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The strike along the telegraph operators continues throughout the country.

BOTH HOUSES of the Missouri Legislature have ratified the Fifteenth Amendment.

Other States ratified the Fifteenth Amendment on the 14th inst., by a vote of 14-1.

The New York Legislature has withdrawn its consent to the ratification of the 15th Constitutional Amendment.

It is believed that neither Boutwell or the Senate Finance Committee regard with favor Senator Sumner's amendment.

Judge Pintor's bill to abolish stripes in punishment for crime has passed the lower house of the Legislature by a vote of 80-16.

Mr. Boddy introduced a bill in the Kentucky Assembly yesterday for the benefit of the town of Flemingsburg in Fleming County, which was passed. We know nothing of the bill.

At a meeting of the members of Plymouth Church, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's salary was raised to \$20,000 per annum, an increase of \$7,000. It is paid higher for radicalism than any other saint in "the best government the world ever had."

The Legislature has a bill before it to increase the lawful rate of interest. We are opposed to it being raised. simple fact that us men do save expenses and borrow money at a high rate of interest than 6 per cent, and all business men are compelled to borrow.

The House of Representatives on Friday, passed the substitute of Mr. Bingham, admitting the State of Va., without imposing any further conditions, by a majority of three votes. It was discovered that the bill would not meet the strict requirements of the bill of the Reconstruction Committee, changed their votes and voted for Bingham's substitute, which was passed by one hundred and three majority.

Hon. Jessie D. Bright, did exactly right, when he moved to send back a petition for a charter for a Protestant Association in Covington with the request that they adopt some other name than that of Abraham Lincoln, in the Kentucky Legislature.

The people of this country should get that such a man as Abraham Lincoln ever lived, especially Kentucky. No act of the legislature ought to be passed that will tend to perpetuate his Lincoln is dead. Let us try to forget that he ever lived. We do not wish to take in his last desire that would underlie his memory to the heart of any two Kentuckians. No let his memory perish forever from our sight. We want no more Lincoln Associations in this country.

The Branch Railroad.

From the Memphis Daily:

"In our last issue we published from the Flemingsburg Democrat a communication on the subject of the proposed 'Branch Railroad' to that place, in which occurs the following language:

"In asking the three precincts of our county viz: Flemingsburg, Elizabeth, and Lexington to meet them, we expect to have funds in hand to agree to about \$72,000, to be paid to the capital stock in the Mayville and Lexington Railroad Company. North Division, the citizens of Mayville in a public meeting held in the city declared that they would return no general vote until said tax was paid. They would then meet again, and if they could not agree to the rail road by a resolution, they would call another meeting, and if they could not agree to the rail road through the same route, the citizens of Mayville and Lexington would jointly propose to give each an opportunity to exercise their power and endorsed fully the resolutions passed by the citizens meeting.

From the Memphis Daily:

"Our last issue informed from the above that the pledge made by the public meeting in Mayville, and by the citizens of Mayville that can be relied upon, was that the

people of Mayville would subscribe to the Flemingsburg, Elizabeth, and Lexington equal to, if not greater than the amount which might be subscriberized by the three precincts of Flemingsburg, Elizabeth, and Centreville combined. Last the uncontradicted publication of an statement should impress the public mind with the belief that such a pledge was really made, we deem it only fair to say that the above extract does not correctly represent the facts in the case. The people of the Flemingsburg and Centreville precincts were evidently interested in the building of the railroad and on various occasions the members of the legislature from those districts were requested to subscribe to the branch road, which was then with them a matter of secondary and inferior importance. In examining the case however, it is evident that the argument of the friends of the cause of the subscription, that it would exhaust the resources of that precinct and cripple the branch road, was well founded, and to build it, the pledge was entirely given up. We are told by the gentleman who comprised the Flemingsburg delegation, that the pledge Mayville would subscribe to if not greater than the people of the Flemingsburg precinct might subscribe by voting the tax to the main stem. In order to sustain this statement, and to get the matter forever at rest, we have printed the report of the public meeting alluded to. It was very generally circulated through Mayville, Elizabethtown, and the Flemingsburg Democrat at the time. This member who was then a member of the Senate Representative was, however, by states allegedly given and claimed.

Commissioner Wells's Report.

The fourth annual report of the Special Commissioner of the Revenue, gives the following information. The following are some of the prominent facts. The population of the country does not vary far from 29,000,000; its increase is about 11,000,000; 325,569 foreigners have come to our shores this year, of whom 12,374 were Chinese. The total value of imports is calculated at \$23,300,000,000, and of exports at 45 per cent, in ten years, 5,000 miles of new railroads have been laid in 1860; the internal revenue exacted the expenditure of \$8,000,000 per annum and ten Southern States have made gratifying strides towards recovery from the effects of the war. On the other hand, agriculture and trade is not encouraging. Large numbers of men have abandoned profitable pursuits and sought employment in unprofitable and hazardous channels.

One increase of 10 per cent in our great natural resources, rather than the operation of the true laws of political and commercial economy.

The Commissioner recommends the following modifications in the tariff law:

All hide, skins and feathers except moose, Japanese and pale ox hair, to be hereafter admitted free of duty.

The importation of timber,

timber, logs, lumber, bark for tan-

nage, sawing, and so forth, when

shipped in small quantities, shall be imposed at 30 per cent.

On June 1st, 1860, the following

resolution was adopted at the following meeting:

Resolved, That this meeting adjourn to Saturday night at 7 o'clock.

At the meeting, nearly all present

and the officers and members of the

Branch Railroad, were present.

Resolved, That we pledge Mayville to the Flemingsburg branch, whenever necessary to the enterprise any sum such as we may justify the belief that they had串通 to do so.

Resolved, That Mayville left the local interest in the construction of the branch road to the local regents as the principal contractors.

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