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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

PITTSBURGH—ELECTION, TUESDAY, JAN. 5.

MAYOR.
HENRY A. WEAVER,
Controller—HENRY LAMBERT.
Treasurer—WM. EICHBAUM.

ALLEGHENY—ELECTION, TUESDAY, JAN. 12.

MAYOR.
James Miller,
Director of Poor—A. DAVIDSON.

CAN'T BE.—One thing appears to us to be settled, and that is that Senator Douglas cannot be the nominee of the so-called Democratic party for President of the United States in 1860. Of course we make the prediction with the supposition that he has taken a stand in the present schism which he intends to and will hold upon. Will some one picture to himself Douglas, with his recent speech in the Senate as his record for the present time and a determined persistence in the course he lays down there as his record for the time between now and the assembling of the Convention at Charleston, South Carolina, presenting his claim to the nomination for the Presidency? If he were in Charleston with his rugout "brewed from the scraps of Abby Kelley's and Horace Greeley's philosophy," as the New York *Herald* calls his late speech, what guaranty would he have that his head should come out of Charleston undamaged? For a much smaller offence, Hon. Mr. Hone and his daughter, a delicate woman, were hunted out of Charleston before a roaring mob. For a smaller offence one Mr. Underwood was driven out of Virginia and another one tried and sentenced to pay a heavy fine in the same State.

Mr. Douglas must stand aside at Charleston. Bigler's your man, "Oh 'invincible Dimocracy." Never was there so pure a democrat; his eloquence, too, is of the real Ciceronian sort, and his devotion to "that bold, frank man," as Douglas calls Mr. Buchanan, has been so tried and found "good" that he deserves the nomination for 1860. Cheers for the orator of the Senate! Cheers for the rising statesman! Bigler shall be President in 1860!

VISIT TO PITTSBURGH BY AN ENGLISH MINING AND CIVIL ENGINEER.—A letter from John Player, an English mining and Civil Engineer, appears in the London *Mining Journal* of November 27, giving an account of his visit to Pennsylvania. His reference to Pittsburgh is as follows:

"At Pittsburgh, there are about 30 bar iron mills, but no furnaces. The pig-iron used, is chiefly from anthracite furnaces east of the Alleghany Mountains, and charcoal pig brought down the Allegheny and up the Ohio rivers; it is sold at £23 to £26 per ton. A large quantity of charcoal blooms are also rolled into boiler plate and bars—the boiler plate is very superior: 3 feet diameter boilers, cold riveted, made of ¼ inch plate, are allowed to work at a pressure of 130 lbs. to the square inch. Charcoal blooms are made in one process direct from the rich Lake Champlain ore, cost £13 per ton; blooms from pig, £14 10s; boiler plate, £23, and boilers, £38 per ton. Large coal, 4s 6d. to 6s., delivered at the mill; coal, £28