FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Evening Post.] WASHINGTON, December 12, 1855.

BANKS' friends are dragging the anchor, quite contented if they can hold their own. It was expected that Fuller's Pennsylvania adherents would abandon him, but though all but two have done so, most of them seem to prefer to "scatter abroad" for the present, rather than aid in a pure anti-Nebraska triumph .--The truth is, that the "National" Know-No things are apprehensive, that, by the election of a republican Speaker and other Congressional officers, with reference to their position on the Kansas question, the cry of "Americanism" will lose its potency for the Presidential cam-paign, and their only hope of victory is to fo-Pennington would satisfy them, and, if either Banks' men, he would be chosen. But unfortunately for them, it happens that no man who represents the views of the "Twelfth Section" Know-Nothings, can get the Republican strength on his side.

The supporters of Banks, I think, have taken their final stand on him, and if they should disband, there will be no organization this week. Among the outsiders, who appear interested in distracting the forces of the opposition in the House, so as ultimately to bring about the elec-tion of Pennington, are John M. Clayton and Senator Erastus Brooks.

On the other hand, the administration men would, in the hopelessness of choosing Richardson, prefer an out-and-out Republican organization of the House. They want a fair she pulled out her wallet, and displayed three and open fight on the Kansas issue, and their second choice for Speaker would be Giddings, of Ohio. Having determined on taking ultra southern ground in the Presidential battle, they desire no mongrel National American party to interfere with their success below Mason and Dixon's line. And if the signs of the times do not deceive, to this complexion things are rapidly coming.

Although there seems to be no chance for the adoption of a plurality rule for the election of Speaker, it is not unlikely that the use of the ballot may yet be pgreed to ; in which case there might be some defection among ballot, at all events, would soon settle the ques-For the present, however, the Clerk of tion. the House might as well put down Richardson's vote at seventy-four, and save the trouble of calling their names.

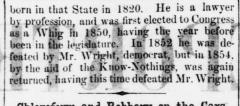
[From the Editorial Correspondence of the Toledo Blade.] WASHINGTON, December 4, 1855.

The last time II was in Washington, the atand heart. The majority act and talk as tho' freedom when the tyranny that social life exerts in Washington is overcome.

W. Yours, &c.,

Sketches of the Candidates for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The numerous unsuccessful ballotings for Speaker of the United States House of Repre- tude, and takes away the sense and then the sentatives have naturally drawn public atten- purse of the victim. tion to the several prominent gentlemen named for the responsible post, and awakened a deknow some of oir antecedents therefore condense from the New York Herald the following sketches :---WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON, of Illinois, was born ny of them had no more spare cash than was in Fayette county, Ky., in 1811. His father necessary to carry them to Washington City, was a Virginia farmer, and his wife one of the Edmondson family of the Old Dominion. Her father and seven of his brothers died in battle. Increase the first instalment of their importunate for the first instalment of their which has now attained a daily circulation of Mr. Richardson studied law in Kentucky, prac- board bills, but the members have nothing to ticed a short time there, and then removed to give them but promises to pay till they receive Illinois, where he was elected State's attorney, which office he subsequently resigned to accept a seat in the legislature. For nine years he was a democratic member of either the State scruples about wasting so much public time senate or house, and of the latter he was at and money. one time speaker. In 1846 he raised a company of volunteers and proceeded to Mexico At the battle of Buena Vista, (where he was promoted to a majorship) he greatly distingu-ished himself. Before his return home he was elected to Congress, and has been a member ever since. He is known as the father of the Nebraska-Kansas bill. NATHANIEL P. BANKS, of Massachusetts, i a native of that State, and born in 1816. He commenced life by working in a cotton factory, then learned the trade of a machinist .--Subsequently he studied law under the Hon. R. Rantoul, and was admitted to the bar in 1848, in which year the democrats elected him to the legislature. In 1840 he was a supporter of Martin Van Buren, and subsequently of Gen. Cass. In 1851 he was chosen to both the Massachusetts Senate and House. He accepted the latter, and was chosen Speaker by a coalition of democrats and free-soilers in 1851 and 1852. In 1853 he was chosen to preside over the State Constitutional Convention, although he had just been elected to Congress by the democrats. At the last Congressional election he was nominated by both democrats and know-nothings, and although many of the former bolted the nomination because of his opposition to the Nebraska bill, he was elected about 7,000 majority. HUMPHREY MARSHALL, of Ky., was born in that State in 1812, and is a distant relative of the late Chief Justice Marshall. His mother is the sister of John G. Birney, so often the candidate of the Liberty party for the Presidency. Mr. Marshall is a graduate of West Point, and served as a licutenant under Gen. Scott in the Black Hawk war. He also served gallantly in the Mexican war. In 1849 the Whigs elected him to Congress, and in 1852 first class Hotels, charge \$15 per week and he was re-elected, but resigned his seat to accept the mission to China. Last fall he was elected again by the know-nothings, his majority being over 2,500. LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, was born in that State in 1811. His father was a Virginian. Mr. C. served an apprenticeship at the printing business, and afterwards started a Clay paper at Butler, Ohio. In 1836 he was ad mitted to the bar, and in 1840 was defeated for Congress by Col. Weller, by only 59 votes, out of 14,000. In 1848 he was elected to Congress as a Whig, and has been a member ever since. He is distinguished for his decided opposition to the further spread of slavery. His HEARY M. FULLER, of Pennsylvania, was but without effect.



Chloroform and Robbery on the Cars.

We find the following in the Ilion (N.Y. adependent, showing how villainously a lady ssenger from Baltimore was robbed :

On Friday evening, on our way from Utica to Ilion, a young lady by the name of Parker informed us that Mrs. David Wright, of Toronto, had been robbed on the cars near Poughpaign, and their only hope of victory is to fo-ment division among the opposition. Fuller or lowing circumstances :-She was on her return home from Baltimore, where she had been of these candidates could obtain the votes of to visit Mrs. Hawkius, the wife of the Washingtonian lecturer. Among the passengers who had got on board the train at Baltimore was a tall, dark-eyed, well dressed and genteel looking lady, who sat down by the side of Mrs. Wright. "Are you traveling alone?" asked the stranger. "I am," was the reply "How far are you going ?" "To Canada" was the answer. The conversation thus com-

menced was continued a long time. They passed through Philadelphia and New York on the most friendly terms, and were hurrying along the Hudson road," when the stranger inquired of Mrs. W. if she could change a five dollar bill for her. Mrs. W. replied that she could not, and in order to show her willingness to do so, had she been able, twenty dollar gold pieces, a ten dollar gold piece, some small change and a check. By and by Mrs. W. complained of a pain in the head. "Ob !" said the stranger, "I have some cologne with me, let me put a little on head. your temples, it will, doubtless, relieve you." Mrs. W. immediately sank to sleep and remained insensible until the Conductor shook her awake and demanded her ticket. It was with the utmost difficulty he could wake her. He finally hoisted the window of the car, and the fresh air relieved the unfortunate woman. She put her hand into her pocket, when to her astonishment and dismay she found that Richardson's men, in favor of Banks. The her wallet, containing her money, her ticket and her check had gone, and the strange woman, who had been so attentive, had also disappeared.

The gentlemanly conductor endeavored to plurality rule. console her with the promise that he would see to her baggage at Albany. But when they arrived at Albany it was ascertained that there was no baggage there for her. The baggage master said a lady and gentleman mosphere about the National Hotel, the politi- got off (we think at Hudson,) and said their cal head-quarters, was all pro-slavery. Union baggage directed to Albany must be left there savers poured their blarney into the ears of and not taken to the place where they first infresh and confiding members, till their sensi- tended to leave it. In this way Mrs. Wright bilities were overcome. When flattery and so-phistry failed, then bullying succeeded, and This female robber wore a black velvet bonnet. the impulses of freedom were suppressed. It trimmed with scarlet flowers, a dark mantilla, is all changed now. The atmosphere is our is lady-like in her demeanor, wears a fascinatatmosphere. It is bracing. Crooked men ing smile, and is, undoubtedly, the same per-walk straight. No man speaks in whispers or son who played the confidence game with the in bye-places sentiments honorable to his head merchants and hotel keepers at Baltimore, a short time since. Mrs. Wright was too senthey had determined to organize the House and sitive to make known her moneyless situation, shape legislation. A great point is gained for and did not eat a morsel of food for nearly two days, when she providentially met her friend Miss or Mrs. Parker, who furnished her with funds. Mrs. Wright is a very estimable woman of high social position, and we hope her

husband, who'is a man of property and standing, will spare no pains to ferret out the female highway woman, who presents the bottle instead of the pistol, in society instead of soli-

A FINANCIAL CRISIS .- The members of Congress are beginning to feel a financial crisis in their breeches pockets. They can get no monev till the organization is effected, and as matheir mileage. This latter circumstance may probably bring the members to terms on the This latter circumstance may Speakership quicker than any conscientious

Bradford Reporter. E. O. GOODRICH, EDITOR. TOWANDA:

Saturdan Morning, December 22, 1835.

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CONGRESS.

No Speaker yet ! is the exclamation upon every one's lips, upon the arrival of the mailnor do we see any immediate prospect of the organization of Congress, unless the disposition on the part of the Anti-Nebraska members, who refuse to vote for Banks, to make explanations, be deemed a symptom of their finally voting right. The last ballot stood Richardson, 73; Banks, 106; Fuller, 38; Scattering, 6.

The vote for Bank's stands firm, and will not waver, his friends being determined to throw the responsibility of the election of a doughface, should one be successful, upon the recreant Anti-Nebraska men, who stand out. The friends of Richardson, say they will not compromise ; so the question is very far from a solution. We believe that Banks will ultimately be chosen.

The present protracted struggle and failure to elect, is not without its precedent. In 1849, HOWELL COBB was chosen upon the 63d ballot, on the 22d day of December, under the

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST .--- The prospectus of this excellent weekly paper, for 1856 is before us. It is one of the best family papers published, embracing in its weekly contents, the news of the day, Original Tales, Agricultural articles, Sketches of Life, Adventure and Character, the Market Reports, &c., &c. Among the contributors to the Post are some of the most gifted writers of the land. It gives, also, a liberal number of fine engravings.

Terms. Single number, cash in advance, \$2,00 a year ; 4 copies \$5 ; 8 do. \$10 ; 13 do. \$15: 20 do. \$20-and one extra copy with each of the last three numbers for the getterup of clubs. DEACON & PETERSON, Publishers, No. 66 South Third St., Philadelphia.

Mr. A. H. Simmons, one of the proprietors of The Philadelphia Ledger, died in that city on Sunday morning, after a brief illness. He leaves a wife and several children. and a large fortune which he has amassed within a few years by the unexampled increase of of the Association was held at the Court House,

LOCAL ITEMS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !- Before another number of our paper is issued, Christmas day, with its festivities and joyful belongings, will have come and passed We take this occasion to wish our readers a Merry Christmas. We trust that the recurrence of this long-kept birth-day of our Savior, will find their homes the abiding place of peace and contentment, and the star of Bethlehem shine as it did eighteen centuries ago, to direct them to the only source of joy

and happiness. To the little ones, whose impatience lengthens ours into days, in the interval before the visit of Kriss Kringle, we trust Christmas will bring nore than a realization of their most sanguine expectations.

NEW BARERY .-- Our citizens who have long felt the want of a good bakery, will be pleased, to learn that such an "institution" has been established in this place for their accommodation by BURBANK & ROGERS. It is located in the new building north of the Ward House, and from the specimens of eatables we have seen of its production, will be worthy of patronage.

The Special Court advertised for next month, has been postponed indefinitely, of which all persons interested will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. The reason, is, that the Supreme Court meeting about that time, made it impossible for our lawyers to attend to both.

ACCIDENT.-Our fellow-townsman, Dr. JOHN M'INTOSH, was seriously injured, on Saturday evening last, by accidentally walking out of a door in Patton's Block, and being precipitated about sixteen feet upon a cellar door below .-We understand that he is recovering.

We direct attention to the advertisement of JAMES HARRIS, Electrician, in another column. The wonderful power of Electricity is put to a new purpose, in taking from the human system whatever of mineral poison there may be lurking therein. He has every convenience for giving the machines he advertises a fair trial.

To those who may be in want of Print ing we would say that our facilities for execuing almost every description of Job Printing ar not excelled in Northern Pennsylvania. W have just added to our assortment, several font of new fancy type, and have just set up a new Diamond Printing Press for the execution of cards, circulars, &c. The public are requested to give us a call.

We understand that the aqueduct superstructure at Tunkhannock creek, has fallen down. The North Branch seems fated to a series of untimely and embarrassing occurrences, sufficient to try the courage of any man. Mr. MAFFET's energy and perseverance will accomplish all that man can do, toward getting it into shape.

COUNTY MUSICAL ASSOCIATION .- In pursuance of the adjournment and notice, a meeting The Ledger as a vehicle for business advertis- in the borough of Towanda, on Monday even-

day the 22d, for a further hearing and disposal of causes upon the argument list. During the day on Saturday, the Court di reet that the order made for taking acknow ledgement of Sheriff's deeds, be continued un til Saturday the 22d, at the coming in of Court in the afternoon of that day, at which time the Sheriff's deeds made at the present term, will be acknowledged-the Sheriff being still ab-

The Court also made an order directing three weeks court to be held at February term

The following divorces were granted on the 15th, to wit : Lucinda Wells, by her next friend, E. Rocckwell vs. Geo. Wells. On reading depositions, and on motion of ----- the Court decree a di-

vorce to the said Lucinda from the bonds of matrimony Margaret Pickard vs. James Pickard .-- On

eading depositions, and on motion of Wm. Elwell, the Court decree a divorce to the sald Margaret from the bonds of matrimony. On the same day, G. H. Watkins, Esq. was

appointed Auditor of public accounts for Bradford County for the ensuing year, under the act of Assembly providing for the appointment of said officer.

-In the list of grand jury business as published by us week before last, occurred the name of John H. Galiss as prosecutor. This is an error, as the name should be John H. Gates, of Springfield township. -In our report of the case of Com. vs. R.

E. Walters, the name of M. H. GREENMAN as one of the Attorneys for the prosecution was accidentally omitted. Mr. G. had charge of Yulee. the case from its commencement, and his name should have been published.

SHERIFF Copping, after a painful confinement to his bed for nearly six weeks, has recovered sufficiently to permit his removal to this place. He is now at the Court House, with a prospect of soon being able to perform the active duties of his office.

MASONIC .- At the regular communication of Union Lodge, No. 108, A. Y. M. held at this place on Wednesday last, the following officers nic year :-

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t-	TEORGE, E. FOX, W. M.
e	HENRY J. MADILL, S. W.
e	HENRY B. M'KEAN, J. W.
ts	E. H. MASON, Secretary.
w	JAMES H. WEBB, Treasurer.
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Two Weeks later from California.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10 .- The steamship Prometheus, from San Juan, arrived on Saturlay, with California dates to the 20th ult She left San Juan on the 3d inst., with the passengers brought down by the Uncle Sam. Her passengers, consequently, made the trip in about 17 days. The transit over the Isthmus was effected in twenty-eight hours. The Uncle Sam left San Francisco with 250

passengeas and \$350,000 in gold. The Northern Light arrived at San Juan on the 3d, from New York, and was to leave the same day, on her return with the passen-General Walker was in quiet possession of

Grenada, and peace and confidence were restored. The citizens had resumed their usual occupations.

XXXIVTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12, 1855 SENATE .- Mr. Cass moved that the Senate proceed to the election of the Standing Com-mittees. This being agreed to, he remarked that it has been usual to dispense with the clection by ballot as required by the rules, and he expressed the hope that in order to expe-dite business, the same course should now be nursued.

Mr. Hale objecting, the Senate proceeded to ballot, with the following result :

Committee of Foreign Relations-Mason, Donglas, Slidell, Clayton, Weller and Fish. Finance-Hunter, Toucey, Pearce, Stuart, Brodhead and Crittenden.

Commerce-Hamlin, Dodge, Stuart, Seward Clay and Benjamin. Manufactures-Wright, Allen, Harlan, Wil-

son and Trumbull.

Agriculture-Allen, Hunter, Thompson of New Jersey, Harlan and Wade. Military Affairs-Weller, Fitzpatrick, John

on, Jones of Tenn., Pratt and Iverson. Militia-Houston, Dodge, Bell of N. Hamp-

shire, Thompson of Ky., and Biggs. Naval Affairs-Mallory, Fish, Thompson of

N. J., Bell of Tenn., James and Slidell Public Lands-Stuart, Johnson, Foot, Clar.

ton, Pugh and Mallory. Private Land Claims-Benjamin, Biggs, Thompson of Ky, Foster and Wilson,

Indian Affairs-Sebastian, Rusk, Toombs Brown, Reid and Bell of Tenn.

Claims-Brodhead, Fessenden, Geyer, Iver. son, Yulee and Wade.

Revolutionary Claims-Evans, Reid, Hale Foster and Durkee.

Judiciary-Butler, Toucey, Bayard, Gever. Toombs and Pugh. Post Offices and Post Roads-Rusk, Col-

lamer, Adams, Hamlin, Jones of Iowa, and

Roads and Canals-Slidell, Bell of New Hampshire, Biggs, Durkee, Jones of Tenn. and Wright.

Pensions-Jones of Iowa, Clay, Thompson of New Jersey, Seward and Sumner. District of Columbia-Brown, Allen, Mason, ratt and Reid.

Patents-James, Evans, Stewart, Brown, Thompson of Ky. and Fessenden. Retrenchment-Adams, Fitzpatrick, Fish,

Biggs and Crittenden.

Territories-Douglas, Jones of Iowa, Collamer, Bell, Sebastian and Biggs. Contingent Expenses-Evans, Wright and

Foot. Public Buiklings-Bayard, James, Hunter, Thompson of N. Jersey, Pratt and Hale. Engrossing Bills-Fitzpatrick, Collamer and

Wade. Library-Pearce, Cass and Bayard. Enrolled Bills-Jones of Iowa and Sumne The first named of the gentlemen on each of the committees was elected chairman,

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE .- The House resumed the balloting or Speaker with the following result : 46th 47th 48th 49th 50th 105 105 105 Banks 106 106 Richardson, 75 33 74 74 74 15 33 Fuller, 33 33 32 Orr, 1 2 1 Leiter 2 2 2 Scattering, Whole number of votes polled 225-neces-

sary to a choice 113. After the 50th ballot, Mr. Sage moved that the House adjourn, which was agreed to-ayes 111, noes not counted.

So the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, Dec. 13. SENATE .- Mr. JONES (Iowa) submitted a resolution authorizing certain Committees employ clerks. Mr. Adams moved an amendment providing that no person shall be appointed who holds office under the Federal Government. This was rejected and the resolution adopted. Adjourned.

MURDER, ARSON AND SUICIDE !- It is reported, upon authority which appears to be reliable, that within a few days past, in or near Slaterville, Tompkins Co., a young woman was killed by two young men while attempting to produce an abortion ; that her body was then concealed in a barn ; that as a further means of concealing their crime, the young men set fire to the barn during the night, which was consumed with all its contents, the bones of the young woman being found in the ashes; and that one of the guilty parties committed

suicide in the morning, under the pressure of a guilty conscience, and apprehensions of a more dreadful fate, whilst the other was arrested and taken to jail to await his trial.

Our informant is unable to give us the names of any of the parties; but we think there can be no doubt of the truth of the report in all its material particulars .- Owego Gazette.

Tuckerman, the alleged Eastern Railroad Defaulter, has been arrested in New York and the Grand Jury of Boston have indicted him for embezzlement. He is charged with having, while acting as Treasurer of the Railroad Company, taken into his possession a cer tificate of seventy shares of the stock, of the value of \$100 each share, which he transferred and assigned to the Institution of Savings, for his own benefit, and as collateral security for

his own indebtedness to that institution.

1 Washington letter-writers speak of the normous prices charged by the Boarding first class Hotels, charge \$15 per week and poor fare at that. One member of Congress was asked \$96 per week for himself and fami-ly, nearly double the amount of his pay.

Ber Eight or ten million of dollars have been expended by the Government on the Washington Water Works, and the cry is still for "more." Mike Walsh once said they would next ask for brandy in their water.

The Elmira (N. Y.) Advertiser says there is a dwarf in that city, about 18 years of age, who drinks every day, at one time, two ounces of laudanum. Various means have been tried to break him of his pernicions habit,

Mr. Simmons was a native of the State of Connecticut, and after working many years in N. York as a journeyman printer and pressman, removed to Philadelphia, where in con-64,000.

The Pennsylvania, the Philadelpha, Wilmington and Baltimore, the Reading, the Catawissa and Elinira, and Camden and Amboy railroad companies have agreed to pass the defenders of the country in the war of 1812 to their national convention, at Washington city, on the 8th of January next, upon the same terms as they were carried to Washington on the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans in January last.

ner The Pittsburg Union severely condemns the Judges of the Supreme Court for re-appointing J. K. MOREHEAD one of the Board of Inspectors of the Western Penitentiary. It opposed his appointment on the ground that Gen. M. is a Know-Nothing. The position taken by the Union was sound, and should have prevented the appointment of MORENEAD. Judges LEWIS, KNOX and LOWRIE, voted for, and Judges BLACK and WOODWARD against MORE-HEAD.

It is said that DAN. GARDNER, who has been traveling as clown for Rivers and Derius' Circus, has, by a late decree of the English court, become heir to over million of dollars. Should this be so, DAN. will, of course, be one of the aristocracy of the country, and will be courted by many of those who have heretofore treated him with contempt.

In The State Canvassers of Wisconsin have declared Gov. Barstow re-elected by 159 majority. The seat will be contested on the ground that Bashford, the Republican candidate, received a clear majority of the legrl votes.

The young wife of Gov. Wright, of of her parents in Kentucky. She had been married only about a year.

the municipal election in Boston, Lowell, Worcester, Newburyport, last week.

M'Crea has had granted him the benefit of a change of his place of trial to another county

ing, Sept. 5, 1855, CHARLES R. COBURN President, in the chair. On motion, WM. C. BOGART was appointed Secretary.

On motion it was resolved that the Association hold a Convention during the last week of January next.

On motion, Messrs. E. T. Fox, J. G. Towner, E. C. Wells, W. C. Bogart, D. S. Pratt, and C. R. Coburn were appointed a committee to confor with and employ, W. B. BRADBURY,

of New York City, to conduct the musical exercises of the Convention at its meetings in January next ; and the said committee also to make the necessary arrangements for holding said convention.

In pursuance of the above, the committee authorized the Secretary to confer with Mr. BRADBURY, who will meet the Convention in the borough of Towanda, on Tuesday the 29th day of January next. The Convention will continue in session four days under the immediate direction of Prof. Bradbury.

The committee herewith give notice to the members of the Association, and all others interested in the advancement of Church Music and the science of vocal music generally, in this County and vicinity, that every care will be taken to make the sessions of the convention deeply interesting and pleasant to those who attend. Arrangements will be made for the board and accommodation of the members at low rates, to prevent the imposition of ex-

orbitant prices. As considerable attention will be paid during the sessions to the subject of church and choir singing, a rare opportunity will be offered to choristers, choirs and others interested in this important department for improvement and information, which it is hoped

will not be suffered to pass unembraced. Circulars will be distributed in due time with a detailed statement of the arrangements. By order of the committee.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

J. F. Satterlee et. al. vs. Guy Tozer .- This cause which was not disposed of up to the time of going to press last week, was settled in the forenoon of Friday, 14th inst. The Jurors in Indiana died a few days since, at the residence attendance thereupon were discharged. All the jurors, except those sworn in the above case, were discharged on Thursday evening, 13th inst. The Court adjourned to meet again at The Know Nohings were defeated at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for a hearing of causes on the argument list. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Court adjourned over to Saturday morning, 15th inst. sont ati stol On Saturday Court was again called, and

5 o'clo k, P. M. adjourned to meet on Satur residence in Harrisburg on Monday last,

A large fire occurred at San Fracisco on the night of the 16th ult., causing a loss of \$25,000.

Gen Richardson had been murdered at San Francisco, by a gambler, named Cora, who

The Southern section of the State is threatened with Indian disturbances. The Indians were stealing large numbers of cattle, and had committed numerous murders throughout the

State The Know Nothing State Convention held Richardson, its session at Sacramento, and appointed delegates to the Philadelphia National Convention, instructing them to vote for no Presi dent unless in favor of the Pacific Railroad, and opposed to any agitation of the slave question. The ship Polynesia sailed on the 10th ult.,

from San Francisco for New York.

GEN. CASS DECLINES THE PRESIDENCY.-Gen. Cass has written the following note to Andrew J. Webster, esq., and others, of Philadelphia :

"GENTLEMEN : I have received your letter, asking me if I am a candidate for the office of President of the United States, and expressing the gratification it would give to support me for that high station. "While thanking you for this manifesta-

tion of your kindness and confidence, of which I shall always preserve a grateful recollection, I reply that I am not a candidate for the Presidency, nor do I desire that my name should be presented in connection with it to the consideration of the Democratic party of the Union. I am, gentlemen, with great regard, truly yours, "LEWIS CASS."

Ber Louis NAPOLEON's Speech at the closing of the Paris exhibition, in which he expressed himself in favor of an honorable peace, had produced a great sensation on the continent, and many politicians were of opinion that it foreshadowed the assembling of a peace congress, in which the war difficulty with Russia would be discussed with a view to settlement.

HEAVY DAMAGES .- The Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster county, held at Lancaster, Pa., on the 7th inst., in the case of Catherine Cooper rs. The Ohio & Pennsylvania R. R. \$5,500 and costs were awarded to plaintiff, whose husband died from injuries received by jumping from a car which had run off the track near Franklin, Ohio, in February, 1854.

Wood PAPER .- Mr. Beardsley's extensive paper mills at Little Fulls, N. Y., will be eady to go into operation on the 1st of January, when he expects to be able to turn out, daily, tons of elegant white paper, made of wood. In quality this paper, it is said, will resemble that of English manufacture.

Continued its business during the day, and at the Senate, State Treasurer & c., died at his move the House adjourn.

HOUSE .- The House resumed voting for a peaker, with the following result :

FIFTY-FIRST BALLOT. Banks. 105 | Fuller. 75 Lester Scattering

At the conclusion of the call of the Mr. McMULLES said : " Before I vote I give notice that unless within the next three days we shall elect a Speaker. I will submit a proposition for a compromise.'

Mr. Grodings (loudly)-What is the prope sition !

Mr. Houston-You can't compromise prim ciple, Mac ! (confusion).

Mr. GIDDINGS (impatiently)-What is it? Mr. Housron (from the opposite side of the Hall)-It is you. Come over to us-A very fair proposition. [Laughter]. Mr. GIDDINGS-Make it now.

Mr. Houston-All of you promise to come ver to us, and I'll make it now [laughter] Cries of "Yon can't come that game," and

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FRIDAY, Dec. 14. SENATE .- Mr. SEWARD, Mr. FESSENDEN and Mr. STUART severally gave notice of their in cention to introduce bills for harbor, river and lake improvements.

House resumed the balloting for Speaker.

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	Mr. A. K.	MARSHALL	moved	that	when	t

House adjourn it be to Monday. While the roll was being called, gentlemet

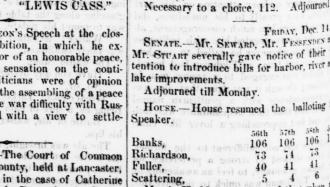
now and then, instead of voting Yea and Nay, responded "Banks" and "Richardson," for the moment believing they were voting for Speaker.

This misapprehension occasioned repeat outbursts of laughter and cries, "That show the effect of habit," "The ruling passion strong in death," "Stick to your candidate, my boys Ha ! ha ! ha !" &c.

Mr. Marshall's motion was then lost by vote of 36 against 185.

Mr. ETHERIDGE -Believing that nothing a

Mr. CUMBACK here announced a meeting



was under arrest.