

served under Gen. Taylor, and was at the battle of Buena Vista. It is a note-worthy fact that with a President, an Attorney General and a Secretary of War, all made famous by the Mexican war, we have now two heroes of Buena Vista before the House of Representatives as candidates for Speaker.

Col. Marshall marched his regiment by land from Memphis, Tenn., to Saltillo, in Mexico. He started in July, and arrived at Camargo about the 1st of November. Col. Marshall shared freely in all the fatigues and difficulties of the expedition.

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WESTERN DEMOCRAT. CHARLOTTE.

Tuesday Morning, Dec. 18, 1855.

NO SPEAKER YET. Congress assembled two weeks ago—and after 14 days wasted in balloting, the House is still without a Speaker or an organization. Our accounts are up to Saturday evening last, when the election of Speaker appeared to be as far off as ever.

At the hour we write, a painful and alarming scene presents itself in the Hall of Representatives, at Washington City.—A whole week has passed in fruitless struggles to organize the House, and while the Democracy have stood firm by the gallant and national Richardson, the free soil element has gradually gained strength on each successive ballot, so that on Saturday, Banks of Massachusetts, an ardent free soiler, elected through the Know-Nothing elements, received the large number of 100 votes, only requiring 12 additional to secure his election to the Speakership.

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THE NORTH AND SOUTH. The following is from the Washington correspondence of the Orangeburg Southern: The imbroglio in Kansas is somewhat complicated the state of things here, and adds venom to parties. A black thundercloud, bordered with edges of blood, now lowers over Kansas, and its shadows are creeping stealthily but steadily towards us.

THE SPEAKERSHIP. As several States are claiming the right to the Speakership in Congress, through their respective party organs, it may be interesting to see what States have and what have not been represented through choice of a Speaker.

Connecticut has had one Speaker, Jonathan Turnball, for one term. Georgia, Howell Cobb, one term. Indiana, John W. Davis, one term. Kentucky has had three speakers, for nine terms, viz: Henry Clay six terms; John White one term; Lynn Boyd two terms. Massachusetts three—Theodore Sedgwick one term; Joseph B. Varnum two terms; Robt. C. Winthrop two terms. New Jersey, Jonathan Dayton two terms. New York, John W. Taylor, two terms. North Carolina, Langdon Cheeves, one term. Tennessee, John Bell, one term. James K. Polk, two terms—and Virginia has had four—Philip P. Barbour, one term; Andrew Stevenson, four; R. M. T. Hunter and John W. Jones one term each. Of the States, Kentucky has furnished the greatest number—three speakers for nine terms.

ings of the House shows always a column of some seventy-five members voting for the candidates of the Democratic party.—With scarcely an exception, it is the whole vote which that party can claim in the present House. Opposed to it there have been some three prominent candidates, and a large scattering vote, but the leading element which animates this opposition, so far as it is guided by any pretence of principle whatever, cannot for a moment be mistaken: it is the element of abolition.—We ask our readers to look carefully at the record. The vote for Col. Richardson comes from every section of the Union. His support is hedged in by no State lines; and the flag under which his friends are rallied, is at once the flag of the constitution and the flag of the national democracy.

Every southern man who allows himself to be embraced in that opposition, stands there only to be submerged by it. He cannot remain there without infidelity to his principles, and destruction to his prospects; he cannot remain there without doing violence to his duty and to his country; he cannot remain there without depriving the democratic party of that judicious and aid to which it is entitled by its steadfastness to truth and its determined support of the constitution.

SERIOUS OCCURRENCE AT CHAPEL HILL.—We learn that on Friday morning last a difficulty took place between a young man by the name of White, of Tennessee, and another young man, Singletary, of this State, (a brother of Gen. Singletary, of Pitt.) both students of the University, which resulted quite seriously. It seems that the parties had had some misunderstanding the day before, and on meeting on Friday morning, high words were uttered on both sides, when White drew his pistol, fired at Singletary, and then fled. The ball entered the lower part of his abdomen, just above his groin, and it was thought at first that he was mortally wounded; but we are gratified to learn that hopes are entertained of his recovery.

MASONIC. At the late annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which recently met at Wilmington, the following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year: Brothers P. A. Holt, of Alamance, Grand Master; W. K. Blake, Greensboro', Grand S. Warden; Joseph Green, Brunswick, Grand Jr. Warden; C. W. D. Hutchings, Raleigh, Grand Treasurer; William T. Bain, Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

For some time past, there has been in Cincinnati, a steam fire engine, capable of throwing six powerful streams of water at the same time. A few days ago, a company of firemen from Chicago, visited Cincinnati to witness the action of this great engine. About 4 o'clock, the time when its greatest power was being tested, the receiving chest exploded, instantly killing the engineer, John Winterbottom, and wounding some other gentlemen. A. B. Latta, inventor of the steam fire engine, was badly scalded in the face and on the arms.—Jeremiah Brant, carpenter at the people's Theatre, was severely bruised. One or two other persons were slightly injured. Mr. Winterbottom leaves a wife and one child, thirteen months old. The force of the explosion was so great that it threw Mr. W. some distance into the air, dismembering his legs and otherwise injuring his body, which fell some yards from the engine.

THE CONTEST FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR. The contest for United States Senator in Missouri seems likely to end in a coalition of the Benton democrats and the whigs, which each will have a Senator, as two vacancies will soon happen. The anti-Bentonites want Mr. Atchison elected, and they seem willing also to unite with the Whigs, but Atchison is more objectionable to that party than Benton. Colonel Doniphan, who distinguished himself in the Mexican war, will be the Whig candidate. P. S. The latest intelligence from Missouri states that the Legislature will fail to elect a Senator this present session.

OUR RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND. The following from the Washington correspondence of the Baltimore Sun, is in confirmation of other reports received by telegraph and by mail. We are not, however, inclined to the belief that there is any present cause for apprehension of a serious difficulty with England:

How THE SUB-TREASURY WORKS.—The Boston Post, says: "It is said that Mr. Guthrie has effected all the transport of specie necessary for the operations of the government during the past year, not only without expense to his department, but under arrangements which has yielded a profit of \$10,000! What an outcry was made against the sub-treasury on account of the immense expense the 'carrying of specie' would cost!"

SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONVENTION.—A public meeting was held in Richmond, Va., on Wednesday, last to make arrangements for the Southern Commercial Convention, which assembles in that city on the 30th of January next. A resolution was passed requesting the Governors of the several South and Southwestern States to attend the Convention personally, and to appoint a delegation from their several States.

THE CITIZENS OF GREENSBORO' HELD a meeting on the 6th—Dr. J. A. Mearns in the Chair, and L. Swain, Esq., Secretary—to make arrangements for a grand jubilee on the occasion of the completion of the North Carolina Railroad to that place.—The meeting was addressed by Gov. Morehead, John A. Gilmer, R. P. Dick, and D. F. Caldwell; and on motion Mr. Gilmer, it was unanimously resolved, "that on the completion of the North Carolina Railroad—to that point 'the people of Guilford County, will give a barbecue to their fellow-citizens of North Carolina, and of other States, who may honor them with their presence.'"

THE PHILADELPHIA ARGOS, of Friday, has the following: "We learn from the best authority that Dan Gardner, who travelled last summer as clown for Rivers & Deacons' circus, is an heir to over a million of dollars. He is now a resident and property holder of this city, and will be looked up to as one of the 'upper ten.'"

A beautiful monument has been erected in the Hebrew cemetery, at Newport, Rhode Island, to the memory of Judah Touro, which bears the following inscription: "The last of his name. He inscribed it in the book of Philanthropy, to be remembered for ever."

THE SHIP DELAIDE arrived at New York, on the 14th of October from San Francisco, bringing a cargo of California wheat, barley, &c., which paid a profit to the shipper of nearly 50 per cent. clear of expenses, the wheat selling at an average of \$2 per bushel.

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ELIAS & COHEN having received their Immense Fall Stock, are now prepared to offer inducements to purchasers, to whom we can display one of the largest Stocks of Goods in the State at the smallest profits and prices. Gentlemen call and examine them, and be your own judges of the Goods and prices.

Wait For THE WAGON! Why is it Jenkins & Taylor sell Stoves so cheap? Because they buy them from the Manufacturers.

JENKINS & TAYLOR WOULD respectfully announce to the inhabitants of Charlotte and vicinity, that they have removed from their Old Stand, to one door West of Elms & Spratt's Grocery Store, where they have now an exhibition, just received from the North, of the most EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENTS OF STOVES

Iron Witch Cooking Stove! Which has gained such a famous reputation in the Southern Country for the last eighteen months. This Stove we warrant superior to any Cooking Stove now in use.

All Kinds of Parlour and Box Stoves. We have constantly kept an extensive and varied stock of Tin and Sheet Iron, Japan and Britannia Ware, Brass Kettles, Cast Iron Bedsteads, Hair Racks, Cradles &c.

Our Motto is "Quick Sales and Small Profits." Ladies and Gentlemen are particularly invited to call and examine our Stock.

LOOK AT THIS Simple Word CLOTHING! AND yet, simple as it is, you hear a great cry made over it. CLOTHING! You take up the papers and almost the first word you see is CLOTHING!!!

Good Clothing! And why do they run there? Simply because they can get Clothing better and more Fashionable, and at less prices than any House in North Carolina. We make a business of it—manufacture our own Goods, and every article sold by us is WARRANTED, or money returned.

THE highest prices will be paid for hides by S. M. HOWELL, 3 doors south of Sadler's Hotel. Charlotte, N. C. Nov. 23, 1854.—18-1/2