THE MURDER OF DR. PARKMAN.

The New York Courier and Enquirer, speaking of the evidence in relation to the murder of Dr

George Parkman, says: 'I'he circumstance by which Dr. Parkman's body is said to have been identified, strong as it seerns to be, is made stronger by another fact which comes to us on good authority. It is stated that some years since Dr. Parkman was subjected to a surgical operation, and that upon the neadless and limbless trank found in the vigit of Professor Webster's apartment, there was a scar, which was identified as the mark of that operation by the surgeon who performed it. This is a striking incident, and may fairly be classed among those "miraculous organs" which, under Providence, murdéralmost always finds a voice.

body, when he could have destroyed it utterly by chemical agents in much less time. Whatever bearing the fact may have on the guilt or innocence of Professor W., we understand that the supposition is groundless. There are few things in the world so hard to destroy as the human flesh. Its dissolution would have required gallons of acids, instead of the small quantity usually kept in laboratories. Nor is it easily consumed by fire. An immense quantity hard to destroy as the human flesh. Its dissolution it easily consumed by fire. An immense quantity learned in such lore, as well as in much that is far more valuable, informs us that the burning of a martyr was always an expensive process. In con-suming the head limbs and coll the second suming the head, limbs, and all the parts of the body by which it could be supposed to be recognizable, and throwing the shapeless and markless remainder where it would be least likely to come to light, the one who killed Dr. Parkman pursued the only feasible course that seemed to promise conceal

There is one remark we desire to make, though with no desire to prejudge the case of Professor Webster. It will be remembered that Colt, very soon after his arrest, drew up a written statement, alleging that Adams came to his room in quest of money due to him-that he used insulting language and was provoked by the reply into seizing Colt by the throat-that in the struggle Colt seized a hatchet and inflicted a fatal blow without any other motive than self-defence-and that the natural fear of public censure and of the law overpowered his first im-pulse, which was to make a full disclosure, and led against him. This statement was withheld by his counsel, not only until the trial had commenced, but until after a week of most harassing investigation, in which the evidence of every successive point was resisted with desperate energy, and after the patience of the Bench, the jury, and the public had been well-nigh exhausted. The testimoly had been perfectly clear and perfectly conclusive. It was the most wonderfully perfect and irresistible chain of circumstantial evidence ever known, and left no room for doubt in the mind of every man who heard it that Adams had been killed by Colt. Then, and not till then, Colt's counsel allowed the confession to be introduced. The effect of it was precisely the reverse of what would have been natural under other circumstances. In spite of protestations that it had been made at an early day, the universal suspicion was that, after the evidence had proved the prisoner guilty, the confession had been devised as a trick to procure sympathy. Its effect was exactly opposite. And we only repeat the opinion of some eminent legal authorities, when we express the belief, that, if Colt had been allowed to confess the killing of Adams when he desired to do so, before the trial, and had then called upon the prosecution to prove the homicide to have been murder, he would have been acquitted.

Now, so far as the public can form a judgment the case of Prof. Webster is wonderfully analogous to that of Colt. There seems to be reason to believe that a chain of circumstantial evidence, equally compact and equally strong, will trace the homicide of Dr. Parkman to the room and the hand of Professor Webster. It is, of course, a matter for his is expedient which led to so fatal result in the case of Colt. A statement of facts from Professor Webster would obtain credit and weight now, or at the akill Dr. Parkman, and the homicide was accihRial or in self-defence, the contession of the fact should not be withheld until it shall have been rendered superfluous. The Louisville Journal of the 27th inst. says: A

distinguished gentleman of Cambridge, writing to his friend in this city, says that he believes Webster

FROM HABRISBURG.

Correspondence of the Pennsylvanian. HARRISBURG, Jan. 1, 1850. This afternoon the Senate met, and after a few

reliminaries proceeded to ballot for a Speaker, but without any one being elected until the eighth ballot was called for, (to be sure VALENTINE BEST, of Columbia county, could. if he had wished, brought about an election on the previous ballot.) but assurance not being doubly sure, as he had kept no tally, he did not come to his own rescue-on the glorious eighth ballot, though, he came gallantly up to the work, and very courageously voted for VALENTINE BRST, of Columbia county. It cost him an effort. He became very pale, and looked as if he wanted to whistle for want of thought, to keep his courage to the sticking point. He could not vote for himself, Surprise has been expressed that a chemist should after all the Federal and Antimasonic Senators had Surprise has been expressed that a chemist should have resorted to the knife and fire to dispose of a body, when he could have destroyed it utterly by chemical agents in much less time. Whatever expectedly, although at the head of the list, that by voting with the Federalists for VALENTINE BEST, he could elect Mr. BEST, when he requested the Clerk to call his name, accordingly his ballot was

of fuel was always of necessity used, when dead bodies were burned, instead of buried; and a friend and recollect that all who roted for Mr. Rear were himself the Speaker's Chair, and did so. I send you

syth, Frailey, Fulton, Guernsey, Ives, Jones, M'Caslin, Muhlenberg, Packer, Shimer, Sterrett, Streeter -14.

For Mr. Best-Messrs. Best, Brooke, Crabb. Cunningham, Darsie, Frick, Haslett, King, Konig-macher, Lawrence, Malone, Matthias, Sadler, Sankey, Savery, Stine. Walker-17.

For Mr. Streeter-Messrs. Brawley, Hugus-2. As the above ballot fixed matters, Mr. BEST was conducted to the Chair. He then made a few remarks, thanking Senators for the honor they had conferred upon him, entirely overlooking himself in his thanks-in fact a great oversight, for without his own vote he would have been no where, at least never in the Speaker's Chair. The speech delivered, was written and read by him, so that all the arrangements have been going on for some time, and were concluded finally this morning. For several ballots Mr. BEST scattered his vote around on bin to the efforts to conceal the body which was Messrs. STREETER, DRUM, and others, to create the afterwards brought up with such damning force impression that Mr. BRAWLEY, the caucus nomince, was objectionable; but this was all gammon, as the written speech is evidence enough to show that he reserved his eighth and best for Mr. BRST, and had entered into some arrangements with the Federalists. What they are is of course unknown. Tomorrow I will develop something which you shall hear of, then on next day the Clerks, &c., will be elected, and the committees announced, probably it will be discovered what consideration the Federalists will get. Mr. Basr has received his. Perhaps having turned his coat to-day, he may wheel PANTON. about to-morrow.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 1, 1850.

The House of Representatives convened at 12 o'clock M. and was called to order by the clerk. The Scoretary of the Commonwealth being intro duced, presented the returns of the election for representatives, held in the several districts of the State, which, on motion, of Mr. Meek, were opened and read by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the House then proceeded to the election of a Speaker with the follow

ing result: Mr. McCalmont had

Mr. Cornyn, Mr. McCalmont having recceived a maj rity of all the votes cast, was declared and to be the duly elected Speaker, and being conducted to the chair, made the following neat address:

To preside over the deliberations of the Represen tatives of this Commonwealth, is an honor of which a man may be justly proud. But when I consider the character of this House, for ability and integrity counsel to consider, whether the same management and my own inexperiece, my pride and gratitude for this mark of your confidence must necessarily be mingled with feelings of deep humility.

The contrast between those, who have preceded with it, also, the hope, and the assurance, that I wil constantly receive your generous aid and support. Rendering to you my most since thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me I will now assume the duties of the office.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 2, 1850. This morning, Mr. Frailey, of Schuylkill, offered is thoroughly innocent, and that he is the victim of a terrible combination of circumstances. In con-to several intereste, instructing the Finance Com-to several intereste, instructing the Finance Committee to inquire into the expediency of a law imposing a tax, for State, County, School, and Road purfavors of our friends, but it is certainly a waste of amposes, upon all stock owned in all companies of the dies politic, organized for carrying either merchan ses, upon all stock owned in all companies or bomunition to shoot into a flock of pigions with a rifle, when that have been previously made for thin, for the point of organized to be up a second of the point of the poi one can just as well, for ought we know, use a shot-gun! intended to reach all companies, and to tax all stocks, just as bank or other stocks are now by law made to gard to Gov. Johnston's message, given in our last. Our furnish revenue to the Commonwealth-but as it is readers have probably read it, and formed their own merely a resolution of inquiry, Mr. Frailey might as well have embraced churches and cemeteries in it, as there are millions invested in these institutions,

was taken up in the reading of the Governor's Mes-

The Senate met at 11 o'clock. After the Speaker

announced the standing committees, and the trans-

action of some unimportant busiess, Mr. Parker

rose to a question of privilege. He alluded to the appointment of the standing committees of the Sen-

him chairman of the committee on appointments,

cused from serving on any of the standing commit-

tees, fually prevailed by a vote of Yeas-17, Nays

Several other bills were presented on various lo

cal subjects. On motion of Mr. Crabb, the Senate

AWFUL TRAGEDY .- A rumor of an awful tragedy

miles of Xenia, was known to have in his possession

some two or three thousand dollars. Two indivi-

duals, on one day last week, arrived in the cars from

Cincinnati, and immediately proceeded to Armour's

for the ostensible purpose of puchasing the premises.

woode, he was brutally murdered by the assasins,

who immediately started for the house. Mrs. Ar-

jectured their design. She secured the treasure of

unable to find what they desired, discovered the in-

which had been created on his own motion.

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adjourned.

L'ARRISERG. Jan. 4, 1850.

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ERIE, PA. SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 12, 1850.

soil, to her constitution; and from her constitution to her We are indebted to Judge Thompson for Congresional, and Messre Walker, of the Senate, and Reid, of in the Congress of the nation. Notwithstanding the Adthe House, for Legislative, favors.

IFFor Editorial, a communication, and various news items, see outside. By the by, several errors crept into our outside which were not seen untill a portion of the Edition was worked off-among others, in the communication headed "Our Railroads," in the second paragraph, read "22d section" instead of "2d section."

A COMPLIMENT .- In the standing committees of the House of Representatives, we notice that our member. Hon James Thompson, is chairman of that on the Judiciary. Such a designation is alike complimentary and just. No man in Congress, probably, is better quali- state of Georgia, for the purpose of enabling him to offer fied to fill with credit to himself and the country this position. In importance that committee is one of the first, and experience upon the floor of the United States Senand Mr Speaker Cobb was truly fortunate in his selection ate! What disinterested benevolonce! And, then, that of a Chairman.

D' Our favorito weekly, "THE HOME JOURNAL," has commenced the New Year admirably. The two last all this sacrifics for their benefit, and return to the legis: numbers are perfect gems; or, to use the language of the ken here, in place of some of the trashy weeklies we "kingdom come" politically, before they will elect him ladies, "loves of papers." Why there are not more tawot of, is past our comprehension. No lady, with the Sonator! But it is even so. Without the colat of east pretension to fashion, should be without it upon her centre table; and as to those who make no such pretension, they should certainly subscribe for it, as, like themactives, it is entortaining without affectation, and solid

without being ogotistical and frivolous. Come ladics, we are determined the "Journal" shall have a wider circulation among you than heretofore, so give us your names. We sent for a copy last week for a friend of ours-how many shall we send for next?

Contra.-Wo learn that the "Marvin Family." new band of vocalists, who have met with the most unbounded success in the Eastern part of New York, will visit our city in a few days, for the purpose of giving one or more of their ontertainments. For particulars, time and place, bills will be duly distributed.

against it the next." It strikes us that an Editor so well special privileges and class legislation. The republicans fortified by the proceedings of Congress, as him of the of California understood this; and honce, in framing the Gazette professed to be, should not be so backward in fundamental laws of their State, had the wisdom to progiving it to the world; especially, too, when it resolves hibit, as far as possible, all such logislation. itself into a question of his veracity.

RAIL ROAD DAMAGES, VS. "FAIR PLAY."-A commuinstalled into office, says the Petersburg Republican, nication will be found in another column over the signature of "Fuir Play," in regard to railroad damages. We bring a whole nation to tears, and fling around its remohave inserted it because we believe in the most latitudinarian dectrine of free discussion, and not because we concur in either its tone or temper. In regard to the cordial grasp most probably gave him the first salutation rights of land owners to exact full remuneration for any damages they may sustain from the company by the heart that beat responsive to the welfare and the glory of floer of the shanty, and slept soundly. We made an earconstruction of the road accross their lands, we never had'a doubt; and if we have not been misinformed in rupted prosperity as ever heart did pray, has ceased to parlake of an excellent broakfast, at the table of the Alregard to the matter, the company is perfectly willing to answer to the joys or sorrows of man-the last and not calde, consisting of coffee, hot rolls, beef stake, potatoes pay all such damages. Where then does the shee the least illustrious of his many houored predocessors and fried plaintains, cooked up in regular Spanish style, pinch? We think we see. The company is willing to has died; but, in vain we look for any faint allusion to pay fuir damages—as much, or more perhaps than the the sad disaster, in this his first message to the Congress ands appropriated would sell for, taking all the circum- of the nation since its occurrence. No mention of the tion, and distant from Chagres fifty-two miles, and from stances into the case; but is not willing, because it hap- event-no syllable to record the mighty upheaving of pens to be an incorporated company, and therefore sup- the national heart, the universal lamentation which fell posed to have no soul, to pay unfair prices! -or, in a from the Nation's lips when its car first caught the news word, to be speculated off of. This is the whole ques- that JAMES K. POLK was dead! tion in a nut-shell. Now, the question is whether such | But, we beg pardon for introducing a theme so painful

communications as "Fur Play's," will have the effect of and melancholy in connection with a document which is convincing, or compelling, the company to submit to ex- more suggestive of laughter than of tears. horbitant damages, or stimulate it to resistance? So far as our judgment is concerned, we think it will have the latter, if any.

One word more. It is always customary-and the custom is a good one-for those who feel agrieved by an open its colums to a reply, then a resort to a cotemporary publication, is eminently proper and just .--In this case, this rule is peculiarly applicable, as it is pretty evident that not more than one in ten of those who read the Observer ever see the Commercial, and we presume the same proportion will hold good towards the Observer by those who read the Commercial. If all our corespondents would recollect this, it would save us

trouble-not that we are unwilling to insert the

CALIFORNIA POLITICALLY .- The political news from California is important and interesting. Al hough full roturns from the State were not received by the Empire City, enough came to hand to enable us to announce emphatically that California is Democratic all over-from the "Benton mint drope" embedd d in her

servants selected to execute her laws and represent her ministration has endeavored by every possible means to secure an ascendency in this new State, having dispatch the immaculate T. Butler King, of Georgia, as a missiona ry, or school master, to teach the emigrants their political catechism, it is protty clearly ascertained that that gentieman was sent upon a bootless errand, and instead of returning as a United States' Senator from the shores of the Pacific, he will realize, and most justly, the truth of the old adage, that "there is many a slip between the cup and the lip." Our readers are probably aware that this political missionary of "Zachary Washington" re signed a seat in the lower house of Congress from the

the people of California the benefit of his great talent it should not be appreciated !-- that the people of Californis, ungrateful ingrates that they are, should disregard lature a majority, and a large one, too, of plain-spoken Democrats, who will see Mr. Thomas Butler King, in military exploits, this political mountebank could not, like his chief at Washington, rido into power on the "noparty" humbug. The "pooples' ticket" was "no go" among the adventurous spirits who are settling our Pacific coast. New States upon the Atlantic slope of our continent are always Democratic, and the result of the first election in California—her constitution, adopted nearly unanimously-both proclaim, in the stronges language, that such will be the fact with those that are in embryo upon the Pacific. There is reason as well as sound philosophy for this. In the new states wealth is more equally divided, and consequently the people. stand, one, towards another, on a footing of more perfect equality. Timo changes this to a greater or loss extentthe few, the aristocatic tendencies of poor, frail hu-. man nature begin to manifest thomselves, by the rich

ELOQUENT AND TRUE. -Since President TAYLOR was

with great force, one of those melancholy events which test circumference the afflicting emblems of a sincere mourning, has occurred. The hand, whose generous, after his installation, has been chilled by doath-the his country, and that prayed as fervently for its uninter-

incorporated companies the right of way over any lands YES, LET THEM SEE TO IT .-- The Lancasterian vory | tleman from New Orleans, to be called "The Panama truly and forcibly says that among the most important Railroad Hotel." An old stone church, going to ruin, in the Commonwealth, no well informed individual preduties that will devolve upon the Legislature of the pros- stands in one corner of the town, and according to report sumes to doubt; but it is equally certain and well seifed ent year, will be that of acting upon the amendment of its Padro has no horror of Polygamy. This was All that the owners of such lands must be first paid, or securthe Constitution providing for the election of Judges by Saints' Day, and prayers were said for the repose of the the last Logislature. If the same amendment be agreed ing around the rude altar, and the Mongrel crowd was to by a majority of both houses of the Legislature at its just emerging from the door. We had an interview with present session, and afterwards ratified by the votes of the Padre, whom we found polito and agreeable; once, he people, it will become a part of the constitution. he said, his church was rich and flourishing, now his We not only think that this change is generally desired. | people were few and poor-that in June last, the cholera but that it will work better than the present system. At had broken and carried off five hundred of their any rate, we desire to see the question brought fairly be- number. Several Americans had also died there. Many fore the people, and are opposed to all trickery and un - adicus were exchanged and the Padre, vanished, means for its suppression of postponement. In Here our Boatmon transferred our baggage from the until they shall have first paid or secured, in the many this veiw, it is hoped that the advocates of this truly re-Batteaux, to a light canoo, in which they propelled us up pointed out by their charters, the owners fully for the publican amendment will not permit any, even the least, to Cruces, distant six miles from Gorgona, and twenty- damages. The same rule has uniformly been adopt change in its phraseology from that agreed to last session; two from Panama. For the first twenty miles above in the state of New York, and I believe in all the New for thereby it may be deferred a whole year, if not alto-Chagres, the soil on the banks of the river is entirely al- England states. The doctrine ruling this question, luvial; a deposit of trees, sand, and leaves on a substra- far from being new or strauge, is well settled and, in m um of dark yellow sand. Above Hermunos, rocks first opinion, well understood by the public generally. The LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT .- In this spher and unromanmake their appearance, and the banks become high and was a time when the right of the state to appropriate tic age, it has become a very general opinion that the, abrupt, the river contracts its breadth, the current be- lands of individuals, and thereon construct railroads and so called, "love at first sight," of which we read in novcomes swifter and more shallow, the water clearer and canals, was questioned in high places. Many of our be ols, is naught but a beautiful vision of the poet's brain, purer. Fish can be caught in abundance at all seasons. but we occasionally find in our exchanges incidents lawyers have doubted the right of the Legislature to con but not a single shell of any description is to be found. which go far to show that such is not the fact;-for infer upon incorporated companies the right of way unless We have seen hugh alligators basking in the sun, and the get at the Tariff question, he shows that the bottle of ing taken place in Brooklyn, and as a fact: "A lady and they should first obtain the consent of each individual Guana, and soveral species. of Licerta running along the owner of land: and indeed such would appear to be, and shores. gentleman saw each other at church, and were mutually is undoubtedly in conformity with the broad principles Cruces stands at the head of Canoe navigation during governing the right of property: and nothing but the parsmitten by Cupids darts. The lady, who is very haudthe wet season, from Chagres distant fifty-eight miles, some, remarked to her sister that if she ever married, it amount necessity of such improvements, and the utter from Panama twenty-two. It is situated on a high rocky would be to the person who thus had won her heart; and impracticability of obtaining the right of way by any othbluff, completely encircled by lofty ranges of mountains. the gentleman being possessed of a full share of the goor means, has finally settled the question as before stata-head-itiveness so large an ingredient in the American It contains about two hundred of the usual bamboo housed, yielding at the same time full compensation to the es, placed in twolve rows, with narrow streets intervencharacter, at once sought and obtained an introduction owners of the soil. But, says the council for the Erie ing. There is an American and a French hotel here and North East Railroad company, we acknowledge our where you can procure boarding, and a snore in a ham- | liability to pay to the land owners the damages that may mock, at two dollars a day. Two forwarding houses, subsequently be assessed in the manner pointed out in which transport baggage to Panama, at eight dollars per our charter, but it is incumbant on the part of owners to hundred, and five per cent commission, and a small that romance still lingers in this sober age." adopt affirmatively such method in order to ascertain the stone depot, for the safe lodging of gold and silver crosmeasure of their damages; while they claim full author-PROGRESS OF THE AGE .- An exchange paper tells of sing the Jathmus. An old church built of stone and ity, pending such assessment of damages, to cut and young lad who recently ran away from home and went brick, cemented together and stuccoed with shells, stands carvo as much as they please. But what assurance have on the summit of the hill; once it was enclosed by a wall owners that the damage finally assessed will ever be paid? in his month. "What made you leave home ?" said his and was of considerable architectural style, and beauty. Granting that the company has the right it claims, what On a long pole in front of the entrance hang three or assurance have these accross whose lands a ditch 30 feet four old bolls, cracked and broken, though sufficient to deep may be cut, or a high embankment made, or the quit 'om." call the simple devotces to worship. Several old brass merchant and mechanic whose very shops and stores TWo have been furnished with the following state canon of Spanish manufacture lie on the green, inscribhave been invaded, and who may thus be deprived of the ed, "Ultima ratio regeum," and "Pluribus nec impar, means of subsistance, that their damiges will ever be A. D. 1757." Numerous crosses, and images of the Sa- paid? It is not a sufficient answer to say that the comviour, and Saints wraught in wood, and cast in wax, filled Franklin Canal Company. pany is abundantly ablo and willing whenever the dainthe niches. Men, women and children of every bue and ages shall be determined. I do not believe the rights of Sections. No. 1, 2, 1 color, kneeled in groups on the ground, decked he the individuals depend upon such uncertain tenures, for a gayest and most tawdry attire, while the Padres were though this company may be abundantly responsible, re 3, 6, 7, 9 4, 13, burning inconse, sprinkling holy-water, and muttering other companies may be notoriously irresponsible; beprayers before the altar. Presently the orchestra, com- sides, the final ability even of the Erie and North Est posod of two violins, a flute and a banjo, accompanied rail road company to pay its liabilities, may require some 10 an/ by the voice of the leader, struck up a wild strain, and better assurance than that its officers are already mainly 12, 22 the mongrel crowd joined in the chorus. It appeared a under the centrol, and subject to the dictation of the own 15 an strange scene to be enacted in a temple dedicated to the or of the Erie Bank. Personally, I entertain no hostility 17 and 19, 21, service of the Almighty, and as we gazed on the flutter-ing, gay, and babbling assemblage, we thought how most complete success so long as it respects the rights of 25 much more real devotion and less hypocricy, there might individuals. The value of my own premises 1 am fully Cook's Eagle Saloon is one of the best fitted up es be among that ignorant herd, than among the vast mul - persuaded will be more or less enhanced by the road titudes, congregated in the gorgeous temples in our own and besides, I wish the company all success upon higher land. The concluding prayer showed the goodness and grounds. The wants of the public require its early equi to see to what perfection such an establishment can be kindness of the Padre's heart, and did credit to his proplotion, and except the distatisfaction engendered by his brought. When ouce there, if you are an epicure, call fession. He prayed for all the Americans present, who grumbling about compensation for the right of way, the for some of the many excellent dishes he gets up to tickle did not understand their language; for all those who best state of feeling provails. Let the company, these the palates of his customers, and our word for it, you were traveling through their country, and besought his come up fairly to the mark and meet the land owners on will call serie. people to treat them as friends and christians, that they reasonable grounds, and there will be no difficulty is sto might have a safe and prosperous journey, and a speedy tling the right of way, damages, cest of keeping up for return to their frieads, their homo and their country. The ces, &c. to the full satisfaction of all concerned. But it assemblage was now dismissed, and the day was finished the company is determined to insist on the claim received in testing the speed of their little Spanish ponies, on the ly set up, it may look for any amount of trouble. The lawn below the town. We engaged muleteers to transingenuity of the Commercial will avait nothing, but on port our baggage to Panama, and were to start early on the contrary serve to render land owners more obs: Ask. Monday morning. Sun rise came, but no mutetcers. The To accuse them of stupidity, and vague notions of their "Go Ir ABBY."-Abbg Kelly is on her war-horse treacherous acoundrels refused to go, unless at one half obligations to God and State authority, in order to sufagain. At a late Abolition meeting in Massachusetts, advance upon the price agreed upon, We then engaged tain the doctrines put forth in behalf of the company, will and demounced the Church, and mourned over "the rap- cargadores, or negro carriors, who with a sort of frame only serve to disappoint these who thus underrate their idly bleaching out of the complexion of theslaves." She work, carry on their backs trucks and packages to the intelligence. To talk about 6 per cent, receivarions it believes that Adam and Eve were as black as the ace of amount of oue hundred pounds. It is almost impossible State grants for public high-ways, and the next moment voyage, has just returned from Cantinna with dos' DOO. He made the most of his money as a boatman at San Francisco. His first inquiry was for his aged parents; who were to poor to bill the fatted calf for him, on his return, but he will have it killed for them. the most of his money as a beat at the prepertrators were them. the most of his money as a beat and the the prepertrators were them. the most of his money as a beat and the state grants for public high-ways, and the next moment and rotation at the attent train of the return train to Cincinati. the most aboatmant the prepertrators were them. the most aboatmant is an innost at us attent to convey you any idea of the condition of this road. It is and one to bill the fatted calf the most aboatmant is a hopeless—and took the return train to Cincinati. the most aboatmant is an innost at us attent to convey you any idea of the condition of this road. It is an hopeless—and took the return train to Cincinati. the most aboatmant is a minomen to call it a road at all. It is a minomen to call it a road at all. It is a modey. and rocky, hilly, and swampy, winding round through teast, in bid contrast; FAIR FLAT

Going to California.

Correspondence of the Eric Observer. PARAMA, NEW GRENADA, Doc. 6, 1849. DEAR SLOAR-The first place we reached after leav-

washed it nearly all away, leaving nothing but a deeb ing Chagres, was the village of Congo, distant ten miles. and narrow path, through which you pursue your wind. t consists of about twenty huts, built of Banboo, and hatched with the long leaves of the Palma Real. We made our supper on Chocolate, hard bread and Cocoa ugar, then smoaked our cigars, dauced at a fandango, and went to sleep on our Buffalo robes spread on the ground floor of our hovel. Meanwhile our negro rowers occupied themselves in playing their overlasting game of nonte. It rained hard during the night, and the next ble. Immense wealth is supposed to be buried there, morning the river was considerably swollen, so that our boatmen were unwilling to proceed, saying. "Rio alta, mucha agua;" their object being to drink and gamble at every village and ranch on the river. We waited pa- shell mortar which in time becomes as solid as the reek liently until after breakfast, then took them by the cars, led them down to the boat, and compelled them to take their oars. They now propelled us sulkily along ten service is performed in only eight. Monks and Priests miles, without a single stoppage to the village of Hermanos. Here we fared sumptuously-the Alcalde and his hats, and long flowing black robes present a singular wife furnishing us good chocolate, rice cooked with grated cocos, roasted plaintains, hard bread and broiled mon- they will preach on Sunday morning, and in the afterkey, washed down with a bottle of good Claret, which we had fortunately brought from Havana. In consideration The number of the population is probably six-thousand, of our comfortable quarters and good fare, we concluded to spend the romainder of the day in overhauling, siring loft. The Governor of the Province is a geutleman of and drying our clothes, and luggage. Then we laid down and slept until midnight; when we arose, stirred up our sable rowers, took a cup of chocalate, and wended our way "by the light of the moon." Slowly and laboriously wo glided along against the strong and impetuous curront, laughing and singing scraps of postry and song, until we presently emerged from the deep shade of toyering trees, overhanging foliage, and clustering flowers, and rounded an angle in the river, the moon large, and luminous as the sun, burst from under a dark, heavy and sombre colored cloud, so bright, so clear, so transparent, it seemed almost to touch the earth, and to reflect the heat as well as light, rendering every object as distinct and clear as day. We gazed with delight and astonish ment, at the granduer, magnficence, and gorgeousness

of the scene, and even our ignorant and simple minded As wealth' accumulates and concentrates in the hands of boatmen exclaimed, "Bonita luna, beautiful moon." We had not proceeded many leagues, however, before the scone was entirely changed; lowering clouds obscured the Thompson "did voto for the proviso one session, and secking to become richer through the instrumentality of sky, and forked lightnings rent the air. The windows of in strong terms the rights guaranteed to companies, by heaven were opened, and torrents of rain descended in a acts of Assembly, in laying out and constructing railrodz perfect deluge; our songs were hushed, our coats and in Pennsylvania, and believing it to be the design of the robes were called into requisition, and without murmur- Editor to influence the owners of lands upon which the ing, we grinned and endured it. When day dawned we Erie and North East road has been located to comply found we were twelve miles advanced on our journey; with the wishes of said company, I have thought it has then we were pleased and delighted, with our moonlight improper to suggest a fow points in favor of the opposite side of the question; and more especially, since the comride.

pany has declared through its authorized agents, actor The next night we spent at a ranch five miles below under the advice of strong council, that the right of said the village of Gorgona, and fared badly. We made our company to enter upon and occupy any land on which supper, however, on our neverfailing hard brend and clathe road may be located, or which may be necessary for ret, to which our boatmen added, roasted banapas, and a the use of the company, without either paying or socurportion of broiled guana, which we found agreeable and ing the owners for their damages, could not be contropalatable. Then we spread our robes on the ground verted. Now, if such is the fact, it is high time that the owners of valuable farms, many of which will be greatly ly start next morning, and reached Gorgona in time to mutilated and cut up by the read, and otherwise dearanged and permanently injured, should be made acquain. ted with their liability, and fully informed in relation to hot as papper and garlick could make. During the dry the rights of the company in the premises." But that the season, this village stands at the head of canoe naviga-Logislature never have, or ever intended to confer such extravigant privileges upon the company is as maniest from the plain language of the 6th section of the act of Panama twenty-three; it contains three hundred bamboo huts, and probably a thousand inhabitants. The railroad incorporation (pamphlet laws of 1842, page 269) as it is from Panama will pass through this place, thence to its certain that the Constitution (Art. 9th, Sec. 10th) secures termination, at a point called Havy Bay, four miles beeach and every individual in the Commonwealth, against low Chagres. A store is kept here by an American, the daugers of being thus despoiled by their representfrom Now York, a gentlemanly and intelligent fellow, tives. That the state has full power to construct Railand during the winter a hotel is to be crected by a genroads and Canals, and for that purpose can confer upon

ed, fully and amply for any damage that they may sustain. Such is the plain and abequivoest the or of every charter granter up the Legislature, at least spee 1830, in relation to damages (for I have carefully examinod every such charter.) Never in a single instance-(and upon this point I challenge the Commercial) and very individual interested in behalf of the company) has he Legislature, in granting the right of way, authorized companies to onter upon lands for any other purpose thin

to survey, mark upon the ground and locate their rold,-

ing courses We arrived however at l'anama in due aca. son, and were much surprised at its ancient and dilapi dated appearance. It was built chiefly from the ruins of the old city of Panama, which was captured and sacked by the Buccaneers, and sflerwards destroyed by an early. quake. It is now nearly submerged, and scarcely any remains of its former grandeur and magnificence are vis. but the jealousy of the government prohibits any submarine exploration. The present city is surrounded by a high wall built of hewn stone, comented together with itself. The number of churches is astonishing; twenty. one in all; thirteen'are partly or entirely in ruins, while are also very numerous, who with their broad brimined appearance in the streets. As in all Spanish countries. noon attend the cock-pit, bull-fight, or monte-table, mostly of the mixed race; few of pure Castilian blood are intelligence, and of affable manners; has traveled through the United States and speaks English fluently. He expresses great friendship for the Americans, offers them land, and desires them to settle in his province. The place is already fast becoming Americanised. The native shops and stores are being routed out, and superseded by Americans, who left home for California, spent all their funds and have been compelled to go to work. The natives are ignorant and indolent; nature out of her exhaust. less resources furnishing them overy thing they require, but the climate is so debilitating and enfeebling, even Americans in a few generations would degenerate. We expect to sail to day, so adieu. MEDICO.

the gorges and defiles of the mountains, sometime

scarcely broad enough to place a single foot in security

at others expanding out wide enough to admit four mult

abreast. Most of the distance was once paved with round

stones, but the rush of mountain torrents for years, has

RAILROAD AND LAND DAMAGES. For the Erie Observer. Mr. Editor :- Repeated reference having been made to the subject of Railroad and Land Damages in several numbers of the Commercial Advertiser lately, sating forth

stated that the tin box, which has been regarded with so much suspicion, was made, like many others that have been previously made for him, for the purfriends in those islands, and was designed to be used in dredging for agassiz. The bundles of faggots were grape-vine trimmings, which he prepared to burn, intending to make an analysis of the ashes. with a view to finding out how to apply manures to the grape roots.

You DON'T SAY SO .- The N. Y. Tribune comments on the chances for the next Presidency and says: "The struggle after all is only for the empty honor of which shall be the nominee of the party. (Gen. Cass or Mr. Buchanan by the democrats) the reelection of Gen. Taylor being regarded as a fixed fact."

sage. The House did not do more than elect officers, so The House did not do more than elect oncers, so The most appropriate comment which suggests that agony, to some, is over. To be sure, Mr. Meek itself on the above, is the following extract from a submitted a series of resolutions, in favor of non-in-Washington letter of Hon. JOHN WENTWORTH to the tercourse with the Austrian Government, but they Chicago Democrat;

Chicago Democrat; Henry Clay, U. S. Senator, is the most popular man here this winter. Whereever he goes, there is a talent for speaking, there not being much to do at here this winter. Whereever he goes, there is a talent for speaking, there not being much to do at crowd after him. Of all the old politicians age the commencement of the session, time might as makes the least impression on him, and he takes the well be spent in that way, as in any other. Aussame delight in mingling with the masses that he tris must stand from under, Pennslyvania is going did twenty years ago. Of the whigs out of office, to speak. his friends are ten to one over those of Gen. Tay-lor, who is very fast loosing his popularity. I have a good chance to know him. this winter; and politics aside is well calculated to have more warm friends

than any man who has lived since the days of Andrew Jackson. As the unpopularity of the administration increases, it begets a sympathy for him; and the whig rally around him as the embodiment of whig ate, and said that he had received a direct insult from principles and all but cry he is not ton years youn- the Speaker, in that, the latter had neglected to make ger.

JOHN METCHELL, THE IRISH PATRIOT .- Interes-His language was very severe, and orginated a discussion of great length, which was continued by Messrs. Crabb, Walker, Frailey, Dunn, Forsyth, ting Incidents .- We clip the following strange paragraph from the Dublin Freeman's Journal, respecting the exiled patriot on the occasion of his arrival and others, almost up to the hour of closing the mail. A motion made by Mr. Crabb, to postpone the furthat the Cape of Good Hope, whither he had been sent by the English Government from Bermuda: er consideration of Mr. Patker's motion, to be ex-

"Private letters have reached town, which give some details of the arrival and reception of John Mitchell at the Cape of Good Hope. The exiled patriot reached there just at the time the good people of the Cape were in insurrection against the "Saxon" convicts question. John Mithell was one of the "convict's" and to him it was a boon of no ordinary value to transferred from a climate injurious to his health, to one in which his damaged constitunear Xenia, reached us this morning. It is said that a Mr. Armour, a farmer, residing within a few tion might become renovated. The good people of the Cape, however, had learned the lesson of resistance from their own Mitchells, and were in full action when ours arrived. They refussed to admit the "convicts;" but when they learned that John Mitchell was in the bay, a deputation of the leaders of the Cape "rebels"-we beg pardon, heroes, for they suc-They induced him to accompany them through and arround the farm, and upon arriving at a strip of ceeded-waited on the authorities, and offered to receive Mithell as a "free settler." The authorities. we presume, thought that there were Mitchells enough there already, and refused to accede to the proposal of the deputation; and John Mitchell is now mour the wife, seeing the strangers returning with-out her husband, became alarmed and instantly conagain at ses, a wanderer on the ocean, and an exile from his home. The peculiar circumstances of case are just of that class to elict a trait of Mithell's character. He suffered from the success of the "insurgents," but he left their harbor with an exultant heart, crying, "Bravo, men of the Cape!"

that its cries would attract the attention of the mother, from whom they might exort a confession as to name of Sullivan, who ran away from his home at name of Sullivan, who rain away from value of a whaling the deposit of the money. Mrs. Armour, strange Bangor, a few years since, and shipped for a whaling the deposit of the money. Mrs. Armour, strange to yage, has just returned from California with 860, book to say, managed to resist the impulses of a sympa-boo. He made the most of his money as a boatman tizing mother, and retained the place of her conceal-

Govennor's Message .- The Govenor sober vs. Johnston Drunkt-It is scarcely necessary to say much in rereaders have probably read it, and formed their own opinions, before this, of its merits. So far as it is confined to the legitimate affairs of the State, we find no particular fault-it is perhaps well enough! But when now exempt from the burden of taxation, although especially protected by law. It seems but just, that the Govenor, towards the close, travels out of his way to they should be made, to do something to relieve our overtaxed Commonwealth. Nothing else of importanco topk place, as the latter portion of the session

For instance, the opening clause of his message reads as follows: The Legislative branch of the Government, meets un

der circumstances calculated to produce deep emotions of gratitude. The events of the past year cannot fail to afterd assurance of the continued mercy of the Almighty Father of the Universe, and of the blessing He has dispoused to the people of this Commonwealth. While in other parts of our country, and an distant hands, possibance has made fearful ravages; leaving in its track the wretch-eduess of destitution and the tears of crushed affections; a healthful climate, in the disposal of a rightcous Provi-dence, has preserved the citizens of the State compara-tively free from the miseries of the destroyer. During a

period of war, famine and civil commotion in the old world, bringing in their train, desolation and want; blighting the hopes, paralyzing the industry, and ruining the prosperity of the people; our beloved Commonwealth, in union with others under the Netional Constitution. has enjoyed the delights of peace, and her citizens, in the exercise of industrial pursuits, have found contentment and competence. To the Author and Guardian of our boing, whose benificence caused all things to work to gether for our good, our reverence and gratitude are especially duo.

The Governor was undoubtedly sober when he wrote that paragraph, but in what state was Johnston when he wrote this?

"In relation to the policy of the National Government on this subject, (Protective Tariff) the manufacturer, the artizan, the agriculturalist, and the laborer, feel dike, that their business and pursuits, are olovated or depress-ed, as protection is afforded or withheld. In the history The events of the past season have afforded or the buildings of the season have afforded with lessons for the future. The events of the past season have afforded conclusion evidence, in the closed doors and deserted buildings of the manufactories; in the distresses of the laborer, and the general depression of profitable industry, of the impera-tice necessity for a system of laws which will sustain against foreign competition, the employments of our citizeus. When profitable investments, and useful capital are stricken down:---when surplus produce, finds di minished prices; and when labor is depressed, and industrious operatives are thrown out of employment;in our National Representatives to restore the general

It is an old saying that llars should have good memories, and it would be well if such protection advocates as the Governor, was blessed in the same way. What mockery-aye, what down-right falschood-to say that mockery-aye, what down-right inischood-to say that the "legislative branch of the Govornment meets under circumstances calculated to produce deep emotions of gratitude," if the "doors of manufactorice have been 000,000 during the last year.—Buffalo Republic. her husband and locked horself in an adjacent room. closed,"---if there is a "general depression of profitable The two entered and searched the house, but being industry,"-- if our "surplus produce finds diffinished fant sleeping in the bed; which they concluded had prices,"-if "profitable investments and useful capital been abandoned by its mother, through fright.- are stricken down,"-if "labor is depressed, and indus They thereupon, throw it into the fire, with the hope trious operatives are thrown out of employment!" And how can all this bo if, as the Govenor says in the first paragraph, "our beloved Commonwealth, in union with, athers under the National Constitution, has enjoyed the delights of penco, and her citizens, in the exercise of in-

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gether defeated. Let them carefully see to it!

last Wednesday, when he popped the question, was accepted, and with the consent of the parents was married on Saturday. Their honey-moon is as bright and hopeful as if years had been spent in the courtship. It shows

to a tavern, where he was found by a friend with a segar friend. "Oh, confound it," said he, "father and mother was so saucy that I couldn't stand it any louger, and I

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tablishmonts of the kind everopened in Erie. It is certainly worth one's time to visit it, if for nothing else bu

This is the way the Tariff of '46 drains our country the precious metals. We wish whig protectionists take particular notice of this fact. It is significant.