#### THE U. S. SENATORSHIP.

Who shall be the next U. S. Senato from Pennsylvania is a question that is eagerly and anxiously asked, not only in every part of our own State, but in almost every other State in the Union. It is no trivial question. It will have an important bearing upon the legislation affecting the interests of the whole country for the six year following the 4th of March next. That a Republican will be elected there is not the shadow of a doubt. But as to who is the Republican destined to receive this high honor and responsible trust there seems to be considerable doubt. Of Aspirants there are many. Of fit men, few. Pennsylvania though the second State in the Union in alth and population, and in many things first, has always been lamentably defiin men of mark to represent her in the U.S. Senate. Statesmen have always been few ; politicians plenty. Her Senators have oftener been of the latter than of the former; few have done her honor; some bave disgraced her. Ability, firmness and integrity are the three great requisites asked by the people of Pennsylvania of him who is to take care of their interests in the U. S. Senate for the next six years. No man lacking any one of these qualifications can properly represent Pennsylvania in the niluence which our representative should in this branch of the national council. A number of good men have been named for this distinguished position; some of them possess undoubted ability; a few have already filled high offices of trust, either state or national. Each has his friends. Preeminent, above all others in the possession of the requisites of ability, firmness and integrity, stands the great Commoner, Thaddeus Stevens. His advanced age is the only objection to his election. That he would be sadly missed in the popular branch of Congress is true; but it is an easier task to find a fit man to succeed him there than to find one who can fill the Senatorial position with the influence and ability of Stevens. On him we can rely in every emer gency. From him no base betrayal need be feared in the hour of danger. With him every device of the political trickster would Abashed from his presence the briber with his sordid gold would shrink away. Under his eye the wavering would stand fast and the timid become bold. With him in the United States Senate we would for once be there represented by one whose record as a statesman will be an honor to Pennsylvania through all future time. Though old in years and experience he is young in intellect; in active and progressive thoughts and ideas he has no peer in or out of Congress. Thaddeus Stevens is beyond comparison the fittest man in Pennsylvania for United States Senator.

With all the vaunted abilities of Secretary McCulloch as a financier, he has seldom been able to secure the endorsement of any of his financial schemes by the nation at large or by Congress. His late report in this respect is not more successful than his previous effor s. After a careful study of its statements, theories and suggestions we find the only point on which we can agree with him is in the expression of the opinion that, "it will be our own fault if we do not entirely escape those severe financial troubles which usually befall nations at the close of expensive and protracted wars." Of the fact here stated we have all along been fully convinced. But we have been quite as fully convinced that we would commit the very fault thus deprecated by following the advice and suggestions the Secretary elsekes. He warns us of danger, tells us it will be our own faults if we do not avoid it, yet advises to steer the ship directly upon the breakers of financial ruin. Horace Greely, though greatly in error as to his premises, is consistent in his advocacy of immediate and rapid contraction. He believes a financial crash involving the destruction of our mencial edifice inevitable and wishes to bring it on whole fabric to the ground and by rase the Secretary McCulloch is correct in his anew. ises, that a financial crash can and ought to be avoided, yet persists in urging a rapid contraction, the effect of which all having any knowledge of finances know and declare ast inevitably bring financial ruin. The Secretary deprecates stock gambling and speculating, yet urges the enactment of a law obliging all the national banks to redeem their circulation in New York City, thus increasing to a still greater extent the facilities for stock gambling in Wall street. deprecates the exportation of our bonds and points out its bad effects upon our industria and commercial interests, yet asks authority to issue bonds for the express purpose of exportation, and made payable in Europe. He points out the fact that bonds, compound interest notes, and other indemnitie to the amount of about \$1,300,000,000 fall due in the next two years and neast be paid, for the most part, by the negotiation of new loans, yet urges such a contraction of the receipts from revenue, damage the national credit and increase the rates of interest, at the very time that these loans will have to be negotiated and when the national welfare requires that the rate of interest be the very lowest possible. His views upon the tariff, which has so vital a bearing upon our finances are no less contradictory and inconsistent; the effect of the few useful sugges tions which he makes upon the subject is neutralized by pleas for a reduction of the wages of the American laborer to a level with the pauper wages of Europe, coupled with flings at our manufacturing enterprises searcely kept alive by occasional incidental protection, as home monopolies built up by prohibitory duties. Altogether we think the Secretary's report, aside from the state ment of the national indebtedness and the

#### RETROSPECTION.

LETTER FROM PILGRIM.

The year of 1866, with all its anxious care and scenes of changes has passed away; and is now numbered with the years before the flood. A new Prince of time-the year 1867, has grasped the sceptre, and entered upon his reign. Surely this is a suitable season to reflect upon the past, and to anticipate the future. A short newspaper article admit of a panoramic view of earth's teeming millions, with their untold variety of ndividual experience. Pilgrim in cor ning with the readers of the INQUIRER, can only glance at a few items, and then take his staff and plod along in life's pilgrimage. The year 1866, will long be signalized in Ameri can history as the era of the rise, progre and decline of a prominent political party called by by the euphoneous name--- Con vative. Although the signs of the times for months had been omnious, and a feeling of anxiety pervaded the nation, the distinct outcropping of the new organization, to many, was only visible in the month of February, when the Executive, who had been gradually encroaching upon the Legislative departmen of the Government, made an inflamator speech at the National Metropolis, reflecting severely upon some of the best patriots in the land, and virtually repudiating the princ ples of the party by which he had been eleva ted to power, and by which the calamitor war had been conducted to a successful ter mination. The majority of Congress wer enounced as revolutionists and usurper The honorable men, thus assailed, appealed to their constituents for a vindication of their course. The public mind was intensely ag tated; time serving politicians allured by the spoils of office and the glare of patronag became zealous champions of the new "pol cv." The cruel sword of proscription was unsheathed, and many noble patriots hurled from position, in order to give place to other whose lovalty had neither been pure, or above suspicion. An homogeneous assemblage of non-descript politicians from ever point of the compass met in Philadelphia i to the new organization, which proffered very kindly to relieve patriots from the burdens of Legislation, and to reward the "gallant arms of the South" for their slight aberration from the path of rectitude, by bestowing up on them the spoils of office, and the dignity of official position! The amiable Raymond no doubt with a pure motive, taxed his ingenuity to the utmost, in order to blend the pure waters of loyalty with the crude unrefined petroleum of State Rights and Seces sion! Learned committees did the work and saved the Convention from the labor of discussion! The false Prophet Train, tele graphed to the Executive the tidings that the new movement was "success," and the Conservative party would bear rule in the land ! The speechless convention adjourned. A company of distinguished characters left the National Metropolis on an electioneering tour, and made it convenient to call at the tomb of Douglas. The eloquence of the chief speaker, as he "whirled round the cir cle" fell crushingly upon loyal hearts and aspirations, like showers of ice upon Spring flowers, or summer's ripened fruits! Throughout the Keystone State, and especially in the county of Bedford, Conserva-June! Conservative songs, documents and speakers, for the time being, set aside as useless the exploded amunition and worn-ou nachinery of the "time honored Demcracy. As expressed by a brilliant poetess in refer ence to the rain-bow, so with the new Conse

vative party,
"Twas born in a moment, yet quick as its birth
It had spread to the uttermost parts of the earth."
As it regards its numbers and componen parts (many of them had been rebels) odern poet's reference to the fallen Angels

may not be inappropriate:

"From thrones of glory driven,
By flaming vengeance burn'd,
They throng the air and darken Heaven,
And rule this lower world."

With Autumn's chilling winds and killin frosts the great Conservative party passed into the "sere and yellow leaf." The fall elections gave unmistakable indications that the patriotic heart of the nation beats true to the principles of const gleams athwart the heavens; the cheering lope may be indulged in that the day is not far distant when "a Republican form of gov ernment shall have been obtained in all the States of this Union." When the "erring sis ters," politically regenerated, shall have re turned to their first love; and a reunited peaceful and happy country under the gra cious smiles of heaven, enter upon a new glorious career of prosperity, with the fol owing watchwords to guard against trouble , the future : Morality, Intelligence, and arable. Union and Liberty one and insep he county of while let all the patriots merit, and who can spen and one iment to themselves or fam. for the INQUIRER. It is a well edings and deserves success. Wishing its patroux, happy New Year, and many days of pleas are in the future, Pilgrim will resume his ourney, and pass on with Earth's million oward the gathering gloom of the unse

PILGRIM. FRIEND'S COVE, Bedford county, Pa., January 1st, 1867.

# LETTER FROM UNCLE TOBY.

EDITORS INQUIRER: Permit "Uncle Toby" for the sake of homanity to say a word. Two forged letters. purporting to be from Uncle Toby, lately appeared in the Bedford Gazette! U. T. is currency as will inevitably decrease our slightly apprehensive that his former friends, the readers of that periodical, will have their sympathies unduly excited lest he should be sinking into a state of mental imbecility, as would be indicated by said letters. Their authors, are miserable imitators, being no legitimate offspring of U. T .- but literar thieves, conceived in sin, born in iniquity, and reared in transgression. U. T. is not willing to have ascribed to him the authorship of their sublimated nonsense. It is somewhat singular that the Editor of the Gazette, suposed to be a gentleman of refinement, an iterary taste, a former Old Line Whig, and Conservative lecturer, should, by revising, correcting, and ornamenting their "embittered scribbling," make himself a party to the nefarious fraud! U. T. was kind to the Editor, he tried "to convert him from the error f his ways," and to bring him back to the various forms in which it exists, likely to give but little aid to our representatives in shaping the legislation pertaining to this department of the government.

pages of patriotism and loyalty. U. T. by depositing a ballot in his favor at the late election, slightly decreased the respectable majority against him. And is this the redepartment of the government. paths of patriotism and loyalty. U. T. by

Is it possible that the late candidate for Senatorial honors should so far loose sight of the dignity of his position, and his noble aspirations as to become a confederate with literary thieves and robbers!!

Well the world has always been ungrateful and never duly appreciated its instructors and benefactors. U. T. can exercise the grace of patience, and let the learned frogs, swell to their utmost capacity. With the educated and refined readers of the Gazetle, this monstrous cheat, is easily detected. A lady of this class near Rainsburg, gave vent to her indignation on the subject in the followng eloquent strain - "I do wish D-n Awould quit writing for the Gazette. Any rue Uncle Toby. I am surprised that Mr. M publishes his silly stuff; he ought to see that it is calculated to injure the Southern cause!" U. T. perfectly coincides in sentiment with that intelligent lady. The authors of the forged letters may do well enough at the work of "proscription"—a detestable busi.

the month of August, to give shape and form the present writing. How, B. H. Brewster,

### MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of this State assembled t Harrisburg on Tuesday last and effected in organization by the selection of the fol-

lowing officers in the Senate...

S. eaker—Louis W. Hall.
C.erk—Geo. W. Hamersly.
Assistant Clerks—Lucius Rogers, Fred.
L. Hitchcock.
Transcribing Clerks—Henry W. Kratz,
James C. Graham, Patrick Reily, W. am
E. Browne, Joel L. Bi cham.
Sergeant-at-arms—Major W.M. Hinkson.
Assistant Ser cents-at-Arms—Col. Thos.
Crawford, John Landon.
Doorkeeper—M. Edgar King.
Assistant Doorkceeers—John Burns,
John Twiss, Capt. A. Gottshall, Ethel Fuller, William F. Brockway, William A. Wylie, Albert B. Taylor, Horatio P. Connell.
Messenger—Robert Sharp.
Assistant Messenger—Andrew Shields.
Librarian—Jacob Styor
Tried, H. Bräggins.
Doorkeeper of Rotunda—Benjamin Haldeman.

The officers of the House are as follows:

Assistant Clerk.—J. R. McAffee, Westmoreland and Indiana.

Transcribing Clerks.—W. R. Johnson.
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Brockway, Erie; A. C. Ellis, Laneaster,
and Joseph Metcalf, Philadelphia.
Postmasters.—J. D. Kirkpatrick, Mercer;
Jas. Penrose, Philadelphia.
Sergeant at-Arms.—W. J. Owens, Philadelphia.
Assistant Sergeants at Arms.—G. Strain.

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Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms—G. Strain,
Allegheny; George W. Kean, Laneaster;
J. J. R. Orwig, Lycoming, Union and Snyder, and J. D. V. Hagard, Washington.
Doorkeeper—James McGowan, Law-

ence.
Assistant Doorkeepers—John Mechlin.
Armstrong; Joseph R. Horton, Bradford
and Sullivan; Thomas Martin, Chester;
John Mitchell, Butler; James Ghegan,

phia.
Assistant Messengers—Samuel Crawford,
Allegheny; John T. Keagy, Bedford, and
George D. Haven, Jr., Philadelphia.
Marshal of the Rotunda—James M'Dermott, Washington.

# Virginia and the Amendment.

For a considerable time past a feeling more favorable to the amendment has been manifesting itself among the more intelligent classes in Virginia. The Richmond That republishes, without dissent, the following quotation from a letter published in a North among the contract.

republishes, without dissent, the following quotation from a letter published in a Northern paper:

"Every day evinces a growing disposition on the part of the people to adopt the Constitutional Amendment. The members of the Legislature are daily becoming convinced of its true worth, and as the recess will enable them to consult their constituents freely upon the subject, there is hardly a doubt upon the subject, there is hardly a doubt upon the subject there is hardly a doubt upon the re-assembling in January."

In addition to the above we have the following Washington dispatch:

"Hon, Mr. Segur, United States Senator elect from Virginia, has just returned from Richmond, where he has been in consultation with the members of the Legislature of that State, and especially with the leading men of that body. The object of Mr. Segur's conversation with these gentlemen was to learn what their views are relative to the adoption of the Constitutional Amendments. Mr. Segur reports that the Virginia Leg slature is prepared at once to adopt the Amendments if they can have assurances from Congress that this shall be the ullimaters of their objections to the disfranchisement of their citize ne who have partial-chisement of their citize ne who have partial-ensured in the reb dilon, and also to give suff-page to the negr-es.

Virginia in the course above in Congress will give the desired Such is the substance of Mr. Seg

Mr. Stevens's New 1 The Nation declares that North Carolina, to be chorn who can read and write and dred dollars worth of projectly rebels, although it would nave

The Appal of a Soldier's Widow.

The following communication tells its own story. The facts stated-and we believe them to be ets-are not only unspeakably discreditable othe Government, but they demand the amediate attention of Congress and it will no be our fault if the subject i les ed before the representatives of the paple in both Houses at Wash-

Ридарегрија, Dec. 21, 1886 To the Editor of the Press.

REORGANIZATION OF THE PENSION OFFICE. Under this ovision in a Congressional re-Under this dvision in a Congressional reort, a few day ago, some gentleman introneed a resolution looking to this object.
he name of the honorable member has
assed from my present recollection, but let
the hazard the prediction that if he succeeds
the object a which he has so promptly
loved, he wilbe hailed by thousands of
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the forged letters may do well enumbered the work of "proscription"—a deteatable business which seems to accord with Liliputian manhood—but their fame as writers, will not be breathed in classic halls, or, heralded by poetry and sung to future generations. U. T. flatters himself that he can manage his own case without their special pleading, and row his boat on lite's ocean without borrowing their oars. Give Uncle Toby's love to "Pilgrim." He would like to grasp the "wandering philosopher" by the hand and welcome him to the hospitalities of the home so lonely in the shadow of the mountain. Tell that humorous tourist, that U. T. has his "shalalah," and will pay due respect to the "long-eared gentry." Meanwhile Uncleaffoby, will push on the car of progress, And keep step to the masic of the Union, Whilst reading and reflecting At his home so lonely In the shadow of the mountain.

Toumberland Valley, Jan. 1, 1867.

\*\*End Gov. Geary has tendered the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth to Col. Fr. Jordan of this place, but we have not heard whether he has accepted or not up to the present writing. How, B. H. Brewster, of Philadelphia has been tendered and secepted the Attorney Generalship and Col. David B. McCreary, of Eric, has been tendered and accepted the Adjutant Generaley. These are all, as far as we know, good appointments.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

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all because no one can tell how ner rathroll husband died.

If any doubt my assertions, let them visit the office of any respectable practitioner for a few hours, and the misery and squalidness which are presental, hour after hour, will satisfy them of the reliability of the facts which are here presented. It is time that Congress looked to this matter, and made provision for the heal of this office, where his "How not to do?" will not beggar sol diers' widows and their hapless chi'dren. A Widow. Philadyphia Press.

Pennsylvania School for Soldiers, Or

An official statement of the number of the number of the number of the number of the difference to be admitted to the difference thools and institutions in this Commer cealth, up to Dec 1, 1866, is as follows:

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Uniontown, Fayette co.
Cassville, Huntingder co.
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Paradise, Lancaster to.
Mount Joy, Lancaster co.
Hartford, Susquehanna co.

delphia co... Vincent's Home, Philadelphia co. John's Orphan Asylua, Phila-Catholic Home for Girls, Philadel-

Total of all ages. Nearly all the pupils of the more juveni chools have been examined, and are foun o have made considerable progress.

Indian Outrage. Ninety three U. S. Soldiers Butch FORT LARAMIE, December: Captain Brown and Lieutena of the 18th Infantry, with men of the 2d Cavalry and were surrounded by Indians, cer and man killed.

THE Baton Rouge Advicement thousand muskets, from the arsenal there were serviceable, and their remaches

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), and a large force who demonstrate that The delegation speak highly that that d his men. of Col. Montgomery and his men.

The Congressional excursion party arrived at New Orleans on the 28th inst. They have een entertained by the city officials and citiens to-day. The bad weather, however, has mewhat marred the pleasures of the day. This evening there is a grand dinner given by he city in honor of the notables. To-mor grand inauguration dis row there will be a public reception and the they will take their departure. They regre that their short stay will prevent them fro receiving the many courtesies which the cit ens wished to offer.

It is announced that no force of Engli ilitia has been sent across the Channel is Ireland, the British government regarding e regular troops there, numbering 22,000 ml. a adequate force to suppress any outbra

THE Franklin Repository, publishe Chambersburg, Pa. enters with the new y Tns It is one of the ablest papers in Pennsylvania, is the key note to good breeding? B

and wields an influence in proportion to the vigor and talent displayed in its columns. We wish our venerable cotemporary many eturns of the anniversary of its birth.

The contest for the United States Senator ship in New Jersey, like that in Pennsylvania, is spirited and wide spread. The candidates in New Jersey are Mr. Frelinghuysen, ap-pointed by the Governor for the present sesion, and Mr. Cobb, a recent convert to the Inion party. There is no doubt that Mr. Frelinghuysen will be elected. He is a man in whom the Union party of New Jersey can place entire confidence.

A letter dated Alexandria, giving an account of the arrest of Surratt says: He acknowledged thathe was an American and gave the name of Walters by which he has been known in Italy, but not the name by which he shipped as a passenger. When Mr. Hale told his prisoner that he must know why he was arres to the prison was perfectly silent not protesting against his arrest, nor asking further as

THE Supreme Court adjourned until January third. The decision which is known to be forthcoming declaring the unanxiously awaited by many lawyers for several days past. It will probably be announced on the Monday following the resumption of the

THE editor of the New Orleans Times addressed the following question to Reverdy Johnson, by telagraph, last week: "Is the test oath administered in the Supreme court?" To this he received the following reply from Mr. Johnson: "Yes, but I hope and believe it will not be in a short time.'

There is said to be a movement on foot to bring out Speaker Colfax for next President, and Senator Roward of Michigan, for next

THE House Judiciary Committe have infrom custody, and allowed to take his seat, on the grounds that he be held on civil action; and further, that it was a breach of the privileges of the House to be kept in cestody in ask for blood in peace

the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, announces that excursion tickets will be issued on that road and on the Division be issued on the Division because the division between the division because the division between the a that road and on the Philadelphia and Erie Road, to all persons desirous of visiting Harrisburg on the occasion of the inauguraion of General Geary, Governor elect.

A Washington dispatch says it is undertood that a General Order is in course of mmanders, acquainting them with the de-tion of the Supreme Court against the illegality of Courts-martial for the trial of civil-ians, and directing them to confine themselves questions to the decisions of the civil Courts, or something to that effect.

Narotean has a kidney : Victor Emanuel a paralyzed right arin; Bismarck is sick; the Empress Cartotta crazy; the hair Queen of Hanover has tured grey within a year; the Pope weeps of and night, and Victoria still broods ove the past with profound melancholy. Wo would'nt wear a crown?

A Washington diratch says 'arge dele A WASHINGTON distributed inter-gation of wool-grows had a pretracted inter-with Secretar McCulloch, and it is understood that hand Secretary Wells are additional duty on wool. both opposed t The growers as ed the Secretary that unwas done to protect them against the prent unjust tann, they on is all the protection they

own, of Missouri, has written which he declares his purpose he a candidate for re-election to of the Udited States. It has been that Mr. Chayles D. Drake would him; but Governor Fletcher having from the can ass, Henry T. Blow, presenting the Second district in the of Representaives, is pressed also as

DES R. DUNGLEON, a well-known journal-Philadelpha, has been tendered the ost of Private Seretary to Gov. Geary. No etter selection cald have been made. Dungleson is a witer of much experience, a thorough Repub'can, and will make an effi cient Secretary.

THE Richmod Dispatch has the following note on the at mpt to resurrect the Demcratic party: Will they fight? Not they. They ambugged to South before the late war with the idea that sey were as staunch State rights sounded, the got them into caves and holes with the wees and bars. "A plague on such

PRESIDER JOHNSON denies all and singula of the staments attributed to him in print as the rest of certain interviews with Con-He is particularly exercised ove the late port of his conversation with Mr. Egglests, of Ohio, with whom he avers he had noting to say of the tenor indicated, nor mosthan five minutes discourse with that gedeman on any but casual and insigtopics.

TH New York Times makes the followin state ent : "No one who promenades Broad way ow-a-days will doubt that the long-fortold long-delayed 'collapse of crinoline' has at 1st come to pass. It is visible to the most ass observer, and has proof in our mo nable ladies as they 'march along.' The se circumference of skirt and sweep of at came in vogue a dozen years ag

been expanding and lengthening grantil recently, are marginal and marginal derate their stead masculine eyes are once minently pir neat trim dresses, at once

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overnor of Kentucky.

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