains six sections. The first section

enacts that any one who shall procure

an abortion that is fatal to the mother

or child—unless the operation has been

recommended by two physicians, shall

be imprisoned in State Prison not less

than four years.

Sec. 2 Enacts that every person who

shall administer, prescribe, procure,

manufacture, or sell any medicine or

drug, or employ any instrument, with

intent to procure the miscarriage of any

woman, shall upon conviction, be pun-

ished by imprisonment in a County

prison not less than one nor more than

three years.

Sec. 3 Imposes a fine not exceeding

\$300, or imprisonment in the County

erful living masters. To attempt to

alter their methods of working would

be idle, as if successful it would be

to impair their intellectual value.

Of course all this brings us back to

the old question of the measure of re-

sponsibility of an author in choosing

such types of character or incident as

will primarily prove harmful to many

of his readers. That we do not propose

to discuss. But it would be well if, with-

out infringing on the liberty of the

press, we could in any way justify

by all of Anglo-Saxon blood, it were

possible to check the circulation of

works which, without the slightest

literary value, are so potent to harm

and corruption.—New York Times.

DOES ALASKA PAY.

It has been the general opinion that

Alaska was not a good investment.

Any amount of ridicule has been made

of the acquisition of that Territory, and

it has been believed that Secretary Sew-

ard was well taken in by the Russian

parties to the Alaska transaction. A

writer in the last number of Harper's

Monthly comes forward in behalf of

Alaska, and claims that this country

is getting a good eight per cent. on its

investment. He shows that we derive

two millions a year in the way of

revenue from the rental of seal fisheries,

the tax on seal skins, the sale of furs of

different kinds, the yield of mesquite

trade, the returns of the cod-fishing

business in whalebone and oil, and

from other less important sources. It

is furthermore claimed that the timber

of Alaska is very valuable. It is of

special service in building docks and

wharves, and is said to resist the rot

and shipworm. Upon striking the

balance sheet, then, the writer in Har-

per estimates that Alaska, is next to

Texas, the most valuable of any of the

territory that the United States has

acquired thus far. He finds that Florida

pays only about four per cent. net. Tex-

as pays twenty per cent. New Mexico

and Arizona pay nothing, while Alaska

is sure for eight per cent. If these

figures and statements are correct, it

certainly does look as though we had

no right to complain, and that we are

bound to get back the money that was

invested in Alaska.—Ex.

BREVITIES.

A "Society of Neglected Wives" is

being organized at Trenton.

"Ab," exclaimed an Irishman the

other day to a pretty girl, "how I should

enjoy being in jail for the stealing of you."

To repeat what you have heard in

social intercourse is sometimes a sad

treachery; and when it is not treacher-

ous, it is often foolish.

A crusty old bachelor says that "love

is a wretched business, consisting of

a little sighing, a little crying, a little

lying, and a great deal of lying."

A man once went to an eccentric

lawyer to be qualified for some petty

office. The lawyer said to him: "Hold

up your hand, I'll swear you; but all

creation couldn't qualify you."

A whole page of the London Times,

December 11th, is occupied with an

advertisement of "The United Kingdom

Alliance to procure the total and im-

mediate suppression of the traffic in all

intoxicating liquors." It is proposed

to raise a fund of £100,000, of which

about £75,000 has been already sub-

scribed.

"You say," said the Judge, "the cler-

gyman who married you to the first

wife authorized you to take sixteen

What do you mean by that?" "Well,"

said Hans, "the dome me that I should

have four better, four worse, four richer,

and four poorer—and in our country four

dimes four makes sixteen."

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quantity, two of the best tanning ma-

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