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## THE BEDFORD GAZETTE.

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G. W. Bowman, Editor and Proprietor.

## Democratic County Meeting!

The Democracy of Bedford County will meet, in Mass meeting, at the Court House in Bedford on Monday Evening of the approaching Court Souther. to choose conferees to meet those of Fulton and Somerset to select a Senatorial delegate to the the whole, and the first section being read, speeches will be made on the occasion.

JOHN P. REED, Chairman County Committee.

### APOLOGY.

DFOur first form was accidentally thrown into pi, on Monday last, when just ready to put upon the Press, which will be a sufficient apology to our readers for the issue of a half sheet to-day. This is the first accident of the kind that has occurred in this office during a period of nearly 25 years.

### THE WEATHER.

We are indebted to Mr. SAMUEL BROWN for

the following interesting item : Gen. Bowman :- As we have just passed an unusu al cold mouth, generally acknowledged in all parts of our land, to be the coldest time experienced for many years past—we naturally wish some data by which we can make some comparisons. Below I furnish you the following for the months of January,

1854-5-6-namely: Mean Thermometer for the month of January, Mean thermometer for the month of January, 1851, 21½ degrees—Highest 51½ degrees—Lowest 6½—The coldest morning—3d; warmest day 12th; coldest day 23d. Quantity of rain for the month 1,392 foot-snow 6 inches.

Mean Thermometer for the month of January, 255

26 degrees—Highest 55 degrees—Lowest 7½ deg.— The coldest morning 25th; warmest day 12th; coldest

The coldest morning 25th, warmest day 12th; coldest day 23d. Quantity of rain for the month ,88 of an inch-snew 1 foot and 3 inches.

Mean Thermometer for the month of January, '56, 14 degrees-Highest 41 deg-Lowest 15 below zero. The coldest morning 29th; warmest day 31st; coldest day 9th. Thermometer below zero all day.—Quantity of snow for the month, 2 feet 9 inches.

### The Mission to England.

To Hon. Geo. M. Dallas has been appointed Minister to England to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. James Buchanan, who intends to return to the United States sometime during next month. The President, in making this appointment, has done honor to himself and the cour

## Foreign News.

The arrival of the Arabia at Halifax, puts us in po-session of the report that Russia has accepted day till it was finally disposed of. the four points presented to her, as a basis of negotiaof little consequence, and is of opinion that the war to-yeas 19, nays 10. will go on, and probably before another years closes on the strife Europe will be in a Republican blaze, and year 21, pays 9. some of the contending monarchs in exile.

### A Speaker Elected at last!

ple, a Know Nothing Congress has at length succeedperson of Mr. Banks, by adopting the plurality rule. On Saturday last, the vote stood

Banks. 100 11 Scattering,

So the farce has at length ended and the tragedy bedeclared Speaker, on motion of Mr. STANTON, of Obio, the following resolution was unanimously a-

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are emi- ance! nently due, and are hereby tendered, to John W. forney, esq., for the distinguished abillity, fidelity, and impartiality with which he has presided over the erations of the House of Representatives e arduous and protracted contest for Speaker which has just closed.

## Printer to the Senate.

It will be seen by the proceedings of the Senate that the senior editor of the Union was on Thursday elected printer of the Senate. In announcing a result so gratifying to his feelings, he takes the occasion to tender to Senators them that the trust thus generously bestowed shall be so executed as fully to justify the confidence reposed.

We are of course unable to say why it was, that the Union did not receive the full Demothe slightest hesitation, in any Senator who values his Democratic character, to vote for NICHOLSON & FORNEY. The Union has cerwhich any Senator might be proud to possess. In experience, consistency and ability, as detenders of sound Democratic principles, they would shine with resplendent lustre by the side of

Know-Nothing Defeat .- The election for twenty-two members of councils, all are tian heart. anti-Know-Nothing except one. Last year the "midnighters" elected all their councilmen except two or three.

35a37-Cloverseed \$ 9-Timothy \$3 25.

# PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

ntoxicating Liquors, came up in order. On proceeding to its consideration, Mr. Buck-

alew moved a call of the year and nays, which resulted as follows:-yeas 31, nays 1, Mr.

The bill was then taken up in committee of

it concenient to attend will do so. Several a vote he had given this morning against the motion to take up the bill from the House to repeal the liquor law. He had voted against that motion for the reason that he desired the whole subject to be thrown before the Senate at once, and the question of repeal, and the regulation of a license system, to be settled at the same time. If the Senate was brought to a vote on the naked question of repeal, he should vote for it, but he should do so with great reluctance, because he desired to have the whole question settled in the same bill. He desired to address the Sext is the same bill. He desired to address to commisseration as the poor drunkard who reels arty is, after all, the only national American the Senate in exposition of his views on the to and fro on the public highways. subject at length, but not being fully prepared at this time, he desired a postponement of the bill till to-morrow.

Mr. Browne then moved that the committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again; which was agreed to, yeas 22, nays 10.

The question now being when shall the com- ster mittee have leave to sit again?

Mr. Pratt moved this afternoon.

Mr. Brown moved on Tuesday next, and called the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and were yeas 17, nays 15.

So the bill was made the order for Tuesday. Mr. Ingram moved to take up the House bill toxicating liquors, which was disagreed to, year to fame in death, he added for me the associated victory, by which the rights of every sechead with a piece of iron, which, stunning him

Mr. Ingram then moved to make this bill the order for Monday next.

Mr. Cresswell moved to make it the order for to-morrow. Accepted by Mr. Ingram as a modification of his motion.

Mr. Buckalew moved to make it the order for Monday next.

This motion was supported by Messrs. Buckalew, Crabb, and McClintock, and opposed by Messrs. Brown and Price, and was still pending when the hour of adjournment arrived.

Afternoon Session .- The consideration of the motion of Mr. Buckalew to make the bill from try. A better man than Geo. M. Dallas, to fill this the House to repeal the sale of the Liquor Bill sible post, could not have been found in the the order for Monday next, was resumed.

Nr. McClintock, who was entitled to the floor, resumed and concluded his remarks in favor of the motion. He expressed a desire to take up this question, and pursue it from day to

Mr. Price then moved to make the bill the tions. The Pennsylvanian looks upon the news as order for Wednesday next; which was agreed

After a trial of upwards of two months, at a people, as indicated by the immense number of of the same fidelity to this bond of union and of the same fidelity to this bond of union and dispassion. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed on him. The victim closed up the razor, placed it in his left hand, and fell upon the floor and the finding this solvent. ed in electing a rank abolitionist Speaker, in the ful account to settle with his constituents. That death has dissolved the connection, yet his havy and slow; her cheek was pale, and her expired. can Party will now have a good time devouring each it would have its proper title. How professing shake his confidence in the permanency of the vas wrong; they can vassed the matter among the make a good time devouring each the world nave its proper title. How professing wise and healing measures of 1850. What themselves, and resolved upon an investigation. The finite world have its proper title. How professing wise and healing measures of 1850. What themselves, and resolved upon an investigation. The finite vessel being leaky, they determined to make "a good thing of it." After Mr. Banks was youd the comprehension of the most reflecting of patriotism—the whole country, indeed— t overhaul her and discover the cause. With

Another of the revolting features in this law is to be found in the fact that the people treat it the people of this great republican confederation, and sobs she confessed that she had vielded to with ofter contempt, thus rendering it almost and yet more in the God of their fathers and the young man's importunities, and had fallen Juries ignore the Jug Law indictments as fast as they are brought before them-and, if a bill certain to acquit.

Drunkenness exists to a greater extent, perhis grateful acknowledgments, and to assure haps, at present, than it ever did at any former living in the hearts of his countrymen, could inperative tribunal, and made acquainted with period in the history of our country; evidently now be heard warning the American people of the sentence. He had to take the girl or be left showing that political temperance has rode a the dangers impending over them, and calling high and dry on a sand bar, where he would good cause almost to death. Legislators and them to the support of that Union and consti- freeze to death in less than an hour. He "caved Governors pass temperance laws, whose lives cratic strength of the Senate. It appears strange and acts illy correspond them, thus destroying to us at a distance, that there should have been every moral principle intended by their pas-

In the discussion of this subject it is often astainly been a reliable organ of the party, and serted that moral suasion has proved unavailing. its Editors have a reputation, as Democrats, Does this come up to the standard that if we have faith as a grain of mustard seed we may remove mountains and cast them into the sea? such a condition would bring with it, between "Moral suasion" must come from MORAL men, some who voted against them .- Pennsylvanian. and then and then only will it do its work.

Let the Sunday and the Buckalew Law be city officers in Wheeling has resulted in the to- enforced, and a Judicious system of Licenses be tal defeat of Know-Nothingism. There was no opposition to A. Caldwell for Mayor. Out of the twenty-two more than the twen

become a CHRISTIAN, by legal enactment, as How would be who loved and served her so ages. The proceedings on this occasion were of And oh! send me something to shut out the cold! to compel him to become a temperance man a- well and whose love and service were so honor- the most mirth-provoking character. Our in- O listen, ye rich, to that piteous call, THE MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 5—Flour \$8a8 12—Wheat \$175a2—Rye \$1 15a1 20—Corn 68a75—Oats \$35a37—Cloversed \$9—Timothe \$3.25

kins') to repeal the act to restrain the sale of and shining lights-it has made wise men fools, ether unimpaired. and rendered many a home desolate-yet there I am, dear sir, with much regard, respectfulare other evils quite as great, such, for instance, Peter Harvey, Esq., Boston. ing, lying, tattling, taking secret oaths to disfranchise a brother, and debauchery in all its There are doubtless, says the North Carolina ordered, under threats of divers pains and pen- our great commercial and literary emporium, hideous forms. Now, the question is, How landard, still some Democrats who linger in alties, to "shell out." mext State Convention, and to make other arrangements for a full and thorough organization of the Democratic Party of Bedford County.—

of the Democratic Party of Bedford County.—

It is hoped that every Democrat who can make the supportunity to explain and the supportunity to explain and the supportunity to explain the supportunity to explain and the obligations due from themselves to their in with their former party association. To all the Helen Mar was frozen in. GOD. If all men who advocate the cause of ich we say, break the bonds that are upon you Temperance, were temperance men themselves; I decome back to the old Democratic Party.—

If their own lives carried the impress of honesty in the matter; they would soon receive support there you are? You perceive, as we all do, formerly of Batavia, at Charlotte, Eaton country. that would lead to the happiest of consequences, pat the Know-Nothing organization was not

## Letter from General Cass.

The following letter from the venerable Lewis grough the same old party. Come back, then, tened. Cass, was written to the recent festival in Bos- lose of you who have honestly gone astray, About 6 o'clock in the evening, his adopted ton, in honor of the birth day of Daniel Web- of the Democracy will receive you with open son, Mr. John Morris, asked at the door for ad-

### Washington, Jan. 10, 1856.

No. 2 to repeal the act to restrain the sale of in- other high claims, to distinction in life and you can say, "I too assisted in achieving this door, struck him a severe blow over the foreship of mature age, as well as of declining ates preserved." years. I have read with deep and mournful interest the extract from his letter to you, which you were good enough to enclose, written at the termination of the struggle which attended the compromise measures of 1850, in which he says that "General Cass, General Rusk, Mr. Dick- A week or so ago, the steamer Helen Mar, curred fraught with so much danger to the in- loss little romances which will sometimes oc- of the village. Had he remained there an hour port of the directors will exhibit, in detail, the it has just passed, and that, in all human proba- te facts as related to us by a passenger.

of kindness now come from the tomb. You say idifferent to his blandishments. the Jug Law is not "restraining" in its effects, name and his fame are dear to them, and will ees dim and swollen. Tears were seen to steal

There is no master spirit to say Peace, be still, throgate her. and to be heard and heeded. Our trust is in | The girl was young and artless. With tears impossible to convict a man for disregarding it, their own God, who guided and guarded us for virtue. She blamed him not, however, but with the plainest proof against him! Grand through the dreary wilderness of the revolution, took all the blame upon herself. and brought us to a condition of freedom and It was about 10 o'clock at night when this prosperity of which the history of the world for- fict was communicated to the crew and passennishes no previous example. Would that the gers composing the "court of inquiry." is, by accident, found, a petit Jury is almost eloquent accents, which are now mute in death; were not long in making up their verdict. would that the burning words of him whose Their decision was that the two crafts should be birth you propose to commemorate, and of his lished together. great compeer of the West, though dead, yet | The Tennesseean was arraigned before the tution which have done so much for them and it" at once-said he was willing to do what their fathers, and are destined to do so much was right, and would make the wronged lady O, shut out the cold, said a beautiful belle, more for them and for their children, if not sac- mistress of his plantation in Tennessee. The rificed upon the altar of a new Moloch, whose grl's consent was also obtained, and the next rificed upon the altar of a new Moloch, whose grl's consent was also obtained, and the next And poverty's phantom retire, victims may be the institutions of our country. step was to find a "blacksmith" to do the wed-Old Winter is here, and the north wind is bold.

If this sectional agitation goes on, this everpressing effort to create and perpetuate to divisthe fate of the Grecian Republics teaches us as State being exceedingly brief, the deed was And we'll lighten our toil for the comforts of life. plainly as the future can be taught by the les- done in less than two minutes. sons of the past. Your own State took a gloto aid a cause dear to every man with a Christian heart.

It would be as easy task to compet a man to contributed abiy and faithfully to the adoption of the constitution. Her great deeds and great names are inscribed upon the pages of our history, and upon the hearts of our countrymen.—

To aid a cause dear to every man with a Christian heart of the constitution. Her great deeds and great names are inscribed upon the pages of our history, and upon the hearts of our countrymen.—

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And the mother pressed closer her child. But her own naked arms were fast turning to ice, and her brain with despair had grown wild.

Great heaven! she cried a picture of the constitution.

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The constitution of the subject, and it will be far better for all interests. its constitution, were he now living to witness and the speeches delivered were highly honor- Help each his poor neighbor to shut out the cold.

Intemperance is certainly one of the great e-he triumph of sectional feelings over the dic- able to the bar of the steamboat. It was finally vils with which our land is cursed—it has made tes of duty and patriotism? Let us hope that agreed that the young man should pay a fine; beasts and demons of thousands and tens of on pass away, leaving our institutions unscaththousands who would otherwise have been brightly, and the fraternal tie which still binds us totence was that the happy fellow should pay

LEWIS CASS.

### KNOW-NOTHING DEMOCRATS.

Intemperate Temperance men, those who would eeded-that it has failed in the Southern States | ing story :

immence. Range yourselves at once under

### From the St. Louis Republican.

### A Mississippi Scene! LOVE ON A STEAMBOAT.

therefore we will hereafter be triends, let our assee came aboard, and took passage in the ing effects of the opium would keep him quiet political differences on minor subjects be what cbin. He was from the country, and, being during the rest of the night. But about 3 o'clock they may." during the rest of the night. But about 3 o'clock in the morning, he arose, went to the closet and This tribute of affectionate regard to his co- b was not long in making the acquaintance of took out his razor. His wife, Mrs Morris-who of benevolent citizens.

is a fact too plain to be successfully denied by ders.

ever find in them zealous advocates and defended by ders.

ever find in them zealous advocates and defended by ders. any one. If it were headed "An Act to pro- The grave closed upon this great statesman gish and despair-were heard from her statemote Intemperance, and encourage drunkards and American before another crisis, fraught with nom in the silence of night, when others slept. in the lowest and dirtiest species of Tippling," evil passions and imminent danger, had come to The boatmen began to suspect that something minds. To require a man to take NOT LESS now sees that we have again fallen upon evil tat delicacy characteristic of Western hoatthan a QUART, is a sorry system of Temper- times, and that the fountains of agitation are nen, they said nothing to the girl herself, but broken up, and the waters are out over the land. alled upon some of the lady passengers to in-

to officiate on such interesting occasions, and We'll shut out the cold, said the farmer, with glee, ons between the North and the South, we shall about midnight the boat was landed at Chester, find that we cannot live together in peace, and shall have to live together in war. And what A justice was found, jerked out of bed, and We'll be happy while yet we can shut out the cold. but become enemies, the impressive parrative of will, and the marriage ceremony in the Sucker Let us shut out the cold, said the laborer's wife,

Having piloted the two crafts safely into port,

four dollars and a half, in legal Illinois curin spiritual comforts for the benefit of the hon- tion; and their management and efficiency reorable court. The finding of the court was an- flect great credit upon those to whom have been nounced with a preliminary "O yes!" through committed their supervision and control. It is the key-hole of his state-room door, and he was to be regretted that these schools, so credible to

ty, in that State. The following is the shock- tendent, that the same might be embodied in the

Mr. Morris had been for the last three months the purpose of finding him. On the day pre-The record of all our past history proves this, vious to the suicide, he remained in his room ad the future is full of hope for the country during nearly the whole day, with the door fas-

ims. The great contest of 1856 will soon mission, when the old gentleman stated that as soon as he had taken some opium he would open e Democratic banner, and among your old the door, at the same time intimating that he Dear Sir: I cannot accept your invitation to lends, and aid us in achieving a victory for the intended to take enough to put him into his tional, charitable and reformatory institutions meet the friends of Mr. Webster on the 18th postitution, the Union and the rights of the last sleep. His son remonstrated with him in are justly the pride of the State, honorable alike inst., the anniversary of his birth day, in order ates. "Tarry not in the plain," but escape to every way that he could, but the door was not to interchange recollections of the patriot and be mountain of Democracy, and all will be unfastened until the opium was taken. As Mr. orator and statesman, because my public duties ell. Do this, and in November, 1856, after will necessarily detain me here. To these and be battle shall have been fought and won, each man, who had stationed himself close behind the tion of early youth, and the kindness and friend- on have been shelded and the Union of the considerably, and cutting quite a gash in his covered with snow,) and ran for the woods.

About 8 o'clock in the evening some of the inson, &c., have agreed that since our entrance ow ice-bound at Rattle-snake landing, twenty finding him under the log way at a saw-mill, upon the Stage of public action no crisis has oc- ales below this city, was the scene of one of known as Mud Hill, about a mile and a half out stitutions of the country as that through which or in spite of life's dull realities. We state longer, it is thought he would have frozen to death, as he was already quite stupid from the bility, no other of so great moment will occur | The Helen Mar was bound down the Ohio for effects of the opium. Getting him home com-

## The Merry Sleigh.

Jingle, jingle, clear the way, 'Tis the merry, merry sleigh, As it swiftly sends along. Hear the burst of happy song; See the gleam of glances bright, Flashing o'er the pathway white; Jingle, jingle-how it whirls, Jingle, jingle-how it whirls Crowded full of happy girls. Jingle, jingle, fast it flies, Shooting shafts from reguish eyes; Careless archers I'll be bound, Little heeding who they wound;

See them with capricious pranks,

Ploughing now the drifted banks.

ingle, jingle-'mid the glee,

Who among them cares for me? Jingle, jingle-on they flow, Caps and bonnets white with snow, And the faces swimming past-Nodding through the fleecy blast; Not a single robe they fold To protect them from the cold, Jingle, jingle—'mid the storm, Fun and frolic keeps them warm.

Jingle, jingle, down the hills, meadows, past the mills. Now 'tis slow-now 'tis fast. Winter will not always last; Every pleasure has its time. Spring will come and stop the chime. Jingle, jingle—clear the way, 'Tis the merry, merry sleigh.

## Shut out the Cold.

Ours is a bright home where comfort may dwell, There was no one on board authorized But with carpets and damask we'll shut out the cold!

And laugh at old Boreas' din,

By music's enlivening sound.

And though we have neither bright silver nor gold, We'll be happy while yet we can shut out the cold.

### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

(Concluded from last week.)

The public schools of Philadelphia are deserving of special notice and approval. In their various gradations, from the primary up to the and so honorable to our Common wealtth, should The last we heard of the newly married find no place in the annual report of the Superport to the school department of the Commonwealth. As everything that relates to the operation of the common school system, and the con-The Michigan papers relate the particulars of the sell destruction of Mr. John B. Morris, schools should be furnished to the State superinannual report of the department. A modification of existing laws on this subject, so far as to -the number of pupils, and generally such information in relation to their government as may be deemed useful to the cause of education, is respectfully recommended.

To improve the social, intellectual and moral condition of the people-reclaim the erring, and ameliorate human suffering, are objects that commend themselves to the consideration of the philanthropist and the statesman. Our educato the wisdom that devised and the liberality that founded and sustains them. They have strong claims upon the bounty of the people, and I cordially recommend them to your care and the liberality of the Commonwealth.

The State Lunatic Hospital, at Harrisburg, in its objects and results, merits our highest apforehead, caused him to desist from entering the probation. The just expectations of its projecroom at that time. In a few minutes after- tors and founders have not been disappointed .wards, the old man jumped out of the bed room Kindness and love, with their softening and window in his stocking feet, (the ground was subduing influence, constitute the rule of its government. Many of its former unfortunate inmates have been restored to reason, to friends neighbors succeeded, by following his tracks, in and home, and the enjoyments of social life .-Those that remain require our sympathy and aid. They should not be withheld. The reoperations of the institution.

The necessity and importance of providing additional accommodation for the insane of wesagain during the remainder of our lives, and the city. At Peducah, a young man from Ten- fortably to bed, it was hoped that the stupefy- tern Pennsylvania, have been strongly pressed upon my attention. The present accommodations are clearly insufficient, and these have been provided principally by the contributions of benevolent citizens. It is urged that the adjutors in a common struggle against a common al on board, from the fireman to the captain. slept in the room, saw the razor movement, and rapid advance of our population—the gloomy earnestly besought him to give the razor to her. increase of the insane-and the inadequacy of peril from him whose services were so pre-emi-nent will be cherished, I am sure, with proud enteen, to whom the Tennesseean paid marked Placing his foot against the door, and leaning the present asylums for their care and managerecollection by all of us, to whom these words stention, and it was evident that she was not against it, he with one stroke severed the right ment, render it imperatively necessary that efhalf of his neck, cutting from the back bone to fective aid should be given to that portion of the The motion as amended was then agreed to, that this engagement on the part of our lamenty eas 21, nays 9.

The motion as amended was then agreed to, that this engagement on the part of our lament the windpipe. The ice was running thick in the river, as the about four feet of him, and seeing that the hor-ly distinct Western Insane Hospital, as a home ted friend was, to your personal knowledge, lelen Mar turned her how up the Mississippi, about four feet of him, and seeing that the hor-ly distinct Western Insane Hospital, as a home The repeal of the JUG LAW is a matter faithfully kept. It was so. I know it and re- ad her progress was slow. The young Ten- rid deed was about to be committed, instantly to those of our fellow-citizens whose only alledemanded by the almost unanimous voice of the joice at it.—And I believe I may add, with no essean would frequently join the circle gath-shrieked for help, but too late, for, just as Mr. viation is to be found in their own ignorance of less assurance, that the conviction you express eed around the stove, but presently paid all his John Morris, the son, partially pushed open the the fruitful malady with which they are burdcomplish this object.

Should you decline to act upon this subject, I

would then recommend that an adequate appropriation be made to the Western Pennsylvania Hospital for the purpose of extending its accommodations for the care of the insane, as distinct as may be practicable from the other class of patients and inmates. The charter of this institution is liberal in its provisions, and comprehensive in the objects liable to be bro't under its care: embracing the insane, as well as the sick, helpless and infirm.

In this connection I would commend to your attention the Pennsylvania Training School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Children. The aid of the Commonwealth has heretofore been extended to this institution. It is a noble charity, and appeals to the best feelings of the heart. It deserves to share the bounty of the State.

The House of Refuge in Philadelphia, and the Western House of Refuge near Pittsburg, are institutions of great excellence, having for their object the reclaiming of wayward and erring youth-the employment of the idle-the instruction of the ignorant-the reformation of the vicious and depraved, and the relief of the wretched. They are schools, not prisonshomes, not places of punishment; they are a refuge to the neglected and outcast children and youth of our Commonwealth. The success of the past is a sure guarantee of their future usefulness. They should receive your aid and encouragement.

The "Blind" and the "Deaf and Dumb Asylum," in Philadelphia, invite our sympathy, and ask to share the benefactions of the Commonwealth. They should not be disappointed .-The blind in their darkness-the dumb in their silence-will cherish the gift, and bless the generous donor.

Legislation, in relation to all questions of moral and social reform, should be carefully and wisely considered and matured. On no subject, within the constitutional authority of the Legislature, are the people so sensitive; and no one more deeply interests every class and condition of society. Sumptuary laws, as a general rule, are of doubtful expediency; and as abridgements of the liberty and privileges of the citizen, can only be justified on the ground of necessity. Whilst this is admitted, it cannot be denied that the evils resulting from intemperance, create a necessity for regulating and restraining by legislative acts, the traffic and sale of intoxicating liquors. To what extent this traffic should be restrained by positive law, must depend on the will of the people, determined by considerations of their own moral, physical