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GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

Interesting Debate.

In the House of Representatives, on Saturday week, the House being in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, an interesting debate ensued on the question of finance.

Mr. WOODWARD of Pennsylvania, addressed the committee on the subject of the finances and national debt.

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country with an irredeemable paper currency? How did Congress meet that cry? By putting in the loan bill of June 30, 1864, on which more than three-fourths of the funded debt rested, this important proviso: "Provided, That the total amount of bonds and treasury notes authorized by the first and second sections of this act shall not exceed four hundred millions of dollars in addition to the amount heretofore issued; nor shall the amount of United States notes issued or to be issued ever exceed four hundred millions of dollars in amount."

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, inquired whether Congress had not in fact authorized the issue of more than four hundred millions.

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Sentiment of the Republican Press.

Many of the Republican newspapers of the North, so far as heard from, continue to deplore the course which Congress has taken within the last few days.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser. Congress is deliberately at work destroying the executive and judicial arms of the Government!

From the Providence (R. I.) Journal. We have had quite enough of this kind of legislation already in the quarrel between Congress and the President, and we shall regret exceedingly to see it repeated in any possible collision between Congress and the Supreme Court.

From the New York Evening Post. The President is just as much the President as Congress is Congress, or the Supreme Court is the Supreme Court.

From the New York Post. Zealous, unhesitating, reckless partisans support the new bill as they would support anything that their party might proclaim, but we have yet to hear the approval of it by a single moderate person, republican or democrat.

It is useless for General Garfield to argue that the President is "the subordinate of Congress." It is not; he is the co-ordinate of Congress; the integrity of his function is just as necessary as that of Congress, and to destroy this relation of equilibrium is to destroy the peculiar feature of our policy which has given it strength and success.

The Enquirer says that General Schofield tried to justify the drawing of funds from the Treasury of the State to defray the heavy expenses of the Convention, a body of men unknown to our laws, on the ground that the Senate of Virginia voted for calling the Convention.

From the New York Herald, January 14. Mrs. Hubbard, of Port Dalhousie, Canada, has received \$7,000 remuneration for the loss of her husband, who was killed at the Angola accident.

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POETICAL.

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Wilkins' Opinion of the Circus.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins stayed at my hotel on New Year's evening, while on a short visit to Old Castle, and as their room was adjacent to mine, I could not avoid hearing the following conversation:

"Mrs. Wilkins, I say I won't do it, so you might just as well stop your chatter. I ain't going to spend money for circus tickets for you to go down and fool away your time in wickedness and sin, you can bet I ain't!"

"But Wilkins, you know it is a perfectly moral exhibition."

"I don't know anything of the kind. It's a regular haunt of debauchery and vice, and you shan't go to it while you're my wife. Do you understand that? If you had a shilling's worth of decency, you wouldn't want to go."

"The idea of a woman of your weight, and with such a shapely leg, wanting to go to the circus! I've no doubt, for the purpose of making a debut before the public. A pretty looking figure you'd cut."

"Wilkins, you know I don't want any such—"

"Yes, and appearing very likely as the 'Prairie Flower,' dressed up in an outrageous lot of furs and feathers, with your face painted three times as much as usual, and a ring through your nose, and looking exactly like some old Hottentot, and having half the niggers in the place mistaking you for some grave image, and bowing down to you while you straddle a stuffed buffalo in a cage, and imagine you're cutting a swell. I won't have it!"

"Or else very likely having you coming out in pink tights—"

"Wilkins, I'll—"

"In pink tights, standing on one leg on the back of a speckled jackass, and flying around the ring with a man in spangles after you, trying to put his arm around you, while the body of a clown stands in the middle and tries to crack a miserable one-hour joke about you to the ringmaster. That would be nice, wouldn't it? You'd like it, wouldn't you? I just want you to understand that I didn't marry you with the intention of letting you make an equestrian Black Brook of yourself. If I had got married for that, I would have married a woman whose stockings didn't have to be the same size all the way up."

"Wilkins, I'll break—"

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haird girl down at the Hippodrome, while your poor wife and children are starving to death, and it was only last Wednesday you took her out buggy riding, and— you— will break— my— heart, yes you will!"

"Oh please, Sarah, I shan't; she's only my cousin. I was only in fun, Sarah Jane. Here's the money for tickets, if you want to go. Sarah Jane, Sarah Jane. Well cry then, cry, who cares? You can weep a tubful, for all I care. Hang such a woman as you!"

"And Wilkins went down stairs and spent the night playing euchre at the bar-room. But they must have made it up, for it was only the next day that I heard him abusing her for following a darling needle in his stocking."

Death of John Jacob Astor. The second son of John Jacob Astor, the millionaire, died in New York last Friday, the 65th year of his age.

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