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☞ The Northern Mail failed yesterday from beyond Charleston.

WHAT WILL CONGRESS DO?

Congress assembled yesterday. This is the first session of the Thirty Second Congress—the "long session," as it is not unaptly termed, since the members, not being limited to any particular time, usually manage to receive their pay during six or seven months. It is the session at which little is done, and an infinite deal is said, at which an inordinate quantity of sophomoric eloquence is painfully elaborated for the benefit of constituents at home; at which, party spirit is apt to play its fantastic tricks, political squibbles are the order of the day, and a fight or two diversify the winter's monotony by way of an agreeable episode; it is the session of procrastination, painful in debate and barren in results. Will it prove, this year, an exception to the rule? We trow not.

There will be small difficulty, we imagine, in the election of a Speaker. The Democrats have it their own way. Abstract from their numbers the Democratic Free Soilers, the Secessionists of South Carolina, and the Union men of Georgia and Mississippi, and they will still possess a fair working majority. It is not on the eve of a Presidential canvass that Locofocoism is going to impair its influence and endanger its harmony, by quarrelling over the Speaker-ship. The party is too wide awake for such a blunder in politics. A party that succeeded in 1844 in making, not only a candidate, but a President out of the fermenting and clashing materials that assembled at Baltimore, claims no unimpeachable reputation for sagacity, that we are loth to believe it ever can commit *felo de se*. Such Brutean achievements more properly belong to our Whig brethren. They are the boys for cutting their own throats. They have an aptitude at that game which is fairly unapproachable. We hold, therefore that the Democrats will choose a Speaker, without much trouble. The rival houses at Cass and Buchanan may cuppee raw each other in caucus, but in the House they will unite upon the choice of the majority—or we are much mistaken.

As to what Congress will do during the present session, it is safest to assume that its policy will be as negative as possible. The "harmonies" will be more congenial on other hands to every man; less questions, in view of the coming Presidential election. We think they will give no go by to every subject that may involve a distinct expression of principle, and especially to the Tariff, which, despite the lucubrations of democratic Berks, will undergo few, if any modifications. The Internal Improvement policy is so immensely popular that even the opposition of the South may prove insufficient to prevent the House from making a strong manifestation in its favor. In fact this question is hardly one of party, but of section. The West and the valley of the Mississippi unite unanimously in its favor.

That portion of the President's message which refers to our relations with foreign countries will probably provoke debate, and bring on the broad question of the fitting policy to be pursued by this Government towards these nations. In this connection the Cuban, Spanish and Hungarian questions will be discussed, and with unction and pungency to the nostrils, a warm mass of speeches of Congressmen. Some of the more fiery and ultra of the Democracy will no doubt, broach the doctrine which has been recently announced that of the right and duty of the country to interfere in the quarrels, insurrections, and revolutions that occur among European families, and to take under our protecting wing every people that rise in revolt against their oppressors. This is first rate general declaration of Democracy, and we should be much inclined to give the principle asserted as a sentiment on its banners in the coming contest. That it will be boldly maintained in Congress seems unquestionable.

The Slavery question has long been settled, we do suppose and much embarrassment on this score is not to be apprehended. The Clay compromises have, and MANN will argue, and SEWARD will point and invoke "a higher law," but the Compromises will remain unshaken. The Free Soil orators will waste much breath in vain declamation, but they can accomplish nothing. The day is over when the Abolitionists can see the best passport to North is to be

ORLEANS THEATRE.—The operatic season opened last evening at the Orleans Theatre with the performance of *La Favorite*, to a house crowded but not very brilliant audience, especially as to ladies answering by their presence that they were superior in the absurd custom of not appearing at the first representation. This beautiful opera introduced to us the Prima Donna, Madle Widemian, the first tenor, Mr. Tiberini, and the barytone, Mr. Bagnolesi. Of the former we have only time to say that her success was most complete; she possesses a fine sympathetic voice of considerable compass—her execution is admirably correct, the lower notes perfectly faultless, and those of the upper register high at moments when we would have given a preference to the middle; in other characters, we feel quite sure that her career in this city will be a triumphant one.

Mr. Diguet, the barytone, made a most favorable impression on the audience, and in the duet of the second act he fairly took the house by storm.

Mr. Tiberini, the tenor, has a fair voice, which he appeared to be somewhat taken aback by the severity of the first appearance before a New Orleans public. His execution is very good, and we have little doubt that on the whole he will become a favorite with the Orleanians.

We must not forget to state that Mr. Gerbi has been warmly welcomed back to the scene of his former triumphs. Of his voice it is needless to speak; since it is incomparably the best bass that we have ever had in the Orleans Theatre.

To-night Halevy's beautiful opera of "The Queen's Musketeers" will be performed, on which occasion Madame Christine Pillet, the first Duchesnois, will make her debut. Beside her, we shall have the pleasure of hearing on other occasions, Madame Henry Joy, Messrs. Scott, Grant and Debrouy.

THE SHERIFF ELECT.—Mr. James P. Freret is expected to commence in office to-day, and will enter on the discharge of the official duties as Sheriff of the Parish of Orleans.

PAUL DE KOCK'S Novels.—In the title of an excellent little Book, translated from Marlin E. Tupper, by Mr. George Mesnier, and corrected by Professor Bregy, of the Central High School of Philadelphia. The language is excellent and the sentiment admirable. The Philadelphia Record comes from the press of Baker & Co., Philadelphia, and is for sale in every store by J. B. Steel, No. 60, Camp street.

CALIFORNIANS, BEWARE OF FRAUD.—Such is the title of a printed paper, issued by R. M. McMillan, Superintendent of the Mint, and United States Treasurer, to inform all persons returning from California, that deposits of gold made at the Mint are promptly paid in coin, as soon as the value thereof is ascertained by assay which requires from five to six days. Those who do not wish to wait for the assay of their gold, are recommended to come to the Mint before disposing of it, for the purpose of having it weighed in the Treasurer's office free of charge, which will protect them against the unjust practices of certain persons in this city, who represent themselves to be Exchange Brokers, and who use FALSE WEIGHTS AND FALSE SCALES. It is also well known that runners and cab drivers are employed to carry their victims to said establishment, which are represented as dependences of the Mint, and they are then swindled to an enormous extent. To guard against these evils, the Superintendent of the Mint invites all Californians to come to the Mint as soon after arriving in New Orleans as possible.

☞ General Hartwell H. Tarver, probably the richest man in Georgia, died at his residence in Twiggs County, on the 20th ult., in about the 61st year of his age.

CATALOGUE SALE OF DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.—The particular attention of buyers is called to the Catalogue Sale of Dry Goods and 1001 lots of ready-made Clothing, to take place this day at 10 o'clock, at P. H. Pelopida's auction room, No. 8 Canal st.

SOUTH CAROLINA—GOV. MEANS' MESSAGE.

Somewhat to our surprise the message of Gov. MEANS is a document of quite moderate and reasonable dimensions, scarcely filling two columns of the Charleston papers. The Governor, without any preliminary flourishes, enters upon the consideration of the affairs of the State. The public debt is $1,904,969 11. The Bank of the State, during the past year, has paid an interest of nine per cent on its capital.

The South Carolina College is in a very flourishing condition. The President, Wm. C PRESTON, is about to resign, in consequence of continued ill-health. The military Academies have succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations. The number of applicants for admission is rapidly increasing, and the extension of the buildings is absolutely necessary. The Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb at Cedar Springs has grown into importance. It contains 27 inmates, and many have been refused admittance from inability to pay. The message recommends an appropriation of $130 for each indigent mute. The Lunatic Asylum has 150 patients, and is managed with marked skill and fidelity.

The two manuscript works of Mr. CALHOUN on Government and the Constitution, have been published at the expense of the State, and are ready for distribution. The Legislature is urged to make a liberal appropriation for the erection of monuments to Mr. CALHOUN and Colonel PIERCE BUTLER.

There is a small remnant of Catawba Indians in the upper part of the State, who are desirous of emigrating to the West. The Governor suggests that means be furnished them to remove, as they are slothful and indigent, and of no benefit to the State.

Brigade encampments have been established, and according to the message, have proved excellent schools of training. But their continuance is deprecated, as they are not immediately necessary, and are exceedingly expensive. Separate Secession having been knocked on the head, we take it the Governor thinks the State can dispense for the nonce with these schools of war.

On the subject of Federal relations Governor MEANS holds the following language, from which the reader will infer that his excellency is hugely "disgruntled," at the change which public opinion has undergone in South Carolina:

> You are fully aware of our wrongs, and know that the Federal Government, which was instituted for our protection and welfare, as well as that of the other States, has directed all its energies to the destruction of that institution upon which our every interest depends. You know that we have been deprived of every inch of that territory which was won, in part, by our blood and treasure; that we have been robbed by a tyrannical and unjust government of the very graves of our gallant countrymen who sacrificed their lives that the "Star Spangled Banner" might float in triumph on the bloody fields over which it waved. You know that our equality in the Union has been denied, by the very act which excludes us from the Territory. You know that the tide of Northern fanaticism must sweep over us, depriving us of our property, and desolating our homes, unless it is stayed by the bold efforts of freemen, worthy to be free. The noble attitude of resistance which I supposed the State was about to assume, and which I have directed all my energies to place her in, seems to have been delayed or abandoned, judging from the popular voice, as indicated by the result of the late elections. I cannot believe that this result has been founded in a willingness tamely to submit to our wrongs, but in a difference of opinion as to the best mode of redressing them. I know no other mode to recommend than that which I have heretofore earnestly advocated, viz: That as our equality is not acknowledged in the Union, "we should assert our rights elsewhere out in." This course I think our pride, our honor, our safety, alike demand. Others, whose opinions are entitled to respect, think differently—and it seems the people have not sustained them in their opinions. It remains now for those who have defeated the proposed mode of action to find who have proclaimed their unalterable purpose not to submit to our wrongs, and decided on, to point out a better mode. I myself, have none to suggest. Whatever is the action of the State, though her constituted authorities, it is my duty to obey. But I solemnly call upon you, as the representatives of the people and as guardians of their rights, to remember that since you resolved upon resistance, I have ordered the State to be armed for defence, *no single arrow of which you have complained has been redressed; no indemnity has been offered for the past, no security for the future.* That under the assumed Fugitive Slave Law, it has been, in many instances, the case, that the value of the slaves to recover have been, and in others, *has lie.* But above all I call upon you to remember that the soldiers of the Federal Government are now stationed on your coast, either to overawe or to coerce you. That the guns of Castle Pinckney, and Fort of Fort Moultrie, which your fathers so gallantly defended, and which were ceded to the General Government for your protection, are now frowning upon Charleston. Surely this constitutes insult, added to our injuries, will rouse the pride and patriotism of our people. The dangers which threaten our country crowd upon us to bury the party feelings which have so unfortunately divided and distracted us, and to unite all our energies against the common enemy of our institutions. The taunts, the abuse, that is heaped upon our State, should cause every true son of Carolina to cling to her with an allegiance and more unfaltering. Gentlemen, the honor and safety of our beloved State is in your keeping. May God direct you in your deliberations.

THE HILLSBORO DOWN HILL.—The N. York *Times* contains a report on the alledged discovery of Mr. Hill, made by a committee appointed by the State Daguerrean Association for the purpose of visiting Mr. Hill, and witnessing the whole process. The result, we are sorry to say, is very similar to that which followed a certain well remembered committee of scientific men to Mr. Paine, of Hydro-Electric Gas fame, in reference to his alleged wonderful invention; the one reporting that there was no invention, the other that there is no discovery at all. The Daguerrean committee do not speak in the most respectful terms of the author of the Hillotype. They say—having tried in vain to get a peep at the mysteries themselves—that they "have found no evidence to satisfy them that any person has ever seen any picture colored by any process, new to the scientific world, at the hands of Mr. Hill;" and they roundly declare, as the conclusion they have come to, "that Mr. L. L. Hill has not only deluded many Professors of the Daguerrean Art, but that he has deluded himself thoroughly and completely—that the assumed progress and improvement of it was a delusion—and that the only thought respecting it in which there is no delusion, is for every one to abandon any possible faith in Mr. Hill's abilities to produce natural colors in Daguerreotype—of which the whole history has been an unmitigated delusion."

FREED AND ESCAPED SLAVES.—We find in a Southern paper the following table, compiled from official sources, exhibiting the number of slaves who were manumitted, or escaped from the Southern States during the year ending June 1st, 1851:

STATES.	FUG'S.	MANU.
Delaware,	19	174
Maryland,	249	353
Virginia,	89	211
North Carolina,	57	2
South Carolina,	14	2
Georgia,	91	30
Florida,	16	22
Alabama,	52	14
Mississippi,	49	11
Louisiana,	76	96
Texas,	33	5
Kentucky,	143	164
Tennessee,	69	4
Missouri,	59	54
Arkansas,	11	6
District of Columbia,	7	6
Total,	1,018	1,314

☞ We perceive from the recent election returns from that State, that in the fullest poll ever known in Massachusetts, the Freesoil in a minority of about eighty thousand votes. They are a long distance behind the Democrats, and thirty-six thousand behind the Whigs, the Whig majority over them exceeding their entire vote by eight thousand.

☞ A verdict of one thousand dollars damages was awarded in New York, on Thursday against James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the *Herald*, in the Court of Common Pleas, at the suit of James Hunt, for a libel published in his paper in 1845.

☞ The best account that we have seen of the speeches made by the nullifiers in the late State Convention, and of their reception by the Union Democrats, is contained in a letter published in the Brandon Republican. It is embodied in a short speech made by the Hon. John A. Buttler, an eminent president, and one of the Union Democratic Representatives from Monroe. In reply to a nullifying Democrat, who was claiming to be a Democrat, he observed—"You talk like Jacob; but you are handy the candid cheat me out of my birth right, but I more telling reply we have not heard of lately.—*Natchez Courier.*

TEXAS.

By an arrival from Galveston, we have papers to the 28th ult. The Legislature was still in session, and had made little progress in arranging the settlement of the public debt. A correspondent of the Galveston *News*, writes from Austin as follows:

> An interminable and forty section Bill, having for its object the liquidation of the Public Debt, and also providing a general system of internal improvements, has been introduced into the Senate.
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> The author is Gen. Jas. Davis, Sen. from Liberty, Polk, &c; but more particularly and generally known as the Hero of Lipantitlan. A carefully digested bill, limited, however, in its provisions to a settlement of the debt, has been presented by Mr. Hartley, of our county; both of these bills have been referred to their appropriate committees. I will state that both these measures are based upon the scaling system, and you may regard it as an established and well determined fact, that no bill can pass either branch of the present Legislature, which has for its object the payment of the debt at its face or par value. A test vote was had to-day upon a motion presented by the chairman of the committee on the public debt, (Mr. Scott, of Harris county) reporting unfavorably upon a bill referred to that committee, which evidently had for its object, the opening of the doors, for further legislation upon claims not presented within the time prescribed by law, and for the benefit of those having an interest in this matter; and, as an evidence of the feeling and views, entertained by the members on this subject, I herewith transmit you the vote. The vote adopting the report, and indefinitely postponing the bill, stood fifty to seven. I cannot dismiss this subject without paying a just tribute to Mr. Scott, the chairman of the public debt committee. With a fearless and discriminating judgment, he is constantly on the watch to protect the interests and rights of the State, and any measure that is introduced to effect either, is promptly met by a vigilance that never tires, and no higher compliment to the judgment of the popular and highly esteemed speaker of the House, Dr. Dickson, can be adduced, than the selection of Mr. Scott, as chairman of that committee.
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> The Red Land *Herald* says a great part of Red River raft has been burnt up during the late unprecedented low water, and that the rest of it will have to be cut up and removed. We should like to know how many thousand dollars have been expended on that raft.
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> The Editor of the Galveston *Journal* has seen specimens of sugar from plantations on the Brazos, which will compare with the best samples of the Louisiana production.
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> The *Nueces Valley* speaks of a report that Capt. G. K. Lewis has arrived on the Rio Grande at the head of 500 men for the purpose of participating in the revolution. Its authenticity is doubted.
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> At a recent election, in Victoria county, 83 votes were given in favor of subscribing $245,000 to the San Antonio and Gulf Railroad, and 11 votes against it.
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> By a late arrival from the Rio Grande, the Galveston papers learn that Gen. Uraga had arrived at Matamoros with 800 men, one mortar and several pieces of artillery, to reinforce Gen. Avalos. Gen. Carvajal was in the neighborhood of Camargo, and daily receiving reinforcements. He is occupying all the roads leading to Matamoros. Brigadier Gen. Ford has gone into Texas to raise men, and was expected back in four weeks. He probably went to San Antonio. No general action will occur until Ford returns.
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> It was rumored that Avalos would pursue and attack Carvajal. The Mexican force in Matamoros number about two thousand. Carvajal had not, at last advices, more than five or six hundred men under his command. The universal opinion, on the Texas side of the Rio Grande, is, that Carvajal will ultimately triumph, and sympathy, in his behalf, is the predominant feeling.
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> Business at Brownsville was dull.
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> MOBILE.—The city election in Mobile took place yesterday. At this election, according to the *Advertiser*, three questions relative to certain proposed amendments to the City Charter, were to be settled:
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> The first is, to give the corporation power to borrow the services of the county and district attorneys, when necessary, in the prosecution of suits in the name of the State, though her constituted authorities, it is only duty to deny.
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> The second is, to elect the Mayor and Board of Councilmen annually for a term of three years instead of one year, as now. Any man entitled by law to vote for Mayor, &c., will be permitted to vote.
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> The third is, to elect, at the first election after the change is made, three Aldermen for each ward, two of such to go out at the expiration of one year, one at the expiration of three years, and one at the expiration of three years, and their places filled at each period by a new election, so that one-third of the Board shall go out every year. This is, as on the second proposition, all persons qualified to vote at all will have the privilege of voting.

☞ We copy the following from the Charleston Courier of Wednesday last:

> On Monday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, the British ship Virginia, 733 tons register, of and from Liverpool, for this port, with a cargo of 600 tons of salt, consigned to Messrs. C. T. Mitchell & Co., struck on the reef off Cape Roman. At ten o'clock in the evening, in consequence of the boisterous state of the weather, and the critical condition the ship was in—having a prospect of getting her off, and a leak having been sprung, which was filling her rapidly—it was determined to abandon her, and take to the boats. In pursuance of this resolution the Captain, his wife, second mate and five of the crew left in the life boat —the first mate and four more of the crew in another boat, and ten others, the balance of the crew, in two other boats. These latter, whose names are Charles Blandford of Cornwall, England, Warren Hogan, of Dublin, John Carter, Fuller, Chandler and Miner, (for its amusement,) with a Harper; and to furnish it game, a Fowler and Hunter. There is a Hanter, also, in the Senate, which boasts two of its Cooper, Miller and Mason, and of course a Smith. The elements are to be well mixed in the composition of the body. New York furnishes Wells, Brooks and Snow, and New Hampshire supplies Hale. There will be something good to drink at the Capitol; for Virginia sends Meade, and Missouri, Porter; and to eat, New York sends Fish, and Iowa a Hemstead. Music, too, from two Bells, besides a Camp Bell, and though a republican legislature, the Senate will have one King, and the House two, besides a McQueen, and a supply of Gentry, and one Gay Lord. To offset so much nobility, Tennessee throws in a Savage, and North Carolina an Indian and a Badger. There will be all sorts of men there. Horace Mann, Clingman, Chapman, Penniman, besides Seaman, Mangum, and Mr. Price, whose Christian name is Rodman. Vermont and Mississippi will each have a Foot there, but this will be balanced by the Morehead Kentucky sends.

THE KAFFIR WAR.—The accounts from the scene of the Kaffir war, appear to have excited considerable anxiety in England. The Times says:

> We receive by each successive mail more convincing assurance that our fears, perhaps, originally the cause of a fanatical perhaps a discontented chief, is now considered the cause of the colored races in South Africa. The nondescript Griqua river race will be in a ferment; the Hottentots, whom we have trained and taught, are our deadliest foes; and it is feared that those who still profess fidelity to their masters and instructors, are only remaining behind that they may convey information to those who have fled. The strength and determination of every patrol appears to be accurately known, and our troops are waylaid exactly at that stage of their march where they can be taken at the greatest disadvantage. Kreli and Umhalla—two powerful chiefs—are now said to be mustering defection, and though the cacophonous hubbub of "the sovereignty" are not actually upon us, their disposition is evidently to participate in a war which supplies an abundant source of plunder and no insignificant subject of pride. If the system is pursued, if the Caffres and their allies encamp in every defensible flood and drift, if they plant their pleasoons of lurking marksmen in every path, and if they maintain themselves by forays on our farms and homesteads, what is to be the end of such a contest? It is possible that the arrival of the Eclipse and Light Horse may furnish the means of a more triumphant patrol, and make the savages pay somewhat more dearly for their audacity; but how can the course of war be materially affected, if the Caffres still range the open country and the British are still kept to their forts?

Life in California.

We find the following amusing letter in the last number of the *Knickerbocker*:

> Before this letter reaches you, you will have heard that we have again been nearly burned up. Just one week ago to-day, I was nearly all ready for church, hat on and tied, when the alarm of "Fire" was given; an alarm here has a very different effect from one in New York. Every body is at once panic-struck, and run immediately to the hills for protection. In five minutes our house presented a singular scene. Every body was "picking up his own." My husband said, "Take care of your clothes and let every thing else go!" He said this because ladies' garments are the most difficult things to obtain here. I concluded to make a frolic of the matter, thinking all the while that it was ridiculous to be in such a hurry; but only for a short time was I laboring under this impression. I never in my life saw such flames as roared and surged, and licked with crimson tongue the open sky." The atmosphere of our house soon became so hot that I was glad enough to vacate it. Just fancy Mr. H——— and myself running up a high hill, I with a copy of "Jane and Dora" in one hand, and my jewel-box in the other. Before I left, I took a hasty glance into the kitchen; saw our dinner lying on the table; hesitated a moment as to whether it would not be more sensible to leave the books and take the beef, but finally concluded the beef could stand the fire best, and so left it, not expecting to see either our house or dinner again. I begged very hard to be permitted to move some of our furniture, but my husband said "No." I did, however, secure my beautiful curtains. Twenty-five dollars a load (the fire price at San Francisco) makes people rather reluctant to try to save their goods from conflagration. From the house to which we fled upon the hill, we could look down upon the whole scene. By three o'clock the fire had been so far subdued that it was considered safe to return. We found our faithful old cook in the kitchen, smiling peace, with the fire raging all around her. She hadn't moved a peg. The building was so hot as if it had actually been on fire; but the old woman said she "didn't mawind [wasn't a goin'to burn up that time!"
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> Now, I keep all my clothes packed up, ready to move at any moment. I think the fire originated a block from us, I should have had time to save any thing. After this I shall be prepared, unless it comes next door; *then* I shall consider it fortunate if I get away myself. At the first toll of the bell, there are thousands of people rushing into the streets, looking on, and hoping the fire take its course. They can do nothing, except what I saw done, take up rich carpets and hang them over the fronts of houses. They are in truth perfectly powerless here—no water, no engines, and every thing so dry; and yet the broad Pacific is all around us. I think if a few more enterprising Yankees were here, it would be put to some use.
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> "I can't be the like of me realize that I am in the United States. It is very far from 'civilization,' yet, in more meanings than one. It is amusing to sit at our window any see the different nations passing. Only 'Chineese,' as Milton call them, and so ridiculous-looking people; the men mostly covered with hair, like monkeys, and their names being appended, can see at that is going on—sometimes too much. Only a few days ago, for some reason I know not, one whom I could not and see was forced with. It would make the boots pass very pleasantly.
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> "I think it is a sad place, this same San Francisco. In the first place there are so many bad women here that ladies can scarcely go into the street. That prevents almost all social visit at night. You know what a coward I always was in the streets of New York, so you can well imagine that I seldom go out here and I should die to be left alone at home. At first my husband would not let me sit at the windows; and even on any occasion, to open the door in the day-time.
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> I wish you could look out of windows just now and hear the wind blow." At eleven it began, and blows a perfect hurricane until night. I have not seen a rainy day since I left New York not one; and every day we sit down with a large fire in the parlor. 'And still they tell me, 'You must like our climate.' Pshaw! so do I. I like the climate of Cuba better.
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> "Wouldn't you like to know a little something about the expenses of house-keeping hereabout? Premising that we pay two hundred dollars a month for a comfortable house, and our cook a hundred dollars a month, just take a few things for our dinner to-day, as that is used to say, then you come at it a little. Cook has a quarter of beef, which she could make us a good macaroni pudding for, but must insist him in preference, 'only' a stalling dinner for ten chickens; one quart of milk seventy-five cents; say nothing more. Chicken pie—three dollars. Potatoes—just sent out for a quart of vinegar, four shillings; a bar of common soap, five shillings, while every thing we use costs us a dollar a day, which does not include the washing. A little washerwoman, only charges four dollars a month, and washing done out at that dollars for each dozen pieces.
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> Tell——, when he sits in his comfortable new at Grace church on Sundays, to think of our privations in that respect, here in San Francisco. Such a church as we have now before; a mere shed, with rough boards. But there is not the slightest use in building a handsome church here, for it is sure to burn down. And such a life in California's capital!

Telegraphic Items.

UTICA, Nov. 21, 1851.

THE EXECUTION OF H. B. CONKLIN, for ARSON—Conklin suffered the extreme penalty of the law at quarter past 11 o'clock this morning. He relatives passed the greater part of last night with him in his cell, and bid him a last farewell shortly before daylight. Rev. P. H. Fowler, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in this city, (of which the unfortunate man's mother is an exemplary member,) has been his spiritual adviser. He attended him this morning and afforded him the comforts of the Gospel in his last moments.

The prisoners ever since his conviction, has exhibited a proper spirit; he has been very much broken in heart for his past misdeeds, and has looked with hope and confidence for forgiveness. His conversation in regard to such as he thought had injured him, has all been in the most Christian spirit. His last night he devoted to the happiest of his life, and he again and again professed he would choose to die rather than live the life he had lived.

Rev. Mr. Fowler informs us that he cannot conceive how a man in Conklin's circumstances could act better than he has done since his conviction.

The instrument of death was a lever with one arm about two feet longer than the other, and was erected in the jail yard at Whitesboro', to the longer arm were attached three 56 lb. weights, and from the shorter the prisoner was suspended. The long arm was fastened with a cord to a beam, and by cutting the cord the weights fell, and the other arm of the lever was suddenly raised about six feet.

In the enclosure about 200 persons were assembled, Jurymen, Special Deputies, and others. The Utica Citizens' Corps and the Witherall Corps were on duty.

At 11 o'clock the death-warrant, signed by Judges Gridley, Root, Evans and Penfield, was read by the District Attorney to the prisoner in his cell; he listened to it calmly, and then shook hands with those about him.

A quarter past 11 o'clock, the prisoner was brought from his cell accompanied by Rev. Mr. Fowler. He was attired in a black coat and pants, and his arms were tied behind him. On his head was the death-cap, and around his neck the fatal rope. He was placed on a chair beneath the gallows.

Rev. Mr. Fowler then said: "Conklin wishes me to say for him, that he has nothing to add to that which he has already committed to paper, but he prays that his awful example may be sanctified to all present—he prays that it may be a warning to all to shun his course, and to prepare you for the certain death that awaits you all—he entreats that you may all be ready at the appointed hour to meet him in judgment." The reverend gentleman then delivered a fervent prayer for the pardon of the prisoner, and that he might be with Christ that hour in Paradise. Conklin said, "Jesus receive my spirit." Mr. Fowler responded, "The Lord have mercy on your soul."

The prisoner was perfectly calm and exhibited no signs of fear, but met death like one who saw a better prospect beyond the bomb.

While under Sheriff Osborn was adjusting the rope, Conklin once or twice repeated the words, "Lord Jesus receive my Spirit." The death cap was pulled down his face, the rope was cut, and Conklin was instantly raised several feet from the ground. His neck was not broken, but the jerk rendered him insensible, and he probably suffered little afterward, although his pulse was observed, by Drs. Sim, Hallet and Cobb, who were in attendance, to beat from 12 to 13 minutes after he was first suspended. His death was easy, though he lingered long. As he rose from the ground he clinched his fists, and there was hardly any other movement at first, but after a while a few convulsions, and then all was over. The body was suffered to hang about thirty minutes; it was then placed in a coffin and brought in a hearse to the residence of his father in the city.

Yesterday, Conklin dictated to Rev. Mr. Fowler a warning for all to shun his evil ways. He traces his ruin to saloon tippling and engine house debauchery, and exhorts all to temperance.

The Confession is in his father's hands, and will not be published until Monday or Tuesday next. Possibly the names of the persons implicated may never be published, as it may be impossible to substantiate all the charges.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.

The American steamship Baltic, left at 12 o'clock, but owing to the low stage of water will remain at quarantine until 3 o'clock this afternoon. She has fifty passengers and $1,096 000 in specie.

The Daniel Webster, for San Juan, takes out 200 passengers.

The steamer Winfield Scott from N. Orleans is off the Highlands.

By an arrival at this port we have advices from Buenos Ayres up to the 20th of Sept.—There is no news of importance.

The Brazilian ship Infanta is ashore on Romer Shoals.

Honorable Henry Clay passed through Pittsburg on Wednesday. The Pittsburg Despatch says:

> "We called in the afternoon to look once more at the veteran statesman, but learned from Mr. Crosman, that he had arrived in very feeble state of health, had immediately retired to his room, and was there sleeping. We learn with regret that his step is very feeble and he has greatly failed since he last visited this city.—P. M., for Washington by the West Newton route. We saw him as he passed down, and marked the great change in his appearance—the too sure indication that time and illness are laying their weight upon his gallant fame."

☞ In concluding his speech to the working classes of London, Kossuth gave a short history of the Hungarian struggle, and declared that the nation wished a republic, founded on rule and law, like that of the United States.

City Intelligence.

PLACIDUS VARIETIES.—Since the opening of this deservedly popular establishment, the house has been crowded every evening. The entertainments to-night commence with the farce of "The Trumpeter's Wedding"; after which, for the first time, the ballet of "Monsieur Deschalumeau." The amusements conclude with the farce of "Studies and Crashes."

SACRED CONCERT.—A Grand Sacred Concert will be given at the Lyceum Hall, to-morrow evening under the direction of Sr. G. Curto, assisted by Mr. Fred. Meyer, the celebrated violinist, and other talented performances. Tickets are for sale at the principal music stores.

THE CONTESTED ELECTION FOR CONSTABLE.—His Honor, Judge Laree delivered his decision yesterday on the exceptions taken to the petition of plaintiff in the case of O'Brien *vs.* Pearson, relative to the election for Constable of the Second Justice of the Peace. The decision assumes that no cause of action is shown on the face of the petition. In relation to the exceptions, the Judge referred to the decision in the case of Morigny *vs.* Prorat, in which it was stated that the refusal to receive the votes of qualified voters, and the acceptance of votes of persons not qualified, would be sufficient ground to sustain the petition for annulment of the election. This exception is therefore not made. The second objection is that the Court had no jurisdiction, and this is also set aside, the Judge being of opinion that the jurisdiction is clearly given by law. Another objection is, that one Nolan, whose name is signed to the petition, did not sign, nor authorize his name to be signed, but it was proved that he did give authority to sign his name, and this objection is also dismissed.

The remaining objection is, that another of the signers of the petition, Greenhill, is not a citizen of the law requires. It was proved that Greenhill is not a citizen; but in the present case it is the opinion of the Court that the signatures of the ten voters is required by law is no more matter of substance than those things which the law requires in any petition, the persons signing being in reality no parties to the contest, their names being appended, for any purpose whatever, merely to show that a certain number of voters in the district are willing to express the opinion that the contest is not utterly frivolous.

If upon exception it should appear that one of the persons signing is not a resident voter as prescribed, the Judge sees no good reason why another should not be substituted in his place as contended and proposed by the counsel for plaintiff. It is only an amendment to the petition in point of form, and the Judge, guided by decisions in analogous cases, permits the same.

It is therefore ordered, that the exception of the defendants, so far as relates to the signature of Greenhill, be maintained, that the portions of the exception be dismissed, and that plaintiffs have leave to amend instanter by substituting for the name of said Greenhill that of any resident voter of the Sixth Ward, Second Municipality, who may choose to sign said petition.

The result of this decision will be to bring the case up before a jury.

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT.—Judge Buchanan rendered the following decisions yesterday, in the case of Burton, Jr. *vs.* Gurley & Co. and the absent heirs of the late H. F. Howard and Rosalie Meyers, testamentary executors of John McDonogh:

The plaintiff in this suit is the defendant, Gurley, is a resident of the District Court, and avers that the defendants, Howard and Meyer are residents of Jefferson, Maryland.

Having been appointed joint testamentary executors of John McDonogh, the defendants left their places of residence in Maryland, to come to New Orleans, where the succession was opened.

The defendants were qualified as executors in the 11th District Court, Judge Gurley presiding, December and Meyers Howard and Meyer on the 13th of December, 1849.

The plaintiff in this suit, as the agent of the absent heirs has the right to sue the executors, and they have no cause to object.

Judge Gurley, at the beginning of his term, last year, it is declared that a testamentary executor, who was also a creditor, could not himself temporarily absent himself, provided he leaves with some other person general and special power of attorney to represent him in the area of his administration as executor, and decides as authentic copy of the power of attorney, before the notary, and recorded in the Recorder of Mortgages, the place where the succession is opened, which power of attorney shall be registered.

The absence of the defendants is alleged by them to be necessary. But they entirely neglected to leave a power of attorney in the manner above specified, and refused to have any such power of attorney executed in the mortgage office before the 30 days.

They have indeed made powers of attorney since their departure, but on which Gurley, on the 18th March, last at Washington City, and Meyer at Baltimore, on the 1st March, 1851.

But these powers of attorney are clearly not a compliance with the law of 1846, by the terms of that law is therefore, the defendants have lost their executorship.

It is therefore adjudged and decreed that the letters of testamentary executorship heretofore granted to the defendants, be revoked, and that letters be granted to the successor of John McDonogh, be revoked, and the defendants are condemned to submit to pay the costs of this proceeding.

FIRST Derogatory Court—*Judge Lanze.*—His Honor rendered a decision yesterday in the case of J. F. Beelle and W. De Lanze *vs.* Conklin, ordering out of the possession of the succession of Rachel Bannister, the mesne of which he has already ordered upon previously. By this decision the plaintiffs will remain in the Dutch J. e. 1850, on the 4th day of the First District Court, and Bannister and re-instated in his real and mesne Rights, and to receive any sum of money, but the judgment is maintained as far as it affects the rights of action against Rachel Bannister resorting to the defendant J. Prudenthal and W. B. Upton, for any money which may have been received by them or either of them in consequence of the said judgment against the said succession of R. Bannister, and that defendant pay costs.

RULES OF THE MARKETS OF THE FIRST MUNICIPALITY.—The Mayor and all public auction proprietors the farms of the various markets of the First Municipality on the following terms. The Beef Market, to Franklin, from the 1st of May to the 30th of June. The Vegetable Market to Jackson Square for $50,000. The Meat Market to John Paulzer for $17,425. Total, $116,775. Lead year the Beef Market sold for $50,000, the Vegetable for $35,750, and the Meat for $15,250. Total, $111,500. Increase the year, $5175.

Mr. Layeux, Commissioner of the Second Municipality, yesterday sold at auction the farming of the Second Municipality Markets as follows:

St. Mary Market, to P. E. Nugent, for $29,000.
Vegetable Market, to Wm. Christopher, for $1,100.
Poydras Market, to H. Latere II, for $16,000; Annunciation Market, to ——, for $1,350—being an excess in the whole of $3,450.

MUNICIPAL CONTRACT.—His Honor the Mayor sold at public auction yesterday the contract for the paving of the bricking of the side walks on Magnie from Bienville street to Bayou Road, to T. Burkley at 19½ cents per square yard.

FIRST MUNICIPALITY.—Some half a dozen charges of neglect and battery were brought yesterday to the notice of Recorder Genois, but we deem them too unimportant to give particulars. In one instance the party arrested stated that he had been stabbed with sundry forks, from the individual charged with doing so turned round subsequently and made a counter affidavit against the person for assault and battery.

FIRE.—Between 10 and 11 o'clock on Sunday evening a fire broke out in the store of Balbiani & Co. at the corner of St. Charles street and Commercial Place. The flames were soon extinguished, but some damage was done to the goods from the effects of the water. The owners are insured. An individual who slept in the upper part of the building, was arrested on the charge of setting fire to building, but the case remains to be investigated.

VAGRANT.—Oliver Hunt, a well known vagrant and suspicious character was brought up yesterday before Recorder Caldwell. He was remanded to prison in default of $500 bail for his appearance having been fined at $1,000.

FINED.—Several individuals were fined yesterday by Recorder Caldwell, for fighting and disturbing the peace. The latter mode of effectual method of putting a stop to the frequency of these occurrences.

SENT TO THE WORKHOUSE.—John Floyd *alias* Williams was arrested in the Recorder's Municipality on Sunday last on the charge of bet. a dangerous and suspicious character. His personal effects consisted of a tool for