

GOING TOO FAST.

Newspapers Still Have a Right to Discuss Questions.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The attention of Attorney General Miller was called to the fact that prosecutions have recently been commenced in Milwaukee against the publishers of certain newspapers there for sending through the mails their papers reproducing from the Boston Herald an argument against the validity of the anti-lottery law passed by the Fifty-first Congress.

"These prosecutions," said the attorney general, "have been directed to be dismissed.

"The article was published and republished for the purpose of attempting to create a public feeling against the law, rather than to advertise the business of any lottery company. In my opinion the law was not directed against the regulation of such publications in the mails, and the prosecutions therefore, were ill-advised and ought not to be continued. While I am in favor of prosecuting vigorously every infraction of the law, whether direct or evasive, I think the refusal of the use mails to papers discussing the principles of our policy or the law is unwarranted. It would hurt rather than help the cause in the interest of which the law was enacted."