

THE UNION
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EASTERN JOURNAL.

FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 9, 1857.

FOR PRESIDENT 1860,
JOHN C. FREMONT,
OF CALIFORNIA.FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM L. DAYTON,
OF NEW JERSEY.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

AGUSTA, Jan. 7, 1857.

The Republican Caucus, last evening, selected the following persons to comprise the organization of the two branches:

SENATE.

JOS. H. WILLIAMS, of Kennebec, was selected, on the first ballot, for President, receiving 20 of the 30 votes. Mr. Scamman, our Senator from York, received the highest number of votes next to Mr. Williams.

HOUSE.

LON. CHARLES SPOTFORD was selected, by almost the unanimous vote, for Speaker, receiving 102 of the 106 votes cast; and Geo. W. Wilcox selected as Clerk, by a vote of 72 to 32 for Benj. Freeman, of Westbrook. Mr. Freeman was afterwards selected as Assistant Clerk. B. B. Thomas, the Messenger of long standing, was re-nominated, and power given him to select his Assistant. Mr. Spofford, the Speaker elect, was a member of the Senate in 1853. The selection is, in all respects, a fitting one.

HOUSE.

There was quite a press of applicants for the numerous offices, but everybody seems in good humor and good spirits, especially those who were willing, but were not called to serve the State.

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Both branches have completed the organization by the selection of the persons nominated in the caucuses last evening, for the respective offices. I mentioned in my letter that the selection of Mr. Spofford as Speaker, was a fortunate one. It is, I think, peculiarly so, not only on account of his general fitness, but also on account of the obsequy heaped on him by the strait whigs when a member of the Senate in 1853, when he voted on the gubernatorial question in conformity with his convictions and the sentiments entertained by his constituents, to whom he owed the position of a constitutional candidate for the Senate. He has a fine voice, readiness of perception, and will make a popular and efficient Speaker.

HOUSE.

Mr. Williams, the President elect of the Senate, has been known in the private walks of life than in the strife of politics. He is a fine scholar, a man of urban deportment and calculated to adorn any station to which he may be called.

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Senator Hamlin resigned his office as Senator in Congress, by letters sent to the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, which were read immediately after the organization was effected. He is expected in town to-day.

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The Boston Atlas. We observe by a prospectus in its columns, that this valuable political journal entered upon a new volume the first of this month. The Atlas, as our readers generally know, was formerly a paper, and ever exerted an important influence in the party, as also in the State. The past year, believing that the whig party, as such, had had its day, and that the question of freedom was the great and all-absorbing issue in the national contest, the Atlas, true to its ancient faith—the faith of the whig party in its palmy days—at once unfurled the banner of freedom, and battled zealously in the cause of human rights. This is its present position, and occupying this, we commend it to the notice of our readers who are disposed to take a political journal published out of the State. The weekly is of the largest class papers, printed in good style, contains a large amount of commercial, financial, and general news matter, and is furnished at a cheap rate. The new year is a good time to subscribe. Though it is desirable to sustain local papers, yet if our readers wish to take those from abroad, the Atlas will be found worthy of their patronage.

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Organization of the Legislature.

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It will be perceived by the letter of the editor in another place, that the Legislature was fully organized on Wednesday, and under circumstances of great unanimity. Beyond this letter we are without further advice from Augusta. The letter shows that, although the pressure for the places was, as usual, pretty heavy, the disappointed candidates submitted to their defeat with great cheerfulness, and that the session commences with pleasant prospects of a continuance of harmony and good feeling among the Republican members. We trust that nothing will occur to mar the good feeling that seems to exist, and that the business of the session may be speedily and successfully accomplished, and in such a way as will promote the lasting interests of the State.

HOUSE.

Lectures on Anatomy & Physiology.

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Dr. Pearson who is now giving a course of lectures on these useful and interesting subjects at Town Hall, has commenced a course of 5 lectures at Bathing Hall, in this city, on Monday evening next.

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His first lecture will be free. Dr. P. brings with him the highest testimonials as a scientific, profitable, and entertaining lecturer.

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To hear his lectures, accompanied with illustrations by excellent models and paintings excites a lively interest and instruction as we know from personal attendance on several of his lectures.

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See letter of commendation from J. O. Bancroft, President of the Maine Charitable Association in behalf of that Society, among the special notices.

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The property of J. C. Underwood, who has been banished from Virginia for the offence of attending the Republican Convention at Philadelphia, is advertised at auction. "Perfect liberty of association for political objects and the widest scope of discussion are made the basis of the association," are the received and ordinary condition of government in our country. Of course they are.

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Mr. Benton on New England.

At the festival of the New England Society, Mr. Benton responded to the following sentiment:

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The United States of America, our country, our whole country—New England contributed the wisdom of her statesmen and the valor of her soldiers to establish the foundation of our liberty and our Union; she will withhold neither the wisdom of her statesmen nor the valor of her soldiers to preserve them.

HOUSE.

Mr. Benton was exceedingly happy in his response. After paying some handsome compliments to the ladies present, referring to the influence his mother had exerted in molding his character, the speaker alluded to the courage and wisdom of the New Englanders in the revolution, and referred to his recent visit in this section as follows:

HOUSE.

"I have gone through New England, my fellow citizens, and for a purpose which I need not explain here. The occasion does not require it. I have gone through New England during these days; I have gone far down East, and have seen masses of people—seen them in assemblies—seen them in their cars—seen them in their houses—conversed with them and became acquainted with them, and I will say that I am qualified by experience to answer to the last clause of the toast which pledges New England patriotism, New England courage and New England sagacity for the maintenance of this Union. I am qualified to vouch, so far as the feeble voice of such a person as I can vouch, for the whole of the Union, that inclination or duty, or circumstance, does not compel us of the two halves of the Union to mingle more with each other. (Applause.)

HOUSE.

But it is those of the South who are charged with the administration of public affairs, could go through New England as I have done, meeting these people in masses—meeting them casually in the cars—invited to their houses—welcomed to their hospitable, and treated with a kindness we seldom meet anywhere, and I would say to the last moment of my existence. (Applause.) I wish that there could be as I have done in that regard. If I had been in Congress at the time when our Representatives voted themselves salaries, I should have voted an amendment—darius was becoming salaried officers, and were paid for the whole year, we should be on service the whole year, and that the service should commence immediately on election, and in the same way that every man who is elected in the North, should immediately proceed to the South, and stay there until Congress meets, and that every one elected in the South should come to the North, and stay there until Congress meets. (Laughter and applause.)

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