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CONGRESS.

In the house, on Wednesday, Wendell, democrat, was chosen printer, and the speaker announced the committees.

Elections.—Messrs. Washburn of Me., Stephens of Ga., Watson of Ohio, Spinner of N. Y., Oliver of Mo., Hickman of Pa., Colfax of Ind., Smith of Ala., and Bingham of Ohio.—Five anti-slavery men, and four pro-slavery.

District of Columbia.—Mecham of Vt., Dodd of N. Y., Good of Va., Cumber of Ind., Dick of Pa., Harris of Ala., Bennett of Miss., Trafton of Mass., and Bell of Texas.—Five anti-slavery men, and four pro-slavery.

Judiciary.—Simmons of N. Y., Marshall of Ky., Barbour of Ind., Caskie of Va., Galloway of Ohio, Harris of Ala., Lake of Miss., Wakeman of N. Y., Tappan of N. H.—Five anti-slavery men, and four pro-slavery.

Territories.—Grow of Pa., Giddings of Ohio, Purviance of Pa., Richardson of Ill., Houston of Ala., Granger of N. Y., Zoll-coffer of Tenn., Morrill of Vt. and Perry of Me.—Six anti-slavery men, and three pro-slavery.

While Mr. Banks has placed a majority of anti-slavery men upon the most important committees, he has also been very fair with his political opponents.

Soon the Reeder question will be discussed; and the discussion upon that subject may continue for months. We may soon expect some rich developments.

The session will be long and exciting, and the people of future ages will look to it as we now look back to the great conflicts of the past, between good and evil.

The teachers and scholars connected with our two upper schools, under the charge of Mr. Bailey and Mr. Longly, the two principals, turned out in great shape and glee for a sleighing party, on Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Leo completed his course of lectures upon "Romanism" on Thursday evening. The first lecture was upon "The Bible the only true rule of faith; second, "articular confession;" third, "invocation of saints and worship of the virgin Mary;" fourth, "transubstantiation and sacrifice of the mass;" fifth, "supremacy of the pope;" sixth, "purgatory."

AID FOR KANSAS.—We learn from the Worcester Spy that from one of the small towns adjacent to Worcester, a hundred dollars was received on Friday last, by the agents of the emigrant aid society, to be added to their funds for the relief of the settlers in the territory, and many other towns are making liberal contributions.

CHICOPEE NEWS.

We find that we have unintentionally done injustice to a large portion of the members of the Holyoke sleigh-ride company who made this village a visit last Saturday week.

One of the best men in Holyoke (who was a member of the company,) writes to a friend in this place that "only four or five had partaken of liquor."

Last Saturday afternoon, the scholars of one of the Springfield schools took a sleigh-ride to Chicopee, in a large team, to the number of about fifty.

The lecture of Hon James T. Robinson, on Tuesday evening, was well filled with splendid ideas, beautiful in language, and delivered in an easy, graceful style.

The Universalist festival, on Wednesday evening, was not only successful in a pecuniary point, but furnished much enjoyment to the participants.

Dr. J. S. Rock, of Boston, the celebrated colored speaker, will, on Monday evening, deliver a lecture upon "The races in general—the Caucasian and African in particular;" in Cabot Hall, at 7 o'clock.

Dr. Rock displays great mental power, a habit of close reasoning, and a carefully cultivated, and positively superior style of oratory.

Whitehouse's New England Bards gave one of their first-rate concerts, last evening, in Cabot Hall.

Police Court.—Before Judge Whitaker.—James O. Dady—drunkenness; pleaded guilty, and was fined \$3 and costs, and in default of payment, he was committed to the house of correction.

Mr. Leo is an Irishman—was brought up a Catholic, and educated for the priesthood; but his uncommon reasoning faculties did not permit him to continue a mem-

ber of the Romish church. For the past few years, he has been engaged in lecturing to the Irish; he is generally well received by them.

P. S. Mr. Leo will address the Protestants on Wednesday evening. Admittance, 12 1-2 cents. He should have a crowded house.

Archibald Thomas was tried for drunkenness, last Saturday, and sent to the house of correction. Officer Whitaker arrested him, at Springfield. Thomas drew a knife at the time, but was promptly seized and handcuffed, and, upon being examined, a slung shot and file—the end of which was ground to a sharp point—were found upon his person.

Titus Chapin, Esq., has recently heard from his son, who is at Topeka, Kansas—in first rate health and spirits.

We find the following in the Springfield Argus, from its Boston correspondent, in relation to our worthy townsman, Hon. Benning Leavitt:

"The other half of the democratic party, in the senate, is Mr. Benning Leavitt, of the same county. He was born, I believe, in Northampton, N. H., and is not far from sixty years of age.

Rev. Mr. Pettes will give his last lecture for the season, at the Unitarian church, on Sunday (to-morrow) evening, Feb. 17, at 7 o'clock, precisely.

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Dr. J. S. Rock is an able and eloquent speaker.—Boston Times.

Dr. J. S. Rock affords a striking refutation of the paltry, though oft-repeated argument, that the African race is not susceptible of high mental and scientific attainments.

Dr. Rock is a terse writer, a close reasoner, and a chaste speaker, and must hereafter take his position as one of the first orators in this country.—Boston Evening Telegraph.

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A CABD.—The subscriber would return his cordial thanks to the members of the 3d Congregational society and choir, for the beautiful gold watch and chain which was presented him on the 4th.

Rev. Luther H. Cone, of New Haven, will, for the present, supply the pulpit of the 3d Congregational church in this village.

A PEEP INTO THE HOME.

Let us look into the home, and see some of the material from which the strength or the waste of humanity is to come.

Here is a child of very nervous temperament. We some times have wounds, to which the slightest touch gives pain. So there are persons who constantly feel hurt as they come in contact with the rough edges of the world.

There again is a child with a perfectly fiery temper. He constantly provokes you. Yet what you need is, to be perfectly calm. Anger only quickens anger.

You wish your child to take an interest in books, in study. Much will depend upon his natural disposition; but, very much also will depend upon the influences you place around him.

But we confess that we have little hope for the improvement of our race until there shall be more thorough discipline at home.

The other day, in a country village, a father told his son, a boy of 12, not to go near the railroad during the day.

REVENGE OF A LOVER.—CUTTING OFF A GIRL'S NOSE.—We have learned from Mr. Wagner some of the particulars of a most diabolical outrage that occurred last week about three miles below this landing, on the Mississippi.

DECLINE OF MORMONISM.—The Taunton (England) Courier states that the Mormon delusion in that neighborhood—where for the last twelve months a couple of elders have been propagating their "Latter day" doctrines—is fast dying out.

KNOW NOTHING.—There are more know nothings in the world than belong to this secret political party. They are those who don't read the papers, and therefore know nothing about Dr. Rogers' SYRUP OF LIVERWORT, TAR, and CASCARILLA.

Hundreds of bushels of cels, frozen as stiff as pokers, have been raked upon Yarmouth beach, and sent to the city markets, where they bring from 10 to 12 cents per pound.

N. P. BANKS.

"The career of Mr. Banks is full of interest and hope, the more especially to the young. He has risen to his present post from the humblest life.

Let those who see Mr Banks in the chair of the house of representatives, remember that its price is twenty-five years of toil and study—a long and rugged path.

Mr. Banks is signally a self-made man. He is indebted to no adventitious aid for what he has in his head. The circumstances by which he was surrounded in his early days, no less than the counsels which saluted his ears, were anything but encouraging.

WESTERN AGRICULTURE. In no portion of our extended country have the people been favored with a more prolific soil, than in that part usually embraced in the great valley of the Mississippi.

Not only in Europe, but in the older settled portions of our country, has the soil been tested to its fullest capacity; and it has been found, inadequate to feed its own people, much less to supply any foreign parts.

SEVEN PERSONS FROZEN TO DEATH.—The Portsmouth (Va.) Transcript states that on the night of the 12th ult. a vessel was capsized off Onancock creek, and when boarded, a woman and six children were found frozen to death.

COTTON CONSUMPTION.—The history of the cotton manufacture in England is without a parallel in the annals of any age or country. In the beginning of the reign of George III, it gave employment to forty thousand persons; and the value of the goods produced was \$8,000,000 yearly; it now employs not less than fifteen hundred thousand persons, and the value of the goods produced exceeds \$155,000,000.

COAL.—The coal in Breckenbridge, Ky., seems to possess a value far exceeding that which attaches to it for fuel or mechanical purposes.

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PAPER BAGS.—In Philadelphia there is an establishment for the manufacture of paper bags, for druggists, grocers, bakers, confectioners, and other dealers, with machinery driven by steam.

If a father in Turkey refuses his daughter to a lover, and the lover kills himself in consequence, the father is liable to the charge of murder.

YILLAGE ARISTOCRACY.—The South-bridge Press is "down" on village aristocracy, in the following language:

But the aristocracy of a country village! Bah! The mere mention of it sours and sickens the stomach. No language can express the contempt one feels for these little village cliques—these small organizations of small souls, who are so conceited as to imagine that they were born of better blood than their neighbors and superiors—

SALTPETER IN TENNESSEE.—A Tennessee paper has the following statement in reference to the manufacture of saltpeter in a portion of that state: "The caverns of east Tennessee, at least a great number of them, contain immense quantities of the nitrous earth from which saltpeter is manufactured. This is no new discovery.

PRODUCT OF GLOUCESTER FISHERIES, 1855.—One third of the entire catch of Massachusetts mackerel in 1855 was inspected in Gloucester, viz. 73,000 blbs.—43,000 blbs. were inspected at that port in 1854.

COTTON FOR NORTHERN MANUFACTURERS. Among the late clearances at our custom house, we observe that of the American ship Isaac H. Boardman, with 5000 bales of cotton for Boston.

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