

FROM WASHINGTON.

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 in a pure anti-Nebraska triumph.

Chloroform and Robbery on the Cars.

We find the following in the Ilion (N.Y.) Independent, showing how villainously a lady passenger 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 Poughkeepsie on Thanksgiving night under the following circumstances:—She was on her return home from Baltimore, where she had been to visit Mrs. Hawkins, 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.

No Speaker yet! is the exclamation upon every one's lips, upon the arrival of the mail—nor 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 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.

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 The Ledger as a vehicle for business advertising.

MURDER, ARSON AND SUICIDE.—It is reported, upon authority which appears to be reliable, that within a few days past, in or near Slater-ville, 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 her 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.

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.

The young wife of Gov. Wright, of Indiana died a few days since, at the residence of her parents in Kentucky. She had been married only about a year.

The Know-Nothing were defeated at 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.

WASHINGTON LETTER-WRITERS speak of the enormous prices charged by the Boarding House keepers, in that City, for board. The first class hotels, charge \$15 per week and poor fare at that. One member of Congress was asked \$96 per week for himself and family, nearly double the amount of his pay.

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 pernicious habit, but without effect.

Bradford Reporter.

E. O. GOODRICH, EDITOR.

TOWANDA:

Saturday Morning, December 22, 1855.

TERMS.—One Dollar per annum, invariably in advance. Four weeks previous to the expiration of a subscription, notice will be given by a printed wrapper, and if not received, the paper will in all cases be stopped.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—For a square of ten lines or less, One Dollar for three or less insertions, and twenty-five cents for each subsequent insertion.

CONGRESS.

THE SPECIAL COURT advertised for next month, has been postponed indefinitely, of which all persons interested will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

ACCIDENT.—Our fellow-townsmen, 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 Printing we would say that our facilities for executing almost every description of Job Printing are not excelled in Northern Pennsylvania. We have just added to our assortment, several fonts 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 Tunkhamock 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. MAFFER'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 of the Association was held at the Court House, in the borough of Towanda, on Monday evening, Sept. 5, 1855, CHARLES R. COBURN, President, in the chair. On motion, Wm. C. BOGART was appointed Secretary.

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 confer 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 exorbitant 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 chorists, 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. E. Satterlee et al. vs. Guy Toser.—This case 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 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 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.

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 birthday 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.

NEW BAKERY.—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.

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WOOD PAPER.—Mr. Beardley's extensive paper mills at Little Falls, N. Y., will be ready 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.

Alexander Mahon Esq., formerly speaker of the Senate, State Treasurer &c., died at his residence in Harrisburg on Monday last.

XXXIVTH CONGRESS.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12, 1855.

SENATE.—Mr. Cass moved that the Senate proceed to the election of the Standing Committee. This being agreed to, he remarked that it has been usual to dispense with the election by ballot as required by the rules, and he expressed the hope that in order to expedite business, the same course should now be pursued.

Mr. Hale objecting, the Senate proceeded to ballot, with the following result: Committee of Foreign Relations—Mason, Douglas, Silldell, Clayton, Weller and Fish. Finance—Hunter, Toucey, Pearce, Stuart, Brodhead and Critteniden. Commerce—Hamlin, Dodge, Stuart, Seward, Clay and Benjamin. Manufactures—Wright, Allen, Harlan, Wilson and Trumbull.

Agriculture—Allen, Hunter, Thompson of New Jersey, Harlan and Wade. Military Affairs—Weller, Fitzpatrick, Johnson, Jones of Tenn., Pratt and Iverson. Militia—Houston, Dodge, Bell of N. Hampshire, Thompson of Ky., and Biggs. Naval Affairs—Mallory, Fish, Thompson of N. J., Bell of Tenn., James and Silldell. Public Lands—Stuart, Johnson, Foot, Clayton, 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, Iverson, Yulee and Wade. Revolutionary Claims—Evans, Reid, Hale, Foster and Durkee. Judiciary—Butler, Toucey, Bayard, Geyer, Toombs and Pugh. Post Offices and Post Roads—Rusk, Colamer, Adams, Hamlin, Jones of Iowa, and Yulee.

Roads and Canals—Silldell, 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, Pratt and Reid. Patents—James, Evans, Stewart, Brown, Thompson of Ky., and Fessenden. Retrenchment—Adams, Fitzpatrick, Fish, Biggs and Critteniden. Territories—Douglas, Jones of Iowa, Colamer, Bell, Sebastian and Biggs. Contingent Expenses—Evans, Wright and Foot. Public Buildings—Bayard, James, Hunter, Thompson of N. Jersey, Pratt and Hale. Engrossing Bills—Fitzpatrick, Colamer and Wade. Library—Pearce, Cass and Bayard. Enrolled Bills—Jones of Iowa and Sumner. The first named of the gentlemen on each of the committees was elected chairman.

HOUSE.—The House resumed the balloting for Speaker with the following result: 46th 47th 48th 49th 50th Banks, 106 106 105 105 105 Richardson, 74 74 74 75 75 Fuller, 33 33 32 33 33 Orr, 2 1 2 1 1 Lester, 1 2 2 2 2 Scattering, 8 8 8 8 9

Whole number of votes polled 225—necessary to a choice 113. After the 50th ballot, Mr. Sage moved that the House adjourn, which was agreed to—yeas 111, noes not counted. So the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, Dec. 13. SENATE.—Mr. JONES (Iowa) submitted a resolution authorizing certain Committees to 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.

HOUSE.—The House resumed voting for a Speaker, with the following result: FIFTY-FIRST BALLOT. Banks, 105; Fuller, 33; Richardson, 75; Lester, 2. Scattering, 9. At the conclusion of the call of the roll, Mr. McMillen 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. GIBBONS (loudly)—What is the proposition? Mr. HORTON—You can't compromise principle, Mac! (confusion). Mr. GIBBONS (impatiently)—What is it? Mr. HORTON (from the opposite side of the Hall)—It is you. Come over to us—A fair proposition. [Laughter]. Mr. GIBBONS—Make it now. Mr. HORTON—All of you promise to come over to us, and I'll make it now [laughter]. (Cries of "You can't come that game" and "No doubt but you'd agree" [murmur].)

Banks, 52; Fuller, 104; Richardson, 75; Lester, 34; Pennington, 2; Scattering, 7. Necessary to a choice, 112. Adjourned.

FRIDAY, Dec. 14. SENATE.—Mr. SEWARD, Mr. FESSENDEN and Mr. STUART severally gave notice of their intention to introduce bills for harbor, river and lake improvements. Adjourned till Monday.

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Mr. A. K. MARSHALL moved that when the House adjourn it be to Monday. While the roll was being called, gentlemen now and then, instead of voting Yes and No, responded "Banks" and "Richardson," for the moment believing they were voting for a Speaker.

This misapprehension occasioned repeated outbreaks of laughter and cries, "That shows 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 a vote of 36 against 185.

Mr. ETHERIDGE—Believing that nothing could be accomplished by voting further to-day, move the House adjourn. Mr. CUMBACK here announced a meeting