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#### Republican State Convention.

HARRISBURG, April 16, 1867. The "Rep. blican State Convention" will meet at the "Herdic House," in Williamsport, on Wednesday, the 26th of June next, at 10 o'clock, a. M., to nominate a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, and to initiate proper measures for the cusuing State anyeas.

canvass.

As heretofore, the Convention will be composed of Representative and Senatorial Delegates, chosen in the usual way, and equal in number to the whole of the Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly. By order of the State Central Committee.

F. JORDAN, Chairman.

GEO. W. HAMERSEY, Secretaries.

# THE GETTYSBURG ANYLUM GAM-BLING SCHEME.

of a grand lottery scheme for the ostensible up the refrain. It may be a bitter pill but purpose of obtaining funds for the erection it must be swallowed and therefore we warn of an asylum for invalid soldiers at Gettys burg, Pa. A bill authorizing the establishment of an extensive lottery scheme, similar in character to the Crosby Opera House lot tery, seems to have been smuggled through ur last legislature, with the alleged design of raising funds for the above named purpose, but in reality, as it seems, to enable a set of sharpers to swindle the people of the private parties, by appealing to their patriotism and sympathy for our maimed veter-This was further cloaked under the alleged favorable opinions and recommendations of such men as Governor Curtin, Generals Meade, Sickles. Pennypacker, &c. The Plusburgh Commercial sives the following account of the first meeting of the corpo

An alleged meeting of the corporators was held at General Collis's office, at which but two of the corporators were personally present—General Sickel and Mr. Bergen. Be sides these, however, General Collis wa sides these, however, General Collis was present, claiming to represent General Penpyacker. At this meeting the principal business transacted was the election of a number of the leading lottery men of the country as members of the corporation, and the wholesale transfer of all the powers and authorities supposed to have been conferred upon the corporation to a board of supervisors, composed of these very lottery managers. The arrangement thus intended to be effected gave these lottery men the opportunity of collecting from the people the sum of twelve millions of dollars, out of which about three hundred thousand dollars were to be doled out to the ostensible asylum fund, and eleven million seven hundred thousand dollars were to pass into the hands of the lottery supervisors—a very nice thing for them, supervisors—a very nice thing for them the public will easily see.

The whole scheme is evidently designed in every community to whom their contriburich a set of heartless scoundrels whose faithfully performed. chief object is to secure their own pecuniary enefit by appealing to the public sympa thy in behalf of our brave defenders. The whole scheme is but little better than robbery, and deserves the unequivocal condemprejudicial to the public welfare. In an unguarded moment, and under the influence of and suffering soldiers, the legislature seems a more calm and careful examination into would have men who have been maimed for life while defending the flag of their country against much corruption and crime all over the else. country; public sentiment alone can check the tide of crime that is sweeping over the land. There is no better time than now to begin. Let the people not be tricked into the support or patronage of any lottery scheme under whatever deceptive name it may come, or however respectable the par ties whose approval it professes to have whether under the name of the "Gettysburg Asylum," "Bible House," or any other professedly charitable or religious appellation, rascality will be found at the bottom of it, and the best that can be said of any of them is that they are an effort to make gambling respectable by cloaking it with some outward appearance of charity or benevo-

# POLITICAL METAMORPHOSES.

The Mechiavelian and time-serving charwhole party and its legitimate offspring, the Copperhead party of the present day, has been difference of opinion giver known to political acred some off the questrest tergiversation. It was an old and well known trick of Democratic leaders to advocate protection in one section of the guestrest with grape and delared they assembled to the country and free trade in another cauning the same caungations and tell us wino is? The people want to short year ago it was no uncommon thing to hear Copperhead speakers demonstrate to the complete satisfaction of the satisfaction of the complete satisfaction of the satisfaction of the satisfaction of the satis acter of the leaders of the former Democratic

ciples! The times have changed-Copper head leaders have received a new revelation. In the language of "Nasby"—"The nigger vote must be capchered," and suddenly it is discovered that Sambo is as good as any white man if not a little better, and, strange perhead leaders, alias rebels, in the South, tisements, collect accounts and receipt for the same, the same will call upon all those who are indelited to us and present our accounts, he will also give those whose advance subscriptions expire on the 1st of April a chance to pay up for the next friends and that his only security will be found in the ranks of the Copperhead party. We are not surprised at this, for we pre dieted as much long ago, but it does seem a little odd that such men as Wade Hampton and Governor Orr should be found upon the stump appealing to colored audiences and endeavoring to make them believe that the five years of bloody warfare, out of which they have just emerged, for the purpose of holding them in bondage was all endured brough love for the negro and zeal for his welfare. They may preach such doctrine long and loud, but ignorant as the poor freed-Schell \$25,000, General Jackson \$25,000. men may, be few are found so ignorant and Welsh \$25,000. credulous as to even give a respectful hearing to such base and palpable efforts to deeive. Such is the pass to which Copperheads, pur excellence, have come down south, and it will not be long until we hear their

them to prepare for the change. The Gazette is ever appealing to the ignorance of its readers. We presume it does not desire to insult them by appealing to their intelligence. The boldest and most puerile appeal of this kind is the effort to palm off the deficit at the Poor House upon Messrs-Shack and Trout, who were directors twelve years ago. It is a well known fact that the ountry out of their money for the benefit of Country Auditors settle the accounts between the county and the Treasurer of the Poor House Fund and NOT THE DIRECTORS. We believe this to be all wrong, nevertheless, it is the case and those gentlemen-Shuck and Trout-knew as little about the settlement of the Poor House accounts as any other individual who read the published state ment.

> The County Committee, at its late se sion, appointed J. B. Cessna, Esq., to represent this county in the Republican Conention, which assembles at Williamsport, on the 26th day of June, proximo, to nominate a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr. Cessna is not instructed, but n accordance with the wishes of a large majority of the citizens of this county, will support Hon. George Taylor, of Hunting don. Judge Taylor, as an able lawyer and jurist, has but few rivals, and he can command a larger vote against Judge Sharswood in this county than any other man that can be nominated.

It will be seen by an article copied from the Harrisburg Telegraph, published in another column, that William M. Hall, Esq., of this place, has been appointed, in con to swindle the people, so that we un-hesitatingly advise our readers not to give a single penny to the enterprise. They who vise the Civil Code of Penn'a, by Governor wish to give of their means for the benefit Geary. This is certainly a very flattering of our gallant soldiers can find plenty of compliment to Mr. Hall as a lawyer. The crippled soldiers or poor widows and orphans duties devolving upon this Commission will be very arduous and will require several tions can be given direct, without putting years' labor to discharge them. We conthem into a gambling enterprise where ninetenths of their contributions will go to en- and feel assured that the duties will be most

THE REGISTRATION of voters in Virginia is progressing satisfactorily. The utmost good feeling is said to prevail, and even the disqualified, impressed with the necessity of submission to the law, express no dissatisnation of all good citizens. Our State long faction, but acquiesce in the policy of nonago abolished lotteries as demoralizing and interference. General good feeling seems He to prevail toward the colored neonle, and measures for their education, and moral and n insiduous appeal in behalf of our maimed social elevation are earnestly discussed. If to have passed and the Governor to have signed the bin. We do not believe that on

THE Harrisburg Telegraph has been passed. We bid God speed to all enterpri- doing a small puffing business, at, we sunses for securing the comfort of the gallant pose, so much a head, which it entitles "Photographic Views of the People's Representatives," in which it compliments our the assaults of traitors and rebels, but let it Representatives thus: "John Weller and be done in such a manner as to secure the J. T. Richards served their first term duappropriation of the entire amount of con- ring the last session. Both are honest Retributions to the purpose designed, and let publicans, and faithfully adhered to the innot the good cause be damaged by connect. terests of their constituents. Their re-elecing it with any such disreputable gambling tion is conceded;" which would be well enterprise as this. We have already too enough if it didn't compliment everybody

> THE editor of the Gazette threatens to eat a copy of the INQUIRER, "dirt, wool and all." if certain figures are not as he would have them. This feat would be nothing astonishing for an individual who has been eating DIRT, and politically existing on WOOL, all his life. We suspect it would be gulped down as a rare delicacy. The only fear we have at present, is, that some vile

head Party twelve or fifteen years to discover a small deficit in the Poor House account,

The Treasury Department at Wash. ngton has lately had some difficulty in adusting the accounts of the various bureaus. We presume the Bedford County Auditors will be called in to help to investigate the difficulties. What a chance for the Poor

## LATEST FROM RICHMOND JEFF. DAVIS RELEASED ON BAIL! His Bail Fixed at 8100,000

followers in this section of the country take

JAMES BUCHANAN, ex.President, entered pon his seventy-seventh year on the 22d ult. le is in vigorous health and occasionally baskes the trip from Wheatland to Lancaster, tree miles and a half, on foot; and what is rore remarkable, in passing over that long ublic throughfare, though met by many poole, he scarcely ever receives the respectful

South on a "Stumping tour," to make speeches to the colored citizens of African decent with a view of winning them over to the Copperhead faith. We think with the Reading Journal, that he will find it a good deal harder to pull the wool over the eyes of the colored brethern, than it is to perform the same feat with the Democratic masses of Old Berks.

Summing tour," to make these United States, one George Washing ton, wrote a private letter to Francis II Emperor of Austria, in which he pleaded to a dignified but earnest and touching man ner, for the release of General Lafayette who had been for several vears confined in the loathsome dungeon in the citadel of Old Berks.

Rebel force."

JUDGE UNDERWOOD opened the United States District Court in Richmond on Monday. Among the members of the grand jury were John M. Botts, Joseph Segar, Lewis McKenzie, and five colored men. It is rerear we have at present, is, that some vile creature may instigate him to eat an entire edition. Our doors are carefully locked and the keys properly secured.

If it has taken the combined wisdom of the Old Democratic Party and the Copperhead Party twelve or fifteen years to discover a small deficit in the Poor House account, for the defence. for the defence.

charles O'Conor and George Snea appearing which, it is alleged, should have accurred under the administration of Messrs. Shuck and Trout, is it not about time that the whole party were kicked out "without the benefit of the clergy," and somebody placed there who can keep the accounts correct?

Since there is no difference of opinion between the Gazette and the Inquirer in regard to Mr. Blymyer's responsibility for the deficit which was discovered in the Poor House accounts, will the Gazette be kind annual, to state who is responsible. Now come up squarely and tell us who is? The people want to know!

Charles O'Conor and George Snea appearing for the deficit. A Disparch from Richmond dated May 13th, says: At the African Church last night 13th, says: At the African Church last

HIS HAIL FIXED At \$100,000

HORACE GREELEY ONE OF HIS BAIL.

RICHMOND, May 13.—Jeff. Davis was produced in coart this morning. The counsel for the Government were not ready to proceed.

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these United States, one George Washington, wrote a private letter to Francis II, Emperor of Austria, in which he pleaded, in a dignified but earnest and touching manner, for the release of Council II. Council II. Cessna made his bill public as soon as it is drawn, that the people may have an opportunity to consider its provisions before they elect legislators to give it legal force and effect.—Harrisburg Telener, for the release of Council II.

Nor many years ago California was mainly supplied with bread from the Atlantic States. Flour commanded, at the highest, fifty dola barrel. Now, flour, at San Francisco, sells for \$6, and large quantities of wheat have been shipped at a profit to Philadelphia and New York. 'It will,' said Washington, 'readily ocsells for \$6, and large quantities of wheat have been shipped at a profit to Philadelphia and New York.

Senator Scovel, in a speech at Camden, N. J., a few evenings since, in favor of man-bood suffrage in New Jersey and the North, said that "Gen. Grant told me ten days ago that South Carolina would force free suffrage on New Jersey and the Middle States, and equality before the law. I told Gen. Grant we would take the healthful medicine without Rebel force."

Judge Underwood and the Little States and the indigence and dispersion of his family consideration were to object which affect his sensibility and claim his interposition as a man. Finding myself precisely in this situation at preent, I take the liberty of writing this private letter to your hapsty, will also be my apology for it. \* \* \* I for bear to enlarge on this delicate subject. Permit meto only submit to your Majesty's consideration whether his long imprisonment, and the confiscation of his family constraint the chief of a nation to be silent and passive in relation even to objects which affect his sensibility and claim his increasely in this situation at preent, I take the liberty of writing this private letter to your hapsty, being the provided that the provided have the provided that the provided have the

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A DISPATCH from Ft. Wayne on the 10th period of the property of Lindiana. The Democratic overity of Indiana. The Democracy are utterly routed, horse, flot and dragoon. The entire Republican ticket of this city is elected by majorities of from 400 to 800. A Radical Republican is elected Mayor for the first time for years.

Petroleum.

"The 'oil fever' has been over and done with so long, that petroleum is now rarely mentioned by the generality of people and with so long, that petroleum is now rarely mentioned by the generality of people and the smerely ceased to be a speculation and begun to be a business. This is most natural. When oil was first "struck" as a commercial product, forced upward by the immense quantity of gas, which always seems to be in reserve waiting for fit opportunity, it spouted into the air with a fury and volume that attracted the eyes of the world. But the prosessor of the world.

A Striking Difference.

The Newark Daily Advertiser reviews the collowing reminiscence of Washington's repeated a following reminiscence of Washington's repeated a function of any man. Traitor sympathizers with that of our Government at the present time:

How. J. Glancy Jones, of Berks has gone outh on a "Stumping tour," to make peeches to the colored citizens of Attach on the colored citizens of Attach of the colored citizens of Attach of the second of the colored citizens of Attach of the colored citizens of

The National Debt.

During April, the debt bearing interest in During April, the debt bearing interest in coin has increased \$41,821, 750. Of this increase \$41,584,150 is in Five twenties. The amount of Seven thirties has been decreased \$32,910,950, while the amount of compounds have been diminished \$4,254,-120, making a total of these securities canceled of \$37,165,070, or \$4,419,080 less than the amount of Five twenties issued in funding operations. In United States notes, there is a decrease of \$1,170,562, representing the "contraction" for the month. Of the matured debt not presented for awagent. the matured debt not presented for payment, \$893,118 has been liquidated. The amount of debt, less cash in the Treasury, is \$2,641, toonsideration whether his long imprisonment, and the confiscation of his estates, and the indigence and dispersion of his family and the painful anxieties incident to all these circumstances. do not form an assemblage of sufferings, which recommend him to the meditation of humanity? Allow me, sir, on this occasion, to be its organ; and to entreat that he may be permitted to come to this country, on such conditions and under such restrictions, as your Majesty may think it expedient to prescribe.

"The request of dett, less cash in the Treasury, is \$2,641, 974 less than on April 1. The amount of coin in the Treasury during the same period four rener has been liquidated. The amount of dett, less cash in the Treasury, is \$2,641, 974 less than on April 1. The amount of coin need \$8,292, 966 87, and the amount of currency has decreased \$490,268 28. The Gold Certificates have increased \$2,809,840.

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6.25		8.17	Pleasant Grove,	8.41	4.1
6.39		8.33	Marklesburg,	8.83	4.0
6.54		8,49	Coffee Run,	8.18	3.4
7.02		8.57	Roughsk Ready	8.10	3.3
7.14		9.02	Cove,	7.59	3.2
7.18		9.13	Fisher's Summit	7.55	3.2
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8.04		10.06	Riddlesburg,	7.10	2.3
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