The Bedford Gazette. Black! Black! Black!



Pennsylvania, is a member of the "Republican" party, who stands firmly and immovably upon the ground occupied by that party when it first came into THE NEGRO ELEVATED TO A POLITIexistence. He is and always has been an anti-slavery man. When he was chosen to his present office, he was regarded by all who knew his political views, as radical in his opposition to the institution of negro slavery. But Mr. Cowan, when his party rushed into revolution, trampling under foot the Constitution and Laws, preferred to stand still, even at the risk of being dubbed "conservative" and of losing the friendship of his political associates. It seems singular that the radical of 1856, although as radical now as then, should be deemed the conservative of 1855. Yet such is the degree of intensity to which the radicalism of the "Kepublican" party has been wrought up, that many who, ten years ago, held up their hands, in holy horror, at what they called the ultraism of Cowan, now look back in wonder and indignation at the failure of the ultra of that date to ed and annulled. come up to their present position. It A vote was then taken upon the bill, is not that Mr. Cowan is less radical than which resulted in its passage, ayes 116, he was when elected Senator, but be- noes 54! The ayes are all "Republicause his party have gone so far beyond cans:" the noes are all Democrats, exservative to-day. In order that the pub- Nevada; Benjamin, of Missouri; Farlic may know the sentiments of this quhar, Henderson and Hill, of Indiana; representative of the "Republican" Kuykendall, of Illinois; Latham, of party before it was abolitionized, we West Virginia; Phelps, of Maryland; publish on our outside, a speech made Randall and Green Clay Smith, of Kenby him, in his place in the Senate, a tucky; Stillwell, of Indiana; and Van few days ago, in defence of President Horn, of Missouri; just thirteen Repub-Johnson, and in answer to Charles Sum- licans, who voted with the Democrats ner. We hope every body, and every against the bill. Every Republican membody's neighbor, will read this speech. ber of Congress from this State voted for It is an able, an unanswerable exposi- the bill. Their names are A. A. Barker, tion of the trickery by which Sumner J. M. Broomall, William D. Kelley, and his confreres hope to perpetuate the George V. Lawrence, Ulysses Mercur, dissolution of the Union.

THE will of the majority, glorified so extensively by the late Abraham Lincoln and his followers, does not seem to be held in very high regard by the "Republican" members of the present Congress. The people of the District of Columbia lately voted almost unanimously against the proposition to give the negroes the right of suffrage in the district; yet, in defiance of their solenunly expressed wishes, the "Republican" congressmen proceed deliberately to pass a bill forcing negro suffrage upon them. If this is not despotism of the most arbitrary sort, will somebody tell us what is? A great noise was once made about the "Lecompton Constitution" not being the will of the people of Kansas. Admitting, to e, (for the sake of argument

DARK AS EREBUS! ETHIOPIA IN WASHINGTON! A BLACK DEED BY A BLACK CO.NGRESS ! EDGAR COWAN, U. S. Senator from THE WORD WHITE STRICKEN FROM

LL LAWS PRESCRIBING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

CAL EQUALITY WITH THE WHITE MAN!

The Republican Party Openly Commit ted to Negro Suffrage!

On Thursday last, January 18th, the House of Representatives at Washington, resumed the consideration of the bill to extend the right of suffrage to the negroes in the District of Columbia. After striking out all qualifications, the bill read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That from all laws and parts of laws, prescribing the qualifications of electors for any office in the District of Columbia, the word 'white' is hereby stricken out and that from and after the passage of is act no person shar by disquarmed om voting at any election held in the said District on account of color.

Sec 2. And be it further en acted. That all acts of Congress, and all laws of the state of Maryland in force in said Dis trict, and all ordinances of Washington and Georgetown inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repeal

his radicalism, that his position is con- cept Anderson, of Missouri; Ashley, of ly, wisely and promptly directed.

Geo F. Miller, J. K. Moorhead, Leon-

ard Myers, C. O'Neill, G. W. Scofield, Thaddeus Stevens, M. Russell Thaver. Thomas Williams, S. F. Wilson. Let these names be handed down to the latest posterity, on the roll of everlasting infamy, as those of traitors to their race, enemies to their country, and breakers of the law of God, which separates socially and politically the white and black peoples. Now, let the people strike home. Now, let all men who call themselves "Republicans" shake off the shackles of party and step out like men to assert the supremacy of the white man. Do you believe in this mingling and mixing of the races? Do you believe that God intended it to be so, when he created them different from each other? If not, then leave the party whose leaders uphold this doctrine.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Judge King yesterday delivered a most important decision in the court of quarter sessions of this county, in the case of Rowe vs Stenger. Mr. Stenger was returned as elected to the office of District to the proven bet for the office of District Attorney last fall, and Colonel Rowe contested the election on the ground that the majority of Mr. Stenger was made up of votes cast by men who were deserters from the draft or from the military service, and are disfranchised by the act of Congress. Judge King held that the penalty of forfeiture of citizenship could not be inflicted without due process of law, and that deserters can be disfranchised

only upon conviction of the offense by some competent tribunal. As the act of Congress makes no provision for the judicial ascertainment and conviction of the crime, and the laws of the State make no such test of the qualification of voters, the votes of such men must be accepted. In the decision he does not raise the question of the power of Congress to impose a penalty affecting the right of suffrage in a State, and he expressly waives the issue raised as to whether or not theact of Congress is an

post facto law, inasmuch as the point decided is conclusive of the case. Such a decision coming from a judicial

officer second to none in the State in high legal attainments, and eminent for his devotion to the loyal cause, presents the question of the disfranchisement of deserters as one yet to be perfected by the legislature if it is to be enforced at all It is an issue of the and we hope to see this case reviewed by the court of last resort in the State. But by the time it will reach that court, the lature will have adjourned and if the decision of our court should be sus-tained, we shall have another year of doubt and defiance of the law of Congress by the only party that can hope to profit by the votes of those who de-serted their country's cause in the day of peril. Just as is the penalty of the act of Congress, its enforcement must have all the sanctity and ceremony of law, and to this question the attention of the legislature should be deliberate-We nust either have such enactments as will ensure uniform enforcement, or the punishment of desertion must be bandoned. The general government as abandoned it, and it is for the States they will do likewise.

WE take the above from the Franklin Repository, of last week. It will be seen, by that article, that Judge King has decided that persons who evaded the draft, or deserted from the military service of the United States, are legal voters. This is just what the Democrats claimed them to be. How bitter a pill this decision must be for those Abolitionists to swallow, who bellowed so loudly against the reception of "skedaddler's votes" at the last election. The *Repository* is dumb-founded by it and doesn't know exactly what to recommend, under the circumstances. It says that the "general government has abandoned the punishment of desertion." Well, is it, then, the business of the States to take it up? There was no desertion from the State, but only from the Federal, service. What business, then, has the State with the punishment of desertion? But, suppose the Legislature passes a law prohibiting "deserters" from voting, what will Supreme Court, whenever the matter

Correspondence. HARRISBURG LETTER.

Beturn of Governor Curtin and Family ---Democratic and Abolition Conven-tions--Candidates for Governor---The McConaughy-Duncan Contested Elec-

HARRISBURG, Jan. 23, 1866. Editor Gazette:-Governor Curtin and family returned here on Saturday morning last, from their trip to the island of Cuba. The telegraph informs the public that the Governor has greatly imfair, one-sided manner with its own proved in health. I hope this is so and that he may live out his term of office. for he is infinitely to be preferred to the person who would ex-officio become his successor. The political cauldron is a bout being fixed up preparatory to its being placed over the fire of public opinion. The Democratic Convention is called to meet here on the fifth of March, The Shoddy Abolition Committee, with your Bedford "Governor" at the head, met here last week, one day, and fixed the seventh of the same month for the meeting of their Convention. The principal business of these bodies will be to put in nomination candidates for the office of Governor. The most prominent names on the Democratic side, spoken of in this connexion, are those of Hon. Hiester Cly-mer, or a gas, oren. Geo. W. Cass, or an annuel enumeration or Co

Pittsburg, Hon. Richard Vaux, of Philadelphia, Hon. John D. Stiles, of that the standard-bearer of the Democ-W. Geary, of Cumberland, Col. L. W. Hall, of Blair, and other worthies of

The contested election case of McConhas just been decided by the committee

beyond question, be so decided by the was read by J. McDowell Sharpe, Esq., affection of cherished friends. No mar- known as "Jim Lane," has been maattorney for Mr. Duncan, in his argu- vel that his usually good nature be- king speeches in that State, in support ment before the committee. But the came somewhat ruffled and under th committee chose to disregard it, as it influence of momentary excitement, stood in the way of their pre-deter- he scratched them rather severely with bus (O.) Crisis, is engaged in writing a pository can helpits party much by get- mined purpose to give McConaughy the the point of his steel-pen. The fact is series of "Personal Reminiscences of seat at all hazaris. If the people of he understood the genius of his coun-Franklin and Adams do not rebuke this try's government, and prized her inoutrage upon their rights, they will be stitutions, before the scientific gentlerecreant to their duty as free and inde- men could discern one card from an-"Republican" party to turn their at- pendent voters. For, if ever a wrong other, or had made such proficiency in tention to some more honorable means was done to any constituency, this is the *dubious art* as to be able, in a patriof carrying elections than disfranchi- plainly one of the grossest and most otic manner, to fleece loyal Union sol-LEX. diers of their hard-earned treasure.

frains from publishing Cowan's speech? lion and the lamb shall lie down to-Is it afraid to do so, lest it might have gether," when righteousness and peace some of its readers think differently shall universally prevail, and earth's from Thaddeus Stevens? Is it afraid moral deserts bud and blossom as the the conservative men in the "Republi- rose. Still wishing the readers and pubcan" party might get a crumb of com- lishers of the GAZETTE, health, peace

ened to oppose the schemes of the radi- on the car of progress, cal leaders in this borough? Whatever is its reason for hiding its light under a bushel, let the public know it, so that those who think it is dealing in an un-

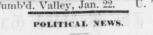
party, may have the benefit of its defence. I am sorry, Mr. Editor, that I am compelled to make this inquiry through the columns of a "Democratic" paper, but I have had experience enough with the publishers of the Inquirer to know that they would neither publish, nor answer, this communication. So I am compelled to resort to your paper as a vehicle for what I wish to convey to the public, as well as to the eye-sight of my friends of the Inquirer. Perhaps, being asked in this way, the latter will be ashamed to keep silence, and if I succeed in "smoking them out," I shall not regret having written for a Democratic paper. LINCOLNITE.

For the Bedford Gazette UNCLE TOBY'S PLATFORM, &c.

cle Toby's platform of principles, all has been comparatively quiet on the Lehigh, and Hon. Asa Packer, of Car- line of the "Keystone rail road." As bon. Any one of these would make a in the material, so in the social and the result was made known. strong candidate, and I have no doubt moral spheres, after clouds and darkness come brightness and sunshine. Every racy, during the coming campaign, will storm is succeeded by a calm. Uncle be chosen from among these gentlemen. Toby is still in the shadow of the The Abolitionists are having quite a mountain. The connexion with his variety of candidates for their nomina- base of supplies (which was partially tion. W. W. Ketchum, (not the New | interrupted for a brief season) is now York chap of that name) of Luzerne, reopened and well guarded. The hor-J. K. Moorehead, of Pittsburg, Gen. J. rors of starvation for the present are past. The kind-hearted, scientific gentlemen, who made so much ado about that ilk, are spoken of. Gen. Hancock nothing and poured out the vials of was feared at one time by some of the their wrath in such a furious manner to declare by their legislation whether civilian candidates, but his letter to the upon Uncle Toby's head (in his absence Tammany Hall Democracy, on the oc- are now like the man out of whom the casion of the celebration of Gen. Jack- unclean spirits were cast, clothed in son's victory at New Orleans, has put their right minds, and gentle as cooing his nomination out of the question. doves. The difficulty probably, after By the way I had almost forgotten the all, was only the result of a slight miscandidate from your county, the re- apprehension. Uncle Toby may have doubtable Cessna. I am unable to say been at fault in that he did not append what his chances are, not hearing his a glossary to his "Keystone rail road," name mentioned here in connexion for the special benefit of scientific genwith the nomination. I see, however, tlemen, but he did not suppose that that the Chevalier McClure has had their peculiar professional engagements himself elected a delegate from the precluded the possibility of storing Franklin district, with instructions for their capacious minds with general and Cessna. This means mischief for the miscellaneous information. For illus-Cameronians, if it means anything. tration, had he told them that New The President of the late Fish Conven- York is called the "Empire State," Virtion may yet see the day when he will [ginia, the "Old Dominion," Ohio, the have cause to regret the hour he took | "Buckeye State," South Carolina, the the Bedford renegade to his bosom. "Palmetto State," Delaware, the "Diamond State" and Pennsylvania, the aughy vs. Duncan, in the State Senate, "Keystone State," &c., they would possibly have comprehended the fact in favor of the former. The point on that Uncle Toby's "Rail road" and "Car which the case hinged was the legali- of Progress" were designed for the great ty of the "skedadlers'" votes. The State of Pennsylvania, not simply for committee, it seems, backed down from a village only renowned in history as the original understanding, that the the place where Hannibal the great question should be submitted to the (elephant) ended his extensive travels Attorney General, they having discov- and found an honored grave. Then, ered that Mr. Meredith would declare the gentlemen were hasty and ungenthose votes legal. The decision of Judge erous (not to say disloyal) in bearing to the Constitution abolishing slavery, it amount to? It would be clearly, in- King, in the Rowe vs. Stenger case, false witness against Uncle Toby and by a vote of 42 to 10. disputably unconstitutional, and would which involved the same legal question, endeavoring to alienate from him the

fort from that speech and feel embold- and happiness, Uncle Toby will push

And long for the "good time coming. Whilst, watching, reading, writing. At his home so lonely. In the shadow of the mountain Cumb'd. Valley, Jan. 22.



The Judiciary Committee of the U. S. Senate will make a majority report in favor of the sitting Senator, Mr. Stockton, of New Jersey, retaining his seat. Mr. Stockton is a Democrat and an effort was made to oust him on the ground that he was elected by a plurality and not a majority vote of the Legislature of his State.

-John Sherman has been re-elected to the United States Senate from Ohio. His principal opponent for the Republican nomination, was Gen. Schenck, now in the lower house of Congress The nomination of Sherman is considered as a rebuke to Secretary Stanton, for his treatment of the Senator's nephew. Gen. Sherman.

-During the passage of the District of Columbia Negro Sunrage Bin, the galleries of the House of Representatives at Washington, were crowded with negroes, who applauded loudly when

-Had all the Southern Congressmen been in their seats and voted against the District of Columbia Negro Suffrage Bill, the vote would have stood of a more general character than the 116 yeas to 113 nays, or three majority of the latter, it can be read with grea for the bill.

-The Democrats of Harrisburg have formed a Central Club and opened a splendid Club-room, to which they invite the Democrats from the country when visiting the capital. A good no tion, verily.

-David McConaughy, Abolitionist, has been given the seat of Mr. Duncan, (of the Franklin district) in the State Senate, on the ground that the latter was elected by the votes of "deserters." -It is said that some revelations

which have just come to light in regard to cotton frauds at the South, impli- tional 'Evil' that is a National Bles cate high military and civil officials and ing," "Poe and Coleridge," "Ex-Presi present most astounding disclosures. -Senator Doolittle, of Wisconsin,

has made a very able reply to his col- recommend this magazine most cordial league, Senator Howe, who lately assailed the restoration policy of the President.

-The Democracy of Pittsburg have appointed their delegates to the coming State Convention, and instructed them to support Gen. Geo. W. Cass for Governor.

-Gov. Curtin and family arrived at Harrisburg, on Friday last, from Cuba. The Governor's health is said to be much improved.

-Provisional Gov. Marvin, and Wilk Call (son of the late Hon. R. K. Call) have been elected U. S. Senators from the State of Florida.

-The lower house of the New Jersey Legislature has ratified the amendment

-Senator Lane, of Kansas, better President's pol

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. THE DEMOCRATIC ALMANAC FOR

1866 .- We are in receipt of a copy of this vade mecum of the politician. I is a most valuable work and should be in the hands of every man who pretends to take part in politics. It contains, among other valuable matters, an article on the "Productions of the West India Islands, before and since Eman cipation," A list of the newspaper suppressed by the Lincoln Administr tion, Proclamations of the Presiden A synopsis of the important Acts XXXVIII Congress, Tables showing the value of Federal and Confederate currency during the war, Postal rates Money order system, Stamp duties, &c Amount of Public Debt, Census of 1860 How to enter Public Lands, Chronolog of all the Battles, Skirmishes, &c., du ing the War, U. S. Government, Min isters Plenipotentiary, Senate a House of Representatives Politica Classified, Election Returns for 18 1864 and 1865, List of States, State car itals, Governors, Date of meeting State Legislatures, Time of holdin State elections, &c., Popular vote President in 1856, 1860 and 1864. p. lished by Van Evrie, Horton & C 162 Nassau St., New York. Price cents per copy, five copies for \$1,00 pe dozen \$2.25,

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL MONTH-Ly.-The January number begins vo ume 3, of this periodical. It is, w think, one of the best educational s rials published. Of course it could no supply the place of Mr. Burrowes' cellent School Journal, but as its object benefit by those who are readers of th School Journal. The Educati Monthly contains some fine scient articles and sharp reviews of curre literature which make its pages qu attractive. Schermerhorn, Bancroft Co., Publishers, 130 Grand St., No York, 512 Arch St., Philadelphia.

THE OLD GUARD .--- The first num of the new volume of this really val able work is before us. The fronti piece is a beautiful steel portrait of Ger R.E. Lee. Among the literary conten are "The Science of Public Opinion "Pen Pictures of Puritanism," "A N dent Buchanan's Book," "Zulu Land, and a number of other articles. W ly to the public support. An origina romance, entitled "Bertha Seely, the Heroine of the Old Dominion," will b commenced in the next number.-Si gle copy, per year, \$3.00; 2 copies, \$5.00 5 copies, \$12.00; 10 copies, \$20.00. Address, Van Evrie, Horton & Co., 16: Nassau street, New York.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—The Febru ary number of Harper is on our table We are glad to find it free from the Ab olitionism which tainted the pages some of the preceding numbers an which crops out in such partizan ro ness in the Weekly. We should like see Harper return to his first love. () servatism, for it really gives us pain see an old friend get so wrong-heade The present number is filled with teresting matter, but, we presume, w intended for the special benefit of the Radical Congressmen, as its leading ar ticle is on the "Black-well's Lunation Asylum.'

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK .- Godey, for January, is a capital number. story by Marion Harland, entitled "Rizpah's Idols," is commenced. "The Unclaimed Portrait," by Metta Victoria Victor, is a well-written tale, and interest many readers. The fashions and others illustrations are very fine.

all that was said about the manner in which that instrument was adopted, how much better is this attempt to force upon the people of the District of Columbia, a law which they declare, almost to a man, is odious to them? Now, honest "Republican," do you er.dorse this outrage committed by your representatives in Congress? Do you deny that the will of the people ought to be the ground-work of all laws in a Republican form of Government?

THE Valley Spirit and Franklin Repository, respectively the organs of the Democratic and "Republican" parties of Franklin county, have been enlarged and improved. They are both edited with great ability and in their "geting up" should be models for every country paper in the state. The Spirit adds to its other good qualities, thorough soundness in politics, whilst the only fault the Repository has, is its persistent wrong-headedness on the Negro and other political subjects. We always read both of them with interest.

WE are glad to notice that the lecture on the "Literature of the Abolition Yankee" delivered before the Keystone Club, of this place, by James F. Shunk. Esq., is being published by quite a number of our exchanges. It is, we observe, to be issued in pamphlet form, in a few days, from the office of the Patriot & Union, Harrisburg. No more useful document than this can be put into the hands of the people. Let it be circulated.

THE Democracy, and all citizens of the county opposed to Negro Suffrage and radicalism generally, will assemble in Mass Meeting, at the Court House, in this place, on Monday evening, February 12th, for the purpose of electing a delegate to the Democratic State Convention and transacting such other business as may properly come before them. We hope our friends in the country will not fail to attend.

THE Huntingdon Monitor has changed hands, and is now under the control eess to him.

You must do this if you would be clear of the responsibility which will rest upon the heads of those who are striving to bring about this black and white revolution in society. For God's sake. don't let yourself be deceived again! As a lasting record of the disgrace of the "Republican" party, we give in full, below, the vote upon the Negro Suffrage Bill for the District of Columbia:

YEAS-Messrs. Alley, Ames, Allison, Ashley, O Baker, Baldwin, Babks, Barker, Baxter, Beamar Bidwell, Bingham, Blaine, Blow, Boutwell, Bran legee, Broomall, Bronwell, Buckland, Bunda Clarke, of Ohio; Clarke, of Kansas; Cobb, Conl ot Ohio; Clarke, of Kansas; Cobb, Conk, ok, Cullom, Darling, Davis, Defrees, Dela-ing, Dixon, Donelly, Driggs, Eckley, Eg. Ebot, Farysmorth, Farm, Carfold, Gur Doming, Dixon, Donelly, Driggs, Eckley, Eg Iston, Eliot, Farnsworth, Ferry, Garfield, Gam Ul, Griswold, Hale, Harding, Hart, Hayee, Hig Holmes, Hooper, Hubbard, of Iowa; Hubbard N. York; Hubbard, of Connecticut; Hubbard mes Humphrey, Ingersoll, Jenckes, Julian, Kas a, Kelley, Kelso, Ketcham, Lafin, Lawrence, o Lawrence of Ohio: Loan, Longyear, Lynch nn.; Lawrence, of Ohio; Loan, Longyear, Lyn rston, Marvin, McClurg, Mercur, Miller, Mc Morrill, Morris, Moulton, Myers, O'Ne Paine, Patterson, Perham, Pike, Plants, Pe eroy, Price, Raymond, Rice, (Mass.), Rice, (Me , Sawyer, Schenck, Scofield, Shellabi loan, Spalding, Starr, Stevens, Thaver, Fra homas, Trowbridge, Upson, Van Aernan, V forn, Ward, Warner, Washburne, (III.), Washbur Mass.), Welker, Wentworth, Willinms, Wil Iowa), Wilson, (Pa.), Windom, Woodbridge-1 NAYS-Messrs Ancona, Anderson, Ashley. (Ne ia). Benjamin, Berger, Boyer, Brooks, Chandl Dawson, Dennison, Eldridge, Farquhar, Fin Jossbrenner, Goodycar, Grider, Harding, (K. (a), Benjämin, Berger, Boyer, Brooks, Chandier, Dawson, Dennison, Eldridge, Farquhar, Finck, Glossbrenner, Goodyear, Grider, Harding, (Ken-tucky), Henderson, Hill, Hogan, Hubbard, (West Virginia), Hubbell, (N. Y.), James M. Hamphrey, Johnson, Jones, Kerr, Kuykendall, Latham, Leland Marshall, McCullough, McKee, Niblack, Nicholson, Noell, Phelps, Radford, Randall. (Pa.), Randall, (Ky.), Ritter, Rogers, Ross, Shanklin, Sitgreaves, Smith, Stillwell, Strouse, Taber, Taylor, Thornton, Trimble, Van Horn, (Missouri), Voorhees, Winfield -54.

SAYsthe Sunbury Democrat: A member of a School Board of Philadelphia offered resolutions in the board to support President Johnson. The President of the board-a republican, ruled the resolutions out of order, whereupon an appeal was made from his decision. One republican and four demo-

crats voted for the resolutions, and seven republicans against it! Why don't the republicans support the Government? Ah! Mr. Purdy, things have changed since the death of Father Abraham. The President is no longer "the government." Congress is that ion by a Judge belonging to their own machinejust now. The "Republicans" told us when the war commenced that they wanted to know whether we had "a government." After fighting about this matter for four years, they are undecided whether the President, or Con-

gress, is "the government," and after of Mr. CORNMAN, lately connected the next election, we have no doubt, with the Carlisle Democrat. Brother they will deny that either is, but will CORNMAN makes a good paper. Suc- fall back upon Lincoln's re-constructed Supreme Court.

Therefore, we cannot see that the Reting the Legislature to pass such a law. We think, on the whole, that that paper had betteradvise the leaders of the sing white men on the score of their unwarranted sort.

being "deserters."

THE Clinton Democrat wants to know "if the abolition party, after getting through with its crusade against Democracy and the Constitution, for recognizing the distinction between the Caucasian and the African, will turn its batteries, resolutions, &c., against the Creator for making that distinction." To be sure they will. Don't they want an "anti-slavery Bible and an anti-slavery God?"

WHY don't the Abolition papers in this neighborhood, publish the President's special Message to the Senate, in reply to Sumner's resolution, as also Gen. Grant's Report of histour through

rather than light? Come, gentlemen,

don't try to hood-wink your readers!

THE SENATE COMMITTEE to try the contest between Duncan and McCon-aughy for the seat of the Adams and Franklin district, metagain on Wednes-day evening and decided in favor of McConaughy by a vote of six to one .-The committee, as we stated in our is sue of Wednesday, was composed of six Republicans and one Democrat, and the result is what we then intimated it would be.

There is no use to talk about this be ing anything but a mere partisan de-cision, made without the slightest re-gard to right. The committee had before them a certified copy of the opin-Monday last, in a case involving the identical point at issue in this contest. King, himself a Republican. by Judge They not only disregarded this decisparty, but they refused, by a vote of hidden fact will again burst into view. against two, to refer the question the Attorney General. We underto the stand that Senator Lowry voted Senator Montgomery to take the Attorney General's opinion-wherefore pelled to meet them when least prepawe forgive Lowry both his red head and his ruffled shirt!

The other members of the committee were Senators Worthington, Landon, Bigham, Shoemaker and Graham.-We have only to add, by way of cau-tion to all who may be compelled to visit Harrisburg this winter, "beware of pickpockets."—Lancaster Intelligen-

For the Gazette. AN INQUIRY.

snake!" or to say what is proper or im-EDITOR GAZETTE :-- I am a reader of both county papers and I have read proper, for Uncle Toby to do. Let them them sufficiently to know that both try | purge themselves of the leaven of unrighteousness, ere they presume to be ment. to bolster up their respective sides, which is all right enough; but it does teachers in Israel. Uncle Toby can pity seem to me that there would be a much and forgive them, but one thing is cermore intelligent support given to the tain, they must mend their manners, candidates of either party, if the whole correct their habits, and be washed in truth were always told. Now, I notice the laver of moral regeneration, or their names will never be registered amongst that you publish the speeches of some leading "Republicans," the whole of the benefactors of the human race. The which, of course, as a "Democrat," you very best thing for them to do, would cannot endorse; but the greater part of be to enter the "car" of moral and inwhich you give your readers because it tellectual "progress," abandon their riis plainly conservative, and, therefore, diculous dogmatism, admit the fact that patriotic. For, whatever tends to "con- others are capable of thinking as well serve" (or more properly, preserve) our as themselves, cast cards from them, and government, is patriotism. I am glad be orderly, law-abiding citizens for the

that you have the liberality to publish future. If they agree to such honorathe South? Do they love darkness the speeches of such "Republicans" as ble terms, Uncle Toby will grant them Doolittle, of Wisconsin, and other emi- a generous amnesty. nent men of that ilk. I am a "Repub-It is especially gratifying to Uncle

lican" in politics and as I want to vote | Toby to find that his platform of prinintelligently, I desire to know what is ciples, meets with general favor on the enfranchised. going on in my own party. I am sorry part of the better class of citizens, irreto say that I cannot find that out by spective of former party affiliation .--reading my own political county paper. Those principles, having for their basis It seems to know of nobody among the *right* and *justice* cannot fail to find a re-"Republican" leaders except Thaddeus sponse in the hearts of the good, wis Stevens; at least it never publishes the and virtuous, throughout the length and speeches, or views, of those in the party breadth of this land. The ladies, dear who disagree with old Thad. Now, I creatures, (the world would be drear am sorrow that this is the case, and I and desolate without them) are nearly would like to know why it is so. Surely all in favor of 'Union,' 'a union of hearts men are not mice nor moles that they and of hands,' and Uncle Toby, is ever can be kept burrowing in the dark all ready (when preliminaries are settled ion delivered at Chambersburg on their lives, without finding out what is by the parties themselves) to assist in going on in the broad light of day!- bringing about a consummation so much Suppression of the truth will do for a to be desired. He furnishes certificates while, but in the end the weight must which are duly respected by all agents be lifted and the crushed principle and on the "car of progress." No marvel that the ladies have a kind feeling for Uncle Toby, and, are horrified at the of the day boldly and squarely, than idea of having him tortured to death by evading them awhile, to be com- by the agonizing process of starvation. Several turkeys sent by kind hearted, red. Therefore, I am sorry to see that loyal ladies, recently ended their wanthe Bedford Inquirer cannot let us have, derings at the "home so lonely in the shadow of the mountain." That humthrough its columns, a perusal of Edgar Cowan's speech, in defence of Presble dwelling, during the Christmas fesident Johnson and Gen. Grant against tivities, was enlivened with social cheer. Samner's uncalled-for and ungenerous The cherished memories of the long aattack. Will the Inquirer tell us why go, were revived, and the bright pro it cannot meet this issue; why it re- phetic vision contemplated, when "the

-C. B. Flood, Esq., of the Columthe Old-time Politicians of Ohio." -The Democratic State Convention the republication of "Mrs. Washington will be held at Harrisburg, on the 5th Potts," by the late Miss Leslie, will of March.

-The "Republican" State Convention is to be held at Harrisburg, on the 7th of March.

-Secretary Harlan has been elected These are not the learned judges to de-U.S. Senator from Iowa. termine great moral and political questions. It ill becomes them to cry "snake! MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

> A plan for colonizing negroes in Flors been submitted to the Governida h ment. It involves the purchase from Florida of all of that State below latitude 28 degrees, and the creation of a territorial government therein: none but freedmen to be permitted to settle

upon the lands and each head of family

to receive eighty acres. The Fenian Senate have had a meet ing to legislate for their faction, and Congress of their adherents is talked of. Meantime, the O'Mahony division are the Senate adjourned. growing in power. Both parties con tinue to receive endorsement and remittances.

-The Navy Department has ordered the fitting out of the ex-rebel steamer Florida for a twelve month's cruise The ram Stonewall is being overhauled for experiments.

-The Judiciary Committee will re port an amendment to the Constitution providing that negroes shall not be represented in Congress unless they are

-Of fifty-four million acres of land contained in the State of Minnesota. nearly twenty million are unoccupied and open to settlers under the homestead law.

-Martha Grinder, the poisoner, was hanged on Friday last at Pittsburgh. Previous to her execution she confessed to two of the murders, but denied the others

-The Fenian Senate adopted a resolution yesterday requesting President Roberts to call a Congress at Pittsburgh sidered. In the midst of the the House adjourned till Mond on the 19th of next month.

-The new fifty cent note was issued from the Treasury Department on Thursday. It differs but slightly from the old one.

-It is said the State Department has been positively informed that the French troops will soon be withdrawn from Mexico.

-Rufus Choate, Jr., son of the famous Boston lawyer of that name, died at Dorchester, Mass., on the 15th inst.

-The President has recognized the actual Governor of Florida, relieving the Provisional Governor, Marvin. -The Committee on Commerce will

eport in favor of repealing the fishing bounties. lion.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

In the Senate, on Friday last Mr. Wil son introduced a bill restricting the ex ense of collecting soldiers' claims. ill was introduced for the relief of tain officers of colored troops, which was referred to the Judiciary Commit tee. Mr. Doolittle presented the cre dentials of William Marvin, Senator of lect from Florida, which were ordere to lie on the table. The bill giving t appointment of pension agents to the President was considered, but no act taken upon it. The bill to enlarge th power of the Freedmen's Bureau W taken up, and an amendment confirming the titles to lands given by Genera Sherman, at Savannah, for three years was adopted. Without further action

In the House, a communication V received from the Secretary of the Trea urv urging immediate legislation in gard to the resolution of February 23 1865, in relation to the merchant mari The Commerce Committee were structed to inquire into the expedien of exempting from tax Western fl boats and barges used for market puposes. A resolution was adopted ca ng on the Secretary of the Trea for information as to the apportionm of the currency notes in the differe States and Territories. A resoluti was also adopted calling on Secretar Stanton for correspondence in relation to captured cannon. The Ways and Means Committee were instructed inquire into the expediency of repet ing the stamp duties on written instru ments. The House then went int Committee of the Whole, and proceed ed to consider the naval appropriati bill, and the clause appropriating \$105 000 for the purchase of Seavey's Islan was struck out. This bill was then lai over, and the President's message col

the House adjourned till Monday. In the United States Senate, on Sat urday, a joint resolution was passed ex tending the time for the completion o the Burlington and Missouri Railroad The bill authorizing the appointmen of pension agents by the Pre ident wa passed. The House bill making appro priations for invalid and other pensioners was also passed. Mr. Stewart, Nevada, asked leave to call up the bil for the admission of Colorado, wher upon Mr. Sumner hoped it would not be done, as he had an amendment to offer. Mr. Stewart then gave notice the bill on that he would call up Wednesday next. The bill to enlarge the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau The bill to enlarge was taken up. Mr. Cowan offered an amendment restricting the operations of the bureau to States lately in rebel After a debate between Messrs

Trumbull, Guthrie and Pomeroy the -A clerk in the Baltimore postoffice Trumbull, Guthrie and Pomerov has been arrested for robbing the mail. Senate, without action, adjourned.