

LANCASTER, PA., DECEMBER 16, 1856.

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The opposition press is fruitful in expedients to alarm and deceive the unwary and unsuspecting portion of the people.

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Mr. Hale (Abolitionist) exhibited a handbill containing the name of Senator Bigler (Dem.) as a speaker, and the phrase "Free Kansas."

Mr. Bigler had no knowledge of the handbill in question, but explained that the Democratic phrase of "Free Kansas" was to leave the people of Kansas free to form their own institutions without any coercion.

Mr. Buchanan has long been considered one of our ablest and most prudent statesmen, and we have to fear whatever that man, in the maturity of his wisdom and with his great experience, he will violate, in any particular, that Constitution which he has sworn to support.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Senate is not in session to day, having adjourned over till Monday.

House.—The Speaker designated Mr. Edward Dadd, of New York, as Chairman of the Committee on District of Columbia, in the place of Mr. Matteson, excused. The vacancy in the committee was filled by the appointment of Mr. Woodworth.

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Many of the black republican papers, says the New Hampshire Patriot, have declared their purpose to run Fremont for President at the next election, four years hence.

The steamship Atlantic, arrived at New York on Tuesday, from Liverpool, which later port she left on the 26th ult. She brings news from Europe four days later.

The election of Mr. Buchanan over Mr. Fillmore, agreeing, as they do, on some points, is a declaration on the part of the American nation in favor of the foreign policy of the former.

From California. The steamship Texas arrived at New Orleans from San Juan, bringing two weeks' later news from Nicaragua and California.

Mexico and Texas.—The Southern mail received yesterday at Baltimore, with dates from Vera Cruz to the 16th ult., state that the siege of Puebla still continues without definite results.

Bank Applications. We gather from the Harrisburg papers the following list of Bank applications to the next session of the State Legislature, viz:

One at Towanda, capital \$100,000 with power to increase the same to \$200,000. One at Clearfield, capital \$150,000, and power to increase to \$300,000.

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