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IP A Meeting of the Sacramento City and County DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMIT TEES will be held at the Office of C A. JOHNSON is Sacramento City on WEDNESDAY Evening th 22d instant, at 7 o'clock.

A fall and punctual attendance is desired, as hus aess of importance will be before the meeting. By order of Democratic Central Committe

Postponement.

The above Meeting has been postponed unti St DAY evening the 24th instant. at the same hour and place above mentioned By order Central Committee.

Gar Power Press in Operation.

To-day's issue of the Transcript is the first struck off by our new power press. This is one of Hoe's large cylinder presses, and is the first one put up in California out of San Francisco. We are now enabled to strike off a very large number of sheets in a brief space of time, and to detain our paper till the last moment in the morning, in order to lay before our readers an hour or two afterwards, the very latest intelligence that arrives from all parts of the State.

Our press was put up by Mr. Wm. Dunn of San Francisco. He is an admirable workman, and has had the satisfaction of putting up the first Steam-Press in Sau Francisco-that of the "Alta"-and now the first in Sacramento. We can recommend him as a neat and expeditious workman. We have a large supply of excellent paper

now due, which was made expressly for the Transcript, and in a few weeks, when all our arrangements shall have been comple ted, we shall be ready to meet entirely the wants of this rapidly advancing community. We expect also by the next steamer. an additional supply of job type, and in the course of a month, an entire new office for our newspaper.

For the mail that leaves on the first proximo, we shall issue a steamer paper on A **DOUBLE SHEET**, the size of the double Alta California, containing news from all parts of California, also from Oregon, the Sandwich Islands, &c. We are now enabled to do job work at the shortest notice, and should be happy to accommodate our patrons on the most reasonable terms.

THE CITY LOCK-UP .- Mr. Cogswell, from the committee appointed by the council, to select a suitable place as a "lock-up," reported in favor of renting the basement of Mr. Merritt's brick building, situated on the corner of 2d and J streets. The price demanded is \$300 per month. The committee were instructed to close a contract, provided the room could be obtained for \$200 in scrip, per month.

SCELP ADVANCING .- Dr. Mackenzie sta ted last evening that he had obtained 75 cents in the dollar for city scrip. In consequence of the sales of property for taxation. city scrip is decidedly on the advance.

THE SUNDAY ORDINANCE .- This ordiashce which has been "on the docket" for several months, was taken up last evening, and after a short discussion was lost. Although in favor of wholsome restrictions, we doubt very much whether the time has yet arrived for one so stringent in its prowisions.

The "Times" editor is informed that its impression in regard to " pilfering" from the Alta is entirely erroneous. The article left. Learning subsequently that another

The Claim of Capt, Wm. Waldo. We noticed yesterday, the introduction of requesting our Senators and Representatives telligence from Nevada City. in Congress to use their best efforts to prothe resolution, and trust that Capt. Waldo ved of the starving condition of those on their route here, Capt. W. opened his purse-

tire community had confidence, (J. Neely Johnson, Esq.,) volunteered to head the relief train. Having arrived on the eastern slope of the mountain, he found that not onehalf of the sad story had been told, and that the supplies were totally inadequate to the wants of those daily arriving at that point. These facts were communicated to the public, but with a lethargic spirit they met the

emergency rather with sympathetic and wordy resolutions, than donations of money. The appeal was heard, thought of for a day, and then dismissed from thought. There were, however, a few bright exceptions in this general forgetfulness of the safety of those who were journeying over burning wastes, and in an almost famishing condition.

At the head of this list stands Capt. WM. WALDO, we rejoice to do honor to his name. With a nobleness of heart he stepped forward and used every energy of soul and body to arouse the people of the entire State to a realization of the helpless situation of those who were yet far off from this land of

plenty. In some cases his appeals softened the heart and induced contributions, but in others they were heard only to be forgotten. After having procured all the supplies that it was possible for him to get, he started off with but one other person, who had volunteered to accompany him in this mission of mercy. He proceeded from this city to Truckee River, which skirts the immense desert lying between that and the Humboldt river. Those only who have pas-

sed over this route can properly appreciate the toil, the hardship and danger, attendant on such a journey. But the trials of the journey, though se vere, did not equal the poignancy of feeling

which the scenes of desolation and despair, daily appearing after his arrival, induced. Soon he found that his supply was not equal to the great demand. Mothers, and wives.

and little children were arriving daily, without food. The cry of distress and stary ation was borne on every breeze that came floating over the great desert! His storehouse was exhausted-the last pound of flour, and the last piece of meat had been parted with. Capt. W.'s appeals for succor were sent on to the settlements, but it was mpossible for succor to arrive in time to supply the destitute. Traders were located at the

river-they had given of their substance. but they were not willing to reduce themselves to penury, and they demanded money for their commodities. Here then was the trying time. Although his contributions had already been large, Capt. Waldo did not hesitate, or stop to count the cost; but with a rare nobleness of soul, he made a purchase of the entire stock of provisions on the hands of the traders, and pledged his private fortune to liquidate the claim! This food was judiciously distributed, and was without doubt, the means of saving a large number of lives. After remaining at hi

post until, as he thought, the last immigrant had safely passed, he packed up and

Late from Nevada City. We are indebted to. Mr. Davis, of Davi a resolution by Mr. Lisle, in the Assembly, & Co's Express, for the following item of in-

Mr. Davis informs us that there is a good cure an appropriation by Congress of a sum deal of excitement there on account of Dr sufficient to remunerate Capt. Wm. Waldo, Lenox having been murdered, while sitting for important services rendered by him to in his office. He was shot about 9 o'clock emigrants coming to California overland .- last Sunday evening, the murderer firing We are pleased to see the introduction of through the front window. The ball entered on one side, and passing through the may be remunerated at least for his vast out- abdomen, came out at the other. The Dr. lays of money. When the first news arri- lived about an hour after he wasshot. Before he died he stated that it was Col. Lewis M. Best, or Capt. Fitzpatrick, who had shot him. strings, and donated \$1,000 for the purchase Both these persons were therefore arrested. of supplies. A gentleman in whom the en- The trial commenced before Justice Edwards on Monday. Our informant left Nevada on Tuesday morning. The prisoners had been put under bonds of \$3000 each to appear again on Tuesday morning. The principal evidence that was adduced on the part of the State, was threats made by & Co. Jury rendered verdict for plaintiff Best. It seems that the difficulty between for \$580.69. them had been one of long standing, having commenced on the plains last summer. It grew out of some partnership arrangements \$937,50. relative to California. It was currently stated around town, that Lenox had already attempted to shoot Best, but that the caps stealing. True bill presented at the preswere bad, and the gun did not go off.

> THE CITY POLICE .- Mr. Berry stated to the Council last evening that there were about eight hundred applications for admission as members of the City Police. There are only some dozen or fifteen situations to he filled.

A FLARE-UP !--- MR. GAY'S DAMAGES .--A protracted discussion, and one that turned to be highly exciting, took place in the Council, last evening, on the motion to rescind a resolution which instructed the Commission now sitting, to assess Mr. Gay's damages, to take into consideration the real damages sustained, and to settle on honest and fair terms. The merits and demerits were argued at length by Mr. Tweed as Counsel for Mr. Gay, and Messrs. Johnson & Forman representing the city. The question to rescind was put and carried, when Mr. Tweed desired that a record should be made, and called for the yeas and navs.

Mr. Berry remarked that hereafter he should oppose any one as a member of the Council appearing there as counsel for a client, for, -

Mr. Tweed-1 have listened to such language before, and I'll not put up with such insinuations much longer. I -

Mr. Berry-I am ready, and the soone the issue is made, the better. I'm ready. The President-Order !

Mr. Tweed-I call him to order. I'll protect myself. I cannot allow any such imputations in regard to the course I shall pursue. I have always got permission to address the Board before I did so, as counsel for Mr. Gay. Hav'nt I done so ?-(Addressing the Chair.)

The President-You have.

[Mr. Tweed then passed to the rear of the members, close to Mr. Berry, in somewhat of a threatening attitude.] Mr. Berry-I mean to pursue [Here there was a good deal of commo

tion among the members, and as matters seemed to be approaching a crisis, there were numerous calls of "Order! order!!"] The President-The question is on the rescinding of the resolution. The yeas and nays have been called. The clerk will proceed with the call.

The question was taken, and the resolution, before referred to, rescinded.

PLACERVILLE NEWS .- A letter from a correspondent in El Dorado county. states that the Placerville streets continue to present a District Court, Sacramente County. January Term, 1851. JUDGE ROBINSON, PRESIDING.

O. Healey's fine remitted and excused rom attendance until Monday next. Edward Highton excused from attendanc

intil same date. Abram Hiss, plaintiff, vs. Samuel Hey nan, defendant. Order of publication for six months. Stedman Penrose, vs. A. P. Petit, &c.

The city restrained from paying over money to Petit, and J. H. Mackenzie, appointed eceiver.

- A. Goodyear, vs. B. Lee.
- Jno. H. Scranton, vs. same. George S. Reynolds, vs. same.

F. H. Shartz, vs. Perrin & Dodge. Dis

issed on motion of plaintiff.

Keithley Trumbo & Co., vs. M. Cunningam. Jury rendered verdict for plaintiff for \$394.37.

Dewitt & Howison, vs. Wm. H. Crowell

D. V. B. Henarie & Co., vs. Dan'l G. Whitney. Jury, and verdict for plaintiff for

People, vs. Charles Currier, Charles Huff, and Isaac Ford, alias Isaac F. Martin-Horse ent term. Separate trials granted defendants; and Jury, and acquittal of Ford alias Martin. Jury, and a verdict of guilty as to Charles Currier, and imprisonment for two years. The case of Huff is being argued before a jury at this time.

Grand Jury appeared in court with three additional indictments, and not having completed the business before them, returned to their room.

ITEMS FROM THE BAY.

IF There is no doubt of the election of Dr. Robinson and Mr. Cronise for Aldermen, and Mr. Gibbs for Assistant, at the election at San Francisco on Monday.

ESCAPE FROM PRISON .--- John Manuel Pose, confined upon a charge of stealing \$2100 from Joseph Griffiths at Sacramento City, escaped from the prison at that place, and is supposed to be in this city. He is described as being five feet, nine inches in beicht dach combinier fall for

inches in height, dark complexion, full face and small eyes. A reward of \$500 is offered for his apprehension.—[Casserly's Balance.

AN ELOPEMENT .-- A woman named Mrs. Green, left the protection of her husband to share the fortunes of a man named Edwin Carroll. They took the steamer for Sacra mento yesterday afternoon. A few moments after the departure of the boat, the husband made his appearance on the wharf, but find-ing himself belated, philosophically conclu-ded to make the best of it, and let time, in stead of a bullet convince them of their

baseness .--- [Ib. A LARGE SEAL.-A seal, weighing from 150 to 200 pounds was being exhibited on Long Wharf, last Saturday. It was shot on the coast by a hunter, and brought to this city as a curiosity. It is singular that these inhabitants of the frozen regions should find their way to this latitude.—Pac. News.

About ten o'clock last night, two desoes disguised as Indians, attacked a gentleman named Watkins, near the corner of Powell and Union streets. Their object was without doubt, robbery, and perhaps murder, but their designs were frustrated by the coolness and courage of Mr. W., who instantly presented a Colt's revolver and fired, wounding one of his assailants severely, whereupon the other took to his heels. The wounded rascal managed to escape by crawling beneath an untenanted house near by until Mr. W. departed. Our citizens, such as have occasion to traverse north beach or vicinity late at night, would do well to always be well prepared to give any one who may assail them a warm recep-tion.—[Casserly's Balance.

NATIONAL EXPENSES .- The State receipts into the treasury of the United States for

the year ending 30th of June, were \$47.-421,748 90; the total expenditures during the same period were 43,002,168 90. The public debt has been reduced si

nt's Mes age. This interesting and important paper has been for several days before the community. It is too long of course for us to trans-fer it entire to our columns, and we must content ourselves with giving a brief summary of its principal points, enlarging only on those parts of it which have an immedi ate bearing on California.

The President commences with an appropriate allusion to the death of his lamented predecessor, and takes the occasion of the reassembling of Congress to define his position.

He lays down as the only true policy of the United States, the great principle of non-intervention with the affairs of other nations.

He holds to the corectness of a limited exercise of the veto power. In an evident allusion to the great and exciting subject of the Fugitive Slave Law, he says that he regards all the provisions of the Constitution as equally binding; and he deems it his first duty, not to question its wisdom, add to its provisions, evade its requirements, or nullify its commands and that he shall take care that that, as well as all other laws, are faithfully executed.

With regard to the ship canal across the Isthmus, he says a convention has been negotiated between England and the United States, and an instrument drawn up which has been ratified by both parties. Two stipulations remain, however, yet to be accomplished. First, the establishment of a free port at each end of the canal; and second, an agreement fixing the distance from the shore within which belligerent maratime operations shall not be carried

With regard to our difficulties with Portugal, a proposition made by the government of Portugal for the final adjustment and payment of those claims, has recently been accepted on the part of the United States.

The following is from the Message:

"The collection in the ports of the United States of discriminating duties upon the vessels of Chili and their cargoes has been suspended, pursuant to the provisions of the act of congress of the 24th of May, 1828. It is to be hoped that this measure will-impart a fresh impulse to the commerce beween the two countries, which, of late, and especially since our acquisition of Califor-nic, has, to the mutual advantage of the par-ties, been much augmented."

With regard to the fiscal concerns of the overnment, the President says:

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The total expenditures during the same period were \$43,002,168 90. The public debt has been reduced, since

the last annual report from the Treasury Department, \$495,276 g9.

future proceeds of the public lands for the diminishing of the debt. \$8,075,986 of this debt comes due within the next two years. The President, therefore, recommends a modification of the present tariff; and, while he would not propose a high tariff, he deems specific duties highly feasible and neces-

In allusion to California the President savs:

There being no mint in California, I am informed that the laborers in the mines are compelled to dis-peze of their gold dust at a large discount. This ap-pears to me to be a heavy and unjust tax upon the labor os those employed in extr. eting this precious metal; and I doubt not you will be disposed, at the earliett period possible, to relieve them from it by the establishment of a mint. In the meantime, as an As-saver's Office is established thera, I would respect-fully submit for your consideration the propriety of authorizing gold bullion, which has been assayed and stamped, to be received in payment of Government dues.

stamped, to be received in payment of Government dues. I cannot conceive that the Treasury would suffer any loss by such a provision, which will at once raise bullion to its par value, and thereby save (if I am rightly informed) many millions of dollars to the la borers, which are now paid in brokerage to convert this metal into available funds. This discount upon their hard earnings is a heavy tax, and every effort should be made by the Government to relieve them from so great a burden.

POSTSCRIPT. BY THIS MORNING'S BOAT. Through Freeman & Cr.'s Express. Awful Disaster!! STEAMER MAJOR TOMPKINS BLOWN IIPIII

ONE MAN INSTANTLY KILLED, AND SEVERAL WOUNDED !!

We are much indebted to Mr. S. G. White. Messenger of the prompt Express of Freeman & Co., and Mr. Ayers of the New England hotel, for the following particulars of. a most melancholy disaster.

The Steamer Major Tompkins, on her downward trip to San Francisco. last eyening, when she was thirty miles below th is city, burst her boiler, wounding and scalding some six or eight persons, and killing instantly one man belonging to the boat.

The steamer West Point took most of the passengers to San Francisco, the New World took the remainder to our city this morning. The disaster occurred about half past four o'clock, yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Gouch, who was on board of the Tompkins, and Mr. Brannan rendered eve ry assistance in their power. Capt. J. D. Phillips, mate of the Tompkins, and D. S. Kelsey, Captain of the West Point, and Captain Hutchings, of the New World, deserve more than a passing notice-also, J. S. Arnold, Mr. Gamble, the steward of the N. World, Dr. Hulse, and Mr. &yers, who rendered valuable assistance.

The following is a list of the killed and wounded so far as our informants were able to procure them : KILLED.

Edward Tracy, fireman. WOUNDED. Edward Lamb, badly scalded. Richard Waters, do. do. Mr. Taylor, clerk, do. do. Mr. Johnson, of the Magnolia, b'dly sc'l'd. Dr. C. T. Whittier, do. do J. R. Lunt, slightly scalded. Edw. Giles, do. do. --- Orr, do. do. H. A. Whiting, do. do. S. Cunningham, do. do.

Immediately after the disaster, and whilst Dr. Whittier was suffering the most intense pain, and all excitement on board the Tompkins, a villain stepped up and took off his gold watch, and was about appropriating it. He was however seen by a person, and the watch was re-taken.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

THE SENATE.

Monday, Jan 90 Monday, Jan. 20. Mr. Tingley, from the committe on Fi-nauce, reported that they deemed it inex-pedient to recommend the passage of the bill concerning auctioneers and the bill con-

cerning licenses. On motion of Mr. Heydenfeldt, the re-port was laid on the table, and both bills were referred to the committee on Com-

merce and Navigation. Mr. Tingley, from the same committee, reported that it was inexpedient to pass the bill to repeal an act to prevent individuals from coining money, but recommend that it be referred to the Judiciary committee. The report was accepted, and the bill so

referred Mr. Tingley, from the same committee, reported in favor of the bill concerning the office of State Assayer, Melter and Refiner of gold, and defining his duties.

The committee on contested elections will report to-morrow.

THE ASSEMBLY.

Mr. Moore, of the Judiciary Committee, reported back the bill concerning unlawful entries, &c., with a substitute. Ordered to be printed. The same, also, reported that the bills

le District

But little reliance can be placed upon the sary.

There being no mint in California, 1 am in hat the laborers in the mines are compelled

referred to was not before us at the time o our writing, nor do we believe we read it until after our notice of the Surveyor General's report was written. The extracts, we know, were taken from the identical report itself.

TT Do you want a Bargain? Then go to the popular auction house of Clark & Milne, this morning.

IT That old established house of J. B. Starr & Co., will sell this morning a large stock of valuables.

EXPEDITING BUSINESS .- The District Court is pushing through business with commendable vigor. A large number of cases had aconmulated, but Judge Robinson is prompt and energetic, and does all in his power to facilitate business. Yesterday three criminal cases were disposed of-the charges being for horse stealing.

A DONATION .-- On Monday last, in the Assembly, Mr. Lisle presented to the House two fine octavo volumes, entitled Documen. tary History of New York (2 vols.) and a capy of the report on the Finances of U.S. Congress. (1849-50,) requesting the acceptance of the same from M. D. Boruck, Esq., of Sacramento, for the State Library. The volumes were laid upon the Speaker's desk for that purpose, and the thanks of the House were returned to the donor.

GOOD TIME COMING .- The Sable Harmo nists, extensively known throughout the Southern and Western States, and the very best negro melodists that have performed in this country, will appear at Lee's Exchange Hall on Saturday evening next, and give the citizens of Sacramento a specimen of their abilities. They have just finished an engagement at the Jenny Lind Theatre where they met with unbounded success.

THE CITY HOSPITAL .- For the week end ing the 20th, there have been admitted 4. djecharged 6; died 2; remaining 37.

train was still behind he returned and af. ter seeing all safely in to the settlements, retired to his rancho, where he has since remained in quiet. Most other men would have been proud of the eclat which would necessarily follow such devotion, but Capt.

W. seems as though he would avoid every public manifestation of regard, and every lemonstration of respect. Let the State and the General Government do well by one who went like an angel of mercy to

rescue from death so large a number of our countrymen.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER .- Mr Tweed expects to report a Supplemental Bill to the Charter early the next week .-Among other alterations, Mr. Tweed asks that the Council have the authority to borrow \$150,000. It is designed to submit the amendments to a vote of the people before they are sent to the Legislature for action.

SEVENTY MEN KILLED BY INDIANS. our postscript on Tuesday morning, we cop ied an article from the News, giving an ac count of a battle that had taken place be tween some whites under Capt. Savage and the Indians. Also in regard to the de scent of Indians on a party of whites, in which a large number were killed. The rumor was doubted, but more recent infor mation confirms the painful truth.

The News has subsequently received in telligence confirming the statement, and also of the masacre of seventy whites. The News says:

"We learn from our San Jose correspon dent, that late on Sunday evening last, ar express from the Mariposa reached the Governor, bringing the sad news of a disas-trous engagement with the Indians, at night Savage had attacked them one afternoon, early in last week, and had killed about early in last week, and had killed about thirty of their number, with the loss of only two of his men. The party then encamped on the field, and during the night they were attacked by the Indians, with the loss of about seventy of their number. The action of the government will, no doubt, be prompt and energetic; and thus alone the evil can be stayed."

very peculiar 'appearance, being nearly impassable, on account of the many holes that have been sunk by those who were digging for the "lumps." Our correspondent says that miners are receiving an excellent average, making from \$8 to \$225 per day .-From other accounts we are inclined to think our informant is a figure above the gross revenues of the Post Office Departmark in his estimated average, although we trust that he may be correct. We are also informed that Judge Russell, of Placerville. took out the other day \$212, in Cedar ravine, located just above the town.

On DIT .- We learn from a letter in the Alta, that Mr. Rayland, private secretary to Governor Burnett, will be married to Governor Burnett, will be married to Miss Letitia Burnett, on Thursday evening on newspapers, pamphlets, &c., shall be next, (to-day.)

THE INDIAN COMMISSIONERS .- The New States that Dr. Wozencraft one of the Com missioners of Indian Affairs for California left San Francisco Monday evening, for Sonoma, the head-quarters of Gen. Smith, for a detachment of U.S. troops, to proceed to the seat of the recent Indian difficulties It is proposed to take presents for the Indians, and use mild means to reduce them to subjection, but in the event of failing in this, to give the Indians battle, and force them to subjection and peace. The News says that some of the friendly Indians on the Stanislaus and Tuolumue rivers, will join in the expedition.

THE INDIANS ANNEXED .- In his Annual

Message, the President states that the various tribes of Indians brought under the ju risdiction of the United States by the recent equisition of territory, are estimated to em brace a population of 124,000. He refers to the hostile character of the Indians on our frontiers and says by the treaty of Gaudalupe Hidalgo, the U. S. are bound to protect the neighboring Mexican frontier.

ARRIVAL .- The Steamer Goliah arrived at San Francisco day before yesterday.

last annual report \$495,276 79. The great amount of public lands granted by congress for military bounties, have but little room to expect much revenue from that source

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT .- President Fillmore says in his message that the ment for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1850, amounted to \$5,552,971, the expenditures for the same period were \$5,212,953. A recommendation has been made for the reduction of inland postage to 3 cents the single letter when prepaid, and 5 cents when not prepaid ; that the postage to California and other letters sent by our Ocean Steam modified and reduced

MASSACHUSETTS .- The N. Y. Tribun states that an official census of the State of Massachusetts has just been completed, showing a population of 994,665, being an increase of 256.965 since the last census. This is at the rate of 35 per cent., or more than double the average increase of the five preceding decades.

MARYLAND REFORM CONVENTION .- The Reform Convention were in session at Anapolis, Md., at our last dates. Resolutions were introduced on the 10th of December, in favor of the compromise measures. One of the resolutions declares that, while the several acts of Congress are in some respects oppressive to the South, they, nevertheless, viewing them as parts of an entire system to be adhered to and maintained as a whole proceeding on the basis of compromise, and intended to be an adlustment of so many critical questions to heal the publie agitation and perpetuate the Union, have received the acquiescence of Maryland The resolutions also declare that the Fugitive Slave Law cannot be repealed, or disregarded and resisted by the North, withaut leading to a dissolution of the Union.

t Fillmore is a Whig, but he admirably sound on this point.

Another most excellent recommendation s the establishment of an Agricultural Buceau, to foster the agriculture of our nation. He recommends additional compensation for the census takers of California and the Territories. Also, that Congress use all its nower to increase the communication between the population on the Pacific side and the other States

He recommends the appointment of commissioners to examine into our land claims -the extending of the land laws to California, Utah, and New Mexico-that the mining lands here be divided into small parcels, and sold out in such manner as to avoid monopolies-that an additional military force be raised to protect our citizens against the Indians-the establishment of an asylum for destitute soldiers-appropriations for the completion of public provements already commenced, and for the construction of others-the establishment of some tribunal to adjudicate upon private claims, and the appointment of a Solicitor to guard the interests of the Goverument before such tribunal

-And finally, he deems it imprudent to alter at all, the compromises which have already been made.

We shall, in our next issues, give a few of the more interesting portions of the message in full

TWe understand on quite reliable authority, that the Whig paper which was to have appeared at Sacramento, is not to be established here

Established nerv ganized on the 2d of December. The Free Soil candidate for Speaker of the House was elected by a coalition with Democratic votes, having a majority of four out of sev-enty two votes. In the Senate, the Whig candidate for Speaker was elected, having received the Free Soil votes. A United States Senator is to be chosen by this Leg-islature for six years, the choice lying beislature for six years, the choice lyin tween a Free Soiler with Whig and lying be with Democratic tendencies. - 4 - 4 T - 1 1

of Sacramento, and the formation of judicial districts, would be included in bills to be hereafter introduced.

The bill prohibiting lotteries was then taken up, read a third time, and finally passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 6. [This act takes effect on and after the

15th of February, proximo.]

The House went into committee of the whole, Mr. Bradford in the chair, for the purpose of taking up the bill respecting interest on money. Mr. Bigler moved that the words "twen-

ty per cent. per annum" be stricken out, and "one and a half per cent. a month be substituted." Agreed to.

substituted." Agreed to. Several other important amendments were made to the bill, consisting mainly of a still further reduction of interest for short periods of time, and severe penalties there-

In the discussion on these amendment the members generally showed a decided disposition to adopt most stringent penal-ties for *taking* or *giving* a asorious rate of interest; thus making both parties equally amenab

menable. Mr. Field, as by previous notice, introduced a bill to incorporate the city of Ma-rysville. Read twice and referred to the committee on Corporations.

ILLINOIS.—The new Legislature of this State is divided, politically, as follows :

Senate......Whig, 8; Dem., 17; House...... "28; "44; Unclassed, 1.

Twelve of the Senators were elected this rear and will vote for the next U.S. Sena tor. Of these four are Whigs.

Among the majority of the House we note the names of Hon. Zadoc Casey, for-merly M. C. and Hon. Sidney Breese, late U. S. Senator. *Congress.*—In the 1st district, Hon. Wm. H. Bissell, present Member, had no oppo-

H. Bissell, present Member, had no oppo-nent. In the Hd, (late M'Clernand's) Willis Allen has 5,763 votes to 4,816 for Davisboth Democrats. In the VIIth, Richard Yates, Whig

7,008 votes to 6,254 for Hon. Thos. L. Har-ris, (Democrat) late Member. Mr. Yates is the only Whig Congressman from the State. --[N. Y. Tribune.

California, has been put upon the Commit-california, has been put upon the Commit-tee on Private Land Claims, and on Public Lands. Mr. Gilbert is upon the Committee on Naval Affairs.