WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 8, 1856. A President of the United States for the ensuing four years is to be chosen within nine months ensuing and inangurated within eleven; yet, outside of the narrow though active and nfluential circle of office-seekers, the subject has as yet attracted but slight and languid at tention. I hall this as an evidence that the People are disposed to shorten the duration of our quadrennial contests for President, wherein I think they evince good taste and good sense. One of Father Merriam's 'heated terms' seldon outlasts a week, and we are all tired enough of it before it lets go of us; why, then, should we wantonly afflict ourselves with a Presiden tial heat of six or eight months duration?-The waste of time, the damage to good habits, the distraction of the popular mind from more salutary themes, are deplorably obvious; and why could we not as well finish the canvass in two months as in ten? I heartily wish it were forbidden to nominate a candidate for the Presidency until after the 4th of July, or to make a stump speech in behalf of one until after having and wheat-harvest. Accordingly, if I were any sort of a Know-Nothingeven of the bogus Choctaw stripe-I should side with that section which wants the Grand Council at Philadelphia to adjourn over on the 22d without making a nomination. It is no time now to open a Presidential canvass .-How can you expect to get up the steam with a fresh recollection of the mercury below zero for days together? Better put the nomina tion over to May, at the earliest.

We hear a good deal from New York of George Law as a candidate for the Know-Nothing nomination; but if he have friends here they are very still ones. Mr. Fillmore would seem to be the favorite, though Messrs. Clayton, Crittenden, Botts, Wm. R. Smith and I. D. Campbell have been suggested. But Mr. Campbell is a Free-Soiler, and so stands no shadow of a chance. No man has a look for the "National American" nomination who is not docile to all the exactions of Slavery .-And so that the men be of the required stamp, I think the platform on which they are mount ed will be made as vague and inoffensive as possible. At least, such is the tendency now uppermost here. The wiser leaders will spare no effort, grudge no condescension to avoid the disaster of a bolt. And yet it is possible that the counsels of Southern Hotspurs may over-

-As to the Democratic National Convention at Cincinnati in May, it is plain that Gen Pierce is as yet the leading candidate for its Presidential nomination. Throwing New York out of the account, I think he has up to this time as many Delegates elected as all his rivals. He is likely to have a decided majority of delegates from the Slave States, though Tennessee is reported against him; and as the Soft-Shell Delegation from our State will doubtless agree to go for him or for anybody else who can secure their admission in prefer ence to the Hards, I think an arrangement can be made by which they shall be addmitted and he nominated. Still the chances all run against an incumbent, and especially one of whom the country is weary, and I shall believe in his renomination when reliably assured that it has been effected. Should the Hard Dele gation from our State be admitted, Gen. Pierce's prospects would be suddenly and deeply obscured, as New York's thirty five votes would then count against him and for Dickinson, while Pennsylvania goes solid for Buchanan and Ohio is scattered, but said to be principally for Douglas. I suspect Mr. Pierce's renomination hinges on the contested claims to represent New-York.

As to the Republican conference at Pittsburgh on the 22d inst., I believe none expect a nomination from it, and I do not perceive the necessity of sending to it large a delegations from the various States. To form the nucleus of a National Organization, and fix on the time and manner of concentrating and declaring the choice of the party for President and Vice-President, are objects which thirty men could deal with as safely and wisely as five hundred. I presume many more delcgates have been chosen from some States than

As to Republican candidates I have heard the names of Govs. Chase and Seward, Mr. Banks and Col. Fremont suggested in this connection, but none of them in such manner as to indicate partisonship or personal devotion .-Not until after the debates on Kansas, which are soon to convulse both houses, shall we be ready even to guess who ought to be supported for President next Autumn. No one aspires to the nomination, but I trust no one upon whom it naturally devolves will feel at li berty to decline it. Should events in Kansas take the course which now seems probable, the Republican candidates, if wisely chosen, will nearly or quite sweep the Free States next November. Let us, then, calmly and vigilantly watch the progress of affairs, guarding alike against despondency and overweening confi-

SHOOTING AFFRAY .- On last Saturday night a shooting affray occurred at the Key Stone House, in Lancaster, Pa., which has caused considerable excitement. Geo. W. M'Elroy, Esq., his wife, and step-son, named Edson M Shears, board at the Keystone House. On last Saturday night, Mrs M'Elroy desired her son to remain in her room until her husband came, giving as a reason, that he was indulging in liquor, and that she apprehended vio-lence when he came home. Edson remained with his mother, until about half past 10 o'clock. when Mr. M'Elroy arrived. Immediately upon entering the room, he commenced using opprobrious epithets towards the mother and son, when the latter requested him to desist, he ordered him from the room, and attempted to eject him. The lad went out, but in a few moments, hearing a noise in the chamber, entered and found Mr. M'Elroy assaulting his wife .-He attempted to interfere, when M'Elrov laid hands upon him. On releasing his hold he again attacked his wife; her son then commanded him to desist, when he turned towards him, and the boy presented a pistol. It was cocked, but he has no recollection of pulling the trigger. It was over in a few moments. and his next recollection was seeing Mr. M'Elroy down on his knees, with blood streaming from his face. He immediately started for Dr. J. L. Atlee, and told him he had shot Mr. M'Elroy, and gave him the pistol. The Doctor proceeded at once with the lad to the Keystone House, and there dressed the wound. The wound inflicted is on the right side of the face. It is not considered dangerous. Young Shears was committed to answer. He is only 15 years of age, and a mild, sickly boy.

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Mr. Dallas as Minister to England. Republican.

#### The Parsons Case.

ons case, which gave rise to such a flarry of indignation in the Virginia Legislature, we learn from the Holliday burg Register, was disposed of last week in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Blair county. The journal mentioned states that Parsons appeared to answer to the charges. answer to the charges, and plead not guilty. He was accompanied by J. Randolph Tucker, Esq., who appeared on behalf of the Com-monwealth of Virginia, for the defence, and

by Hon. Chas. Faulkner, another eminent lawyer of that State. With these were associat ed T. C. McDowell, Esq., and Hon. Samuel Calvin, of the Hollidaysburg Bar. On the part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, E. Hammond, Esq., District Attorney, and Messrs Blair and Hoflus were the attorneys.

The facts of the case were about these.—Several slaves had ran away from the neigh-

borhood of Romney, Va., taking with them one or more horses, and they were pursued by Mr. Isaac Parsons (owner of a runaway answering the description of the man arrested in Gays-port,) and by his nephew Mr. James Parsons, jr., and several other persons. In Bedford county these men separated, Isaac Parsons go-ing across the mountain toward Johnstown or omerset, and James Parsons, jr., coming to place, with verbal authority from Mr Isaac Parsons to seize the runaway referred to wherever he might find him. He met the man claimed, in the cars in Gaysport, and both jumped out, and the man was finally secured;

Parsons charging him with stealing a horse, and again with being a runaway. But before he got the negro away a crowd gathered, and the negro protesting against having stolen a

horse or knowing anything about his claimant. Gen. Potts and others demanded of Parsons an exhibition of his warrant or authority for the arrest, reminding him that he was in Pennsylvania and must act in accordance with our laws, and assuring him at the same time. that every man present would aid in the execution of the laws. To these demands Parsons replied. D-n Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania laws; I will take him under a higher law. At one time Parsons put his hand in his coat pocket as if to draw either a revolver or a paper authority, and said, D-n you, I'll show you my authority.

During all this time, the negro was striving to get away from Parsons, and finally he got loose, and soon disappeared, and was not again arrested, From this state of facts, and especially as they appeared in their detailment be fore the Court, it was plain the indictment could not be sustained,-that Parsons was not guilty of attempting to kidnap, and that the excitement on the occasion did not amount to a breach of the peace-the District Attorney therefore, on leave of the Court, entered nolle prosequi, and so ended the suit without argument or reference to the jury.

#### Public Meeting.

At a meeting of the citizens of Pike township, convened at the house of Dennison Johnson, GEO. W. BRINK was called the chair and O. W. STEVENS and C. KEENEY appointed Secretaries. Whereupon the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted

That whereas, from a disruption of all former organizations consistent with the advancement of civil liberty, and a proper regard for the sentiments and interests of a great majoritv of the people of these United States, it has become necessary for the People, in the free exercise of their sovereign rights, to assemble and organize associations for the purpose of giving expression and influence to their collected mind and will; therefore, we the citizens of Pike township, in Bradford county, being assembled in pursuance of previous notice, at the house of Dennison Johnson, on this Wednesday the 16th day of January, A D. 1856, do associate ourselves together under the name the "Independent Republican Association of Pike township," and do resolve as follows,

That while we pity and deplore the great hindrance to the progress of our free institutions in advancing the happiness and best interests of mankind, consequent upon the institution of domestic slavery as it exists in the Southern States, we will faithfully and patiently submit to all the just requirements of the Constitution, and cheerfully (as we can) submit to and bear our full share of the odium and dishonor consequent upon the toleration of slavery in this Republic.

Resolved, That we will resist even unto death the re-establishment of domestic slavery in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, either by the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial auhority of the State or United States.

Resolved. That we will maintain the integrity of the Union of these States, by refusing our support or countenance to the extension of slavery in any direction, either east, west, north or south, and thus prevent by all lawful means the premature decay and consequent speedy olution of this heretofore glorious Union.

Resolved, That while we do not arrogate to ourselves the right to dictate to the indeendent electors in the selection of the individual candidates to be supported by them at the election poll, we do claim the right of suggesting to the consideration of our fellow-cititens, such names of persons to be supported at the coming elections as we believe will best serve the cause we have espoused.

The officers of this association shall be elected by a majority of the votes of the members, and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, a Finance and executive committee.

On motion, the meeting proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, when the following persons were duly elected :-

President-JOHN BLACK. Corresponding Secretary-GEO. W. BRINK. do. C. KINNEY. Executive Committee-O. W. Stevens, Simeon Brink, Ira H. Smith, Stephen Brink, Wm.

B. Stevens R. W. Coolbaugh. Finance committee not yet elected. Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the County papers with a request to other papers friendly to the formation of these associations to copy.

Fires .- On Saturday night last, the dwelling house of Mr. William Ely, in Bridgewater, was discovered to be on fire, and the inmates barely had time to escape. The flames had so far advanced when discovered that nothing could be done to arrest their progress, and the

house soon burned to the ground.

On the following day, Sunday, the 3d inst. the dwelling house of the Widow Butterfield in the south part of Bridgewater, took fire and was destroyed.

Too much vigilance cannot be exercised in the care of the hot fires rendered necessary by the present extreme cold weather .- Montrose

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#### PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

The Speaker of the Senate presented a petition from citizens of Ulster and Sheshequin townships, Bradford county, praying for the repeal of the law of last session, authorizing H. S. Davidson to establish a ferry across the Susquehanna river at Ulster. Also, two from citizens of said county for the passage of a law to reduce the number of School Directors, and allow them moderate pay, and for a uniform school tax; and one for the repeal of the part of the school law relative to County School Superintendents: also one for a prohibitory li-

Mr. GETZ has reported in the House an Act which provides that on the trial of indictments for writing or publishing a libel, the truth of the matter charged as libellous, may be given in evidence; and if the jury in any such case shall find that the act was induced by good motives, and with no malicious intent, and the matter so charged is true, it shall operate to the acquittal of the defendant or defendants.

That in actions for damages for the writing or publishing a libel, where the truth is pleadand given in evidence, if it be found that the same was written or published properly for public information, and with no mischievous or malicious motives, the jury may find for the defendant or defendants.

The Judiciary Committee in the House reported adversely upon the bill, changing the venue in the case of Passmore Williamson vs. John K. Kane, from Delaware county to Phil-

The bill to abolish the office of County Superintendent of Common Schools was also reported, with a negative recommendation.

The joint resolution instructing our Senators. &c., to vote for the repeal of the Nebraska-Kansas act, and the substitution of the Oregon bill therefor, was debated at some length, and indefinitely postponed-yeas 51, nays 31.

The House bill repealing the Liquor law of last session, makes slow progress in the Senate. There seems to be a disposition to enact a stringent license law, before passing it. Mr. WILKINS' bill was taken up on Tuesday week, debated and postponed.

Foreign News .- The new steamship Persia, of the British and North American line, arrived in New York on Saturday morning.

The Persia brings intelligence of further progress towards peace. Orders have been transmitted from St. Petersburg to the Russian army in the Crimea to cease all further hostilities until the results of approaching negotiations be

It is also stated that the French and English Cabinets have come to a perfect agreement as to the mode in which the negotiations are to be carried on. At the same time the belligerent Powers continue their preparations for an earnest continuance of the war should peace result from the present endeavors.

It was stated, but afterwards contradicted. that Gens. Pelissier, Codrington and Omer Pasha had, like Gorchakoff, received orders from their respective Governments to stop hostilities: such orders will not be sent till an armistice be formally concluded.

It is hoped that such armistice may be signed on or about the 2d of February.

These favorable indications have given increased advance and firmness to the funds, English and Continental. In Turkish, especially, speculations has been extremely active.

A Complimentary Supper was given to Judge AVERY on Saturday night last by the citizens of Owego, on the occasion of his removing to the city of Flint, Michigan. The affair "came off" at the Ah-wa-ga House, and we have a glowing account of the spirit manifest on the occasion and the superb entertainment prepared by our old friend BROWER.

The steamship Pacific, sailed from Liverpool on the 23d ult., and is now several days day of March next, for the purpose of deteroverdue, causing serious apprehension as to her safety. A steamship was dispatched from New York on Saturday last in search of the missing

We have as yet no report of the Committees of the House at Washington. It seems to be generally conceded that Mr. Grow will be Chairman of the Committee on Territories. and Mr. L. D. CAMPBELL of Ways and Means.

Gen. Cass, on Friday last, met with severe accident, by falling down the steps of the Patent Office. Serious apprehensions were at first entertained, but late advices report him out of danger, and rapidly recovering.

A gang of horse theives, reaching from Westmoreland county, through Luzerne to the Unadilla river, in New York, has been detected, and some of the gang are arrested.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

citizen of this County, died at his reside Athens township, on Monday morning very suddenly of apoplexy. Mr. S. was phew of Col. JOHN FRANKLIN, so celebra the pioneer history of this valley-and had rel near Athens since his birth, being in his 68th year. He enjoyed in an eminent degree the respect and esteem of the many who knew him, as an upright and honest man. For many years he had been a zealous mason, and his hs were deposited in the grave on Wednesday last, by his brethren of the mystic tie, in accordance with ancient usage, and with the solemn and impressive ceremonies of the order. al and

Township Officers.—The following is a list of the most important township officers elected in January last :--

Athens borough—Judge of Election, Wm H Overton; Inspectors, T T Huston, I N Erans; Assessor, H W Patrick; Justice, H C Baird; Constable, John Snell, Jr. Athens tp.—Judge, Ebenezer Dunham; Inspectors, Solomon Bosworth, Jerome S Wolcott; Assessor, Jason K Wright; Justice, S S Clark; Constable, Nathan Edminster, Wm H Sible.

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Albany—Judge, Moses Miller; Inspectors, Darins Green,
J P Ormsby; Assessor, P H Wilcox; Justice, Cooper
S Mosber; Constable, S Chapman.

Asylum—Judge, Daniel C. Miller; Inspectors, William T
Grant, W R Griffis; Assessor, J H Stalford; Constable,
G H Morrow.

Armenia—Judge, A Burnham; Inspectors, F G Pierce,
C N Smith; Assessor, J P Burnham; Justice, Robert
Mason; Constable, Jno Jerolomon.

Burlington borough—Judge, J E Vosbarg; Inspectors, G
Golden, Chester Kingsley; Assessor, D A Ross; Constable, Asahel Smith;

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Canton—Judge, Enoch Sellard; Inspectors, James A Rogers, John J Reynolds; Assessor, J M Foster; Constable, John S Adams.

Columbia—Judge, P W Besley; Inspectors, O O Besley, Joseph Gladding; Assessor, Ira Webber; Justice, John Morgan; Constable, M S Ayres.

Durell—Judge, F X Homet; Inspectors, Honry Stevens, I Emps. Assessor, I Kilmer, Constable, D.J. Starton.

I Emis; Assessor, J. Kilmer; Constable, D.L. Staates, Tanklin—Judge, David Allen; Inspectors, Hiram Rockwell, Ezra B Bacon; Assessor, D J Beardsley; Constable, James P Burnham.

iranville—Judge, Isaac Putnam; Inspectors, Harry Bailey, George Curtis; Assessor, S A Rockwell; Constable, C D Ross.

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Herrick—Judge, C A Squires; Inspectors, John S Angle, Andrew Overpeck; Assessor, Orlancy Stevens; Constable, William Hillis.

Litchfield—Judge, Hiram Merrill; Inspectors, Chas Vandusen, David Moore; Assessor, David McKinney; Justice, E Woloott; Constable, Rowen Merrill.

Leroy—Judge, J P Vanfleet; Inspectors, J H Packard, A W Hogeland; Assessor, Jesse Robart; Constable, R Palmer.

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Monroe boro—Judge, W H H Brown; Inspectors, Henry Walborn, Jadish Huntley; Assessor, Jacob Magill; Constable, Gould Phinney.

Monroe tp.—Judge, Hiram Sweet; Inspectors, J V Wilcock, Chas Hollon; Assessor, L E Griggs; Constable, H H Ingham.

Orwell—Judge, W P Payson; Inspectors, G W Hardy, J W Hill; Assessor, J W Alger; Justice, A Chubbuck; Constable, A G Mathews.

Overton—Judge, Jonathan Camp; Inspectors, Jas Sheedy, Isaac Freer; Assessor, G W Hottenstine; Justice, Wm Waltman; Constable, Daniel Heverly.

Pike—Judge, A B Beardsley; Inspectors, D M Bailey, E C Abbott; Assessor, Simcon Brink; Justice, C W Reynolds; Constable, Chandler Brink.

Ridgbury—Judge, Smith Hildreth; Inspectors, John Purcell, Ward Mandeville; Assessor, D H Burnham; Constable, Jesse Hammond.

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Rome—Judge, Philander Towner; Inspectors, C W Wood-ruff, H W Browning; Assessor, Oscar F Young; Jus-tice, Preceptor Forbes; Constable, Henry Wilmarth. Sheshequin—Judge, Obadiah Gore; Inspectors, James Sherwood, G W Blackman; Assessor, Samuel Griffin; Constable, John Brink.

Smithfield—Judge, C B Riggs; Inspectors, Israel Philips, A E Child; Assessor, Warren Allen; Justice, Wm E Barton; Constable, T J Wheeler. Springfield—Judge, David Knapp; Inspectors, Oliver Gates, D B Smith; Assessor, F Leouard; Constable, S D Harkness,

D Harkness, anding Stone—Judge, Nathaniel Mosher; Inspectors, Isaac Huff, John Taylor; Assessor, F S Whitman; Con-

stable, James W French.
South Creek—Judge, W J Evans; Inspectors, Levi Dewey, Merritt Glines; Assessor, A H Thompson; Justice, W Y Glines; Constable, Ira Crane.
sylvania boro'—Judge, L N Tinkham; Inspectors, H Furman, Horatio Allen; Assessor, Eli Burrett; Constable, F H Burrett.

Towanda—Judge, H L Scott: Inspectors, James Santee J H Scoville; Assessor, Samuel Dimmick; Constable,

J H Scoville; Assessor, Samuel Dimmick; Constable, James Santee.
Towanda boro:—Judge, J D Goodenough; Inspectors, E H Mason, G E Fox; Assessor, L H Scott; Constable, A J Noble; High Constable, G H Eaton.
Towanda North—Judge, S A Mills; Inspectors, M H Alloway, Francis Watts; Assessor, Wm H Foster; Constable, Wm J Mauger.
Troy township—Judge, James Wood; Inspectors, H Spalding jr., Austin Mitchell; Assessor, Allen Taylor; Constable, S N Rockwell.

ding Jr., Austin Michel; Assessor, Allen Taylor; Constable, S N Rockwell.

Froy boro'—Judge, Hosea Marsh; Inspectors, A G Landon, W P Newberry; Assessor, A D Spalding; Justice, I A Pierce; Constable, Nelson Adams.

Ilster—Judge, Ralph Bussell; Inspectors, C B Kitchen, Asa Forest; Assessor, G H Vandyke; Constable, J D Anthony.

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Wysox Judge, Peter Shores; Inspectors, Samuel Reynolds, C Owen; Assessor, tie; Constable, J B Hines.

Wyalusing Judge, John Fisher; Inspectors, Peter Stevens, Harry Elliott; Assessor, Joseph Gaylord; Constable, Lungal Leit, Assessor, Lungal Leit, Lungal L

vens, Harry Elliott; Assessor, Joseph Gaylord, Con-stable, James Lewis.

Wells—Judge, Alfred Seely; Inspectors, J B Ticknor, M J Carr; Assessor, Horace Dunning; Justice, Shubel Rowlee; Constable, James Mitchell. Warren—Judge, Wm W Stephens; Inspectors, J W Mur-phy, J J Corbin; Assessor, John Carey; Justice, tie; Constable, Lawi Reown.

pny, J J Corbin; Assessor, John Carey; Justice, tie; Constable, Levi Brown.
Windham—Judge, Julius Russell: Inspectors, W Barnes,
Nelson Loomis; Assessor, Samuel R Jakeway; Constable, John W Warner.

Minot—Judge, Jonathan Buttles; Inspectors, S S Covey
Jacob Shraner; Assessor, A T Wood; Justice, J H Turrell; Constable, J H Welles.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS

Com. vs. Orman Goodsell .- In this case, which was not concluded when we went to press last week, the jury find the defendant not guilty, but that he pay the costs. In the matter of the contested election in

Wilmot township, the Court appoint Thursday 21st inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M. for a hearing thereof, and the justice having the ballots is directed to bring the same into Court.

In the matter of the petition of certain legal voters of Wilmot township praying for a change of the place of holding the elections in said township, the Court direct that an election be held in the said township on the 7th mining upon the expediency of said change.

In the matter of the application of certain citizens of Pike township, for a division of said township, the Court after a hearing, decide against the application.

In the matter of Joseph Elsbree, a lunatic, jury having been called, after hearing evidence report to the Court that they find said Joseph Elsbree a lunatic. The Court appoint Ira Elsbree, a committee of the person and estate of said lunatic. Edward Marshall, a similar case, was also declared a lunatic.

In the matter of the application of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Columbia, the Court make a decree granting the petition to be incorporated. On motion of Mr. Macfarlane, HORACE S.

in the several Courts of Bradford County. Cornelius Hunsiker vs. John Eighmay-This found him dead.

Bradley was admitted an Attorney to practice

was an action upon a note entered February 28, 1855, for \$583,09, upon which a Fi. Fo. 28, 1855, for \$388,00, upon which the cas issued, returnable to September T. 185 Upon application of defendant to the Conjudgment was opened and issue granted, fendant plead offset by hauling a quantity timber, &c. Verdict for plaintiff for \$50.

Cash & Warner vs. Jessee Woodruff, Garishee of John Achla-After pannelling a jury and hearing, plaintiff takes a non pros.

· David Hapeman vs. Thomas Hart-The defendant had sold the plaintiff a dog, and some time thereafter had again taken the dog into his possession, whereupon plaintiff sues to reover the value of the dog. Verdict for defendant.

E. W. Baird vs. John M. Fox-Action of ejectment. This trial was progressing as we went to press.

MITCHELL'S NEW NATIONAL MAP.—The celebrated map publisher, Mr. Augustus Mitch-ELL, has recently issued a new map, which is one of the most important and comprehensive in contents of any map heretofore given to the

It embodies information of the late explorations through our western territories on a full scale, and also the route of Dr. Kane and his winter quarters, and gives a map of the Saudwich Islands on a much greater scale than in any other publication. It gives us a correct idea of our Union and its immediate surroundings. All the routes over the Isthmus of Panama and Tehuantepec, and the projected railroad from Vera Cruz to Acapulco, across Mexico, are laid down, and the disputed boundaries of the Mosquito territory, Nicaragua and Costa Rica are defined with much care .-The Central American portion of the map is particularly valuable, and taken from the most authentic sources. The steamer routes from New York to Mexico, Central America and the West Indies; the different lines projected for railroads to the Pacific, the Gadsden boundary line, and all the new territories of Utah, Kansas, Nebraska, Washington, Oregon, &c. are laid down with great precision. The statistical tables, the distance tables, the Census of every county in the United States, will be found extremely valuable.

This is a map absolutely necessary for every nan who intends to keep pace with the stirring occurrences of the times. DANIEL HARKINS has been appointed agent for this County, and the only person of whom they can be obtained, and intends to give every one an opportunity to procure this map, by canvassing the county. As Mr. H. is a citizen of this County, and known to be a man of honesty and integrity, the public will have no hesitation in placing implicit reliance in his representations.

JOHN H. POWELL, well known to lovers of the drama in the country, in days agonean actor of great versatility, and a man of fine sensibilities, died in Columbus, O., on the 25th ult. Poor Powell! He knew what it was both to abound and to lack.

Thos. E. Franklin, Esq., Attorney General of Pennsylvania, to whom was sub-Sylvaria, H L Coburn; Assessor, H Montgomery; Just York has a right, by the construction of a dam Judge, Augustine Lewis; Inspectors, Jackson mitted the question whether the State of New across the Chemung river, to supply with water the Chemung Canal, one of the public improvements of that State, and thus divert the water from the natural channel of the Chemung river into the Seneca lake, thereby materially diminishing the capacity of that river to supply the North Branch canal in this State. has given his opinion, founded on the law of nations, that such right does not exist, and that one State or nation cannot divert the waters of a public river from their natural channel to the detriment of the State or nation

> At length the long contested case of Col. FREMONT, for his Mariposa claim in California, has been finally adjudicated. The Supreme Court overruled the decision in the Circuit Court of California, which was made on technical exceptions taken by the Attorney-General, and re-affirmed its former opinion in such positive language, as to indicate, that trifling with its decrees would not be tolerated. Immediately after the last decision was made, an application was made to the Secretary of the Interior for a patent, and he has now decided to issue it, after consulting with the law adviser of the Government. This patent will be issued next week, and will cover a tract of 45,000 acres of land, among the most valuable in the world. It will be the largest instrument of the sort ever before made by the United States, and certainly covers many more millions of dollars than any other.

> FATAL ACCIDENT .- On Saturday, the 12th ult., says the Lycoming Gazette, a man named VINCENT LOPER met with an accident at Roaring Branch, four miles above Ralston, that terminated in his death on Saturday, the 26th. At the time the accident occurred, Mr. L was engaged with another man in procuring logs for a saw mill. The logs were on a hill side, and in "sliding" them to the bottom one struck his leg, crushing it in such a manner that amputation was found necessary. After a lapse of several days it was thought necessary for him to undergo a second amputation, during which, or soon after, he died. The deceased was about 25 years of age.

ANOTHER SUDDEN DEATH. - Epaphraditus Tiffany, an aged citizen of the eastern district of Owego, died suddenly, one day last week .--He went to the barn to feed his cattle, and being gone somewhat longer than usual, some member of his family repaired to the barn and of the season, the thermometer sinking

### Doings in Congress.

SENATE, Feb. 6.—Nothing done except to inquire into the condition of the poor of Washington and Georgetown. During discussion on motion to call for the Journal of the late Natal Retiring Board, the Senate ard, the Senate adjourned.

Horse.—Three ballots for Printer to the House were had, on the last of which O. Fol. let had 74, Cornelious Wendell 66, Robert Farnham 25, Nathan Sargeant 10, John T. Defrees 7, Ridgway 3, with 4 scattering.—Necessary to a choice 95. Adjourned.

SENATE, Feb. 6 .- A resolution inquiring into the expediency of an increase of the Navy was submitted. The resolution directing the Finance Committee to report the Annual Appropriation bills was adopted. Adjourned to Monday.

House.—The resolution for the election of a Public Printer was reconsidered, and then, during the discussion on another resolution to proceed with the election, the House adjourned

The election of Mr. Banks, demonstrates how strongly the Kansas Question overrides all other national issues. Although a radical Democrat under the former division of parties, two-thirds of the votes by which he was elected were cast by old-line Whigs. Never a Tariff man, yet he had the unanimous vote of the New England Tariff States, and was also sustained by the most carnest Tariff Districts in Pennsylvania, as well as by the unyielding Champion of Protection, Horace Greeley.

The Nullifiers were inconsolably grieved with an alleged declaration of Mr. Banks that "if the Union was to be wrested from its original design of extending freedom and doing good to man, and become only a cunning instrument to propagate Slavery and human degradation, let her slide." We do not know as he ever said so, but if he did he need not be ashamed. Yet it was too bad to "steal the Southern thunder," with which they have, for twenty years, frightened the North to terms Let the North talk Nullification when the South does, and the North is defeated at its own game, for the South would be the very last to "dissolve the Union."

Mr. BANKS holds to the sentiment of DANIEL WEBSTER when he was Daniel Webster: "Liberty and Union" (NOT SLAVERY AND UN-10x) "now and forever, one and inseparable." -Lewisburg Chronicle.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL. - Eeverything that facili. tates the escape of slaves has been pronounced we believe, unconstitutional. In this view of the case, we allege the freezing over of the Ohio River as decidedly unconstitutional, and we would call the attention of Congress to this matter. It breaks down one of the middle walls of partition between Slavery and the Gentile land of freedom, and slaves are availing themselves of this unconstitutional freak of the weather and river, and making their escape without any compunctions of conscience. We hear rumors of numerous escapes, and so insecure is slave property regarded now that many masters near the river are sending their slaves into the interior for sale or safe keeping. The moral character of Jack Frost and the tendency of his actions need investigation --The lynchers of Brady should examine into this matter, as it is doing more against the peculiar institution than he ever did. Where is Slawshawshearem and the rest of the Pottowatomies ?- Cincinnati Gazelle.

THE CASE OF REEDER .- There will be a strong fight in the House over the case of Reeder. We hope he may be admitted, if for no other reason than to rebuke the President for his indecent interference in what concerns the House alone. One of the most sacred prerogatives of the House, and dear to lovers of freedom, is the right to indee of the tions of its own members. For the first time in the history of our Government has the President attempted to invade the sanctity of this prerogative. He has had the insufferable andacity to tell the House that in his opinion Whitfield has the best claim to a seat. Such interference deserves a severe rebuke, and we hope it will be administered without stint. Pittsburg Gazette.

PROFITABLE EELING .- The Yarmouth (Mass) Register, of January 18th says : "The excessive cold weather last week came so suddenly that the eels on our coast had not sufficient warning to get into their winter quarters of mud, and consequently were overtaken by the frost, and frozen stiff as pokers. Hundredsof bushels of them were driven ashore, and barrels shipped for the city markets. We learn that some fifty or sixty barrels were last week sent from Orleans, via railroad, for New York, where they are esteemed a luxury, and meet's ready sale at from ten to twelve cents per

STRANGE, -The Easton Argus, says: lady of this place gave birth a few days sind to a very strange and pitiable creature. child, from some unknown cause, of course, not attained its full proportions and all faculties pertaining to common mortals, b born without eyes or mouth, and with brain, instead of being covered, exposed. W have not heard whether it is still living

AN ELEPHANT SWIMMING THIRTY MILES! The Charleston Erening News understand that the elephant which was lost overboard from a vessel bound to that port, made its way safely into Mount Pleasant harbor! The rese was thirty miles out at sea, and a heavy gale was blowing when the elephant went overboard Its feat of outriding the storm, is, we suppose, the most remarkable instance of animal strength and endurance on record.

The factions who "fused" so long prevent the election of Banks, cost the U. Treasury not far from \$300,000. All this, 10 "crush out Freedom," which had clearly es pressed her detestation of the Nebraska about

E. H. JANESEN, the late State Treas er of Wisconsin, is reported to be a default to the amount of \$40,000.

METCALF has just been nominated !! the American State Convention of New Ham shire, as their candidate for Governor.

Wednesday night last was the col deg. below zero.