





The Daily Express

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THE NEXT POPE.—A Times dispatch from Rome says that efforts have been made in ecclesiastical circles to ascertain whether the Austrian Government is inclined to support Cardinal Rauscher's election to the Papacy...

CHEAP SEWING MACHINES.—The time is near at hand when sewing machines, those great blessing of all industrious households, especially among the poor, will be much cheaper than they now are.

On the 15th inst. the House Committee on Patents, through Mr. Saler of Indiana, reported adversely upon the proposition to extend the patent of the Wilson Sewing-Machine...

TRANSIT OF VENUS.—From the accounts of the different expeditions for the observation of the transit of Venus, now appearing in the papers, Prof. Davidson at Nagasaki, Japan, and Prof. Hall at Vladivostok, Siberia, both Americans, and Prof. Janssen, French, at Compira, Japan, we learn some interesting particulars.

The Democratic papers, and especially our neighbor of the Herald of this city, are making a great outcry about the change of the old rule in Congressional debate which enabled a minority to stop all legislation whatever, if they chose, however necessary and important.

Two years must elapse before the results of the observations can be completed and compared, those of one nation with another, and with the results of foreign nations.

Plotting Radicals.—The St. Louis Democrat has an amusing but truthful editorial on the St. Louis Republican's penchant for resolving everything done by Republicans into a "Radical plot."

of scheming to insure its defeat. But the funny part of the business is that Democrats themselves are invariably represented as guileless fools of these dark plots for their own destruction.

Government Aid to the Texas Pacific Railroad. The special to the St. Louis Democrat which we publish below shows the status of the Texas Pacific railroad in Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The subcommittee of the House Committee on Pacific Railroads will report to the full committee to-morrow a bill granting the aid asked for the Texas Pacific, and it is now believed that the full committee will agree to the report.

Section three provides that whenever the said Texas Pacific Railroad Company shall file a certificate, signed by its president and chief engineer, that ten or more consecutive miles have been constructed, the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue, in the name of the United States, a guarantee of interest on bonds to be issued by said company.

The American Newspaper Advertising Agency of Geo. F. Howell & Co., New York, is the only establishment of the kind in the United States which has been constructed recently before the people by advertising in newspapers.

The new rule says respect to the rights of debate. While it inhibits more than ordinary motion on any stage of a bill it does not permit any bill to be passed on the same day on which it is proposed.

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minority power to defeat the transaction of public business or prevent the passage of any bills which they may dislike by interposing incessant dilatory motions and consuming the time of the House in endless calls for the yeas and nays.

One thing is clear, and that is, that the new rule will be of as much advantage to the Democrats in the next House as it is now to the Republicans in the present House.

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It is supposed to be a means to cleanse a stream while the fountain is impure. Dyspepsia, complaints of the liver or kidneys, eruptions of the skin, scrofula, headach, and all diseases arising from impure blood are at once removed by Dr. Walker's CALIFORNIA VEGETABLE BITTERS, purifier of the blood, and restorer of the system.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

A WORKING BODY.—The present City Council are working in earnest for the good of the city. And they are working on strictly business principles. They have begun at the bottom, and are building soundly. Mayor French, and Aldermen Degener, Prescott, and Schriener show themselves to be able, sound, and industrious business men, and they are ably supported by the others. The Council is much more harmonious than we expected, and we have the highest hopes for the prosperity of the city under the new administration.

DEMAND NOTES.—In the statement of the debt of the city furnished by the old Board of Finance, it is shown that the debt had been increased by the old Board of Finance to \$1,000,000. Both the Mayor and Aldermen Degener declare that there is no record in the office to verify the issuance of these notes or anything like a check book with the "status" corresponding to the issue. Every effort was made by some of the Aldermen to explain this, but it was all unsatisfactory to a business man. It has been a shamefully loose state of things.

SOLEIDAD STREET, and the adjacent region, were flooded this morning by the overflowing of the Upper Labor Ditch, and great damage has been done to the property of residents. The water was half a foot deep in some houses, damaging furniture, and doing damage generally. The city ought to be asked for damages. These people pay their taxes, and this is what they get for it. One gentleman told us these overflows had cost him \$2000 in the last year or two. The contract has just been let out for enlarging the Upper Labor Ditch, but will that work, when completed, prevent these overflows? Soledad street has just been raised so high by the contractor that it dumps up a perfect lake on the adjacent houses above the Convent. The city must attend to this at once, or it will get into trouble.

BOARD OF TRADE.—A meeting of the Board of Trade of this city met at the rooms of the Irish-American Association over Clavin's drug store Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, about fifty merchants being present.

President Merritt's speech.—The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Merritt, stated the object of the meeting, as first called, was to take measures to resist the doubling of the License Tax, as ordered by the City. If such resistance was found practicable after taking legal advice. But he said, that since this meeting had been called, the Council had had another meeting, and had reduced the increase to fifty per cent. He said the merchants paid three times the taxes paid by others in proportion to capital invested and value of property. He examined Collector Hoyler's books, and in one instance, which he gave as a sample, property worth \$100,000 was assessed at \$12,000. And generally real estate had been assessed at from 50 to 75 per cent. under its value. From the City Council, after the Assessor had made something like a just assessment, had habitually reduced the assessment, on application of the owners, to figures ridiculous in the extreme.

President Merritt said the finances of the city were in a miserable condition. He illustrated by the case of two demand notes. He was asked their value and answered, "They are worth their face value, and the interest." He was told that the interest had been paid, but they were not credited for it. He said the financial condition of the city was terrible; in fact, it was bankrupt. The remedy in the new City Council. But we have nothing to do with their work. We must protect ourselves. If the Council increases our License Tax 50 per cent now, we have no guarantee but their own consciences that they will not do it again. Mr. Merritt then proposed that legal advice should be taken as to their rights under the charter and the laws of the State, and that if it was found that resistance was practicable, they should form a league, act as one man, pay their proportion of the expenses of the suit, and sue the City Council, and sue a compromise.

Mr. Degener's speech.—The question before the Board was a vital one—a question of money, the money absolutely necessary to defray the unavoidable expenses of the city. He agreed with the President that we must act as one man. He spoke as a merchant so far, but he was also a member of the City Council, and chairman of its Finance Committee. He could not be altogether impartial. He said that he was not a merchant, but he was a member of the City Council, and chairman of its Finance Committee. He could not be altogether impartial. He said that he was not a merchant, but he was a member of the City Council, and chairman of its Finance Committee.

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The work of assessing real estate commences in March and is finished by July. Before July the City Council can neither increase the assessment value, or impose higher taxes on it. And then the taxes on it are not due until February 1878. Last year's real estate tax is due now, and is counted as cash in our calculations. We cannot increase the amount of it. We cannot increase the Market Tax, for the poor already suffer from the present tax in the way of high prices for provisions. Nothing is available for present necessities but an increase of the License Tax. If we do not raise the money to pay our daily household expenses, we shall get hopelessly in debt, and become bankrupt indeed.

We have increased the License Tax 50 per cent. as a rule—\$100,000 pays 50 per cent more, and so on down to between \$20,000 and \$50,000, which pays from 40 to 43 per cent increase; from \$10,000 to \$20,000, 33 per cent; from \$5,000 to \$10,000, 26 per cent increase. And still the lower classes pay a higher tax than the larger dealers, from the fact that the scale of last year was entirely unjust, the smaller merchants. But we would not entirely equalize it now. There are so many more of them that the tax from them makes the bulk of our License income, and had we changed it now, we should have lost instead of gained by changing the old License Tax.

Mr. Degener said he should seek to equalize this matter next year, should he be a member of the Council. He said the entire increase of revenue was only about \$8000, and that \$3000 of that was paid by occupations not heretofore taxed. The highest class merchants now pay, under the increased License, 25 per cent more than last year.

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