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The Legislature have at length come to the conclusion that they are really soon to adjourn *sine die*, and the consequence is, that some effort to transact business is becoming evident.

Last evening the apportionment bill was taken up in Committee of the Whole, in the Senate, and several important amendments adopted, which are, however, yet to be ratified in open Senate. The county of San Francisco is, by one of these amendments entitled to five Senators and twelve Assemblymen.

Mr. Catlin urged with great force and propriety, the necessity of increasing the representation of our county to three Senators and six Members of Assembly. Pending the consideration of this amendment, the Senate adjourned, and the bill failed of being brought up to-day.

An Act providing a fund for the use of a State Library was passed.

A bill was introduced by Judge Ralston for the establishment of a branch Female University at Benicia. It will probably pass although Mr. Crabb objected to its third reading to-day, on account of the hot haste which its friends showed in pressing it to a final passage. He wished its provisions thoroughly understood. The bill at "first flush" appears to be an extraordinary one, donating as it does, the water front of the city.

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question. Mr. Keene introduced a bill providing for the establishment of a State Marine Hospital at San Francisco, after which Mr. Coffroth moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was passed yesterday repealing all hospital laws. Mr. C. stated that the object of his motion was to attach the repealing clauses to the Marine Hospital bill. The motion to reconsider was carried, after a hard struggle. The bill was ordered engrossed, after the adoption of an amendment which takes away the appointment of trustees from the legislature, and vests it in the Governor by and with the advice of the Senate. On motion of Mr. Keene the repealing clauses were attached to the bill. The Hospital repeal bill was also ordered engrossed.

During the discussion on the above bill the venerable Senator from Tuolumne read a fatherly lecture to his Democratic coadjutors of the Senate. After alluding to their course on the particular bill at issue, he said that he had come to the conclusion that this Legislature would adjourn having disgraced themselves. They had riveted upon the people of this State additional taxes, and upon the State additional debt; he regretted to see that Democrats on this floor upheld and countenanced such extravagancies. He was in favor of adjourning *sine die* to-morrow, for if they remained here three months longer nothing would be accomplished.

The venerable Senator uttered homely truths, which were scarcely relished by his wayward children who had so widely strayed from the paths of Democratic rectitude.

Bill for the creation of Humboldt county was passed.

Bill providing for compensation to owners of private property for the use of Corporations, was passed.

In the Assembly, Mr. Moore from Committee on State Prison, reported back Senate bill for the erection of a State Prison and declaring the former contract null and void.

The House had the bill under consideration for six hours, when it was passed substantially as it came from the Senate, by a vote of 28 to 23. Mr. Conness has given notice of a reconsideration of the vote to-morrow.

The bill for the suppression of gambling, with various amendments attached thereto, has been engrossed.

The remainder of the afternoon was consumed in considering the apportionment bill, after which it was made the special order of to-morrow.

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Handbills about the portals of the Capitol announce a grand assemblage this evening, of the Locofoco members of the Legislature. The "unterrified" in council will probably stir up in the political cauldron subjects of momentous import to the party. Hospital bills, Gubernatorial prospects, revenue, depleted treasury and extension bills. The situation of the party must be a precarious one when their assembled wisdom is invoked at such a time as the present.

An unusual number of strangers are in town, among whom are Beverly Sanders Esq., Mayor Hardenbergh, Mr. Argenti, Mr. Vassault, Mr. Nugent, Editor of the *Herald*, and Mr. Lull, Editor of the *Whig*. L.

VENGEANCE ON THE INDIANS.—Mr. G. C. Lusk, of Adams & Co.'s express, informed us a few days ago, of the theft of 24 head of work oxen, near Red Bluffs, from Mr. Tomlinson. The same gentleman leaves with us the following description of the pursuit that ensued: Accompanied by twelve men, Mr. Tomlinson followed the Indians to the head of Clay Bank Creek, 75 miles in the mountains. A rancheria was discovered, containing a population of some three or four hundred Indians, three of whom they succeeded in killing. The others having been warned of the approach of Mr. Tomlinson and party, saved themselves by flight. The cattle had all been slaughtered and hung up to dry, excepting one, which was found only half skinned. This, with the balance of the meat, was cast into the Indian wigwams, and the whole consumed by fire.

INCIDENT.—On the night of the fire an interesting little girl residing at the Rasette house, who was much a favorite in that vicinity on account of her merry humor, was supposed for a while to have perished in the flames. Afterwards, when the conflagration was at its highest, she was found in night clothes in the street, shivering with the cold, but looking in great awe at the grand yet terrible sight before her.

glee at the grand yet terrible sight before her. She appeared much amused, but not at all frightened. Another little girl crawled through a window in the second story and clung to the sill. Upon being told to drop, she obeyed; let go her hold, and fell unhurt into the arms of those below. — *Times and Transcript*.

STILL THEY COME.—Negbaur & Co. have laid upon our table a novel, by James, entitled *Agnes Sorel*, a copy of the Magazine of Art, and other illuminated periodicals, for which they will please accept our thanks.

THE STAMP ACT.—If our Legislature wishes to redeem itself in the eyes of the people, it will repeal or amend the late act regulating legal advertising in the State, before it adjourns.

REVENUE.—If the Legislature adjourn next week, what will become of the Revenue Bill?

THE FOLLOWING morceau is copied from the Illustrated London *News*:

WOMEN'S ADDRESS ON SLAVERY —The final meeting of the ladies' committee for the promotion of this address is arranged to be held at the Stafford House, when the 24 volumes containing more than 500,000 signatures will be laid out for inspection previous to their transmission to America. An extensive movement will speedily be set on foot to raise a considerable sum of money for the purpose of advancing the cause of liberty amongst the colored race in America. The administration of this fund will be entrusted to Mrs. Beecher Stowe, as a tribute to her well known exertions on behalf of the slave; and the Earl of Shaftsbury, the Earl of Carlisle, and Mr. Saml. Guernsey, have agreed to act as trustees.

A LETTER from Rome says: "Miss Cushman and five other ladies, including Grace Greenwood, Miss Hosmer, the young sculptress—a funny little fellow, bright, wide-awake, and short as pie crust—Miss Vaughn, Miss Hays, &c., are living together like the 'happy family,' in the *Corso*. Wicked wits call them the 'strong-minded party.' They have receptions every Wednesday evening."

CAPTURE OF A SEA TIGER.—A live sea tiger, weighing 146 pounds, and measuring 5 feet 2 inches in length, is reported to have been captured in the waters of Long Island Sound, at Sands' Point. The informer states that when discovered he howled most piteously, and made battle with a dog, whom he severely wounded.

At the late session of the Minnesota Legislature just closed, eleven new counties were organized in that Territory, west of the Mississippi river.