Presidential and vice-presidential candidates for the 1860 election, as well as their supporters in the press, are depicted exercising at the "Political Gymnasium." At left, Edward Everett, vice-presidential candidate for the Constitutional Union Party, lifts up a barbell on which sits presidential candidate John Bell. To the right of them, *New York Tribune* editor Horace Greeley tries to swing his legs over a bar labeled "Nom[ination] for Governor." Abraham Lincoln, straddling a balance beam constructed of wooden rails, advises Greeley to ask for a boost. At far right, William H. Seward, supporting himself on crutches and wearing bandages on his feet, warns Lincoln not to fall. Below Lincoln, *New York Courier* editor James Watson Webb bends backward into a somersault. To Lincoln's right, Stephen Douglas and John Breckinridge, both Democratic presidential candidates, spar with boxing gloves.