



TUESDAY, DEC. 20, 1864.

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7 " 3 Months	10.00
8 " 1 Year	30.00

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PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

38th Congress—2d Session.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Mr. Ten Eyck presented a petition from Elihu Obey, of New Haven, Conn., for the recovery of some papers destroyed by fire. He said he thought some general action on this subject was necessary as there were many cases of similar destruction of papers.

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Mr. Sumner presented a petition from Henry Ward Beecher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., asking the establishment of a republican form of government with a prohibition of slavery in all the States. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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Mr. Anthony presented a petition from Acting Assistant Paymasters praying for a general commutation. Referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Arnold introduced a bill to establish a naval and marine depot at Chicago. Referred to the Naval Committee.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill to enable the President to expand the sum of \$10,000,000 or more each year for erecting fortifications and building batteries, for protecting the Lakes and frontier against the attacks of piratical and hostile tribes.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill to provide for the removal of the United States from the Finance Committee.

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Mr. Grimes introduced a bill to establish a naval and marine depot at Chicago. Referred to the Naval Committee.

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Mr. Davis, of Maryland, introduced the resolution reported by him last week, which directed the Secretary of War to have Congress in determining the foreign policy of the Government.

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