Reports of the Department

POST OFFICE.

The Report of the Postmaster G shows a net increase of 862 Post Office ring the year ending the 80th of June, the whole number of offices at that dat ing 24,410, and on the 30th of Nove 24,770. On the 30th of June last there 7 933 mail routes, at an estimated length of 277.908 miles. The total annual transportation of mails was 67,491,166 miles, costing 51 per cent, and of \$675,251 cost, or about not specified. 3.575.177 miles-while the transportation by coaches is less by 2,825, \$28 miles and by steamboat 1, 336,656 .--This change results mainly from the reletting of contracts in many of the Southern and Western States and Territories. On the 30th of June last there were in service 319 route agents at a compensation of \$235,170, 65. 100: 29 local agents at \$18,328; and 981 mail messengers at \$1600, 471 65; making a total of \$354,970,00 to be added to the cost of transportation. This makes the total amount for the current year \$5, 824, 980 20, which will probably be increased to \$6,000, 000, by new services and routes. The cost Wemounts to \$611,467. The Postmaster states wet on the 3d of April last, he concluded a atract with Mr. James F. Joy, to convey he mails from Cario to New Orleans and back, daily, he having full power to negotiate such contracts on behalt of the Illinois Central Railroad, but though the latter used every exertion to comply with their engagement, they failed to do so from the high price this paper. demanded of them by the owners of the boats on the line, and the route was accordingly advertised for reletting;

The new distribution schemes have been completed, and each distributing office has now alphabetical lists of all the counties in all the States, except California. In accordance with the late act of Congress, suitable measures have been adopted to put in opera-tion the new system of registering valued letters, but it has not been sufficiently long in operation to be able to form a just estimate of the success of the plan. The Postmater has however, found abundant proofs of its usefulness, and of the necessity of bringing it to perfection.

The expenditures of the Department for the last fiscal year amount to \$9,968,342, and the gross revenue derived from postages, (inland and foreign.) are \$6,612,196 13, which. adding the anual appropriations made in compensation of mail service to the govern-! ment, by the acts of the 3d of March, 1851. amount to \$7,342,139 19. Deducting the balance against the United States due to Foreign Powers, for postal accounts, from the Murray Whallon, Esq., of Erie, mentioned for above the actual gross revenue of the Department for the year ending 30th June, 1855, will be \$7,335,117. The gross revenue of 1854. after deducting foreign balances: a- ted by the fourth of March Convention. We in private life. But a few short years rolled

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tend

Last week we sent bills to a portion of our a poor orphan boy, without influential or just !" subscribers who are in arrears to, the arm of wealthy friends, thrown upon the world at a \$5,345,238. Compared with the service of Chase & Day, and this week we send more. tender age to become the architect of his own the year previous, there is an increase of 3, Our object is to let our friends know the fortunes. He was apprentized to the printamount of their indebtedness so that they ing business, young, poor, and friendless. But, 14. 4. 100 per cent. The increase by rail- can forward the amounts, or call when in in the mind of that boy the Almighty had road service is 3,489,132 miles; by modes town and arrange it. The firm is now dis planted the choicest germ of intellect and solved, and of course, like everybody else we manhood. From day to day, and from year are anxious to settle our matters up. The to year he toiled on amidst poverty, and the bills are made out at the arrearage price for cold indifference which his lot always secures the paper, \$2,50 per year. To these who at- from the world. He was only a poor orphan promptly to our necessities, from printer boy in the eye of the world about this time and during Court week, and are two him; but, within, there struggled an ambiyears in arrears, still continuing their sub tion, a will, an intellect and a consciousness scription, one dollar and fifty cents will be of worst and intellectual power. Who can deducted. Those who are not more than one tell, that has not experienced it, the hours year in arrears, will have a receipt for two of bitter agony, the mortification that the reyears for \$3, the advance terms. Come friends, buffs of an unfeeling world often inflicted upyou have had bountiful crops, high prices, on the sensitive heart of that poor orphan of foreign mail service. not included here, and are fult of money. Let us settle up printer ! And yet, nothing daunted he strugpromptly and save money on both sides. CHASE & DAY.

J.F.S." Prettier than ever, and in his pathway. Snatching every leisure most welcome. We must have the name in full. We cannot remain in ignorance of our gifted correspondent. Received to late for

17 This week disposes with the Sheriff's sales for this Term, together with considerable other legal advertising. We hope to supply their place with good reading matter.

The New York Legislature is in the same fix that they are at Washington-the House can't organize. Some fifty ballots have been had with no result. Wonder if the people are not about sick of this fusion party? We should think they would be.

Ko We learn from Harrisburg that the bias received by the Governor for the Public Works, only'refer to the Columbia Railroad. It strikes us that it would be ruinous to the State to sell that, without selling with it the Main Line of Canal. We trust no such forly will be consummated.

Auditor General.

We have seen the name of our old friend. the office of Auditor General.

We should be pleased to see him nomina-

"Ged is Just." It is in vain that men controvert this an- State. Retributive, Justice in his person ent saying of the Mahomedan Prophet,- once trampled upon, has at last,-and sooner God is just." Evidences of its truth may than even he could have anticipated-overfound in everyday occurrences, not less taken those who betrayed him. To them we

gled on. One obstacle after another was overcome, and still others reared themselves hour, he applied himself to study and reflection. Years rolled by and he became a man His intellectual strength and energy impress-

ed themselves upon the community about him. His high moral purpose and just conceptions of manhood drew around him friends: and, while yet but a young man, we find him invested with the people's trust, entering the Legislative councils of a great Common wealth. That young man-the orphan-the

poor printer boy-was WILLIAM BIGLER OF Pennsvlvania ! " God is just !" We need not trace his career in detail through the long period of his service in the

councils of the State, for it is fresh in the minds of our people. But there, as in more obscure life, his character was marked by those noble virtues that preeminently adorn the man and the statesman. Laborious and untiring in the discharge of his duties, indefatigable in his researches, noble, wanty and patriotic by nature, he grew in the confidence of the people of his Commonwealth, not less than in the love and pride of his immediate constituents, finally closing his career in the

Senate with the highest honors that body could bestow. "God is just !" Not long was WILLIAM BIGLER to remain

temple of Justice, ascended the platform to

bear his honors and uphold the fame of his sengers.

Comparatively a few years ago, there was worldly honors, as well as in the hearts of living in the western section of Pennsylvania the people, emulate his virtues,-for "God is

Things As they Arc.

It cannot be denied that the present time s full of peril to this government. We are in the midst of a political revolution, and though the mass of our people move on aparently unconcerned, still the danger is none the less, for its final consumation may thereby be reached before the people shall have been sufficiently aroused to avoid the

impending disaster. Nearly two months have passed in a fruitless attempt at Washington to organize the Congress. All efforts have thus far failed. The Government is paralyzed at the very time when all its energies should be in the most in her career of violated faith by the discordant and consequently weak position now noton.

of sectionalism and discord at the capitol. Men appear to have forgotten that any other nay both bellow at our doors, and vet the ubline patriotism and exalted statesmanship

either or both, sufficient to divert their attencontemplation of the woolly head and ivory ! Call you this statesmanship ! It should be is a species of low, grovelling demagoguism, and nothing else. The slavery question, both North and South, is found by charlatan gant appeals to imaginary evils. The hor- and at first, thought she was my wife; but rors of servitude are depicted in bloody colors,-the worst passions of men are aroused. and, without stopping to consider that they

obscurity.

Through the terrible ordeal that ensued he even purpose to do that ? Certainly not .---

or laid at his feet. But now was that Justice of the strong majority against it in the Sen-

which had so signally marked his past career, ate, be restored before Kansas will be dimit-

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are in no way responsible for Slavery in this government, and cannot ameliorate its conmounted to \$6,316,651 91, making a differ- believe he would add to the strength of the round before there assembled in the City of dition if they would, they rush to the ballot ence in favor of 1855 of \$518,519 10. The ticket by his popularity in the western part Reading one of the most intelligent and pa- box, and vote for the deceiver who plays up-

dent. Three persons Killed .- Narratives of Pas

In our edition of yesterday we gave a brie outline of the railroad accident which oc ban in the records of His dealings with His commend the saying, "God is just." If you curred on the day previous on the Hudson would occupy Withiam Biorka's position in River Railroad, near Poughkiepsie. Yestersie, and returned last night with full partie

up to a late hour last evening, together with wrecked cars in search of his wife, shrieking the evidence before the Coroner. The follow- for help, and calling on her name. But his ing account of the accident by a passenger words were only echoed by others equally we give in his own words :

STATEMENT OF MR. OSCAR J. HULL OF NEW HAVEN.

I was a passenger on the express train from Albany. The train I was on blew the whis the for the brakemen to break up about ten tus Blauchard, and then the friend took him minutes after the train left Poughkeepsie. I was in the hird car, and got out as soon as the train stopped, and ran back with the conductor to the flagman, to see what was the matter. The flagman told the conductor that there was a crack in one of the rails, just beand, to all appearances, the lower House is no three farmen in sight behind us toward nearer an organization than when it first met. Poughkeepsie, when our train stopped, and all of them ran back "toward Poughkeenste. The conductor shouted after the flagmen to come back, and two of then did ; the third harmonious operation. We are actually in flagman continued to run back toward the face of a war with Great Britain, who Pouglikeepsie, with a red flag in his hand, most undoubtedly is encouraged to persevere and we lost sight of him behind the curve. gladness at his safety, and bade him hope that from the oldest minister present with its re-One of the flagmen who came back got on the rear platform of the last car, and I did the same. The conductor got on about the midoccupied by the national Congress at Wash- dle of our train. (which consisted of four passenger cars.) As soon as the conductor got The most important questions of national on, the train began to move and at that inoncern are sacrificed by the rampant spirit stant the Poughkeepsie train came around the curve at full speed with two engines. I should think the distance between the endof the express train and the point at which than the Slavery question can ever be of suf- the Poughkeepsie train came in sight was ficient importance to engage the attention of about one fourth of a mile. Then I jumped injured. The above facts we learned from statesmen again. Foreign and domestic war from the car into the snow, after shouting to of the present day, can see no importance in other women jumped out, and my brother

various parties who witnessed them. Mr the people to get out as quick as they could Bhanchard took us into the room where his for there was a train behind us. A woman wife lay, and after showing us her sad conwith a child in her arms and two or three lition, he took the ministure of a beautiful woman from his bosom and said, "There is leaped out on the other side. My wife was what she was this time yesterday." Mrs tion for one moment from the enchanting in the middle of the hind car at the time, Blanchard has manifested, throughout her and got about half-way to the door when the sufferings, the most heroic fortitude; cheercollision took place. As the trains struck ing her husband, and exhibiting a spirit at one of the splinters hit me in the back and once hopeful and resigned. Her physicians dignified by no such exalted appellation. It knocked me into the river. When I got off are doing all that human skill .can do, and the ice I found that the two hind cars of the strong hopes are entertained that she will express train were all smasked to pieces. The recover.

scene that followed I cannot describe, it was WONDERFUL ESCAPE OF, A MOTHER AND CHILD. North and South, is found by charlatan so harrowing. My first thought was for my WONDERFUL ESCAPE OF A MOTHER AND CHILD. politicians to be a most excellent hobby with wife and I ran toward the ruins in search of Mrs. Webster of Peek-skill, with her infant in which to arouse the passions of the populace. her. I helped to pick up a woman who lay her arms, was sitting in the last car of the In the north it is done by the most extrava- on the track behind the Poughkeepsie thun, express train, when she saw the impending danger, and rushing to the door, spring out finding out my error [she proved to be the into the snow with her babe, and both escap- the party .- Washington Star. unknown Canadian] I ran further on, when I ed without injury.

saw that my brother and another person had now MESSRS. CUTTING, VAN BUREN AND LORD picked her up. Her dress was torn to rib-ESCAPED.

bons, and she was badly scalded on one side The Hou. F. B. Cutting, Smith Van Buof her face and head. We got her into one ren and Daniel Lord were in the rear of the of the cars of the Poughkeepsie train. While express train, when they saw the Poughkeepwe were in the cars three women and several sie train approaching, and immediately gave ezcess of expenditure for 1855 over that of of the State. He was last fall triumphantly triotic Conventions that ever assembled in on their passions only to obtain their votes. In about ten minutes the last train came up; rushed for the door and jumped off. Mr. 1854 is \$2,626,206 16. This excess is attri-buted narriv to the increase of compensation elected to the Legislature from the old Whig this great State. Its purpose was to place Well, he is elected to Congress; or some other and the wounded were all transferred to it Lord was the only one of the three who sus-

The Hudson River Railroan Acci- who was travelling with them, and in the so- it, and a portion of his under law. His clothe clety of his wife Mr. Blanchard forgot all about her until they arrived at Poughkeepsie, when Mrs. Blanchard suggested that he should go through the cars and see if he body was yesterday lying on the floor in the could find her. After the train had left the freight-house at Poughkeepsie, covered with Poughkeepsie depot, he set out on his errand a ragged Buffalo-robe. Papers found near and it was during this brief absence that the where he lay seem to show that his name calamity occurred. Mr. Blanchard sprang is James Gordon of Canada West, and it has out of the door of the car, and escaped unhurt been suggested that he was the busband of ulars of the accident, the names of the dead by leaping into the snow. As soon as the the insensible Canadian lady mentioned in and wounded, and the condition of the latter crash was over, he rushed wildly through the the list of wounded.

The President's Reception on New Year's Day.

The reception of the diplomatic Corps, by distracted whose relatives and friends were inthe President, at 11 o'clock, attracted quite volved in the common rain, or replied to by the cries and groans of the sufferers. For a concourse to the portico of the White House. They were disappointed, however, in the aptifteen minutes, which seemed as many hours, lifteen minutes, which seemed as many hours, he sought her everywhere without success. At pearance of equipages in which the dignita-he sought her everywhere without success. At ries arrived. The state liveries, which used to excite so much admiration from the darif the place where his wife lay. Aud what a kies, when Pakenhain, and Bodisco drove along, were not to be seen, and the carriages sad spectacle met his view! She who a few were of rather au ordinary description. But minutes before was radiant with beauty, and overflowing with her young joy, now lay be- when the inmates alighted, there was no lack fore him crushed and maimed and blacken. of diplomatic splendor. Cocked hats bor-ed so that he had not recognized her as his dered with white feathers, coats suff with fore the entrance to the tunnel. There were wife although he had passed her a score of rich gold and silver embroidery, brilliant dectimes during his search, supposing from her prations of various orders of knighthood small face that she was a poor colored , woman, swords, and other insignia of courtly favor. were abundant. Half crazed with sorrow he would have

At 11 o'clock the President accompanied thrown himself upon her seemingly lifeless by Mrs. Pierce, entered the "blue room" and body in his great grief, and have bewailed the diplomatists immediately paid their reher as dead, had not the bystanders held him spects. There was not any formal address back. Then his noble wife manifested her sponse, as in days past, but a truly democratall things would work together for good; that ic greeting, as the members of each legation she would yet live to make glad his heart. and to share his love. This was only one of presented themselves. Indeed, it would seem as if the President had carried out the idea many such scenes at the meeting of friends of the pater patria, who when consulted as to the ceremonial, replied : " Mrs. Washington's The unfertunate lady was taken to the Exwishes coincide with my own as to simplicity change House and placed under medical skill. of dress, and everything which can lend to Her left leg is fractured in two places, near support propriety of character without partathe ankle. One of her hands is badly cut. hing of the follies or luxury and ostentiation." and her face and bosom are scorehed or scal-It was a reception in every way befitting the ded nearly black, and her eyes are somewhat Chief Magistrate of a great Republic. General Almonte, the Mexican Minister, was the most resplendent, and Mr. Crampton. of England, the plainest in his dress among the Plenipotentiaries. The Spanish Minister, with his broad ribbon and many stars, the Sardinian Charge, in blue and silver, Baron Gerolt and his suite, the estimable Chevelier Hulseman, the Swedish Charge, and other noted diplomatists, graced the scene. They all appeared to pay especial attention to Se-nora Marcoleta who appeared as Minister from Nicaragua. The members of the Cabinet were present, excepting the Attorney General. who is absent on a visit to Newburyport, Mass. Sidney-Webster, Esq., the President's private secretary, District Marshal Hoover, and Dr. Blake with a blooming army of fe-

male loveliness, and a delegation of the officers of the army in full uniform, completed

AND WHEN ORGANIZED-The Ohio Statesmen, says of the opposition difficulty in or-

ganizing the house : But when they get organized, what are these fusionists likely to effect ? If they cannot in a forghtnight's balloting, agree among themselves as to a presiding officer, how are they to come together upon matters of legisation ?. Can they restore the Missouri

to Postmasters and Clerks of office, and partly to the increase of expenditures for transportation owing to the great extension of the railroad service . The condition of the Department goes to show that the rates fixed by the acts of 3d March, 1854, will not enable in this region. the Department to sustain itself by its own o resources.

Another cause of this excess of expenditure is attributed to the letters and documents carried free of charge for members of Con- Magazine or not. True, it is an able Review, gress and others, and to the immense amount and we could wish it success in the advocacy of printed matter conveyed at low rates .---The Postmaster General thinks that the reduction of fifty per cent, for advance payment on newspapers, is wholy without justification. He also recommends that pre-payment by stamps be made compulsory on all kinds of matter. The expenditure of the De- in that way again. If the publishers choose partment for 1856, is estimated at \$10,199, 024, and the means available for the same year, \$9,010,874, leaving a deficiency of \$1, ume at the end of the year, we will cheerful-188 151 to be provided for

Reference is again made to the fact that the aid and we lose the copy. Collins line of steamers receives from Government \$758,000 for twenty-six trips, while the British Government paid for Cunrad line \$866,709 for fifty-two trips, which in the opinion of the Postmaster General, is amply suf ficient. Measures have been recently taken to lay before the Mexican Government propo-The Report alludes at some length to the last | a full democratic vote. Report of the Postmaster General of Great Britain, and concludes by deprecating the denunciation of the Department for mistakes, carelessness, or neglect, instead of advising it apply the remedy.

Employing any person to make fictitious bids at an auction, or getting the auctioneer to "run the property up," renders the she once occupied, when her Buchanau was sale void. In reading, Pa, a few days since, numbered among the giant intellects of that a suit was brought on a promissory note, giv- intellectual forum. No political event in the en by a widow for the first payment on a property which she bid in for \$1601. at a public sale held by plaintiff. The defence was that the sale was illegal, the plaintiff Democracy of the State on the rock impreghaving employed what the law terms "puf- | nable. All honor to the Legislature of 18fers." at the sale-that is, individuals to make | 56 1 ficticious bids for the purpose of running up the property, and that is this way he got the property bid to \$1600, and then told defendant that if she would bid one dollar more she should have the property. She did so, and it was struck off to her and the note given. An effort was made on the other side: to contradict all this, and show that the property was not sold above its real value. The Court charged that the value of the property was of no consequence that the law does not allow fictitious bids, and that if " puffers" were employed, the sale was absolutely roid. Verdict for defendant.

Mr. Buchanan in Maine.

The Belfast Republican Journal, one of the ablest and most influential Democratic papers in the State of Maine, has raised the name of James Buchanan to the mast-head as its favorite candidate for the Presidency .---We make the following extract :

"Though a son of Pennsylvania, she caanot appropriate him, for he belongs to the whole Union. First in the Senate, first in the Cabinet, and first in Diplomacy among liv-

an does not desire the nomination, he will doubtless accede to the wishes of the Democracy when they shall have been fully made

and trues Democrats of that body. Success in the gift of a sovereign Commonwealth.--- his whole time is spent in keeping alive and

The United States Beview. We hardly know whether it is best to no-

its repose. At such a time, in view of the importance of success and the lamentable tice the January Number of this democratic consequences of defeat, all eyes were turned to the youthful statesman-the orphan prinof sound principles; but, heretofore we have ter boy-WILLIAM BIGLER, and he was nominated with acclamations that made the very found that, after noticing and putting forth a heavens thunder,-for, " God is just !" good-deal of exertion in its behalf, we have Never shall we forget that scene, while come out minus all the rest of the numbers yet the applause of that great multitude was for the year. We dont intend to be caught ecliping out upon the pleasent wind, announcing his unanimous nomination, when WILLto send us a copy so that we can have a vol-IAM BIGLER, conducted by a few friends passly aid its circulation. But they dont get the the thousands in and about that spacious

U.S. Senator.

return his heartfelt acknowledgements for the Friday evening last the democratic memgreat honors just loaded upon him. Overbers of the Legislature met in caucus and on powered with emotion, for some time he stood the sixteenth ballot nominated Hon. Ww. there like a marble statue, while peel after BIGLER for Senator of the United States, and peel of joyous acclamation rolled through the sals on the subject of a Postal Convention. on Monday he was triumphantly elected, by vast arches. Ah ! that was a proud day for the

orphan printer boy,-prouder in its republi-This result will be hailed with gladness can simplicity, and homage, than the ancient throughout the State and Union, as a most signal and deserved vindication of the deof the wrong committed, and leaving it to mocracy of Pennsylvania, as well as one of is just l" the purest statesmen of the day.

With BIGLEB in the Senate, Pennsylvania passed unscathed, and the people ratified that But, you say, we can restore the Missouri will again command in that body the position in the Executive chair,-for "God is just." past quarter of a century has contributed dwell upon, for every man in the State is fa- restoring the Missouri Compromise. Few miliar with its history. It was drawing to a there are indeed who would take that course more than this will contribute, to place the close, and so acceptable had it been that now, thus tacitly giving up all south of that again, by acclamation, was the proffered hon- line to Slavery. The line cannot, on account

A Rare Poem.

hid from human view. There rose up a day | ted as a State. So that course would not help On our first page this week we publish of dark contention and strife. In vain did matters in Kansas at all. Besides every inpoem of rare excellence by " Edith Mar."-It is one of those gems of literature that glisten and sparkle like " frost diamonds" in the clear morning sunlight, and we can see their magic glitter'' in every line of her delicate imagery. On this one little poem a writer might rest the reputation of a lifetime. If we mistake not this poem was originally published in Graham's Mgazine. some years since, with an engraving of " Frost Pictures." by tearing the well deserved honors from his should like to have it pointed out. We copy it now from the Philadelphia Bul- brow. Here, in our own District, there lived All good men, who love their country and

letin, credifed to the Poems of Edith May." men who did not believe, or remember, that her interests, must desire her repose, for with-It is unquestionably one of the purest in the "God is just," and so they bent to the dark out it, her prosperity and general interests and drew his fireman with him under the language, the delicate polish of the style re- purposes of treachery, and to secure the high are always most seriously affected. For this braces. He escuped with a slight cut in the Poughkeepsie. Vesterday her brother-in-haw minding us of the productions of Longfellow. places of the government for themselves, they | reason the re-opening of the Slavery question It is perhaps not generally known; even in betrayed WILLIAM BIGLER and he fell. Then was impolitic and wrong. It had been setthis county, by the masses of the people, that there was rejoicing in the dark places of the at a great sacrifice, and it should have "Edith May" is a resident of Mon trose. Miss oath-bound treachery, for they had prostrated remained so. But equally wrong is that Anna, daughter of Joseph Drinker Esq. of WILLIAM BIGLEB and were to receive their other course, which seeks to involve the counthis Borough is the veritable "Edith May." reward-a seat in the Senate of the United try in the most unhappy discord, when no ing statesmen, we believe him to be also first Few there are indeed, but have for years ad-"States. Ah! they forgot that "God is just," practical good-nothing but evil, can be atmired her writings, and paid due homage to -their hopes turned to ashes,-they did not tained thereby.

tower of strength in the contest of '56, we rounded by the independence of wealth and for themselves! Who will not say, " have departed from one usual course, and friends, the writes for the public bat seldom, just i" Blanchard was matried on the 7th of this was a man whose name is at present un auger. Vessels navigating these w mouth to Mrs. Farr, a most beautiful and ac- known. His death must have been quicker be sheathed to the water line or dise their sup appointed this same Mr. Fuller one of the Republican State Committee last fall. If he complished lady, at her home in De Kalb, St. than thought, for all that remained of him days are numbered. compared with others who have attained And now, high above the reach of his bethousands of the Democracy of Maine." C. L. BBOWN. ton as amistant messenger in the House. lence, semired by all, but straigable by few. people of his Commonwealth. Nobly will be thanks for public documents.

county of Ene, and ranks among the ablest before the people a man for the highest office er important place in the government, where and brought to Poughkeepsie. Mrs. Green of Utica died on the train just after we started for Poughkeepsie. The collision took to friend Whallon. If nominated we will Mementous consequences depended on the re- making worse, all this feeling on the Slavery place with a sound like r-r-r-r r-r-p-p, and

give high all the Democratic votes we have sult of that selection, for the country had question, till the next election comes round. the sides of the cars flew out as quick as just passed through its extremest peril, and Then you invariably find hun again in the lightning, and splinters, seats and human bethe result was to determine the perpetuity of field for re-election,-the great principle is ings were thrown out on all sides. Then the ken to Win Sprague's house in Poughkeepsteam and hot water flew out in every direcagain in danger, and no one but himself tion. The foremost engine on the Poughsan save it ! In the south the same course, keepsie train ran off the track down the by a similar class of men is pursued of course bank, and stopped the progress of the train. taking opposite doctrines. Well, these op- I think that the cow-catchers saved many posing elements meet in Congress and what is lives, as it lifted up the platform of the cars and thew it off.

the result ? Months perhaps spent in organ-NAURATIVE OF MR. ROBERTS. izing, neglecting the whole public business.

Mr. Geo. W. Roberts of Albany, who was and squandering the people's money by hunsitting in the second car from the rear of the dreds of thousands. And, then, when organexpress train with his wife and threeschilized the whole business of the session must dren, thus describes what he saw of the accibe transacted with sole reference to this dent : The train, after it left Poughkeepsie, "nigger question,"-every possible means re- stopped in a few minutes and remained stationary for a brief space of time, and then ed down the broad aisle, and, at the call of sorted to for the purpose of inflaming the suddenly started on again. Immediately fol-

popular mind and preparing it to act at the lowing the start of the express train the crash polls under the influence of a frenzied excite- took place. The shock was very great, and ment, for these men well know that should then I heard a sound as of a rush of shingles the people have an opportunity once to pass or bits of broken wood, and found myself in spon their merits in sober mind, they would an instant rolling headlong, among hot coal ashes. I thought of my children, and drawfforever after dwell in the most undisturbed ing from under the ruins I got upon the ice. My mouth and eyes were filled with ashes. We now ask this question, and hope it may | and a dense volume of steam surrounded me,

be weighed well. What good can by any while gibans and screams of agony resounded possibility result to the country at large, or on every side. I gathered up my senses and graphing until after midnight. then looked around for my family. None of triumphal honors of a Roman Hero! Who to the slave, or to humanity in general, by them could be seen, and I feared that they that looked on that scene will deny-"God this agitation and disturbance ! Will you were dead. Then I caught sight of my wife, The foremost engine of the Poughkeepsie

free the shackles of a single slave ? Do you who was standing out on the ice, fifty feet from the wreck; and immediately afterward I saw some kind-hearted strangers carrying damaged. One of the engines was thrown our two youngest children to their mother. gether with one of the cars of the express clusive, and the conductor was allowed to renomination by placing the poor printer boy Compromise. But you do not want Slavery 1 then hurried to the wreck, and getting train. This engine and car still remained tain his position. to extend into free Territory. Very well, how down on my knee, I heard my elde t child His administration it is needless for us to shall it be prevented ! Not we apprehend by crying under the broken fragments, and with there yesterday. The whole of the cars in

the express train were badly crushed, and two some difficulty I got her out, and thus Iof them were broken to pieces. The two found all of my family alive. When Mr. Roberts spoke of the kindness cars in the Poughkeepse train we e also The New York Ledger of las which had been manifested toward himself damaged, the glass being broken, the seats the following announcement:

and the family since the accident, his deep thrown from their places, and some of them motion showed the sincerity of his gratitude. WHAT THE ENGINEER OF THE POUGHEEPSIE | material will amount to over \$40,000. Below we give an accurate list of the kill-TRAIN DID. . #

Mr. George W. Sergeant, Freight agent on the Poughkeepsie train, made the following

WILLIAM BIGEEB appeal to the record of his dication now shows clearly that Kansas will statement of the acts of the Engineer ; life and public acts; while admitting their never adopt slavery. There is, in our judg-Walter Dawson, the Engineer of the foremost engine of the Poughkeepsie train, kept rectitude men would sacrifice him for the sin ment not the least doubt that, by her people, listation until after the collision. As soon of others. In vain did he appeal to the im- she will reject Slavery .-- she has in truth alas he saw the train ahead he gave the signal. mortal principles of American freedom, for in rendy done it. We can therefore see no to brake up, and almost at the same moment the dark corners, under the ban of God-for- practical benefit, to be derived by anybody the collision took place. There were two men to each brake, and they were applied bidden oaths, plotted men who were envious from this agitation,-this tumult and strife of his fame, and who would raise themselves in the country, and if anybody can see it we just as quick as possible. The Engineer tried to reverse the engine before whistling. but could not do so as the ice had caught in the were taken to New-York by her friends. notches, causing the levers to fly back again. He then threw himself down by the boiler. forehead, and the fireman was uninjured. The Engineer of the second engine could see

seats-both were killed. Mrs. Greens was SAD TERMINATION OF A BRIDAL TOUR.

tained any injurv. promise, as they have pledged themselves to the country? Can they do anything upon Margaret Trace, a resident of Troy, was

the slavery question, to quiet the embittered feelings of the people ? Can they pass any law of importance demanded by real interests of the nation' upon which there may be a division of parties? - Certainly the prospect is anything but fadorable, for a session of the least good to the country.

The people can now understand to their cost the evil in placing a party in power composed of nothing but hungry and unconscienable faction , without one common guiding principle by which to govern their action We here it stated on all hands that the see of confusion presented by the majority defies discription. There are few men of legislative experience, and hardly one of leading talent among them. With such elements, the house of representatives of the present session will prove a lasting reproach to the legislative history of the country.

Reparsingly Cool -A conductor on a New-England road was sent for by the President or Superintendent of the road one day, and rather summarily informed that after that the calamity, and brought back the suffer- week the company would not require his services. He asked who was to be his successor people hastened to the place of collision. No and the name given him. He the asked why sooner had the travelers got back, than Mr. he was to be removed. After pressing the question some time, and failing to obtain a satisfactory explanation, a little light dawn-ing upon him, and he addressed his superior officer nearly as follows : 'You are about making a great mistake. Sir, a great mistake. You know Sir. I have a nice house. a train was smashed up beyond repair, and the fast horse, a splendid gold watch, and an elesecond engine of the same train was much gant diamond ging. That fellow you have chosen to take my place has got to get all these off the trick upon the ice in the river, to- things.' It is said the argument was con-

Marriage of Fanny Fern.

The New York Ledger of last week makes

We have the pleasure of announcing that broken. It is estimated that the damage to our gifted contributer, Mrs. Sarah Payson Eldredge, (renowned and admired as Fanny Fern,) was married on Saturday, the 575 imt. to Mr. James Payton, well known in Ikerary circles as the author of the Life of Horaca

THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

CHICAGO, Thursday, Jan. 10, 1856.

The Wisconsin Legislature met at Madiwere fractured in many places, and her body crushed in a shocking manner. Her hus-band arrived at Poughkeepsie at 10¹/₂ o'clock elected to the Covernorship, but his opponent yesterday morning in a state of extreme men- in the contest, Mr. Bashford, had the osth tal prostration. In the afternoon her remains, of office administered to him in the Supreme Court, in order to bring the case before the Mrs. Greene of Utica, although taken out said Court.

> The other day a small boy came tearing round a corner, with his rags fluttering in the wind, his face smeared with molasses and a shingle flourishing in his hand, while he was shouting to another boy, about the size of a peper-box, who stood nearly quarter of a mile down the street :

"O, Bill ! Bill ! get as many boys as ever you can, and come up the street, round the the last car. Subsequently they both went corner, as soon as you can, for there's a great big large hogshead of lasses busted on the into the next car forward, and took different. pavement-busted all to smash !"

in the hearts of the people. "Although it is believed that Mr. Buchanon her way to visit her sister, Mrs. Munday, her fame, but from her ficticious name, many receive "the thirty pieces of vilver," and the RUSSIAN SEA WORME .-- The British feet In the hall of the Exchange House we met in New-York, who had recently lost two chil-Some of our Know Mething Republihave been all the while ignorant that the man-the poor orphan printer boy-whom has found a terrible enemy in the Sea of Asoff entleman laboring under great mental af- dren, for the purpose of consoling her in songstress on whose lays they have hung with they had betrayed and trampled upon in the can papers are denouncing Hon. Henry M. in the form of large and destructive sea fiction. Engrging in conversation with him, her bereavement. Mr. Munday, went to the we learned that his name was Rufus Blan- cars to meet her on Wednesday evening, and worms peculiar to those waters. These at-Fuller, because he stands in the way of Mr. known. Believing that the masses of the rapture resided comparatively speaking, in hour of their exultation, last Monday was Banks accession to the speaker's Chair in chard, publisher and bookseller, of Chicago, returned home to his wife with the melan-Democracy of Maine prefer him to any other their own community. lack the uncoppered parts under the water Democracy of Maine prefer him to any other their own community. condidate, and that his name would be a Much of the time in delicate health, and for themselves 1 Who will not say. "God is Now the people should know that Judge Jesline of the ships, and bore through them with publisher, of Nassau street, New-York. Mr. The third person killed by this accident the rapidity of an old carpenter handling an thousands of the Demogence of Maine." The protocol among the appointments made by the Legislature, the names of Geo J. Bolton, of Tunkhannock, Pa, as assistant door-keeper, of the Senate, and D. A. Tairing-ton as assistant messager in the House. The House. The happy that do go forth upon the sea of the senate of the Senate, and D. A. Tairing-ton as assistant messager in the House. The House. The happy the sea of the Senate, and D. A. Tairing-ton as assistant messager in the House. The happen and base to the sea of the Senate, and D. A. Tairing-ton as assistant messager in the House. The happen and the the for public documents. The happen and the the for public documents. The happen and the the forme in De Kalo, St. that the only a few figaments in the world of letters. The happen and the possible documents. The happen and the possible documents and the possible documents. The happen and

ed and wounded by this accident : -KILDED. Mrs. Eliza M. Keese, wife of Henry Hurl- Greeley, buit of Albany, and daughter of the late John D. Keese of this city, died in the car on its way from the accident to Poughkeepsie. She was scalded about the head, her limbs

bothing with the snow and smoke, but he remained at his post and escaped uninjured. There were about four or five passengers and two roadmen in the Poughkeepsie train, none of whom were injured.

INCIDENTS.

of the ruins alive, survived her iniuries but a short time, dying before she reached. Mr. B. F. Munday of New-York, and her husband, took her remains to Utica. Mr. Hurlburt, whose wife was also killed, relates a remarkable circumstance in regard to these

'THE CHILD OF THE WRECK'

and relatives after the accident.

one of the passengers on the express trair. but escaped with a few bruises. She was tahirth to a fine boy. It appeared that her husband deserted her scinetime since, and hearing that he was residing in Boston, she had set out with the intention of finding him.

WHO HAD CHARGE OF THE TRAINS ? The engineers of the two engines on the express train were Henry Milligan and Edward Harris : Mr. Jos. Bowerson was the conductor. The engines of the Poughkeep-ie train were in the charge of Walter Lawson and John Earle; Henry Camp was the conductor. All of these men bear the reputation of being the most careful officers in the

THE DAMAGE TO MATERIAL.

unfortunate ladies. In Albany he placed his

wife on the same seat, with Mis. Greene, in

employ of the Hudson River Railroad Com-News of the accident soon reached Poughkeepsie, and in a brief space of time an engine and cars were got ready, and proceeded with the necessary assistance to the scene of ing to town, while invitads of the towns-Reed, the Telegraphic Agent, was overwhelmed with messages for all parts of the country, which kept him constantly tele-