

## **CURRENT CAPITAL NEWS.**

There arrived in the United States during the month of November 40,025 immigrants.

The President has approved the joint resolution authorizing the payment of the salaries of the employes of the two houses of Congress, on the twenty-second instant.

The Secretary of War has granted the request of the party of French scientists, who observed the transit of Venus at Fort Brooke, Tampa, Florida, for permission to erect a brass tablet at that fort, in commemoration of their visit.

### **Forefathers' Day.**

**PLYMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 22.**—Forefathers' day was ushered in by a display of flags, salutes by cannon and the ringing of bells. At 9 o'clock the Plymouth band, the Standish Guards and Collingwood Post, G. A. R., formed in line and marched through the principal streets, arriving at 10:30 o'clock at Pilgrim Hall, where invited guests were received. The march was then resumed to the rock on which the pilgrims landed, where a volley was fired by the military escort, and those present sang the hymn "America." Thence the procession marched to the Church of the First Parish, which was filled to overflowing. Hymns appropriate to the day were sung, the exercises concluding with the singing of a hymn written by Governor Loug for the occasion. Upon the conclusion of the services in the church, the procession formed and marched to Davis' hall, where plates were laid for a large number of guests. Speeches were made by Hon. Thomas Russell, ex-Governor Rice, Rev. O. P. Gifford and Rev. J. H. Heywood, of Louisville. A dispatch was received from General Butler as follows: "Physician says ought not to go to Plymouth. Regret I cannot by so doing testify my reverence for the men who made the day famous."