

HOODLUM AND HEATHEN.

Continued Excitement in San Francisco Over the Chinese Question.

More Incendiary Speeches at the Sand Lots—The Police and the Workingmen Formation of a Vigilance Committee.

New York, Feb. 26.—A San Francisco special states that at the Sand Lots meeting Sunday, a woman named Annie E. Smith advocated the hanging on lamp-posts of half-a-dozen or more of the Chinese, and Kearney took up a collection from his excited audience to erect permanent gallows on the Sand Lots. From secret information obtained, it is believed that Kearney's crowd intended an immediate resort to violence. In this controversy there is no telling what Major Kailoch may do.

The only possible contingency in which trouble may arise is on a decision of Judge Sawyer, of the chief justice, to appoint one of them for the preservation of the peace, and he will be supported by the State militia and Federal army and navy force on the Pacific coast.

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Resolutions prepared by the party leaders were presented. The preamble recites the action of the Board of Health in excluding Chinese, a violation of the Constitution, and that every effort to preserve quiet and good order offer any needed assistance to the board of health in carrying out its duty.

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Many persons who have been supporters of the anti-Chinese movement, but whose business interests have been seriously injured by the reactionary effect of the serious agitation in this city, as well as others, frequently express their regret that they have not taken more active part in the movement.

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The St. Landry Shrivley Contest Decided in Favor of Thompson.

The Virginia Debt Question.

On Sunday, Feb. 26.—The contested election case for the office of sheriff of this parish, wherein B. C. Bussard was plaintiff and C. M. Thompson defendant, was decided this evening in favor of defendant.

council of foreign bondholders and funding associations of the United States, together with the American ports. The hearing will be resumed to-morrow.

THE FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS. An Unimportant Session of the Senate—The "Star Service" Deficiency Bill in the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senate.—Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Finance and Currency, reported, with amendments, the Maxey bill to authorize the refunding to postmasters of funds or valuable letters lost or stolen. Placed on the calendar.

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SHERMAN AND BOYNTON. More Sharp Passages Between Them of a Literary Character.

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CRIMES AND CASUALTIES. A Nebraska Mania Kills His Father and Defies the Neighbors.

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THE TWO-THIRDS RULE. How it Works in Making Nominations.

Its Continuance a Party Necessarily This Year.

NEW ORLEANS, February 26, 1880. To the Editor of the Democrat: The first National Democratic Convention of which I can obtain accurate information was held at Baltimore in Mar., 1852, to nominate a Vice President, there being no opposition in the party to Gen. Jackson for a second term as President; but Mr. Calhoun was not so acceptable to the party, and besides, had twice been elected to the Vice Presidency, and resigned just before the end of his second term. The authority relied upon in connection with the convention of 1852 says: "Mr. Van Buren received more than two-thirds of all the votes cast, and was declared the nominee." But it is not estimated that two-thirds of the votes were necessary.

In May, 1853, a National Democratic Convention was held at Baltimore, composed of 285 delegates from twenty-one States. On the first ballot Mr. Van Buren was nominated by a unanimous vote. A rule was previously adopted requiring two-thirds of all the votes to make a nomination or to decide any question connected therewith.

At the National Democratic Convention held at Baltimore, May 21, 1859, Mr. Van Buren was again nominated by a unanimous vote. It does not appear that a two-thirds vote was requisite.

The National Democratic Convention of 1860 met at Baltimore, May 21, and adopted the two-thirds rule. Ex-President Van Buren was a prominent candidate for the nomination that year, but his letter of declination, and the fact that a strong Southern influence was against him, and although he received a majority of the convention, he could not be nominated. Mr. Fremont was nominated by a two-thirds vote, and was declared the nominee.

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