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From Wisconsin.

Correspondence of the Lewisburg Chronicle. MADISON, Wis., Jan. 2, 1854. Mr. Editor: A new year has begun--the old one has been "shot out" with due ceremony and appropriateness.

Wisconsin does not fall behind the other portions of the western country, in the Monuments or Mounds, which afford proof of the existence of an ancient people, who once inhabited North America.

There is a class of ancient earthworks in Wisconsin, not before found in any other country, being made to represent quadrupeds, birds, reptiles, and even the human form.

On the morning of the 28th ult., I and friend Stout set out from Monroe, the capital of Greene county, for this place.

The road, for the most part, lies over high, rolling prairie, interspersed with low swamps, or sloughs as they are called here.

Other works of a similar kind exist in this and some of the other Western States, which prove clearly that a race of people once roamed over these vast prairies.

Consider my hat off, and with best Salutations, I am yours, truly.

From Harrisburg.

Correspondence of the Lewisburg Chronicle. HARRISBURG, Jan. 3, 1854. In the House Democratic caucus of last night, a warm contest for the Speakership arose between J. R. Struthers of Carbon county, and Ezra B. Chase of Susquehanna county.

practical wisdom of those who have passed more decades of life; nor is it a generous or proper reward for years of Legislative toil, to shuffle up the younger and newly-chosen members to preside over their seniors.

The House met at 11 o'clock, A. M., when 97 Members answered to the call, and Mr. Chase was elected Speaker, having 69 votes, to 23 for George H. Hart of Philad. City.

Mr. Monaghan offered a resolution that the Speaker request the clergy of Harrisburg to open the daily sessions of the House with prayer. The yeas and nays were called, and stood--yeas 88, nays 3.

Each House has resolved to meet from 11, A. M., to 1, P. M. Mr. Blair introduced into the House, and Mr. Skinner into the Senate, Bills for the settlement of the Gauge troubles at Erie.

The House Democratic caucus selected new men, unknown to this department, for the principal minor offices. Capt. Humphreys of Westmoreland, who served his country in Mexico, takes the station of Capt. Grider of Armstrong, who served his party as Door-Keeper.

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WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4. The Democratic Caucus after a sharp contest elected a nomination for Clerk.

FRIDAY, Jan. 6. In Senate, on motion of Mr. Piatt, an election bill passed for Canton, Bradford Co.

Sergeant-at-Arms--Wm. B. Cummins, Westmoreland. Assistants--Daniel Voynia, Philad., and Wm. P. Brady (Whig incumbent) of Clinton.

The Consolidation Bill was referred to the Senators from the City and County. Mr. Darsie's motion was referred to a committee--Darsie, Hiester, Backalew.

The Governor's Message was read, and 5,500 copies ordered printed. In the House--Mr. Strong introduced the Consolidation Bill.

THURSDAY, Jan. 5. In Senate, the Democratic nominees of yesterday were elected, by a party vote of 18 to 15, (except Capt. Brady, who had a unanimous vote, and Andrew Young, the former Messenger, who was by resolution retained until otherwise ordered).

On motion of Dr. McClintock, (Dem.) seconded by several Senators in highly eulogistic terms, a vote of thanks was unanimously ordered to JOHN M. STELLYAN for the manner in which he had discharged his duties as Chief Clerk of the Senate.

Mr. Kunkel presented a bill to extend the charter of Northumberland Bank. Mr. Stifer: a bill to annul marriage contract between Sarah Ellen Bower and Francis Bower, late of Union county.

In the House, the election of minor officers was consummated, about half the old ones being retained. The question of printing the Governor's Message coming up, GIDON J. BALL, of Erie--former State Treasurer, and lately from the Treasury Department at Washington--moved that 35,000 copies be printed in English and 8,000 in German.

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An appropriation of \$700 as full compensation to Mr. Hazard, Editor of the Pennsylvania Colonial Records, passed second reading.

A vetoed coal and mining bill was taken up, debated, and lost by a vote of 13 to 19. In the House, a lengthy discussion arose relative to printing the Governor's Message, the number of which was reduced at last to 15,000 in English and 3,000 in German.

The following capital speech was delivered at the anniversary of the Sons of New England, on the 22nd of December last in New York. It is full of humor and sparkling with wit.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher responded to the toast in the following language: GENTLEMEN--I find myself in an unusual place, and under such circumstances that I find it difficult to speak.

The time would fail me were I to attempt to exhaust this department of ministerial offices. The other part--their sacred offices, their quiet Sabbaths, their ministerial cat garments, and other peculiarities, I believe you have been made thoroughly acquainted with.

Two charming women were discussing, one day, what it is that constitutes lechery in the hand. They differed in opinion as much as the shape of the beautiful melody they were discussing.

Parmer's Maxims. Rats and other vermin are kept away from grain by a sprinkling of garlic when packing the sheaves.

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at a loss to know. I should be as much puzzled to discharge my duties as some of the clergymen of that day would be standing in my position to-night. [Applause and laughter.] How much the people valued their ministers in their new country--in Massachusetts and Connecticut--you can imagine, when it is known that they could not get along without two ministers to each church.

When it was first proposed to introduce stoves in the church of my native place, Litchfield, in Connecticut, there was a violent opposition made to it.

It has been a maxim that ministers' and deacons' children are worse than any others. The Greeks express a similar opinion. I was informed by my Greek teacher, (who, I may say, earned his money for the service rendered,) that it is said in Greece, that "ministers' children are the devil's grandchildren."

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cheered boys may have painful reminiscences connected with the subject. I have had, myself, some painful remembrance upon that point; and yet, after all, if I were asked what of all things had made the deepest impression on my memory, I should say a New England Sabbath morning. I do not say that I should relish those old ideas of church-going, and sitting for two mortal hours of a winter's morning without a fire in the room--for a stove in a church, in those days, was understood to be a desecration, even if such a thing as a stove was then conceived of. But they had what they called a Sabbath-day house. I recollect that they had one in Salisbury, Conn., though it has since been put to other use. There, after church, the members of the flock would repair, and eat their gingerbread and doughnuts preparatory to taking a second meal of a sermon.

When it was first proposed to introduce stoves in the church of my native place, Litchfield, in Connecticut, there was a violent opposition made to it. A man said to one good old deacon--Trowbridge, I call him: "Deacon Trowbridge, why do you object to a stove?"

"Cause it's desecration," said the deacon. "Well," said the man, "but does not Aunt Polly" (that was the deacon's wife) "bring a foot stove with her?"

The question was settled, and it was agreed that if it was right to have a foot stove, it was right to have a stove all over. I can give it as my belief that the descendants of the New England clergy--the ancients excepted--are worthy of their ancestors. Let it may be thought that I have taken a little this evening. I call upon all to bear witness that I have drunk nothing stronger, this evening, than cold water and hot coffee, though it is my own fault.

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