

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 1860.

I was obliged to despatch my letter yesterday before the result of the ballot was announced; and in fact until the last moment the state of the vote was such that Mr Pennington was not elected. Mr Briggs waited till every member had recorded his name and the last grumbling, sputtering fire-eater had subsided into silence; and then he rose and in a short speech gave his reasons for changing his vote from McClellan to Mr. Pennington, which he then did—and the great agony was over. The democrats died very hard, and Barkside, of Mississippi made a last and most touching appeal to his friends all around to prevent the election of Pennington. So bitter were a few of the southern democrats that they came up in silent silence to be sworn in by the Speaker, and did not interchange the usual courtesies with Mr. Pennington. These gentlemen were few in number—not exceeding five or six—and the others seemed to be good-natured and rejoiced at the conclusion of this wearisome contest.

Governor Pennington delivered an eloquent and impressive speech of thanks to the House and quietly went to business. Some of the democratic members, knowing that he is somewhat biased to the duties of his office, seemed bent on plaguing him at the outset, and for half an hour the wildest disorder prevailed on the democratic side of the House. But if the Speaker was at first a little awkward, he showed that he has a sharp intellect and the vigor of mind and body to manage the House, and he will very soon accustom himself to its ways and manners, as well as to his duties. I believe that he will make a popular presiding officer on both sides of the House.

The new Speaker received his friends last evening at Willard's and a large number of members waited upon him, where they were elegantly entertained. Many democrats were present, though but few members from the southern States.—*Cor. Evening Post.*

A correspondent wishes to know how we figure the majority for speaker so as to make two? Well my friend, we can't do it, after getting the correct vote. Most of the papers as they got the result by dispatch, so far as some of the particulars were concerned does not tally with the full report by regular mail. We had it that the whole number was 230 and Pennington had 117. If these figures were correct, then Pennington had two majority. A majority is more than half of the whole number; and a plurality is when one has more than another, but less than half of the whole. It is quite common in states when the elections are decided by a plurality vote, to speak of the candidates having a majority, when they have only a plurality.

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By Dr. George L. Cheeseman, M. D.,
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The combination of ingredients in these pills are the result of a long and extensive practice. They are mild in their operation, and certain in removing all impurities, Pains, & Troubles, &c., resulting from any disease whatever, and may be used in any disease in which they are prescribed in their practice. It is unsatisfactory in them to do so, as the Doctor with a great deal of trouble, and expense, may be compelled to use them in their practice.

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The world is astonished at the performances performed by the Crampy & Pain Killers, by Clegg & Peacock. It has been a success for removing cramps in the hands and stomach, inflammation in all its forms, Blisters, Ulcers, Burns, Scrofula, and Gout, it is decidedly the best remedy in the world. Evidence of the same is to be found in the works of the most successful physicians ever performed by any means, in so circular a manner.

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IT IS MARRIED LADIES.

The election of Mr. Forney, which was effected by only two or three majority, appears to have been as strongly resisted by the democrats (both of the Administration and Douglas' stripe) as was the election of the Republican Speaker. It therefore clearly indicates that Mr. Forney's popularity and influence are the present position and destination of Mr. Douglas, and that his exertions and influence can no longer be expected to assist even Douglas' democracy in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Forney's election was effected by the votes of all present who had voted for Mr. Pennington, together with those of H. F. Clark of New York, and Mrs. Briggs of New Jersey. (Anti-Levee-democratic.) and without that of Mr. Davis, of Maryland.

Mr. Hoffman received the votes of the Republicans and about half of the American Anti-slavery Society.

ADVICE FROM MASSACHUSETTS. The Washington correspondent of the Charlton Mercury says:

It has been proposed here, by one of the few Massachusetts men true to the constitutional rights of the South, that if the South will but abolish the fishing bantries, and the navigation laws, and the duties on boats and ships, the old Bay State can be regenerated.

He says, and proves it too, that in proportion as the abolition vote in a State is large, you find slave-traders. That their sole object in their group, as they are in small camps around coast-staves, revives them from time to time, and that they have always had one particular object at which they have vented their spleen. Just now the institutions of the South receive their blow, and the only way for the South to stop the assault is to quickly cause to enslave them.

We wonder who that "constitutional" Massachusetts man is. We have no doubt our shapemakers would "give all their old shoes" to know the name of their complimentary "friend at court." Our informer has been anxious for some time past that Democratic influence was at work to scupper the repeal of the fishing bantries, and the wires laid for this purpose have been traced into Massachusetts and even into our fishing towns.—*Boston Journal.*

A CALIFORNIA TRIAL FOR BURGLARY.—A Ed low named Dunks, was lately tried at Yulea City, for entering a man's tent, and stealing a bag of gold dust, valued at eighty-four dollars. The testimony showed that he had been employed there, and knew exactly where Bill Patten slept, and where he kept his tent; that on the night of Oct. 19th, he took a sit in the tent, reached in, took the bag, and then ran away.

Jim Buller, the principal witness, testified that he saw the holecut—saw the man reach in—and heard him run away. "I put for him at once," continued the witness, "but when I caught him, I didn't find Bill's bag, but it was found afterwards where he threw it."

Counsel for Prisoner—"How far did he get in when he took the dust?"

Buller—"Well, he was a stoopin' over—about half in, I should say."

Counsel—"May it please your Honor, the indictment is not sustained, and I shall demand an acquittal under the direction of the Court." The prisoner is on trial for entering a dwelling in the night-time, with intent to steal. The testimony is clear that he made an opening through which he prostrated himself about half way, and stretching out his hand, committed the theft. The indictment charges that he actually entered a tent, or dwelling. Now, your Honor, can a man be said to enter a house when only half of his body is in, and the other half out?"

Judge—"I shall leave the whole matter to the jury. They must judge of the law and of the fact as proved."

The jury brought in a verdict of guilty "as to one half of his body from the waist up, and 'not guilty' as to the other half." The Judge sentenced the guilty half to two years imprisonment, leaving it to the prisoner's option to have the 'not guilty' half taken off, or take it along with him.

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L. H. THOMAS, Sheriff of Hancock Co.

February 4th, 1860.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

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THE ELLSWORTH

Dramatic Association"

Will give one of their pleasing entertainments at

LORD'S HALL,

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 15,

On which occasion they would be pleased to receive the music herefore bestowed on them by the citizens of Ellsworth.

The first evening, the

PIRATE'S LEGACY.

A Tragedy; and a Laughable Farce entitled

POOR PILECOEDY;

In which the following persons represent the characters:

Madison Tower, E. K. Hopkins,

Wm. H. Rice, Gen. A. Dodge,

E. M. Kent, John F. Lord,

Ann E. Whitmore.

We would also state that Master Abram L. Rice, a young lad of six years, will speak a short declamation, on the above occasion.

Park Oliver of Company,

Ellsworth, Feb. 8th, 1860.

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