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 or the | FRIDAY, MARCH $12,1869$. |
| :---: | The Cabinet Reconstrated.

Sons weeks ago General Grant, in reply to
enger questlonere, who expreased great anxiety
In regard to his Cabinet, quietly remarked
that there need be no uneasineess on that soore, that there need be no uneasiness on that soore,
for if be should happen to make a mistake
it would be a very easy matter to reotify it, It would be a very easy matter to reotify it,
and that he would remove his own appointees and that he would remove hreosespor, if the
sa readily as those of hhis predees
publicio interests requifred snch aotion. pabiac interests required snch aotion.
Few persons could have then anpposed
this remark wonld bo illustrated by the portant reorganizstion whioh has ooourred in
the very first week of the new administration.
Whilt few offlece-kolders die and nong resign,
 Le vary ing moods of Androw Johnson, from
svage hostility to traitors to loving sympasthy
o the very worst of the Rebels W Witases,
s, the adhesiveness with which Welliss fas-

## partment for oight long years!


uoh importance to the seleotion of a Cabinet.
The executive functions have oocasionally
'sp ppaced ao compietelyy in the oontrol of
ho hende of departienta, that in affirs of
plomacy, flanace, war, or of internal polty, He more remasined for the oconpant of the
nite Hone than to play the part of an
miable automaton, while seven powerfal
untisters pulled the moving wires.

- this slough, it it a matter or comparative thy
Limportance who is in te Cabinet, bat the
atty has good canse for rejoing in the
ittions he hae made. In detail they ohal-
qiiLstration, will command nuqualifi ${ }^{\text {ap }}$ ap-
roval.
Despite Mr. Washburne's usofulness in Con-
reese, and his irresistible claims to the conif grese, and the irresistity end the gratitude of the
ienoe of the ooutr and
President, his appointment as Secretary of
State was a surprise to himself as well as ths
nation. No man had a better right to seieet nation. No man had a better right to seieot
kis own fieid of politioal labor, and his resig.
nation as Seorrtary of State and appointment
an Minister to France have beent tollowed by the
choiee of a very worthy and distinguished choiee of a very worthy and distinguished
suocessor. Hanilthon Fivh is is one of the bast of
the polished old Bchool of American statesmen. His experience as a Congressman, Gov-
ernor, and UVited States Senator, oombined
with his training and abdilty at a lawyer, aud the varied acquirements gained by oarefol in-
telleotual oulture and foreign travel, admi-
Yably qualify him for his important position.
Ho oannot fail to command admiration a: He oannot fail to command admiration a:
bome and reapeot abroad.
There conld have been no happier terminin-
tion of the Treasary imbroglio than the ap. tion of the Treasury imbroglio than the ap.
pointent of Mr. Bootwell as Seoretary of the
Treabury. The fidelity and ability he has dis-
 antoe of his successfal managgement of
national finanges. Pennsylvanians will
eppeoially gratilife with the faet thate
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credit of the country wonld be so completely
restored by the election of Gratt that the
nation conld thissue bonds pasable atter or twenty years, bearing a low rate of inte
oret, and thas asve anually the sum, of
twenty or thirty millions of dollara." Time
t. twenty or thirty milinons of dollara.
will fhow to what extent these utterances as
a stomp-speaker foreshadow his policy as a events.
There is
of General hawlina as Eecretary of War. Ho
was a personal frlend and nelghbor of Gran
the exolting even
was Grant's favo
country will admire and appland the disposi
tion which olatehes with hooks of steel a com
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Biscokliar commenced to froth at the mouth
as soon as Andrew Johoson left Washington
and when the paros
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Commiseioner
pity that Binckley was not choked to doath by
the wheoping cough, unless he has not yoi reached that atage in his infantile carve when this oom
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Axdraw Jonstos is overwhelmed with joy
at hits deliverance from the burdens and slavery of Preidiential lifo. It has joy exoeeds
that of the Amerian peoplo at their deliverstoo trom himen he mapt, indesd, bo blossed
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 House of Representatives at Harrisburg on
Tueaday. Amid the dreary waste of bills that
have "'something in them" we enotion the firso time during the pereent session, an an
attempt at chavging the fandamental prinoiples of the common law, as it has been handed
down to ns through the centaries. And the
mot astonishig part of the whole basinens is
the faet that our legiflative iconoolsast, who rejoices in the name of Andrew Jackson Herr,
and hails from Danphin county, has had the
temerity to raise his hand against one of the
yots tecred fimages in the temple of the law. The principle familiar to the profession. as
"the Rule in Shelley's Case" is based upon
several cases found in the antiquated series of reports known as the Year Books, whioh
contsin the decisions of the Evglish courts
during the period from 1154 to 1547 , the eariest case in which the pripelple is set forth
ocunring in the year 1177 , nearry seven ean.
turies ago. The rule is thus quaintly worded
 prinipiple may be thus stated. Whan a per-
son is vested with an estate for life orrior some
other nncertain period, and in the same deed,
will, or other instrument by which he receives this ettate, an estate of the same legal
or equitable charaoter, either with or without
the interposition of another estate, is vested in "his heirs," the "heirs of his body, "or
"his iesee," to he held abolutely by them, the
first person named is himself yested absolutely with the estate, and may diapose of it in the
same manner as any other property belonging
to him without restrietion of any kind.



 most unguestionabie principles of the nu-
written code. Chancellor Kent, in his celetainly the protension, of high antiquity, and
has been firmly establighed as an axiom of the Kugligh law of rean, property
for more than five handred years." Not only
is it firmuly established in England, bat, as Kin the United States as part of the syatem o
the common law," having been recognized a biuding in nearly, if not quite, every State in
the Union, trou the time when the prinelple involved was frat called in question by litiga
tion. In Pennsylvania it was recognized and tion. In Pennsyivania in was reognized an
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