England. No doubt, when it was [illegible]d, the claim of the Americans to the right of taxing themselves, seemed to the whole people of England "an illusion," as did the plan of independence to the royalists in the Revolution; but this right has lately received a formal acknowledgment by the House of Lords with reference to Canada, and our independence has long been firmly established. Later still the project of Catholic emancipation was, for years, deemed by Lord Eldon, and other Tory leaders of the Lords, as "an illusion," but the Catholic relief bill is upon the statute-book as a law of the British realm. Illusions, too, were regarded, no doubt, the projects for reform in the English system of representation and the corn laws; yet everything necessary for the security of popular rights, in regard to these subjects, has been yielded to the perseverance of the people, supported by a great and just cause.

A distinguished Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. Brodhead] has been pleased to plant himself in decided opposition to the measure, upon the ground of constitutional difficulties, and upon a variety of other grounds, which he rather touches upon than develops. My answer to the Senator's speech shall be brief, and to the point.

On the constitutional topic, I will, in the first place, cite the third section of the fourth article, "Congress shall have the power to *dispose of* and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory and other property of the United States." I will next refer to the practice of the Government under this provision, and will point to the incorporation of the homestead principle in the bills for the organization of the Territories of Oregon and New Mexico. In illustration of the exercise by Congress of the general right to dispose of the public lands, so as to enhance the value of the rest, and to subserve other interests, I would instance, also, the grants to railroads and for school purposes, for the construction of canals, the improvement of navigable streams, and internal improvements, &c., which, in the aggregate, are found to have amounted, on the 30th September, 1854, to more than one hundred and fifty millions of acres.

I would next instance, in support of the same power, the opinions of the most eminent of ability and patriotism, and the most popular of our statesmen, living and departed. I would mention, as names which have sustained the theory and approved the practice, those of Jefferson, who proposed the settlement of a portion of the Louisiana purchase, west of the Mississippi, by conditional grants of one hundred and sixty acres of land—of Monroe and his Cabinet, of whom were Calhoun and Crawford, who, in 1819, approved the grant to the Connecticut asylum, of lands in Kentucky; and that of James K. Polk, who approved the incorporation of the homestead principle directly in the act erecting the Territory of Oregon. I would refer, for the same purpose, to that of Franklin Pierce, in his approval of an act passed at the last session of Congress, making gratuitous grants of lands to actual settlers in the Territory of New Mexico. I would also refer to the grant made to Isaac Zane, during the administration of Washington, of three tracts of land, for blazing a bridle path from Wheeling to Maysville, Kentucky; to the Florida settlement law, granting a quarter section of land on condition of occupancy for the term of three years: to the law of 1791, by which grants of land were made to settlers at Vincennes; to the act of 1792, by which grants were made to the Ohio company for actual settlers; and to the law of 1795, making a similar provision for settlers at Galiopolis. The principle has had the judgement and sanction of Jackson and Webster—names above suspicion for ability and patriotism—and is sustained by the highest authority of our living patriots and statesmen. The constitutional right of Congress to dispose of the lands in such way as their judgment may approve, is in clear and explicit language; and in the face of the unlimited exercise of the power, from the foundation of the Government to the present time, there is no man who can wink so fast that he cannot see it.

It has been remarked that none but "drunkards and loafers" will take advantage of this bill. That its benefits will inure almost exclusively to that class of our citizens. And is it to terms like these, stigmatizing as criminal and subjecting to ridicule the misfortunes of a portion of our countrymen, that we are called upon to listen, as to overwhelming arguments against the policy of this measure? Abusive and depreciating epithets are cheap, and ask not the aid of talents to give them point and effect. Their employment, on the contrary, argues the want of better capital for the service. The same style of argument was employed against the principle of free government, the great principle of political and civil equality as proclaimed by Jefferson; and even the benign religion of Christianity was derided in the persons of the humble fishermen who were its first propagators.

The class of men for whom this bill is intended to provide are not "drunkards and loafers." They are the same class who, under Washington, in 1776, erected the batteries upon the heights of Dorchester, and entered the town of Boston as General Howe withdrew. They are the same who, in the trying march from field to field, never lost a spark of their patriotic devotion, but, in the hour of disaster, like their gallant leader, still cast their eyes to the mountains as the *dernier resort*, and final refuge of their liberties. With Washington they fought bravely at Brandywine and Valley Forge, and witnessed, with him, the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown—the closing scene of the Revolution. They are the same class who, afterwards, in the struggle which began in 1812, in which the Young America was again called upon to contend with the power of England for the freedom of the seas, were found by the side of Jackson, at New Orleans, braving, with dauntless breasts, the British bullets and buyonets, and sending up the victorious shout from under that glorious banner, which they had borne to immortal triumph. They are the same who, with General Taylor, gathered unfading laurels upon the deadly field of Buena Vista; who landed with Scott at Vera Cruz, and accompanied him in his heroic march through the valley of Mexico to the gates of the city; and they are the same who, under its beetling walls, having extinguished, by sure aim, the lights upon the ramparts, fought afterwards through the gloom and confusion of night, and until the broad splendors of the meridian sun shone upon their flag of victory waving over the Plaza. They are not "drunkards and loafers," but of that class who, in time of peace, turn to furrow, and gather the harvest, and who constitute the bone and sinew of the land, from Maine to Texas. They are the men who repel savage violence from the frontiers, who fell the forests, and who are everywhere the chief producers of the substantial wealth of the country. They are of that class who swing the hammer and drive the plane; who plan and who build; and who are found at the awl and the last, at the printing press and the loom; of that class which tend the locomotive and guide the steamer; which constitute our mercantile marine; and which fill every class of industrial pursuits. It is the class which has produced Franklin, and Rittenhouse, and Godfrey, and Fulton, and Morse. I may go a step further, and say it is the class which produced Powers, and Cleavenger, and Greenough, and Crawford, and Mills, who, as with the chisel of Praxiteles, could almost make the marble speak; and West, who, as with the pencil of Raphael, could almost "make the brook murmur down the painted landscape."

But to take leave of the objections, and the ingenious gentlemen who urge them, let us pass for a moment, to the merits of the bill. I shall not, Mr. Speaker, that the proper point from which to survey this subject, is that which enables us to contemplate it as a great question of policy for the settlement of the public lands, and their removal from the halls of legislation. The unwieldiness and expense of the present system, and the degree to which it monopolizes and embarrasses congressional action, are potent reasons for a change. That a change must be made at no distant day, there can be no doubt; for these evils are increasing with each recurring year. In the new disposition which is to be made of this public property, I desire that, first and foremost, the actual settler should be remembered. Nor is it just that you should regard the disposition by this bill as a gift. It is right, rather, to consider, in addition to the nominal consideration of fourteen and one half cents per acre, which obviates any fancied constitutional scruples, and covers the original cost of purchase, and the extinguishment of the Indian title, the five years' occupation and cultivation as an ample compensation, as far better fulfilling the great object of disposing of the public lands, namely, of settlement, and the development of their resources, than the present system of selling at $1,25 the acre, to persons who buy with no intention of ever occupying the lands themselves, but solely to profit by the rise in value consequent upon the improvement of the neighboring lands by the labors of the actual settler.

In great questions of policy, it has been well said, other elements are properly to be considered besides those of revenue; and a greater addition is thus made to the positive wealth of the country, and to her means of defense, than it is possible to procure by means of revenue arising from the sale of the lands.

We find, in referring to the history of that country from which we derive our representative system, and the doctrines of the common law, that the tendency of the best minds of the century that has just passed, was to the conclusion, as a distinct principle, that Government lands are most wisely administered in private hands. This principle has received emphatic recognition from one of her wisest statesmen. It was Edmund Burke who, in the English Parliment, more than seventy years ago, in advocating a policy, in its important aspects similar to that now proposed, uttered that remarkable declaration in regard to the alienation of the Crown lands of Great Britain, that "they should be thrown into the mass of private property by which they will come, through the course of circulation, and through the political secretions, into well regulated revenue."

Once more let us revert briefly to the origin and progress of the principle of free grants, in consideration of settlement, which we now propose to erect into greater prominence in our land policy. In a speech which I had the honor to make before you at the recent session in advocacy of this measure, I was at pains to collect from our colonial history many striking instances in which, for the express purpose of settlement, extensive tracts of territory—portions of these now populous and flourishing States—were granted to one or a few individuals by Governments much less favorable to individual rights than ours. The grants now proposed, though small in amount are, in part, for the same recognized purpose; and, while the land subject is thereby disposed of in this respect, the measure has this incidental recommendation: that it is chiefly the laboring class of our people—those for whom no direct legislation has ever been had hitherto—who will receive the first benefit of the measure. We may remember that it has been often urged as an argument for a high protective policy, and for the United States Bank, that those measures would "better enable the rich to take care of the poor." But if Government action may be invoked to favor directly the interests of a class who are capitalists and proprietors, in order that a benefit may flow indirectly to labor, what is there in reason to prevent us from conferring the same benefit more surely and directly. But the bill creates no odious or unjust distinction; and the wealthiest citizen, alike with the poorest, becomes entitled to the same privileges upon the conditions of settlement and cultivation.

Possessing, as this measure does, in my estimation, superiority above the fluctuating influences of the times, I did not hesitate at an early day to give to it the whole of my humble influence. I have, in consequence, enjoyed the high honor of seeing it twice carried by a decided vote through this, the popular branch of the National Legislature, and of missing only by a little the seal of the senatorial approbation. And still the measure stands as high in my regards as ever. I still see it as far-reaching and salutary in its influence, and worthy of the most earnest attention of the most eminent statesmanship. It is still a measure promising more than any other to impart strength to the State, by unfolding her natural resources, and by providing her with a numerous population, attached to her by the ties of gratitude—by a love for the soil which furnishes them with the subsistence and a home, and which is their own—a population which is interested, in the highest degree, in the preservation of our Republican institutions; and whose virtues should be kept alive as the true vestal fires, which will preserve in its integrity the matchless fabric of American liberty for which our fathers fought.

It has been ascribed as the peculiar danger to the perpetuity of Democratic Governments, the temptation to yield to measures which promise a present, immediate benefit, to the neglect of those whose benefits, though ever so great and decided, are yet remote. The consequence is, a restless and excited career, terminating early in national ruin. The remedy is, to be wise in time; and so to shape, by legislation, the policy of the country, as that while the external prosperity of the individual may be promoted, the best guarantees may be provided for his advancement in intelligence, and his establishment in virtue. If the history of nations teaches anything at all, it is the emphatic lesson that Democratic institutions depend for their permanence less upon the intelligence than upon the *virtue* of the people. Hence, the wisdom of those laws which tend to encourage such dispositions in the masses, and hence the argument, not inferior in strength to any, for the enactment of the measure now pressed.

With the obstacles which since its first introduction into this House as a distinctive measure, the homestead has encountered, and the struggles through which it has passed, we are all familiar. It is to this body that belongs the honor, which will perpetually endear them in the hearts of the people, of the initiative in recognizing, on a basis the most decided and liberal, of the great principle of *cheap homes*.

A word or two as to what I consider will be the most important effects of the measure. One, the most obvious, and not the least important, will be, the removal of this subject of the public lands, which has been so long the fruit of bitter contention, from the halls of legislation, and the arena of politics. Let it pass to the tillers of the soil. Governments are not essentially selfish and exacting—treating the masses as subordinate to their rulers, and consulting much more the interests of favorites, of classes and corporations, than the rights of individuals; but that they are capable of conferring benefits to all. That this bill, and you will strengthen the arm of the Government,—by creating a community of interest, and thus strengthen the ties which bind together the Government and citizen. Mr. Jefferson, in one of his letters to John Jay, remarked, that "cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country, and wedded to its liberty and interests, by the most lasting bonds." While this is true of our Government, it secures equality of political rights, this measure will go far to secure equality of social condition; and we shall thus witness a reversal of the old system, by which, instead of exacting contributions from the citizen, the Government assumes the more beneficial function of encouraging him by its bounty. Let us pass this bill, Mr. Speaker, and incalculable are the benefits which we shall thus confer, not only upon the present, but unborn generations. You will thus send rejoicing into the bosom of many a family where, before, the disencouragements of life had stilled ambition and effort. You will carry joy to thousands of firesides, and gladden the hearts of myriads throughout the country. Under its benign operation, the unreclaimed wastes in the great basin of the Mississippi, shall spring into a beauty and loveliness which shall be truly worthy of this golden age. There, upon the sea-like prairies, and far away upon the sources of the Yellow Stone, the Columbia, the Arkansas, and the Colorado, and many a stream which now shoots its sound waves its own dashing"—under the shadow of the Stony Mountains and the Sierra Nevada, the happy settler will, under the provisions of your munificent policy, teach the wilderness to bud and blossom as the rose. Under the hand of industry thus wisely fostered and encouraged, waving fields will enrich the landscape; lowing herds and the noise of the arts will enliven those now inaccessible retreats; and still new settlers will rise up to avail themselves of this provision, and to bless you as its authors.

Under this provision of the homestead, in connection with that in regard to the Pacific railroad, which, I hope, will be so extended as to reach the Pacific, and invite to our shores the trade of Asia, a chain of cities, like that which marked the course of the India trade in Asia and Europe, along the shores of the Mediterranean and the Adriatic, will stud the vast expanse between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; and from the sources of the Saskatchawans on our northern border, even unto the Isthmus, will be eventually generated with the glorious and flourishing communities. Hand in hand these two great measures should penetrate the wilderness. The forest will then fall before them, and the fruits of nature, springing from the seed deposited by the hand of industry, will every where burst the sod. Civilization will then prosecute unimpeded her stately march—bearing with her the virtues, the arts, the graces, and refinements of life.

By passing this bill you extend the market for manufactures, and press into further requisition the Briarean hands of commerce. The locomotive will achieve fresh conquests over time and space, and the steamboat will continue to find new waters still unbroken by its revolving paddles, and with which its tireless strength may contend. Our mercantile marine, multiplied in countless numbers under this genial policy, will groan under kindly burdens, and whiten all the ocean. The world will be our tributaries, and our resistless energies will engage us in a prosperous exchange with every people upon earth. There is literally no limit to our prosperity, as I believe, to be immensely promoted by the measure under consideration, if only true to ourselves, and to that matchless bond of union which holds us together. Let us by this measure temper, by the thousand healthful influences springing from agricultural pursuits, the luxurious excesses to which the colossal achievements of our commerce and manufactures are tending, and we may rest in confidence, that, under Providence, the restless and Titanic movements of the age will eventuate in the welfare of the human race.

With the establishment of this measure, I should feel that my career as a legislator had not been fruitless. On the contrary, I should be proud of the accomplishment of a measure recommended, alike by wisdom, policy, and justice. I should covet no higher honor than to be remembered in connexion with legislation like this. I may say further, in view of resigning, with the close of the present Congress, my authority into the hands of my constituents, that I am satisfied that no subject has, within the period of my membership here, come under our deliberations which, by its importance and beneficial character, was in any degree so well entitled to my labors.

Of that constituency to which I am about voluntarily to return, I must be indulged in a few words in conclusion. I must be allowed to express my proud sense of the honor which they have done me in twice making me their Representative upon this floor, as well as for that good will of which they have given me the most positive and distinguished testimonials. I am proud, that, upon the spot which knew my infancy, and that witnessed my struggles in the battle of life, I have been favored by the choice of a substantial, an intelligent, an industrious, an eminently virtuous community, as their representative in the management of public affairs. I am proud to represent here a district, which, in the noble State of which it forms a portion, in the noble State of which it forms a portion, in its inferiority to none. Others may be more populous, and more favored by commercial advantages, but none surpasses it in the wealth of its agricultural and mineral resources; in its capacity to sustain a great population; in picturesque beauty, and in the worthy character of its people. It was in this district, where noble mountains stoop their blue summits to fields of golden fertility and culture; and where forest-crowned hill and grassy valley are interspersed with delightful diversity, that the Father of his Country, after the disastrous field of Braddock, made among the first settlements upon the waters of the Youghiogheny. It was there on the banks of the Monongahela, near to the mountains through which its waters break their passage—a river than which no sweeter stream, of more gentle or beauteous flow, threads its way to the ocean—that Gallatin found his chosen retreat, of all the States besides. Learning has found, too, in its bosom, a happy abode, and colleges of reputable fame, bearing the names of Washington, of Jefferson, of Madison, and of Greene, are sending forth continual rays of intellectual and moral light to irradiate and beautify the popular mind. The home of enterprise not less than of wealth and of moral excellence, her adventurous sons are found pursuing their useful and thrifty callings along the Ohio and all the rivers of the Mississippi valley, from the mountains to the Gulf of Mexico. To my cherished home in that lovely valley, I am now satisfied to resign myself, conscious that in the discharge of my public duties I have not sacrificed a title, whether it regards party obligations, the interests of my constituents, or the welfare of my country.


# Daily Morning Post.

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### MORNING POST JOB OFFICE.

We would call the attention of MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN to the fact that we have just received from Philadelphia a number of fonts of new Job Type, and are now prepared to fill orders for Cards, Circulars, Bill Heads, Paper Bills, Posters, and Programmes for exhibitions. All orders will be promptly filled.

☞ A roller boy wanted in the Job Office of the *Morning Post*. Apply soon.

### MR. DAWSON'S SPEECH.

We publish to-day entire the speech of the Hon John L. Dawson on the Homestead Bill, lately delivered in the House of Representatives. It crowded out much other matter, but the importance of the subject, and the excellence of the speech, will doubtless satisfy our readers for one day. It is well worth an attentive perusal. "Free homes for freemen," and "land for the landless who are willing to work" has been Mr. Dawson's motto since he became a member of Congress, and he has labored faithfully for the success of the measure. It will yet triumph, though it may fail for a time.

### News of the Day.

Dr. Harriet K. Hunt is lecturing at Elyria, Ohio, to her sex, on "Medical Practice."

The proceeds of the ladies' ball for the benefit of the poor in New York on Tuesday evening, were $8,000.

Hon Joseph R. Chandler's unabridged speech in reply to Mr. Banks, the Know Nothing member from Massachusetts, makes 13 columns of ordinary newspaper type.

Two destructive fires occurred in the Bowery, New York, on Thursday night and Friday morning, which destroyed eight buildings, valued at $50,000.

President Pierce has sent a message to Congress asking authority to call out 3000 volunteers for the purpose of subduing the rebellious Indians on the frontier.

The ship Tonqua, bound from Shanghai to New York, has been wrecked at Hatteras Shoals. She went ashore in a fog, and will probably be a total loss. The cargo of the vessel is valued at little short of half a million dollars.

Governor Baker, of New Hampshire, it is understand will appoint Hon John S. Wells to succeed Mr. Norris, deceased in the U. S. Senate. New Hampshire is unfortunate, having lost both her Senators, Messrs. Atherton and Norris within two years.

A State Temperance Convention met in Harrisburg last week, but it attracted little attention, as all thoughts of Prohibition are abandoned since the adverse vote of October. There will doubtless be a stringent license law enacted by the present legislature.

The operations of G. G. Foster, the author of "New York by Gas Light," lately arrested in Philadelphia for forgery, are said to amount to about $5,000—one-half of it raised on the name of Mr. W. E. Burton, and the other on that of a gentleman of Pennsylvania.

Stephen Short and William Hanniug, were hung at Greensupburg, Ky, at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, before an assemblage of six thousand people. Short was executed for the murder of Andrew B. McFarland, at Clinton Furnace, Ky., in August last, and Hanning for the murder of John Malouy, near Greensupburg, about the same time. Both confessed their guilt, and admitted the justness of their punishment.

### The Canada's Mails.

We have received the Canada's mails, but have no room this morning for further extracts. The London *Times* has a "thunderer" on the inefficiency of Lord Raglan, and the dreadful straits to which the British army in the Crimea is reduced. It also says trade is suffering terribly by the war. In the month of November the exports in manufactured articles alone fell off £2.000,000. The despatches from the Allied Generals give the usual amount of gammon about the terrible losses of the Russians, but say nothing of their own. We will give something further to-morrow.

### Rev. John Lord's Lecture.

Rev. John Lord lectures to-night for the Library Association, at Masonic Hall. Subject: Henry of Navarre, or the Huguenotic controversy. As Dr. L. has lectured here before, and many of our citizens know something of his attainments as a scholar and powers as an orator, we shall expect to see such an attendance as will warrant the Lecture Committee in making an effort to secure some of his other lectures which have recently received such high commendation in the various Eastern cities where they have been delivered.

THE KNOW NOTHINGS SHOWING THEIR EARS.—A convention of the Know Nothings of New Hampshire assembled at Manchester on Monday, and proceeded to nominate for Governor the Rev. John Moore, Universalist Minister of Concord; for Railroad Commissioner, Frederick H. Lyford; Congress, 1st District, Elder Pike, a Methodist Minister; 2d District, Mason W. Tappan, prominent free soiler; 3d District, H. H. Cragin. Considerable excitement and amusement was occasioned by the subsequent discovery that Rev. Mr. Moore was ineligible, the constitution requiring a man to be a resident of the State seven years, whereas the Rev. gentleman came into the State less than five years ago. So they go.

OPPOSED TO EMPTY TITLES.—The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church has adopted a rule in the general Synod, to the effect that the title of D. D. (Doctor of Divinity) shall not hereafter attached to the names of any of their ministers. Many clergymen of other denominations also entertain objections to the use of this title, and some upon whom Colleges have conferred it have refused to receive it. Among these we may mention the Rev. Albert Barnes, one of the most learned and eloquent members of the Presbyterian Church.

### Marshal Keyser to the People of Erie.

Upon the arrival of ex-Marshal Keyser, at Erie, he issued the following proclamation to the rebellious rail-rippers:

PROCLAMATION.

*By Authority of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.*

I, John S. Keyser, of the City of Philadelphia, being specially deputized by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, to carry out the railroad decree of said Court, hereby give notice to the citizens of Erie and Harbor Creek, and to all other persons whomsoever, that on the morning of the 12th instant I shall proceed to the discharge of such official duty, invoking and commanding the aid and assistance of all public officers and good citizens in the maintenance of peace and the vindication of the law.

REDUCED IN SIZE.—Our neighbors of the *Gazette*, in consequence of the dullness of business here, with commendable prudence, reduced the size of that paper It is still large enough for comfort, but a little out of proportion —the length of the columns remaining the same while the number have been reduced by four. It has now the appearance of having grown lean and lank like that same old coon of 1844

THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE.—We have received from J. S. Read, periodical dealer, on Fourth street, the February number of this excellent magazine. Its price is only eighteen cents per number. Such magazines are of little use to us, unless we get them regularly, and we will hereafter not notice these "fugitive" copies. The present one is the second number of volume six.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.—We are pleased to learn of the appointment of our energetic young friend, John Mackin, of the Fifth Ward, as Assistant Collector at the Aqueduct. The appointment is justly due, and cannot fail to render general satisfaction. The name of Mackin is a tower of strength among the Democracy of the Fifth Ward.

THE PANIC AT ST. LOUIS.—The St. Louis *Republican* of the 16th inst., says the monetary panic has subsided, and more money is now deposited in the Banking institutions than is withdrawn. The three banking houses that suspended will shortly resume.

DEATH OF JOHN VAN BUREN.—Hon. John Van Buren, a prominent member of the Ulster county (New York) Bar, died a few days ago. He had been a member of the State Legislature and of Congress, and always an active Democrat. This is not the "Prince." He "still lives."

### Probable Resignation of Mr. Guthrie.

[From the Washington Correspondence of the Sun.]

I have strong reason to believe that Mr. Guthrie will ere long leave the Treasury Department, not so much dissatisfied as wearied by the monotony of office. He has performed his duty well—indeed, so well that he has given general satisfaction. He has been a faithful guardian of the public treasury, and he has very sound views of political economy. But he is rich and independent, and prefers his old friends in Kentucky to his new ones in Washington, for which, I am sure, nobody will blame him.

### PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate a number of bills were read in place and referred, when,

Mr. Kulinger submitted a resolution requesting the Committee on the Militia to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing that all volunteer companies in this Commonwealth shall necessarily be composed of at least two-thirds of American born citizens.

Mr. Crabb desired to amend the resolution so as to provide that only a majority of every company shall be American born citizens.

The original resolution was then, after some debate, adopted—yeas 17, nays 15.

The bill supplementary to the act incorporating the Western House of Refuge, was taken up and passed.

The Senate then adjourned.

In the House some unimportant business was transacted, after which a resolution was offered granting the use of the Hall of the House this evening to the Rev. Pennell Coombs, of Philadelphia, for the purpose of a lecture on the evils of intemperance and its remedy.

Quite a lengthy and animated debate ensued, in which several members took part.

An amendment was moved, granting the use of the Hall for a lecture on the evils of carrying the mails on the Sabbath.

After further debate the previous question was called and sustained, and the amendment was lost by a tie vote.

The original resolution was then agreed to, and the house adjourned.

FRIDAY.

In Senate, the committee on that subject reported a bill providing for the sale of the Main Line of the Public Works of the State.

The bills for the sale of the West and North Branch Canals were reported, with a negative recommendation.

After some other unimportant business, the Senate repaired to the hall of the House, to take part in the opening of the returns on the question of a prohibitory law, and on returning adjourned.

On the House assembling, the Speaker and Officers of the Senate were introduced and seated, and the two Houses in Convention (the Speaker of the Senate presiding) then proceeded to open the returns, and officially declare the result of the vote on the question of a Prohibitory Law.

The returns were read, when it appeared that 158 votes had been cast in favor of a Prohibitory Law, and 168 457 against it.

The Convention then adjourned and the Senate retired.

On motion, it was resolved that when the House adjourn it adjourn to meet on Monday, at three o'clock, P. M.

A series of joint resolutions was offered, urging upon Congress the sending of an expedition to the rescue of commander Kane and the crew of the Advance, now in the Arctic seas. The resolutions were taken up, and passing committee, were postponed.

### The State of Superior.

Mr. Sherman, a member of the Michigan legislature, from the Lake Superior regions, has given the House notice that he will introduce a joint resolution instructing their Senators and Representatives in Congress "to set off" the upper peninsula of that State into a Territory, to be known as the Territory of Superior.

That "upper peninsula," it will be seen by reference to the map, includes a large body of land lying on and around the head of Lake Superior, on the South shore. It is contemplated to add to it those parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota which lie around the head of the Lake, making its commercial centre and State Capitol at La Point. The treaty made last summer with the Indians of those regions, putting the Government in possession of all the lands at the head of the lake, has recently been ratified, so there is nothing in the way of the immediate organization of the "State of Superior. The opening of the Sault Canal next season will very much facilitate the project of the new State. Look to the West!

☞ The Massachusetts Emigration Aid Society, for the settlement of Kansas Territory, with persons opposed to slavery, is, if we may credit the Boston Advertiser, likely to prove a profitable investment for its stockholders, though not so intended. In an article on the subject the Advertiser says:

"It has so made its investments, which are very considerable in amount, that its means are already enlarged by the profits, and it could sell out this day to handsome advantage."

As regards the character of the settlers sent out by the Society, the same article tells us that "cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country, and wedded to its liberty and interests, by the most lasting bonds."

While this is true of our Government, it secures


LOLA MONTES IN THE WILDERNESS.—A correspondent of San Francisco (Cal.) Journal writing from Grass Valley, says, under date of 18th ult.: "I visited to-day the Countess, (Madame Lola Mootes.) She lives a quiet, and apparently, cosy life, surrounded by her pet birds, dogs, goats, sheep, hens, turkeys, pigs, and her pony. The latter seems to be a favorite with Lola, and he is her companion in all her mountain rambles. Surely it is a strange metamorphosis to find the woman who has gained so world-renowned a notoriety, and who has played her part upon the stage of life with powerful potentates, and with whose name Europe and the world are familiar, finally settled down at home in the mountain wilds of California."

PEAS AND COFFEE.—A case came up for trial a few days since in New York, wherein one party sued another for the value of forty bags of peas. The plaintiff was a coffee roaster, and with the contracted with the defendant for 250 bags of peas, which, it appeared, were to be burnt with the coffee. Some curious developments came out during the trial, showing the extent to which peas, chicory, and other substances are used for the article which is sold as burnt and ground coffee.

The publishers of "Ruth Hall" have issued the fortieth thousand. The sales, it is thought, will reach a hundred thousand in the first three months.

The Hutchinsons are singing in Boston, and on Tuesday evening Fred Douglas made a speech at their concert.

The Cincinnati Columbian states that the Mohawk Valley Insurance Company has burst. It had an agency in Covington, Ky.

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