

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE
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annually increasing, and will continue to increase, unless a summary remedy be afforded for the collection of the amount...

By a resolution of the Legislature, passed the 27th day of March, 1855, requiring the "New York and Erie railroad company to communicate to the Legislature of this Commonwealth, a statement, certified under oath by their president, setting forth what quantity of land said company now holds in Pennsylvania...

By a resolution of the 28th day of April, 1855, I was requested to procure from the Attorney General, his opinion of the right of the State of New York to divert water from the natural bed and channel from the Chemung river, to the prejudice of the public improvements of Pennsylvania...

On the sixth day of October last, I approved and signed the bill, entitled "An Act to repeal the charter of the Erie and North East railroad company, and to provide for the disposing of the same."

The recent frauds, if not felonious abstractions of a large quantity of arms from the arsenal at Harrisburg, has shown the necessity of additional legislation for the protection of the arms and other public property of the Commonwealth deposited in the arsenals of the State.

The bonds now required to be given by the Adjutant General and the keepers of the arsenals, for the faithful discharge of their duties, are insufficient, in amount to secure the Commonwealth against loss, from the fraudulent sale or taking of the property committed to their care.

Since the sale of the arsenal in Philadelphia, the public arms in that city have been placed in a room or out-house procured for that purpose. As a depository, it is unsafe and insecure.

The sum of thirty thousand dollars, arising from the sale of the Philadelphia arsenal, is now in the Treasury, to be expended under the direction of the Governor, in the purchase of a suitable lot and the erection of a new arsenal.

The Legislature at their last session, having failed to elect a Senator to represent this State in the Senate of the United States for six years from the 4th of March last, it becomes your duty to provide for an election to supply such vacancy.

To maintain in their integrity the Constitution of our Republic, and to Union

of the States—protect the civil and religious privileges of the people—guard with a jealous care the general, great, and essential principles of liberty and free government—of freedom and human rights—and vindicate by a true and single devotion to home and country, the great doctrine of American Nationality, are objects that awaken the patriotism and claim the energies and the heart of every American citizen.

In obedience to the requirements of the Constitution and laws of the State, as the representatives of the people, you have assembled to perform the high and responsible duties that devolve upon you. As a co-ordinate branch of the government, it will be alike my duty and pleasure, to unite with you in the enactment of all such laws as will protect the rights of the people, and advance the honor and prosperity of the Commonwealth.

With a sole desire for the public good—actuated by a spirit of enlarged and enlightened patriotism, and guided by that wisdom which hath its beginning in the fear of God, may our efforts, in harmonious union, be directed to the accomplishment of these objects, and to the promotion of that righteousness which exalteth a nation, and constitutes the true glory of a free and independent people.

JAMES POLLOCK.
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Harrisburg, January 1, 1856.

Counting House Almanac.

Table with 12 columns (JANUARY to DECEMBER) and 7 rows (SATURDAY to SUNDAY) showing days of the month.

Humorous and Sententious.

A COMEDY OF ERRORS.—Guy, of the National Hotel, Washington, is said to resemble General Cass so closely in his exterior, as to give rise to many mistakes. The National is quite crowded this winter, and a guest, who had been put into a remote and inconvenient room, coming down stairs in the morning, a little cross, met General Cass in the hall, stepped up to him, and in language more forcible and rapid than elegant, said: "Mr. Guy, I'll be hanged if I'll stand it! You've put me at the top of the house! I must have a room somewhere lower down."

thought it was you, and began cursing him about the room." General Cass, (with emphasis.) Well! young man, you've met 'old Cass' again."

What is a MORMONT?—A Mormon is a living paradox; he says grace before a collision swears in his sermons, selects his text indifferently from the Bible, the books of Mormon, an almanac or the President's message, and is perpetually quarrelling for the sake of peace. His religion is a joke, and he makes the best story-teller a chief of the quorum. He assumes dignities, but has not the slightest respect for them; and the effect of his piety is apparently to put him on a level with the greatest reprobates of the time. In short he is a Latter Day Saint, or in other words the last one you would think of calling a saint.

WHAT LADY SAID.—In a late speech Lucy Stone said: "We know there is cotton in the bosoms of men. Let us look for hope in the bosoms of women."—Exchange.

The Farmer's Department.

A BEAUTIFUL EXTRACT.—The following beautiful extract is from the speech of Edward Everett, at the recent National Agricultural show at Boston: "The grains of the California gold are dead, inorganic masses. How they got into the gravel between what mountain mill stones, whirled by elemental storm winds on the bosom of oceanic torrents the auriferous tresses were ground to powder; by what Titanic hands the convected grains were sown broadcast in the phasers, human science can but faintly conjecture. We only know that these grains have within them the principles of growth or reproduction, and that when that crop was to be put in, Chaos must have broken up the soil. How different the grains of our Atlantic gold, sown by the prudent hand of man in the kindly alternation of seed time and harvest, each curiously mysteriously organized; hard, harsh, seeming lifeless on the outside, but wrapped up in the interior a seminal germ, a living principle.

Drop a grain of California gold into the ground and there it will lie unchanged to the time, the clods on which it falls not more cold and lifeless. Drop a grain of our blessed gold into the ground, and lo! a mystery. In a few days it swells, it softens, it shoots upwards, it is a living thing. It is yellow itself, but it sends up a delicate sap, which comes peeping emerald green, through the soil; it expands to a vigorous stalk, more glorious than Solomon, in its broad, fluttering, leafy robes, whose sound, as the west wind whispers through them, falls as pleasantly upon the husbandman's ear, as the rustle of his sweetest garment; still towers aloft, spins its verdant skeins of vegetable life, displays its dancing tassels, surcharged with fertilizing dust, and at last ripens into two or three magnificent ears like this, (an ear of Indian corn) each of which is studded with hundreds of grains of corn, every one possessing the same identical properties as the parent seeds instilled with the same life and animation.

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