BEDFORD, PA., FRIDAT, DEC. 11, 1808.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION. We learn that the Pennsylvania Central its ewn line of its two main Western conroutes, viz: the Pittsburg, Fort einnatti and St. Louis Roads. This gives and continuous line of 1000 miles from Philadelphia to St. Louis, in the very heart of the Mississippi valley, and also a direct line of 823 miles from Philadelphia to Chieago the great grain mart of the nation, or over any other railroad company of the country and if liberally managed will be of large. But all depends on the spirit in which the whole line is controlled. If, as heretofore, the increased advantage and power here gained are to be devoted alone to either pouring dividends into the greedy coffers of the company or increasing and extending its already vast power, Pennsylvania will have reason to curse the day on which this new link in her chain of railroad bondage was forged and added to Ler burthen of wrong. If it is true as we stated some months ago that the Central company has obtained the control of one of the Pa-eific routes across Missouri from St. Louis, it can certainly find time now to give a little attention to the interests of the State to which it owes not only its power but its very existence. For years the Central road has, as far as money and legislation combined enabled it, done all in its power to prevent the building of roads necessary to the development of the resources of the State, unless they could be made subservi ent to its own selfish interests. Southern Pennsylvania is thus debarred to day from the development of her immense mineral, by the Southern Pennsylvania and Connellsville Railroad company. This company was chartered, surveys were made and filed in the office at Harrisburg, and for a blind a few workmen were put upon a single point in the line, all for the purpose of occupying the route and keeping other companies from building a road that could not be controlled in the interest of the Central company. Will the policy of the company be changed now and will the road be built as a certain oracle in the Railroad and Mining

hope of such a change ever occurring. force 'manbood suffrage' upon the States, 26,000 negroes in Pennsylvania will become voters—enough to control every election hereafter—thus subjugating over 600,000 white men to the will of 26,000 negroes. Will that be negro equality or white degradation.—Huntingdon Monitor.

In mind the position of Speaker, and was confessedly one of the ablest parliamontariana in the State, receiving a unanimous testimonial from ninety-eight members of both parties voting.

He was a member of the Cincinnati Convention of 1856, that nominated James Buvention of 1856, that nom

is as able to take care of itself now as in any fires of the rebellion a purer, fairer, nobler

REDUCTION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT. The complete failure of Democratic arithmetic will be shown in a few days by the official report of the secretary of the Treasury. Not-withstanding the extraordinary figuring up of the public finances, by Delmar and other Committee of Pennsylvania, and by his Democratic worthies, by which they tried consummate tact and ability, the Union to make it appear that the debt was increa- majority was greater than at any previous sing under the retrenchment laws passed election, except that of 1860. He has been by a Republican congress last winter, it frequently spoken of in connection with the turns out that the forthcoming report of office of Governor, and would be well qualithe Secretary of the Treasury will show a fied to discharge the duties incumbent upon reduction of \$35,624,102,82 from Nov. 1, the Chief Executive. In private life Mr. 1867 to Nov. 1, 1868. This will leave room Cessna is noted for his social qualities and for still further reduction of taxes this wingenerous hospitality, and many a young man ter wherever they are found oppressive or iterfering with our industrial interests. Let the Republican majority in Congress persevere in the good work so well begun country will have reason to be thankful that they have put their faith in a party that deeds of charity.

THE political and financial circles in the united States were greatly excited on Saturday last by a false report of the death of Louis Napoleon. Everybody was on the qui vive to know what course things would take in France and the general excitement and suspense only died away when the telegraph gave the assurance that Napoleon was still alive and well. The canard seems to have originated among some Wall street gamblers in order to affect the Gold market.

IT is understood that Jenckes's Civil Service Bill is growing in favor and is likely to receive the early attention of the present session of Congress. Its passage will be and there is reason to believe that the prosone more step by the Republican party in pects for the insurgents are decidedly fathe pathway of honest reform.

JOHN CESSNA.

Inasmuch as the distinguished gentleman whose name heads this article was, during Prime Minister. John Bright has been the recent canvass, selected to represent the asked to accept a seat in the Queen's Cabi-Sixteenth district of this State in the Forty- net, but it is doubtful if he will accept it. first Congress, and that after a most fierce and determined effort made by the Opposition throughout the country to circumvent Gladstone is a Statesman, and undoubtedly Rail road has effected the consolidation with the will of the people, it may not be regarded as inappropriate at this juncture to lay before our readers a brief history of this obbefore our readers a british his object of this object of Democratic hatred. To show how financier, and as a party leader a man of bent on accomplishing their purpose were the Penusylvania Central Company a direct his enemies, we need only to advert to the his enemies, we need only to advert to the licy and knowe no expeciency but right.

The possession of such men as Gladstone is were perpetrated; by them lavish sums of a boon to any country. We wish him sue money were indiscriminately bestowed upon cess in conducting the Government onward the susceptible, and such shining lights as General Francis P. Blair, candidate for Vice rather of the world. These connections President; John T. Hoffman of New York, pite the corruptest chicanery and the bitterest calumny of an unscrupulous foe.

as any man in the whole country. He, like being made their slaves. nultitudes of our great men, has risen from the commonest walks of life, his father hav ing been a very plain farmer, residing in Bedford county. Having a family of twelve unable to educate any of his children at that ime, except the subject of our sketch, and much of this was due to the son's own per-severance. He affords a bright and encouraging example to every young man in this republican country who is struggling with poverty, and proves forcibly that

"Divesne prisco natus ab Inacho Nil interest, an pauper et intima De gente,"

by his own efforts shall he rise to honor and success. Mr. Cessna graduated in the manufacturing and agricultural resources year 1842, at Marshall College, at that time located at Mercersburg, Pa., and then, as now, under the care of that eminent scholar. John W. Nevin, D. D. After his collegiate course, he was for a time tutor of the Latin language in that institution, and then gave abundant promise of a brilliant career, and truly imbued his friends with "les reve He then eturned to his home in Bedford to complete the study of the law, which he had previously begun under the late Hop. S. M. Barclay. He was duly admitted to the bar Register predicted a couple years ago? We don't believe it ever was or is now intended engaged in the trial of important causes in to build the road. For this reason we have his own and the adjoining counties. His urged and still urge our people to turn their | quick perception to grasp the vital points in attention to building a road that will give a case, his intimate knowledge of human them direct communication with Baltimore and Pittsburgh via the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad. We are loath to de. the interest of his client, have given him a sert Philadelphia and our own State, but as prominent standing in his profession, and a long as Philadelphia continues to nurture most lucrative practice.

the Central monopoly, which like a vam-Whilst he ranks amongst the ablest lawyers of the Commonwealth, yet it is in the pyre fattens upon the life blood of the rest of our State, we shall be constrained to look field of polities that he excels and most delights. In the autumn of 1849 he was choelsewhere for assistance in developing our sen to the lower house of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and having been returned he was elected Speaker, though one of the youngest members of that body. He subsequently, in 1861-2, served two terms, again own resources. We shall hail with joy a change of policy on the part of the Pennsyl- Legislature, and having been returned he vania Railroad company, but we have small was selected Speaker, though one of the quently, in 1861-2. served two terms, again 26,000 NEGRO VOTES. -Should Congress filling the position of Speaker, and was con-

vention of 1856, that nominated James Bu-Our Democratic cotemporaries still pro- chanan to the Presidency. He was also a fess to have a holy horror of their negro | member of the Charleston and Baltimore bugbear. To calm their fears it may be Conventions of 1860, was chairman of the well enough to state that fear seems to have | Committee on Organization and Rules, and terribly magnified the danger, as, instead of was the author of the "anti-unit" rule, by 25,000 negroes who would be eligible as vo which minorities of delegations were permitters in case a reckless Republican Govern- ted to vote as they saw fit, and by the adop ment should restore them to their ancient privileges as freemen, there would not liked ded to the strength of Stephen A. Douglas privileges as freemen, there would not likely be more than from 9,000 to 12,000. The census of 1860 showed a colored population in Pennsylvania of about 56,000; in the regular of the Democratic party, was in 1858 an anti-Lecompton Democrat, and plan account of the lawyers themselves, who, we suppose, have merely accepted the retainthe population this would give 9,333 negro votes. It is very uncertain whether the ne gro population increased or decreased du and beloved leader, and with such Demoring the war, but supposing it to have in- crats as Dix, Dickinson, Stanton, Logan, creased 50 per cent we would only have Butler and a host of others whose patriotic about 14,000 voters. Now the fears of our record fills the brightest pages of our war Democratic cotemporary must have been history, he favored a vigorous prosecution of terribly excited when he saw in imagination the war, and believed in summoning every even 14,000 poor ignorant negroes suljuna- power invested by the Constitution in the ting 600,000 white men comprising the rich Government for the overthrow of armed and educated of the land. Truly there must be some mistake, we are usually told an address at Lancaster, Pa., before the alby our Democratic brethren that the negro umni of Franklin and Marsball College, hi is poor, weak and ignorant, yet if 14,000 are theme on that occasion being, "Shall the able to subjugate 600,000 whites, they must Republic still live!" In the course of this be men of very extraordinary ability, phys- oration, which was published and comment ical, mental and pecuniary. Negroes voted in Pennsylvania from the Revolutionary war down to 1836 and history records, during that time, no instance of white degradation, buke to that pertion of the Democratic perty in the North which was known to be in negro equality nor negro tyrranny and we sympathy with the Southern leaders. He believe the white race in Pennsylvania is all the time had an unwavering faith in the perfectly able to defend itself now against perpetuity of our Government and the presany twelve thousand negroes that can be creation of our free institutions, and never scared up. We counsel our friend in his doubted but that like the fabled phonix, great trepidation to keep cool as we firmly which is said to have risen out of its own believe that the white race in Pennsylvania ashes, we would come forth from the crucial

nation. He ardently supported the re-elec

tion of Abraham Lincoln, and greatly con-

tributed to the support of the Union party

during that ever memorable campaign. In

1865, on motion of that great statesman,

toiling up the steeps of Parnassus has he gladdened by pecuniary assistance. He is strictly temperate, scrupulously exact and last winter and the people of the whole whole character, pure as snow and chaste as ice, has sweetly rounded out his life in He is an eloquent, foreible speaker, posessing a logical, analytical mind, and style freed from any excess of imagery-plain and perspicuous. Such in fine is a brief resume of the history and character of one of the representative men of Pensylvania, who is destined to act a conspicious part in the

> THE third session of the Fortieth Congress began on monday the 7th inst, at noon. The Reports of the various Departments are all prepared and with the mes-sage of the President will appear in a few days.

future annals of our country .- The Press.

THE revolution in Cuba still progresses

THE Government of England is again in Murder of an Entire Family Near the the hands of the liberals. Disraeli has resigned and Gladstone has been appointed Disraeli will take the leadership of the Tories in the new Parliament. He is a bold, daring but unscrapulous politician, convictions, who has a can cience in his polin the way of liberal progress.

THERE will in all probability be an effort give the Central company a vest advantage E. F. Pillsbury of Maine, and Governor made during the present session of Congress Swann of Maryland were brought into the district to compass his defeat. Yet by his cing under government control our system immense value to Philadelphia and State at hereulean energy, aided by his constant of Telegraphs and railways. It is to be friends, he was triumphantly elected, des- hoped that it will at least awaken the corporations that now control them to the necessity of reforming some of the many Mr. Cessna is yet a comparatively young abuses to which the public is now compelled nan, and although an indefatigable student, to submit. The people are beginning to having been actively engaged in the duties demand that railroads and telegraph com-of an arduous profession, yet he is to-day panies be made the servants of the public, possessed of as much strength and vitality as they should be, instead of the public

> LEADING men of Virginia are petitioning Congress to continue the Freedmen's Bureau there as a measure of absolute necessity for children, owing to his limited means he was the protection of the blacks until the Reconstruction of the state can be accomplished. In Texas and Mississippi they are feeling the same want and are likely to make a Semilar petition.

THE NEW YORK CITY Charter election took place on the 1st, inst, A. Oakley Hall, Democrat was elected Mayor by about 54,000 majority: A large number of arrests were for attempted illegal voting.

The Farce at Richmond. There was a time, not very long since when the greater number of the American leople would not listen to truth or reason with regard to the doings of their Government in the case of Jefferson Davis, and when prudent journals told them what they liked rather than what was true. We judge that time has passed, or is near its end, since we find the following article conspicusly printed in The Sun. THE CASE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS-

THE GOVERNMENT DECEIVE THE PEOPLE? Yesterday was assigned by the United states Circuit Court at Richmond, Chief-Justice Chase presiding, to hear argument in support of the motion to quash the indictment against Jefferson Davis. Mr. Charles O'Conor left this city on Tuesday evening, after being engaged through the day in the United States Circuit Court here, in order to be at Richmond in time to make the argument for the defendant. Mr. Richmond in the context of the court of the defendant. the argument for the defendant. Mr. Rich-ard H. Dana, jr., who assisted in drawing the indictment, goes all the way from Bos-ton to maintain the instrument toward

Otherwise, it might as well have been an nounced in the beginning that Jefferson Davis was not to be hanged; and that poin having been decided, it was not going to be

ers which have been tendered to them. But it is clearly wrong on the part of the Govern-ment to keep up this solemn farce, and pay for it out of the people's money. Use expenditures are particularly censura ble at a time when every poor woman is obliged to pay double price for a box of matches on account of the Government tax. The whole business is a kind of charlatanry

worthy of a mountebank.

There is another reason more imperative imes of Jefferson Davis was that he want that Constitution The monitoring stitution provides that "in all criminal pro-cutigns, the accused shall enjoy the right a speedy and public trial." The prosec-tion of Jeffersen Davis is a criminal pro-cution, and is included in the term we been tried long ago: and if he was hanged at all, he should have been han

there seems to be no disposition to raise the

Black Suffrage in Pennsylvania. An article in the Honesdale Republic ritten by F. P. Penniman, Esq., gives the

collowing account of the history and present earing of this subject: In 1682 William Penn promulgated "The Frame of Government" of Pennsylvania, ander authority of the charter granted him by King Charles II. In this document the right of suffrage is given, without restriction,

right of suffrage is given, without restriction, to "the freemen of said province." In 1701 Penn granted what is known as the "Charter of Privileges." By this instrument the right of suffrage was broadly given to "the freemen of each respective county." The first constitution of Pennsylvania was adopted in 1776. The convention that framed this instrument was presided over by Beojamin Franklin. It gave the right of suffrage to "every freeman of the full age of 21 years." The men of the Revolution, while asserting their own rights and liberties against broscription, were careful to stand fast by the

cription, were careful to stand fast by the ardinal idea of the political equality of all

was thereby established. Amalgamation, either through matrimony or without, was not encouraged. Not a black man was made Governor or Legislator. Social order was not subverted. The Government was not made by white men, for white men, but by all white men, for the benefit of all.

The Louisville Courier Journal says: "A little over a week ago a frightful tragdy was enacted in Fentress, county, Tendessee, near the Kentucky line. There lived
n that section a family composed of an old
ady, some eighty years of age, and her three
grandchildren—one a young lady, another a
boy of twelve, and the third a small girl. In
the neighborhood was a man named Logsdon,
who in some way became cognizant of the who in some way became cognizant of the fact that the old lady had in her possession considerable amount of money, the back y of her dead son who had been a soldier pay of her dead son who had been a soldier, and he resolved to secure it at all hazards. Proceeding one night to the house she occupied, Logsdon, with knife and revolver, murdered the grandmother and granddaugter and left the boy for dead also. All the money he found, however, was \$75, and with this he fied. The boy, who fortunately survived, next day told the tale of the bloody work of the night, and the sheriff of murse county, as soon as he could be notified, started immediately in pursuit of the murderer with a warrant. He passed through Clinton county, in this State, where urderer with a warrant. He passed mough Clinton county, in this State, where a was joined by the sheriff of Clinton, and gother the two sheriffs made their way to ustorville, Lincoln county. Here they petured the murderer at the house of his ther, even before he had changed the othing he wore when he committed the arrible crime, and which bore the bloodains of cruel murder.

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"It was found that Logsdon, on reaching his father's house, had sent for a heavy lock which he designed placing on the door, and that he had also sent a woman and a boy for powder, lead and caps. These parties were detained, however. It was evident he intended making a desperate resistance, but the officers experienced little or no difficulty in effecting his arrest. He was taken back to Fentress county, where he will doubtless he made to suffer the extreme penalty of the hade to suffer the extreme penalty of the

Saving of Time and Space.

The Pacific Railroad will be completed y next July, and at that time there will a continuous line of rail from New York and Francisco—the longest in the world. European passenger can then leave Liv-pool or London and reach Yokohoma and poor of London and reach 1 oktohoma and hanghai, by the way of New York, at least teen days earlier than by any other route, retainly, until they have railways through sia, and are not troubled with the great under of transfers of freight to be made number of transfers of freight to be made between London and China. The time given is: Liverpool to New York, ten days; New York to San Francisco, six days; and from San Francisco to Yokohoma, twanty-two days. This latter time can be cut down to eighteen days, and the trip has been made in that time. But let us call it nineteen days, and that makes thirty-five days from Liverpool to China, via New York, while the shortest time in which the trip can pow be made going eastward is spices of Japan and China over this great and new line soon to be completed; and he believed that an examination of the subject would show that the goods could be got from Asia to Chicago, at first hands, at a much less cost than they can be bought in New York. His ambition for Chicago was that it should become a center of trade, and that it should become a center of trade, and a point of distribution for the traffic of the entire Mississippi Valley.

DISASTER ON THE OHIO RIVER. Steamboat Collision .- 100 Lives Lost

Dec. 7th the telegraph brings the sad story of a terrible disaster on the Ohio river, caused by the collision of two steamers, the American and the United States, both mail President Johnson long ago committed himself so clearly to a promise to pardon Davis in the event of his conviction, that it would have been infamous at any time afterward to permit him to be hanged.

It was, therefore, fully determined not to hang Jeff. Davis. Why not at once have said so, and assigned the reasons? If they were good, solid, and sufficient reasons, such as ought to have influenced the Government, then they would have been satisfactory to the people, if plainly and fully stated. The men in authority at Washington appear to have thought it necessary to treat the people as incompetent to comprehend the grave reasons of State which control them in the determination of this matter. Otherwise, it might as well have been an

THE Supreme Court of California deserve credit for their prompt decision in the matter of the contest over the elector Hoffman. The informality in the printing of his name on the ticket, they say, does not invalidate his election. This disposes of the quirk of the Secretary of State, who refused to sign this certificate. Concerning was made was refined accuracy which never admits of Perin, A. J. Steckman & B. F. Peanell, D. F. mistake. Suppose John Swifflestein makes six promissory notes on the same day to the same or separate persons, and, being ignorant or careless, signs his name as above written on one; on another, Hans Swifflestein; on another, John Swifflestein; on another, John Swifflestein, and on another, John Swifflestein, and on another, John Swifflestein, and on another, John Swifflestein. He pays on the first, but refuses to pay on all the rest. His name is not common, and there may be none or tew like it, esticially in the vision; Horeless six promissory notes on the same day to the ike it, especially in the vicinity. How long to you think the court would sustain his re-usal to pay on account of the inaccuracy. Not a moment. Such is the law in cases of ight errors in names on tickets, which the California doubtless WINDOWSASH! secretary of State of California doubtless sew, or if, he did not, let him learn of the sepreme Court.

FROM Lieutenant General Sherman and eneral Sheridan we have an official acc of the recent engagement of a portion of the latter sloree, under General Custer, with several bands of hostile Indians in Indian Tevitory, in which the latter were severely pounshed. Sherman says that Sheridan has had 'a good initiation,' and that 'his reseace will give assurance that the troops will act with energy and that nothing will be done but what is right.' General beridan states that General Custer and his pounmand to whom 'the bloops are distinct.

The terms of office of twenty-two members of the Senate will expire on the fourth of March next, namely, Bayard, of Delaware, Buckalew, of Penosylvania, Chandler of Michigan, Conness, of California, Dixon, of Connecticut, Doolittle, of Wisconsin, Edmunds, of Vermont, (re-elected), Freinghuysen, of New Jersey, Henderson, of Missouri, Hendricks, of Indiana, Morgan, of New York, Morrill, of Maine, Patterson, of Tennessee, Ramsay, of Minnesota, Sprague of Rhode Island, (re-elected), Stewart, of Nevada, Sumner, of Massachusetts, Tipton, of Nebraska, Van Winkle, of West Virginia, Welch, of Florida, Whyte of Maryland and Wade, of Ohio.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURE OF CALICO. The calico interest of the United States is an important one. The total product opprinted goods in 1826 was about 3,000,000 yards. In 1836 it reached 120,000,000. In In 1790 a new constitution was framed. Thos. Mifflin presided over the convention that made it. This instrument gave the right to vote to "every freeman over the aggregate 350,000,000 yards per year. This amount at an average of ten cents per yard, age of 21 years."

Land the Constitution was revised. amount at an average of ten cents per yard, was worth \$35,000,000. In 1854 our excitable and the same conditions as the convention. The basis of suffrage was changed, so as to include only "every ucluic freeman of the age of 21 years."

For one hundred and fifty-six years black men, if black they were, voted in Pennsylvania on precisely the same condition as white men. None of the civils now predicted of black suffrage were experienced. Neither the mental or social equality of the two races was thereby established. Amalgamation, either through matrimony or without, was cither through matrimony or without, was

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