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NO. 108 \& THIRD BTRKET, PHELDDLLPHIA.
 $\frac{\text { BATURDAY, YRBBUARY 19, 1870. }}{\text { THR HOUSH OF CORRIETION BILL }}$ THR HOUSA OF CORRRETION BILL
Taz lower branch of the State Legisilature yeeterday passed an bill providing for the
speody erection of a House of Correction, spoody oreotion of a Houss of Correction, ing a commission to direot and superinteni are wory well quilified to disisharge this /uty
satisfactorily, but we would be at a loas to satisfactorily, but we would be at a loss to
anderstand why the Logislature did not lenve understand why
to the courts the daty of naming the commis.
sioners, if ospecial oare had not been taken sioners, if ospecial oare had not been taken
to inclade among their number members, who are zealous canupions on
a special and unpopular site for the
proposed edinince. Another feature of the bill proposed eaince. Anotionle. It prohibits the
is also very ojectionable
erection of the new atructure in the Twentyisth ward, and the manifest object of thi resiricioilding an extension to the County
from buis on grounds now owned by the city Yet this is procisely the policy which, in the
present ocndition of the municipal finances, should be adopted. A few years ago, when
the whole subject was earefully considerod, this policy was favored by the Board of Prison
Inspeotors and a jeint special committee of Inspeotors and a yeint special commive oen
Counceils; and it would probably have been
adopted long since if the Legislature hap not unjustly and unwarraitably ngo adjaoent to the County Prison. In othe
cities where similar institutions exist, they juncts of, the county prisons; and here a
similar experiment conld be tried, at very
little expense, if the magnates at Harrisburg ittle expense, if the magnates at Harrisbur
Would bave the goodness to permit us to
regulate our internal affairs in our own way The proposed soheme, however, will bogin
with fadding the city with ap by incessant appropriations for expensive buildings, and the cost of mantarianing
the new institution will be materially in the new institution will be materially in tion to and fro of its inmates and the mate
rials used in their labors. The main pretox for this imposition apon taxpayers is the
allegation that the value of property in ciated if the prison buildings are ex-
tended. But there is reall no sub-
stantial foundation for this villegation. The prison alone depreciates property quit depreciate it, and property has boen bought
and sold with reference to this disadvantage, if such indeed it be. It is woll known, how-
ever, that the value of land adjacent to the
Eastern Penitentiary and the Honse of ruge has not been materially depreciated by seems no good reason why different results
should flow from a similar canse in the ern portion of the eity.
WHY GAMERON LEFT LINOOLN Hos. A. K. McClunas, in a letter publishod
in another column, throws an additional light upon the vexed question of the cause of the War Ministor was summarily removed, an an after-thought devievised to bublished was
fall. His
Ho asserts that the
the first knowledge Mr. Cameron had of his resig
nation was communianted to him in a letter informing him that Mr. Stanton had been, or that Cameron complained bitterly of the
manner of his removali and that "the change was made to redeom the Government fron came up from the seething caldron of the
War Department."
He also avers that Mr. Lineoln as to his success
sor," and that Senator Wilson was mistake in his assertion, in the Attantic Monthly artiole made at Cameron's suggestion. Mr. MoClure enjoyed excollent opportunities for loarning
the inside history of Lincoln's administration, and fow men are more compatent to clear up
the doubtful points involved in the recent
disenssion. Until further light is shed the subject, his disclosures will point irre-
sistibly to the conclusion that Cameron dia not voluntarily resign, and that he was not
$\Delta$ again obtrades upon us. A dele gate from this delightful hy
has arrived at Washington, bringing with hi a potition, "numerously signed," "requesting
the favor of a territorial
government at the roualy signed" is open to suspicion. Are we
to understand that the serawls of all the lead ing Eaquimanx have been affixed to the poti-
tion, or has the list of names tion, or has the list of names been filled up
in San Franciso? Cortainly no petition which contained the namess only of the white inhbitants of the country, who are scarcely
"numerous" enongh to constitute a respectena show that a territorial government will ment, Congreas should not hesitate a moment in granting their prayor. About the best
thing that oonla po done with Alaska would
be the eession of it to the Winning thing that coula bo tone win Alaska would
be the cension of it the Winn Wing Ropub-
lic, as soon as the latter hassestabishied ith in.








 that, if they oan got thiese four distinguished
Americans together, and induice them to emAmericans together, and induce them to em-
brace with a guah of sweet sontimantality,
swearing eternal amity and dovotion to peaco
priniples a principles, an immense stop will be taken
towards the accomplishiment of their object, and that fraternal love will forthwith bo
spread abroad over the whole extent of the American continent nnd war bo hoard of no
more. It woula bo a moving sight to bohold Vietor Hugo rubbing the heads of Johnson, Siotor Hago, Butler, and Greeley togother in
token of oternal amity, and wooping over them in an ecostacy of Gallic emotion and universal philanthropy. It woula bo woll, how-
ever, to take into consideration the posability
of the four distinguished Americans becomin ever, to take into consideration the posasibity
of the fourdistinguished Americans becoming
engaged in a controversy over the merita of
infer different peace policies, and forgetting the
easential eassential principles of the Pence Leagueg bo
far that it would be necoesaray to bring in the
police to proserve the peace. -The new Minintor ot the Fine Arts has pro-
posed to the French artiats that they should posed to the French artists that they yhould
lmitate the dramatich authors and form a charitable nsocintion for the beneft of distressed
artitats, that this budget. revilied from the bur-
then , may be devoted solely to the encourace artists more independent of the state than
titherto, giving them, among othior things, the
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