

FRIDAY APRIL 18. 1884.

The state legislature of Kentucky has made two valuable enactments. One provides that the keeping of a gambling room, gaming table, roulette wheel, or other gaming machine shall be a felony, punishable by confinement in the penitentiary for not less than one year. That is going to the root of the matter in a style which Indiana would do well to imitate. The other prohibits the sale of the "Police Gazette and kindred publications. In resolute steps toward the suppression of pernicious literature, most of the southern states are exemplary.

The President was much interested and said cheerfully that he would gladly grant a reprieve if any new evidence exculpatory of General Porter could be adduced. He said that he had entertained a very high opinion of his bravery and fidelity for the credit of the army as well as for the sake of that officer himself he would by no means object to having the matter reopened, and hoped he would be proved innocent; that he had no prejudice, but had been obliged to form his opinion from Judge Holt's examination, as in his multitude of cares he had not been able to make a personal investigation. When the President

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