

SENATOR COWAN'S SPEECH.

EDGAR COWAN, U. S. Senator from 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 existence.

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 Valley Spirit and Franklin Repository, respectively the organs of the Democratic and "Republican" parties of Franklin county, have been enlarged and improved.

WE are glad to notice that the lecture on the "Literature of the Abolition" Club, of this place, by James F. Shunk, Esq., is being published by quite a number of our exchanges.

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DARK AS EREBUS!

ETHIOPIA IN WASHINGTON!

A BLACK DEED BY A BLACK CONGRESS!

THE WORD WHITE STRICKEN FROM ALL LAWS PRESCRIBING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

THE NEGRO ELEVATED TO A POLITICAL EQUALITY WITH THE WHITE MAN!

The Republican Party Openly Committed 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.

It is 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;

Sec 2. And be it further enacted, That all acts of Congress, and all laws of the state of Maryland in force in said District, and all ordinances of Washington and Georgetown inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed and annulled.

A vote was then taken upon the bill, which resulted in its passage, ayes 116, noes 54! The ayes are all "Republicans"; the noes are all Democrats, except Anderson, of Missouri; Ashley, of Nevada; Benjamin, of Missouri; Farquhar, Henderson and Hill, of Indiana; Kuykendall, of Illinois; Latham, of West Virginia; Phelps, of Maryland; Randall and Green Clay Smith, of Kentucky; Stillwell, of Indiana; and Van Horn, of Missouri; just thirteen Republicans, who voted with the Democrats against the bill.

Every Republican member of Congress from this State voted for the bill. Their names are A. A. Barker, J. M. Broomall, William D. Kelley, George V. Lawrence, Clydes Mercier, Geo. F. Miller, J. K. Moorhead, Leonard Myers, C. O'Neill, G. W. Scofield, Thaddeus Stevens, M. Russell Thayer, 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.

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, Banks, Barker, Baxter, Benjamin, Bidwell, Bingham, Blake, Blow, Boutwell, Brandegee, Broomall, Brownell, Buckland, Bundy, Clarke, of Ohio; Clarke, of Kansas; Cobb, Conkling, Cook, Culbert, Darling, Davis, DeLoach, DeLoach, Deming, Dixon, Donnelly, Driggs, Eckley, Eggleston, Eliot, Farnsworth, Ferry, Garfield, Gamble, Griswold, Hale, Harding, Hart, Howe, Higby, Holmes, Hooper, Hubbard, of Indiana; Hubbard, of N. York; Hubbard, of Connecticut; Hubbard, James Humphrey, Ingersoll, Jencks, Julian, Lawrence, Kelley, Kelso, Ketchum, Latham, Latham, of Pennsylvania; Lawrence, of Ohio; Long, Longyear, Lynch, Marston, Marvin, McClurg, Mercer, Miller, Moorehead, Morrill, Morris, Moulton, Myers, O'Neill, Orth, Paine, Patterson, Perkins, Pike, Platts, Pomeroy, Price, Raymond, Rice, (Mass.), Rice, (Me.), Rollins, Sawyer, Schenck, Scofield, Shellabarger, Sloan, Spalding, Starr, Stevens, Thayer, Francis Thomas, Trowbridge, Upson, Van Arman, Van Horn, Ward, Warner, Washburne, (Ill.), Washburne, (Mass.), Walker, Wentworth, Williams, Wilson, Johnson, Jones, Keizer, Reynolds, Latham, Leland, Nais—Messrs. Ancona, Anderson, Ashley, (Nevada); Benjamin, Berger, Boyer, Brooks, Chandler, Dawson, Dennison, Eldridge, Engubar, Finck, Gossamer, Goodnow, Granger, Harting, (Kentucky); Henderson, Hill, Hogan, Hubbard, (West Virginia); Hubbell, (N. Y.); James M. Humphrey, Johnson, Jones, Keizer, Reynolds, Latham, Leland, Marshall, McCullough, McKee, Niblack, Nichol, Noell, Phelps, Radford, Randall, (Pa.); Randall, (Ky.); Ritter, Rogers, Ross, Shanks, Sigreeves, Smith, Stillwell, Strong, Taber, Taylor, Thompson, Trimble, Van Horn, (Missouri); Voorhes, Winfield

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 his tour through the South? Do they love darkness rather than light? Come, gentlemen, don't try to hood-wink your readers!

THE SENATE COMMITTEE to try the contest between Duncan and McConaughy for the seat of the Adams and Franklin district, met again on Wednesday evening and decided in favor of McConaughy by a vote of six to one.

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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 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.

Such a decision coming from a judicial officer second to none in the State in high legal attainments, and eminent for his courage and loyalty, cannot but present 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 highest importance to the State, 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 legislature will have adjourned and if the decision of our court should be sustained, 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 deserted their country's cause in the hour of peril.

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 "skeddaddler's votes" at the last election.

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?"

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Correspondence.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Return of Governor Curtin and Family—Democratic and Abolition Candidates for Governor—The McConaughy-Duncan Contested Election Case.

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 improved in health.

The political cauldron is about 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 connection, are those of Hon. Hiester Clyburn, of Adams, Hon. W. A. Cass, of Pittsburg, Hon. Richard Vaux, of Philadelphia, Hon. John D. Stiles, of Lehigh, and Hon. Assa Packer, of Carbon. Any one of these would make a strong candidate, and I have no doubt that the standard-bearer of the Democracy, during the coming campaign, will be chosen from among these gentlemen.

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BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

THE DEMOCRATIC ALMANAC FOR 1866.—We are in receipt of a copy of this 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 Emancipation," a list of the newspapers suppressed by the Lincoln Administration, Proclamations of the President, a synopsis of the important Acts of XXXVth 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, Chronology of all the Battles, Skirmishes, &c., during the War, U. S. Government, Ministers Plenipotentiary, Senate and House of Representatives Politically Classified, Election Returns for 1864 and 1865, List of States, State Capitals, Governors, Date of meeting of State Legislatures, Time of holding State elections, &c. Popular vote for President in 1856, 1860 and 1864. Published by Van Evrie, Horton & Co., 162 Nassau St., New York. Price 25 cents per copy, five copies for \$1.00 per dozen \$2.25.

POLITICAL NEWS.

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 Suffrage Bill, the galleries of the House of Representatives at Washington, were crowded with negroes, who applauded loudly when the result was made known.

HAD all the Southern Congressmen been in their seats and voted against the District of Columbia Negro Suffrage Bill, the vote would have stood 116 yeas to 113 nays, or three majority for the bill.

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