SUPPLEMENT

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6, 1883.

NORTHWESTERN ITEMS.

IOWA.

Ottumwa gamblers are being raided.

Forest City has five resident doctors.

Diphtheria is increasing in Davenport.

The ice skating at Marshalltown is excellent.

The taxable valuation of Worth county is $1,682,705.

Standard time has been generally adopted in Dubuque.

The Keokuk Pickle company will double its capacity.

A number of Storm Lake people have the Florida fever.

The Fort Dodge public schools run on standard time.

Britt has a new hall to which the people point with pride.

An Ida county township reports blackleg among the cattle.

Polk county had thirty-seven persons in jail for Thanksgiving.

Mason City will open a new opera-house on the 9th of December.

J. M. Emery, of LeMars, will lecture at Merrill on the 14th inst.

The young scientists of Cedar Rapids have an Agassiz society.

Soft corn is selling to feeders at Mondamin at 15 cents a bushel.

John Dillon, alias Pilgrim Boggs, pleased them much in Ottumwa.

The question of a monument to Gen. Dodge is being considered.

The Missouri Valley Times office is to have a Prouty power press.

Rev. J. Stevens is supplying the Humboldt Congregational pulpit.

Active prospecting for coal will soon be commenced near Iowa Falls.

The docket of the Pottawattamie district court shows 264 civil cases.

A daily hack line has been established between Ida Grove and Holstein.

The Linn county fair for next year will be held September 9, 10, 11 and 12.

It is thought a Catholic church will certainly be built at Whiting next year.

W. T. Vincent, a resident of Des Moines since 1864, died on the 26th, aged 63.

Hon. D. P. Stubbs, of Fairfield, will build a business block in Des Moines.

About 300,000 bushels of potatoes have been shipped this season from Davenport.

J. Fred Meyers, of Denison, has gone to Washington to attend the opening of congress.

The Patriot predicts a population for Perterson of not less than 5,000 in five years.

Fourteen couples were before the district court of Mahaska county seeking divorce.

The Methodist church in course of erection at Rolfe will cost between $1,500 and $2,000.

The Des Moines city hospital is in debt $607, has grown to be a burden, and will be closed.

Hon. Chas. Aldrich is writing charming letters from over the sea to the Hamilton Freeman.

Four deliveries of mail a day are now made in Cedar Rapids, instead of two as heretofore.

Col. Elbocck, of the Staats Anzeiger, Des Moines, will spend six weeks in Florida for his health.

"What has become of the Ida Grove Improvement association?" is a question put by the Pioneer.

The average attendance upon the Ida Grove schools is 287, out of an average enrollment of 308.

The Bloomfield friends of T. O. Walker have presented him with a gold-headed cane, costing $50.

Des Moines, it is reported, has twenty-one daily and weekly newspapers. And yet Des Moines lives.

Alfred Story, a colored citizen of Keokuk for thirty-one years, died on Thanksgiving day of consumption.

Marshall county has completed a new jail at a cost of $20,000, and has quit boarding her prisoners around.

The present enrollment of the Sheldon schools is 225, which exceeds the capacity of the school building.

Jesse Wallace has lived on a farm three miles south of Ottumwa for forty years. He is now seriously ill.

Madison county farmers will hold monthly sales of stock. The first sale, November 24, was very satisfactory.

It is rumored that the big flouring mill at Sheldon is soon to be started up again, with the roller process added.

Congressman Struble astonished the people of Peterson by buying six lots and paying the cash for them.

A Palo Alto county paper has concluded that "no man can be a true Christian and publish a newspaper, too."

One Newville, of Emmet county, wants $3,000 from G. N. Gilbertson, a neighbor, for calling him ugly names.

Little Sioux, with running mate, made a record of 2:18¼ at the Council Bluffs Driving park on Thanksgiving day.

The Marshall Times-Republican pronounces "A Friendly Tip," the dude show, to be without a redeeming quality.

A pontoon bridge has been built across the Des Moines river to facilitate travel between Clark county and Keokuk.

The latest candidate for state auditor is Mr. Otto Nelson, proprietor of the Svithiod, a Swedish newspaper in Des Moines.

H. N. Macoy, builder and contractor, of Ottumwa, has made an assignment. Liabilities, $7,000 to $8,000; assets, $12,000.

The Missouri Valley Times predicts that property in that city will advance 25 per cent. before the middle of next June.

Joseph Cook's audience at Cedar Rapids comfortably filled the hall, and was one eminently respectable and intelligent.

The Marshall Times-Republican says the past month there has been a continued round of beastly and unheard of crime."

The total valuation of property in Wapello county is $6,614,600, and the total amount of taxes to be raised is $224,768.

Christ's church, in Burlington, has a surpliced choir, and it moves up the aisle to the chant singing the processional hymn.

Not all Methodist ministers are starved. The Methodist preacher at Estherville weighs 280 pounds, and is said to be a growing man.

Marshalltown young people having failed to secure a teacher in dancing, have organized a dancing class for mutual assistance.

The Keokuk Canning company has concluded its season's work, amounting to 480,000 cans of tomatoes, pumpkin and squash.

Edward Connolly, 7 years old, of Dubuque county, while playing with his younger brother, was accidentally shot, and died in a few hours.

The Onawa Gazette notes that Judge Oliver is making a strange combination of stable, carriage-house, coal bin and ice-house at his place.

Ira Brasheres, postmaster at Sanborn, preached the first sermon ever heard in Sheldon. So the Mail, which keeps track of such things, says.

The Odebolt Observer attributes the trouble of its editor, C. E. George, to malicious, and declares that his friends know him to be innocent.

The new hotel at Colfax will be opened in June next by Schuyler Colfax. It is situated on a bluff ninety-six feet above the Rock Island railroad track.

Sioux County Herald, 29: All the saloon-keepers in the county were interviewing Judge Lewis this week. They all donated some money to the school fund.

Taylor county will vote December 17 on a proposition to issue bonds to the amount of $65,000 for the purpose of erecting a court-house at Bedford, the county seat.

N. C. Ridenour, editor of the Page County Democrat, has sued the town of Clarinda for $6,000 damages caused by his fall last winter, in which his ankle was broken.

D. C. O'Regan and W. W. Moore, lessees of the Des Moines Grand opera-house, are as unhappy as can be, and the local press is filled with their partnership lamentations.

The Ottumwa Democrat says of Joseph Cook's lecture there: "To the average mind it was too voluminous to admit of anything bordering on analysis of the subject."

A squad of Des Moines boys got into a quarrel the other night, and Geo. Laird, son of Auditor Laird, a boy of 16, was shot in the fleshy portion of the thigh and badly wounded.

Times are getting dull for the coroner in Ottumwa. The Courier says: "Nobody has attempted suicide for three days, and nobody has been killed on the railroad here for six days."

The Gate City says that the citizens of Keokuk would be surprised if they knew of the number of poker rooms in that city, and more surprised to look over a list of the frequenters.

Nothing has been heard from Mr. Kohlman who left Dubuque for Sand Springs three months ago. His wife was left penniless, and her conviction is that her husband has been murdered.

Judge Lewis has decided that James Walker is duly entitled to a seat in the town council of Onawa, and has issued a mandamus to compel the council to recognize him as one of its members.

The Sheldon Mail is surprised and joyed. A subscriber drew a load of potatoes twenty miles, thermometer down to zero, and delivered them at the editor's door in settlement of an old subscription account.

Louis Fink was killed at the river road near Dubuque Thanksgiving night. The man was employed to watch the track, and he had evidently fallen asleep while watching for the train. He was in a kneeling posture and his ears were covered by his hands. Two lanterns shone forth from between his limbs. The engineer blew the whistle and reversed the engine, but not in time to prevent it from striking the man's head. He leaves a wife and two children, the youngest being but 3 days old. He had given up time to waiting upon his sick wife when he should have been sleeping, and thus he was overcome by the fatal weariness.

Two colored gentlemen of Keokuk, Stanley Kindrick and George Dode, got into an altercation over a woman of color named Mrs. Wilson. Kindrick emphasized the discussion by shooting the ball taking effect in Dode's hand. The affair goes into the courts.

Sioux Rapids Press, 29: Sioux Rapids people are not greatly to be blamed for abstaining from water drinking. It's nasty, discolored and altogether repulsive. The vast beds of coal with which this section is underlaid causes the water in some wells to look more like ink than anything else.

Judge Couch was called upon at Independence a few days ago to perform a marriage ceremony. When he came to ask the man the solemn question, "Do you take this woman," etc., the judge said, "Do you solemnly swear," etc. The bride thought the new style an improvement.

Alford Waddel, of Ida county, while driving along the road the other day, accompanied by his nephew, James, was stricken dead by heart disease. His nephew caught him as he fell, but not a word did he utter except "Whoa." He was 74 years of age, and had resided in Ida county for four years.

A daughter of George Compton, of Mahaska county, eloped on the 26th inst. with a young farmer cousin from Nebraska. They were married the following day. This proceeding was rendered necessary by the disposition exhibited by Mr. Compton to give the Nebraska cousin the "grand bounce."

A girl named Hattie McQuilen, of Kirkwood, Ill., went to Burlington dressed in men's clothes, to find one Lyman Birdsall, son of a wealthy farmer near Kirkwood, who she claims sought her love and betrayed her. She was arrested by the police, but on promising to put on female apparel was released.

The Peterson Patriot reports good progress on the coal shaft. Thanksgiving day the hole was down forty feet, and it was the purpose not to let steam go down until coal was reached. Three relifts work in the shaft during the twenty-four hours and two above ground. It is expected to have the shaft down to the coal deposit within three weeks.

The tenth annual meeting of the Iowa State Improved Stock Breeders' association will be held in the opera-house at Ames, beginning at 7 P. M., December 11, and closing at noon the following Thursday. The third annual meeting of the Iowa State Short-Horn Breeders' association will be held at the same place, beginning Thursday afternoon, December 13.

The Creston Gazette man must have been run over. Hear him: "The regiment, or more, of whooping hoodlums from the high school building who use the down grade sidewalk and street west on Mills street for coasting and skating purposes, meanwhile yelling, hooting, swearing and otherwise exhausting their lungs in noisy demonstrations, are an intolerable nuisance that ought to be abated."

A well-dressed thief grabbed a bile of bills in the Merchants' National bank at Des Moines on the 26th and made tracks. W. M. Neurle, the teller, gave chase. It was getting warm for the thief, and so he flung a handful of money to the winds. His pursuers stopped to gather it up, and the villain got away. About $700 was taken from the bank, and nearly $600 was picked up, so that the back-door visitor got away with about $100.

Justus Stocking, of Cromwell, Conn., in his suit in the United States court at Dubuque to recover judgment on bonds issued by the city of Dubuque in aid of the Dubuque and Southwestern railroad, was awarded a verdict of $26,000. The Telegraph says the city council the week before rejected a proposition to settle the case at a saving of $2,500 to the city. It has been conceded from the time the investigation began in 1881 that the city had no case.

A Waterloo dispatch of the 28th says: A robbery under somewhat peculiar circumstances took place at Cedar Falls this forenoon. Mrs. Cavish Ritter drew $1,150 from the bank, representing that she wanted to purchase some land. Her husband finally persuaded her not to open the money, and she promised to put it in the bank. Shortly after noon, having occasion to leave the house, she was met on returning by a fellow coming out of the house with a revolver in his hand. Investigation showed that he had taken the money and made good his escape, and although officers have been searching for him ever since, no clue to his whereabouts have been obtained. The Ritters are a poor family, and the money was obtained by a recent sale of the place.

NEBRASKA.

Sutton has a population of about 1,600.

Peavey is building an elevator at Hartington.

Hartington has now nearly 500 inhabitants.

Nebraska City feels the need of better fire protection.

A $650 addition is to be built to the Burt county poor-house.

Norman Rapalee is the new editor of the Cedar County Nonpareil.

Cedar county is developing more rapidly than ever before in its history.

Hoss & Mitchell, the Lincoln pork-packers, will endeavor to kill 200 hogs a day.

The Plattsmouth city council has passed an ordinance taxing skating rinks $800 per year.

A Chicago newspaper man went all the way to Omaha to be robbed of $25 by a bad woman.

It is thirty-five miles across country and seventy-five miles by rail from Ponca to Hartington.

The Clay County Herald says that corn in that region will average ninety-eight bushels to the acre.

Col. Eno has contracted for an addition to his Fremont hotel, to be 133 by 60 feet, three stories high.

The Omaha Union has changed its name to Dispatch. What becomes of the libel suit against the Union?

The Oakland Independent has entered upon its 4th year. It was the pioneer journal of the Logan valley.

W. H. Jones, of Saunders county, reports having thrashed 1,200 bushels of oats from twenty acres of ground.

Mrs. Ryan, the Omaha woman who cut her throat last Thursday, died from the effects of her wound on Friday.

John Keasbey, of Livingston, was found dead in an Omaha well. The coroner's jury decided that he fell in while drunk.

The Herald learns that Gen. Hancock is arranging for a transcontinental tour, and that he will make a stop in Omaha.

Geo. Farman, a Tekamah drug clerk, has gone crazy on the subject of religion. He believes it to be his mission to convert Col. Ingersoll.

The Home for the Friendless in Lincoln is in need of supplies. The $5,000 appropriated by the legislature has gone into buildings.

Some one has been stealing coal from the Methodist church at Neligh, and the Republican thinks it is some one "certainly very hard up."

The brick work and most of the carpenter work on the new court-house at Ponca are completed. It is hoped to have the whole building finished on the 1st of January.

John Tutt will remove from Plattsmouth with his family to Southern California about the 1st of January. Mr. Tutt has been identified with Cass county interests since 1854.

The wife of Wm. Ryan, of Omaha, under mental derangement, attempted suicide on Thanksgiving evening by cutting her throat with a knife. She made a horrible wound, but she was alive at last reports.

The Lincoln saloon-keepers, paying a license of $1,000 a year, are getting ready to wage war against some of the drug stores, on the ground that the stores have been selling liquor by the drink.

One Calahan, a Saunders county farmer, who got too full of benzine and drove his team into the Platte river and lost horses, wagon and harness, has sued the saloon-keepers of North Bend for the value of his team and wagon.

J. D. King, of Janesville, Wis., who has been in the Chicago division, is appointed successor to Capt. Furay, of Omaha, as postal inspector, and has taken charge of the office. He has been in the service for three years.

The corner-stone of the new Omaha Republican building, to be erected on the southwest corner of Douglass and Tenth streets, was laid on Thursday afternoon. The building is to be of brick, and to be 33 feet wide and 132 feet deep, four stories in height.

Kearney special, 28: A terrible accident happened last evening about 6 o'clock, twenty-two miles northeast of Kearney. Walter Dodge, aged 16, was playing with a gun, when it went off, instantly killing his sister, Mertie, aged 10 years, and seriously wounding another sister, Mary, aged 13. The messenger reports that the latter cannot live. The parents were absent at the time attending a school meeting.

A scaffolding was being removed from the Lincoln opera-house. A large joist slipped out of the hands of two workmen, fell a number of feet and struck endwise on the nose of a young man named Cain, tearing it from his face. The unfortunate young man was taken to a doctor's office, where the doctor, assisted by his wife, sewed the nose on, "and with the exception of the threads," the Journal says, "it looks as good as ever."

Otoe county this year produced about 70,000 barrels of apples, and not less than 10,000 barrels are now in store in Nebraska City. A Nebraska City correspondent of the Omaha Republican says: "Richardson, Pawnee, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe and Cass counties have produced this season at least five times the fruit the whole state will consume or can consume, and these counties are shipping trainloads of apples abroad every day, and have been for the past six weeks."

DAKOTA.

The Canton Star has twinkled out.

The building activity in Sioux Falls continues.

The bonded indebtedness of Burleigh county is $73,172. The expenses of the county for the year ending November 1 were $36,283.84.

Over $18,000 has been subscribed at Huron for a flouring mill.

Sioux Falls jewelers and hotel men have adopted standard time.

Sioux Falls has granted an electric light permit to Thomas Richardson.

Hon. Alex. McKenzie, of Bismarck, has been east inspecting water-works.

The Tribune thinks Bismarck should now go to work to secure smelting works.

Sam Ellefson, a granger, is in jail at Sioux Falls to answer for the forgery of a deed.

The Bismarck Tribune says the roof will be on the capitol building in less than three weeks.

A Methodist church, to cost $1,000, is to be built at once at Grand View, Douglas county.

Plans are being made for a three-story brick hotel to be built in Vermillion in the spring.

The Courier calls for reform at Elk Point, in the matter of drunken women on the streets.

Delos McNarey is a horsethief detained at Sioux Falls for return to Dickinson county, Iowa.

The primary school at Huron is so crowded that the youngsters will only be allowed half a day.

The Sioux Falls Zenith Dramatic company played the Drunkard at Canton Thanksgiving night.

"Business (except saloons)," says the Lead City Tribune, answering a correspondent, "is not overdone."

A good deal of building has been done in Vermillion this year, but the Republican says more will be done next year.

Frank M. Winship, junior editor of the Grafton News and Times, has been compelled to take his severe rheumatism to a warmer climate.

Miss Rider, the evangelist, has closed her campaign in Yankton and gone to Sioux Falls. She evidently believes in attacking the strongholds.

Diphtheria is said to be claiming many victims in the Vermillion valley. One man says that in the circle of his acquaintance there have been forty deaths in the last thirty days.

George Knowlton, who killed his man at Pierre in 1877, and was subsequently acquitted of murder in Yankton, has been given a long term in the Indiana penitentiary for highway robbery.

The Press says there is no foundation for the report that the Sioux Falls Driving Park association had dissolved, and that the fair grounds were to be divided and the building improvements sold.

The Flandrau Enterprise says: There is a general kick about the price of wheat all through southern Dakota. There is as much fault found at towns on the Northwestern road as at those on the Milwaukee.

Sheriff Brennan, of Yankton, has been notified by wire of the capture, in Montana, of Hanson, the murderer, who escaped from the Yankton county jail about two years ago, and who had never since been heard of.

The Grafton News and Times says that Joe Miller, hunting in Pembina county, was shot by his nephew, Delos Moffatt, who mistook him for an elk. The ball entered the back and punctured the liver. Miller died the following day.

An Art association has been organized in Huron, with J. W. Campbell as president; Mrs. N. T. Smith, Mrs. W. S. Peterson, George B. Armstrong, S. M. St. Clair and Prof. Bushnell as vice-presidents; Miss Georgia Ambrose, secretary, and Miss Jean Alexander, treasurer.

Speaking of the homestead monument which it is proposed to erect at Mitchell, the Sioux Falls Press says: "The people of Sioux Falls will not be behind their fellow citizens in this regard, particularly when they take into consideration that the monument will be built of Sioux Falls granite."

Deadwood Times, 21: J. K. Graves, a Dubuque, Io., millionaire, has made a proposition to the citizens of Pierre to build a $30,000 hotel if they will give him bonds of $5,000. The offer of Mr. Graves has been accepted, and they are now rustling for the bonus. V. E. Prentice heads the list with $1,000. The required amount will be raised.

Yankton Press, 30: About 3 o'clock this morning some unknown person set fire to the levee establishments of Madame Leslie and Madame Shaw. The former was fired in front and the latter in the rear. A large amount of kerosene oil was first used and the wood work thoroughly saturated. The fire was discovered before it had made much headway and extinguished. Loss $50; fully insured.

The government bridge across Choteau creek, consisting of one span of seventy feet, will be taken down and rebuilt as it is too weak to bear its own weight. Lieut. Tabor, of the army engineer corps, planned the work, but he says the contractors did not follow his specifications and that the loss will fall upon them. The Springfield Times laments that the Dakota public must swim the raging Choteau next spring as they have for the last twenty years.

Bismarck had a sparring exhibition the other night. An unknown was matched with one Wm. Hulmer, supposed to be known. Toward 11 o'clock the management was compelled to announce that the unknown was feeling too ill to appear. Then one "Cash" Clay, a heavy weight (250 pounds) offered himself as a substitute. "Cash" sparred for two rounds, but the local chronicler says 'tho would not appear in the ring for the third round, preferring to remain behind the scenes and breathe."

A family named Kirby were burned out in Charles Mix county a few days ago. They lost everything, including $187 in cash. The Republican says: "The fire caught from the stove to the hay they used for fuel, and in an instant the entire house was in flames. Kirby was seriously burned in attempting to save the trunk containing the money, and it is thought he will lose one eye and his hands. Everything in the house was burned, and the children are without a change of clothes and the family homeless. The timely arrival of neighbors saved the barn and grain stacks.

Deadwood Pioneer, 23: Much complaint is heard of Indian depredations upon the cattle ranges, particularly among the Bell and V. V. herds, owned by Hughes & Simpson and Dorr Clark, which range in close proximity to the reservation. Marauding reds drive the cattle upon the reserve and slaughter them under the pretense of their being trespassers. Owners submitted to loss until patience ceased to be a virtue, when the interposition of law was invoked. As a result Deputy United States Marshal Raymond is now at Cheyenne agency rounding up a large batch of the rascals.

Sioux Falls Press, 29: Mrs. Geo. J. Skinner, of this city, who recently returned from a visit to her mother at Madison, Wis., was made the victim of a very badly trick. A trick that is becoming altogether too common with the wicked inhabitants of the states. Somewhere between that city and this a pleasant appearing woman with a child in her arms accosted the lady wife of Mr. Skinner. After riding together for some time, upon approaching a station, the woman asked her to hold the infant for a moment while she stepped to the platform to meet a friend. That was the last seen of the woman. What to do with the little one, which proves to be a bright, wideawake specimen of the masculine gender, was a question that occupied Mrs. Skinner's mind until she reached home, when she concluded to keep it and bring it up in the way it should go.

MINNESOTA.

The Fairmont dog poisoner has resumed operations.

The Vermonters of Waseca county will hold a reunion.

The price of a saloon license at Sauk Center is $500.

Dr. John McCormic, an old resident of Kasson, is dead, aged 90.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick, of LeSueur, was thrown from a wagon and killed.

The electric light will be in operation at Stillwater inside of thirty days.

Hon. N. K. Noble and wife, of Austin, have been married forty-five years.

The Bank of Ortonville, with a capital stock of $15,000 has been organized.

The institution for the blind has opened at Faribault with thirty pupils present.

New machinery calculated to double its capacity, is being placed in the Mankato oil-mill.

George Gook, of Tenhassen, Martin county, was thrown from a wagon by a runaway team and killed.

Henry Paul, of Kelso, Sibley county, aged 87, committed suicide by cutting open his abdomen with a razor.

Charles Defiel, a book-keeper, was killed by a train in the Milwaukee yard at St. Paul on the evening of the 26th.

An unknown farmer was killed on the 26th near Detroit, his wagon being struck by a train while crossing the track.

Herman Froutsch, a life convict from Rice county, died at the Stillwater prison on the morning of the 26th of consumption.

John Doherty, a farmer living near Herman, was robbed of $100 by three men, who entered his house with drawn revolvers.

John Henry, of Little Trout valley, Winona county, is in jail charged with shooting at his wife, and also for the seduction of a young girl.

August Rotfund, proprietor of a drug store at Minneapolis, and a married man, is charged by Emma Bayha with being the father of her unborn child.

Fred Wittenburg, a single man 26 years old, was found dead in bed at a Winona hotel on the morning of the 28th. The coroner found that the excessive use of liquor caused his death.

Mr. Frederick W. Brooks, president of the board of trade and one of the most substantial and prominent business men in Minneapolis, died early Thursday morning after a brief illness.

Prof. O. B. Donaldson, editor of the Alexandria Post, fell dead on the platform of the depot at that place on the 27th, presumably from heart disease. He leaves a wife and four children.

Hobart A. Weeks, of Minneapolis, found David Shields in bed with his (Weeks') wife and assaulted him. For this Hobart goes to Stillwater for eighteen months, and David—well he will not fear another assault from Hebart for quite a while.

BEGINNING BUSINESS.

Both Branches of the Forty-Eighth Congress Meet and Organize for Work.

Nominations by the Democrats for Officers of the House of the 48th Congress.

Carlisle Elected Speaker as Per the Democratic Caucus Programme.

His Address on Taking the Chair—Swearing in New Members.

Clarke of Missouri for Clerk and Leedom of Ohio for Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Republicans Renominate the Officers of the Last Congress.

THE DEMOCRATS.

CARLISLE NOMINATED FOR SPEAKER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The democratic caucus members of the next house of representatives met this evening at 7:30 for the purpose of selecting a nominee for speaker and other offices. The house, after organization of the caucus, proceeded to business.

Dorsheimer, of New York, offered a resolution that the voting be *viva voce*, and the resolution was adopted,—yeas 104, nays 80. This was claimed as the first victory by the friends of Carlisle, which soon after proved to be true, for on the first formal ballot Carlisle received over 104. The count is still going on. This nominates Carlisle and gives him several votes to spare. He will be the caucus nominee for speaker.

At the completion of the roll call, according to the unofficial tally list 107 members voted for Carlisle, 45 for Randall, and 36 for Cox. The official announcement has not yet been made, and there may be some changes, but in Carlisle's favor. He is therefore the caucus nominee for speaker.

At this moment four other members came in, making a total of 188. Carlisle, Randall and Cox absented themselves from the caucus and occupied the rooms of the committee on appropriations, the committee of ways and means and the foreign affairs committee respectively as headquarters. As soon as the roll call was completed Dorsheimer, of New York, offered a resolution providing that the votes in the caucus for nominating the candidate for the speakship be *viva voce*. The resolution was agreed to on division by 104 to 80, but the yeas and nays were demanded and Nichols, of Georgia, offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute providing that the vote be by ballot. The roll was called on the amendment and rejected—75 to 113.

Dorsheimer's resolution was adopted without debate.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE SPEAKERSHIP were then declared in order. Candidates were placed in nomination as follows:

John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, by Col. Morrison, of Illinois.

Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania, by ex-Gov. Curtin, of Pennsylvania.

Samuel S. Cox, of New York, by Gen. Stocum, of New York.

The roll was called by states, and the progress of voting watched with keen interest. Frequent messages, reporting footings of the private tally-lists from time to time, were dispatched to the respective candidates' headquarters. It soon became evident that

CARLISTE WON THE CONTEST.

At the conclusion of the roll-call the vote stood:

Carlisle	104
Randall	52
Cox	31

The vote will be changed some when the official count is given out.

THE BALLOT.

The following is the official ballot for speaker, as corrected at a late hour:

States.	Carlisle.	Randall.	Cox
Alabama	3	4	1
Arkansas	2	1	0
California	2	1	0
Connecticut	0	3	0
Delaware	0	1	0
Florida	1	0	0
Georgia	8	0	0
Illinois	7	6	1
Indiana	0	0	1
Iowa	3	0	0
Kentucky	4	0	0
Louisiana	3	0	0
Maryland	0	4	0
Massachusetts	1	0	0
Michigan	6	0	0
Mississippi	5	0	0
Missouri	11	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0
New Jersey	0	7	0
New York	0	7	18
North Carolina	4	2	1
Ohio	2	5	0
Pennsylvania	0	11	0
South Carolina	4	2	0
Tennessee	4	2	1
Texas	10	1	0
West Virginia	2	0	0
Wisconsin	5	0	0
Virginia	1	3	0
Totals	107	52	27

The result of the vote having been announced, Gov. Curtin moved that Carlisle's nomination be made unanimous, which was immediately done.

The chair appointed Randall, Cox and Curtin as a committee to notify Carlisle of his selection by the caucus.

CARLISLE'S ENTRANCE

with the committee was greeted with long continued cheers. Being escorted to the speakers' chair Carlisle spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Caucus: You have conferred a high honor upon me of my unanimous nomination for the office of speaker of the house of representatives of the Forty-eighth congress, and I am here to thank you very briefly and very earnestly for the confidence reposed in me. If this had been a mere personal contest between me and either of the three distinguished gentlemen whose names were mentioned in connection with the nomination, I should have little hope of success. They are all gentlemen of great ability, long experience and unshaken integrity, and I assure them and their friends that this contest closes as far as I am concerned without the slightest change of friendly personal relations heretofore existing between us. Gentlemen, I trust you may never have reason to regret your action this evening, and when the labors of the Forty-eighth congress are closed you will be able to congratulate yourselves that no material interest of your party or your country has been injuriously affected by the administration of the office for which I have been nominated. In fact, I may go I step farther, and venture to express the confident hope that every substantial interest will be advanced and promoted by the united efforts of the presiding officer and the democratic majority on the floor. Such a result will insure victory in the great contest yet to come, and guarantee a long line of democratic executives with an honest and economical constitutional administration of public affairs. But you have yet much other labor to perform, and again thanking you for what you have already done, I shall say no more.

RANDALL

then addressed the caucus, he said:

A majority of the democratic representatives of the Forty-eighth congress have seen fit to designate the distinguished gentleman from Kentucky for the exalted position of speaker. His administration shall have my firm, fixed and honorable support. To my friends of the minority, who may be disappointed at this result, I tender my gratitude for their support, which was actuated by noble, disinterested friendship, based on the highest considerations of duty as they believed such to their party and the country. I bow to the decision of the majority. The duty imposed upon me by my constituents will be performed with earnest zeal for their interest, for the triumph of my party, and the real prosperity of my country. If in the future there be any service I can render that will tend to these ends it will be performed with a cheerfulness no other citizen can excel. [Applause.]

COX, OF NEW YORK,

took the floor, and said:

I tender my acknowledgements to the gentlemen who have given me their confidence, and especially to the sixteen from New York, and I have to say that I am relieved from the responsibility which possibly might have fallen upon my frail shoulders. I congratulate the gentleman from Kentucky, who is to bear the burdens of the great office of speaker. In so far as I can assist him in any way he will find me as ready a coadjutor as the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania. The future of our party depends largely upon its action on financial questions. They connect themselves with the liberties of life, with trade, with commerce, with the magnanimities of public life, and with the greatest interest of the republic. While thanking those who sustained me during the long siege I confess to a feeling somewhat wearied, being on my feet during the past two weeks. The result in 1884 depends upon the wisdom we shall exercise in the duties of this congress. Without a wise forecast and discreet horoscope we will be in the future as we have been in the past, derelict, beaten doubly, discomforted; but I hope for better things, and shall endeavor in my humble way to do something towards framing legislation on a higher and purer line. Remember 1884 depends upon our wisdom and discretion. [Applause.]

CANDIDATES FOR THE CLERKSHIP

were then placed in nomination, the *viva voce* method being still pursued, and were voted for as follows: First roll call:

John B. Clarke, of Missouri	91
J. D. C. Atkins, of Tennessee	93
Wm. Martin, of Delaware	5
Total	189
No choice.	
Second vote—	
Clarke	95
Atkins	93
Martin	2

Clarke thus received the nomination.

THE NOMINATION FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS was conferred upon John P. Leedom, of Ohio, by acclamation.

OTHER NOMINATIONS.

The next roll call for doorkeeper resulted in the choice of J. G. Wintersmith, of Texas, by the following vote:

Wintersmith	95
C. W. Field, of Georgia	63
Art, of Connecticut	30

Rev. John S. Lindsay, pastor of the Protestant Episcopal church, of Georgetown, D. C., was unanimously nominated for chaplain.

On motion of Gen. Slocum, of New York, seconded by Gen. Rosecrans, it was unanimously resolved that the fourteen crippled and disabled union soldiers now borne on the soldiers' roll under the doorkeeper of the house of representatives be retained, said roll subject, however, to dismissal for just and sufficient cause. The caucus at 12:30 A. M. adjourned *sine die*.

CELEBRATING.

COVINGTON, Ky., Dec. 1.—The home of John G. Carlisle is holding an impromptu celebration of his nomination for speaker by the ringing of bells, blowing of steam whistles, firing of cannon and making speeches.

A SKETCH OF THE NOMINEE FOR SPEAKER.

John Griffin Carlisle represents the Sixth Kentucky district, having been elected to the Forty-fifth congress, serving continuously since that time. Mr. Carlisle is a native of Kentucky, having been born in Campbell (now Kenton) county, September 5, 1835. He received a common school education, taught school in his native county, and afterwards at Covington, his present home. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in March, 1850. In 1856-61 he was a member of the lower branch of the Kentucky legislature, and was nominated for presidential elector on the democratic ticket in 1864, but declined to serve. He was elected to the state senate in 1866 and re-elected in 1869; was a delegate-at-large to the national democratic convention at New York in 1868. In 1871 he resigned his seat in the state senate and was elected lieutenant-governor in August of that year, serving until September, 1875, and in 1876 was elected to congress. Mr. Carlisle is very democratic in his habits, and his wife is a woman of very stately presence and great dignity. Mr. Carlisle lives very simply, does not entertain, and keeps no carriage. He is a man of moderate fortune only, all of which has been acquired in the practice of law. He has all the practice he can attend to, and is in the front rank of the Kentucky bar. He commenced life on a farm near Covington, and acquired his early education by studying at night after a hard day's work. At 17 years of age he was a country school teacher, when he met the lady who became his wife. An old Kentuckian, speaking of Mr. Carlisle's practice, says: Not long ago Carlisle cleared a widow's son who was undoubtedly guilty of the crime charged—embezzlement. The widow gave her all, $500, to Carlisle as his fee. Carlisle sent for the youth, talked with him, got him a place in a Chicago store, and, best of all, handed him the $500 with which to support his mother until he could gain a foothold. It made a man of the fellow.

THE REPUBLICANS.

EMPTY HONORS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The caucus of republican members of the house assembled in the hall of the house at 2 o'clock, and organized with Congressman Cannon, of Illinois, as chairman, and Ryan, of Kansas, as secretary. The roll of members was then called. Organization being perfected, Gen. Keifer and all the old officers of the house, with the exception of the postmaster, who was not a candidate, were renominated. Upon division, by a vote of 44 to 15, Deputy Postmaster McNair was nominated for postmaster. The fifteen votes in opposition to Keifer were cast for Robinson, of Massachusetts. Six nominations were made for postmaster. During the roll call it became apparent that Lycurgas Dalton, of Indiana, present superintendent of the document room of the senate, had a majority, and without announcing the vote the nomination was made unanimous.

HOUSE.

OPENING WORK OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—At 12 o'clock Clerk McPherson rapped the house to order and proceeded to call the roll of representatives. When the state of Mississippi was reached the clerk said he wished to make a statement as to his failure to put upon the roll the name of any representative-elect from the second district. The reason was that no paper which could be considered a certificate of election in the sense of the law had been presented to him. Chalmers had filed four exhibits in support of his claim, but neither individually nor collectively did the exhibits afford the clerk sufficient authority for the enrollment of Chalmers. If the governor of Mississippi issued a certificate of election to any one it had not been presented to the clerk. In regard to the first district of North Carolina the clerk had not received the certificate of the successor of Pool, deceased.

The roll call disclosed 316 members.

THE NOMINATION OF A SPEAKER

being in order, Mr. Geddes said: "I nominate for speaker of this house of the Forty-eighth congress John Griffin Carlisle, of Kentucky, a man acknowledged to be preeminently qualified for the place."

Mr. Cannon presented the name of Mr. Keifer, of Ohio.

Mr. Lyman named Mr. Robinson, of Massachusetts.

Messrs. Morrison, Tucker, Reed and Caulkins were appointed tellers. The clerk proceeded to call the roll. The result was as follows:

Carlisle	191
Keifer	112
Robinson (James and Lyman)	2
J. S. Wise, of Virginia (York)	1
Wadsworth, of New York (Ochiltree)	1
Lacy, of Michigan (White, of Kentucky,)	1

The clerk declared Mr. Carlisle elected.

Messrs. Randall and Keifer escorted Mr. Carlisle to the chair. His entrance into the chamber was the signal for loud applause. The oath of office was then administered.

Upon taking the chair Mr. Carlisle said:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: I thank you sincerely for the high honor conferred by the vote just taken. To be chosen from the membership of a body like this to preside over its deliberations is a distinction upon which any citizen might properly congratulate himself, and I assure you your kindness is fully appreciated. At the same time I realize the fact that the position which you have assigned me is one of very great labor and responsibility, and while profoundly grateful for this manifestation of your confidence I shall enter upon the discharge of its duties with serious distrust of my capacity to meet in an acceptable manner the requirements of the office. I promise, however, to devote to your service all the zeal and ability of which I am possessed. Gentlemen, the maintenance of order on the floor is essential, absolutely essential, for the intelligent,

SYSTEMATIC TRANSACTION OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

I earnestly invoke your assistance in the enforcement of the rules adopted for the government of our proceedings. The large addition to the membership of the house, resulting from the late apportionment of representatives, makes this duty even more difficult than before, and without your cordial co-operation and support I cannot reasonably hope to evenly discharge the ordinary daily duties of this office. That you will cheerfully co-operate with me in every proper effort to preserve order and facilitate business legislation I have no doubt. But, gentlemen, I shall ask something more than mere co-operation in the discharge of my duty. Assuring you of my earnest desire at all times to be just and impartial, I still do not expect to avoid mistakes. I shall be constantly embarrassed by my inexperience in the friendly forbearance of the gentlemen of both sides of the house. I am sure, gentlemen, that

ALL MATTERS OF LEGISLATION

presented to this congress will receive from you such careful consideration as the magnitude, character and interests involved require, and that your action upon them will be wise, conscionable and patriotic. Sudden and radical changes of the laws and reg