

News of the Morning.

From Marshfield, the home of DANIEL WEBSTER, we have intelligence which must fill the public heart with anxious solicitude. The distinguished statesman to all human appearances is rapidly descending into the tomb, and it is not improbable, that when these lines meet the eyes of our readers, his name may be added to the list of the honored and great who have passed from among us, during the present year. According to the despatches received from the sick chamber, his disorder—which is disease of the bowels, accompanied by a dropsical affection of the stomach—took an unfavorable turn on Thursday last, since when he has continued to grow worse, until yesterday morning his Physician—Dr. JEFFRIES, of Boston—announced that all hope of his recovery was at an end, and that a few hours must close his brilliant career. Notwithstanding his critical situation, Mr. WEBSTER'S massive intellect continued clear and unclouded, and he was enabled to converse freely with his friends. It was not supposed yesterday morning that he could live through the day; but at 9 o'clock last evening—the date of our last information from Marshfield—he was still alive, although no favorable indication, holding out a ray of hope, was discernable. His wife and son were with him. In compliance with a request of Mr. WEBSTER'S family—made through Hon. GEORGE T. CURTIS, that all political action in reference to him be discontinued, a special meeting of the Webster State Executive Committee was held at Boston, yesterday, at which resolutions were passed expressing deep sorrow at the mournful intelligence received, and complying with the wish already stated. A SCOTT meeting, which was to have been held at Faneuil Hall, last evening, was postponed on account of Mr. WEBSTER'S illness. The intelligence of the Hon. gentleman's condition created intense excitement at Washington. We shall publish in our evening editions full details of all intelligence received from Marshfield up to the hour of going to press.

A reliable dispatch from Cleveland, sets down the Democratic majority for Members of Congress in Ohio, at less than five thousand. It will be readily understood that the vote on Congressmen is a far more reliable indication of the respective strength of parties than that for State offices recently filled. . . . Hon. HORACE MANN made a Free-Soil address at Newton, Mass., on Thursday evening, repudiating both SCOTT and PIERCE, and urging all Free-Soilers to vote for HALE. This action disposes of the statement recently set afloat, that Mr. MANN was prepared to turn his party over to the regular nominee of the Whig party. . . . The complexion of the Florida election seems to be settled at last. Returns received from all but two small Counties give BROOME, (Dem.,) for Governor, 278 majority over WARD, and MAXWELL, (Dem.,) for Congress, 198 over CABELL. BROOME and MAXWELL are undoubtedly elected. . . . The Whigs of the Ninth District of New-York have nominated BAYARD CLARKE, of Westchester, for Congress. . . . JOHN VAN BUREN is to speak at Owego, on Monday next, at a Democratic mass meeting. . . . The "National Democrat" of the Seventh Massachusetts District, have nominated GORHAM BROOKS, of Medford, for Congress in opposition to Mr. ex-Speaker BANKS, the regular nominee.

The Art Union cases have been decided by the Court of Appeals. The Court reverse the decision of the Supreme Court, confiscating the property of the Art Union, but attaches the penalty of the law against lotteries—being three times the value of the property of the Union—to the Managers or Directors, as ordered by the Court below. The decisions agree in pronouncing the mode of distribution illegal. . . . The Court of Appeals has also rendered two important decisions in criminal cases carried up from this City, reversing the orders of the Supreme Court, granting new trials to JOSEPH CLARK, convicted of the murder of the policeman GILLESPIE, in the Fourth Ward and JAMES SULLIVAN, convicted of the murder of — SMITH, in Cliff-street. The cases were carried up on alleged errors of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, in charging the Juries in the respective cases. The criminals are remanded to the Supreme Court for sentence, the day formerly appointed for their execution having passed.

GEORGE ZIMMERMAN, the notorious prize-fighter, met a violent death yesterday, at the hands of JOHN SLOAN, near Baltimore. The deceased and a hackman, named HUGH SLOAN, had met, according to agreement, in company with many friends, to settle, by personal combat, a feud of long standing between them. Owing to some difficulty in arranging the details, SLOAN refused to fight, whereupon ZIMMERMAN made an attack upon him. At this juncture, JOHN SLOAN, a brother to HUGH, seeing the latter in danger, stabbed ZIMMERMAN to the heart—killing him instantly—and so severely wounded a man named MACKLEBY, that he is not expected to live. . . . An extensive fire occurred at West Troy, yesterday morning, which destroyed property to the amount of \$10,000. The heaviest loser was widow POTTER, in whose stables in Whitehall-street the conflagration originated. . . . JOHN N. SULLIVAN, assistant surgeon on board the U. S. steamer *Princeton*, was so seriously crushed between two rail road cars, at Philadelphia, last evening, that his recovery is considered very doubtful. . . . On the 14th inst., Captain LONG and crew were taken off the British brig *Senhorak*, from New-York, for London, at sea, the brig having been totally dismasted in the late gale. . . . The argument on the motion to quash the indictments in the JERRY rescue cases, for irregularity, was resumed and concluded at Albany, yesterday. Judge NELSON stated that the alleged irregularities, corruption, and fraud, in the drawing, summoning, and action of the Grand Jury which found the indictments, would be inquired into; but the court would render a decision not as to technicalities, but whether injustice had been done to the accused.

Another disturbance "along-shore" occurred yesterday, the boss stevedores having struck for an increase of *per diem*. Fears of violence being entertained, a meeting of the merchants was held, and the Mayor was called upon for an increased police force to preserve order. The needed precautions were promptly taken, and no serious collisions occurred, except in one instance where one of the "strikers" had his eye gouged out, while engaged in a fight with some men who had not joined in the movement. . . . The Carmen have also issued a notice that they will not load Cotton after the twenty-fifth instant, except at an increase of one-fourth on the present rate. . . . The Broadway Railroad question was further argued yesterday before the Committee of the Common Council having the subject in charge. Some interesting estimates of the profits likely to accrue from such a road were made by Mr. THOMAS E. DAVIES, which will be found elsewhere in our columns. . . . Mrs. E. OAKES SMITH delivered the second Lecture of her series, at Hope Chapel last evening. The subject was "Woman considered as inferior to Man," and the manner in which it was treated, received the repeated plaudits of the audience.