GARLISLE, PA., FEB. 9, 1860.

Editorial State Convention. THE Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Editorial Union, will be held at Harrisburg, or WEDNESDAY, the 15th of February inst, at 2 o'clook, P. M. The members of the Union, and the Editors of Pennsylvania generally, are cordially in

vited to be present.

MORTON M'MICHAEL, President.

J. H. Pulliston, Secretaries.
L. H. Davis, Secretaries.

De Editors throughout the State are reques to copy, or notice editorially.

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MILD WEATHER .- After the "cold snap" of last week, we are again favored with mild weather and clear sunshine. A flock of wild geese passed over our valley on Tuesday morning-a sure indication of an early spring. So mote it be.

Cor On the 6th inst., the House passed the Post Office appropriation bill. George Martin was elected Door-Keeper, and Josiah M. Lucas Postmaster. Adjourned until to-day.

ELECTION IN LANCASTER CITY.

George Sanderson, Esq., the Democratic elected on Tuesday last, by 209 majority.

LOOK TO YOUR GAS.—The Philadelphia napers urge the Legislature to appoint a gas metre inspector, to stand between the public long ago, complaints were made against the two gas companies of that city, that more gas was charged for than was consumed. Many persons who had the gas pipes in their houses, did not use gas at all, but burnt camphene or oil, and yet were charged as if they had been burning gas all the time. On complaint, the gas company declared, first, that it was impossible for them to make a mistake; and, next, when the parties put in affidavits of the fact, that, if error was committed "there was something wrong with the me-

While the Legislature is passing a law for Philadelphia, it may as well pass one broad enough to cover the whole State.

The Harrisburg State Sentinel copies an article from our paper of the 19th ult., in which we deprecated the violence of certain Southern Democratic Senators, and particularly their impudent and uncalled-for assaults upon Judge Douglas. The editor of the Sentinel appears pleased with our remarks, and introdu ces them to his readers with an editorial of his own, under the caption, "Coming to their Senses;" and then goes on to state that "quite a number of the Democratic presses have lately ceased their persecution and 'reading out' of Douglas and his friends." If our contompresume he does,) we will inform him that he is entirely mistaken. We have never said one word against Mr. Douglas, but have frequently defended him against the assaults of his enemies. We are, at the same time, the advocate and friend of Mr. Buchanan, and have always regretted that a misunderstanding ex-·isted between Judge Dougtas and the administration. But, a misunderstanding did exist. and there was no better way, in our opinion, upon Democrats forbearance, and "union for the sake of the Union." This has been our course, as the Sentinel knows. If the editor FRY ought to know it. he is misrepresentation, he would not have headed his remarks with the impudent words, "coming to their senses." When he comes to his senses, we shall hope to see the Sentinel a

Hon. Henry D. Gilpin, a distinguished citizen of Philadelphia, and one of the most eminent lawyers in the State, died in that city, on Sunday last. He was Attorney General of the United States under the Administration of President Van Buren

more reliable paper.

DEATH FROM JOY .- A Richmond paper gives an account of the death of a resident of that place from excessive joy. He had succeeded after long litigation in the courts, in recovering \$1,100 from a debtor, which so elated him that on its reception he was seized with apoplexy and died in less than a day.

The members of the General Assembly of Tennessee paid their respects in a body, on the 8th ult., to the widow of the late ex-President, James K. Polk, at her residence in Nashville. This mark of respect to Mrs. P. has been observed annually by the Legislature for several years past.

The Lewistown True Democrat present the name of Abraham S. Wilson, of Miffiin county, as a suitable Democratic candidate for

The Baltimore papers are severe upon Mr. Winter Davis for voting for Mr. Pennington. Davis' seat is contested, and the exchange newspapers intimate, that it is for the purpose of securing his seat in Congress that he voted for a Republican. Bultimore is no better off than Philadelphia in her Represontatives. Both have men to represent them whose public acts are directly against the wishes and sympathies of their constituents.

Judge Smally is now in Charleston, making arrangements for the meeting of the Democratic National Committee. The resident committee in the city are already engaged in preparing for the Presidential campaign and sending out political documents.

The Maine papers state that the bondsmen of the defaulting Republican State Trea- sets down the Asiatic religions as believed by lose all the money the pious pulpit politician cent.; Pagans, 200,000,000, or about 15 per get hold of a match, they invariably put the appropriated to his own use, as well as the cent.; Mohmmedans, 160,000,000, or about dipped end in their mouth, and the phosphoelection of the three members of Congress.

CANDLENAS DAY.—Thursday last was Candlemas Day-the feast of the candles-according to the calender of holidays. The old and very nopular superstition has it that on this day the ground hog enterges from his hole, out on Thursday last he did not see his shadTHE READING CONVENTION.

A few weeks ago it was well understood that the favorite of the Administration for Governor was William Wittie, of Philadelphia. That programme, we are well assured, has been recently changed. John L. Dawson is now the man. So the Washington authorities say, and within a few days both gentlemen have been at Washington submitting their respective claims to the arbitrament of the Cabinet. Mr. WITTLE has, then, for some reason, unknown to us as yet, been dropped by the President, and Mr. Dawson adonted as the Washington candidate. - Harrisburg State

We take the above extract from the last number of Gov. PACKER's organ at the scat of Government. This is the same paper that ssorted that the Delegates from this county to the Reading Convention were elected through the influence of the Philadelphia Custom House—a charge as false as it was nonsensical. Then, according to the Sentinel, the entire influence of the National Adminis tration was to be used in favor of Mr. Wit-TIE; now, according to the same authority. Mr. Dawson is to have the influence of the President! Now, we know that the National Administration never has and never will take part one way or the other, in nominating a andidate for Governor. The several candidates named, are all, we believe, friendly to Mr. Buchanan, and he has told their respeccandidate for Mayor of Lancaster city, was tive friends that he will not interfere, directly or indirectly. The Scatinel, then, in naming this one and that one as the "Administration candidate," is intended to create heart-burnngs and mischief. It is an attempt at disorganization even before the candidate is named and the gas company. In New York not Messrs, WITTIE and Dawson are both promient candidates for the nomination, and the Sentinel, knowing this, is circulating sinister and malignant attacks upon both. After it upposed it had done Mr. WITTIE all the injury it could, by publishing, week after week. the falsehood that he was the special candidate of the "National Administration and the

makes the same charge against Mr. Dawson! Despicable duplicity. The editor of the Scalinel appears to be very much afraid of the influence of the officeolders,"and appeals to the Delegates who will compose the Reading Convention not to permit themselves to be influenced by the inistration." Gratuitous advice, Mr. Sentinel. The only office-holder who is constantly prating about the matter is the editor of the Sentinel himself. His appeals to the Delegates therefore, are of the "stop thief" order, and are intended to attract attention from himself and the other mischief makers who hold office under Gov. PACKER. The Sentinel the Governor's pet at Harrisburg, and is conducted on the "rule or ruin" principle .-It wishes to be considered also the mouthin as many words, that he must be the nomiporary intends his strictures for us, (and we Far, and heartily as we can support him should he receive the nomination, we would intimate to him and his disinterested mouthpiece at Harrisburg, that his hopes of success

office-holders," the editor now drops him and

For ourself, we go to the Reading Convention with free hands. We will support the nomince, let that man be who he may-whether WITTIE, DAWSON, SANDERSON, FRY, HOP-KINS OF SHINDLE. They are all good and true nen (notwithstanding some of them have imprudent friends,) and either of them can be lected, triumphantly, if all those calling themselves Democrats are true to their pro-

look for this with as much certainty as that strangled the child. the Republican advocates of protection have the majority in the House of Congress. They hold them to their pledges. Will they do it? Pennsylvania her workshops will suffer. Re-

LIFE'S VICISSITUDES .- Mr. Darius Nash vho was rescued from the ruins of the Pemberton Mill after several hours of great suffer ing, has passed through as many imminent langers as usually fall to the lot of one man On the night in which the Minot's Lodge Lighthouse was carried away, he was on a vessel some fifty miles from New York and was wrecked. At another time he fell from the maintopsail yard, and saved his life by catching at the reefing bit. At one time in his life he had accumulated \$4,000 by his own industry and frugality, and he invested it in bark. The bark was wrecked on the Florida Reefs, and the insurance had expired two ics and lettery ticket selling in that State days before. Last Spring, he had a long and | Every breach of the statute is punishable by painful seige of billious fever, which was fol- a fine of \$1,000, or imprisonment not exceedowed by the typhoid fever in the summer, the Pemberton Mill he was among those con- ers closed up their establishment, as a gener fined beneath the ruins. Mr. Nash's father al thing. The few who did not, were in the was killed by falling from a load of hay. His hands of the officers of the law. Two were ar Brother was killed under the ruins.

THE CREEDS OF THE WORLD .- Mr. C. F. W Deitterich, a statistician, and director of the Statistical Department of Berlin, estimating the population of the world at 1,300,000,000 surer Peck have put all their property out of 600,000,000, or about 46 per cent; the Christheir hands, and that the State will have to tian religion by 335,000,000, or about 25 per enormous sums he expended to secure the 12 per cent. The 335,000,000 Christians are rescent matter carries death wherever it touch-

Greek Catholies, about 22 per cent. The two boys recently arrested for placing obstructions on the railroad track, and if he sees his shadow, he goes back for near Millorstown, answer to the names Wilsiz weeks; if not, he stays out. If he came liam Miller and Perry Vanzandt. They are now in the Bloomfield jail awaiting trial at the House, at Washington, kept the Sergeantow, but if he remained out, his snout must the April term of Court. But for timely dis- at-Arms busy on Thursday, in paying their have suffered a few from the frosty atmo- covery of the operations of these juvenile can- mileage and salaries, the Speaker having and will ask for admission into the Union dubeen a fearful sacrifice of human life.

AN APOSTATE REWARDED.

Col. John W. Forney, editor of the Philalelphia Press, and Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee in 1856, has been cleeted, by the Black Republican Members of Congress, Clerk of the National House of Rethis hue and cry of the Black Republican reach the reachery—another of this treachery—another of the reachery—another o een rewarded for his treachery-another traitor purchased at a price. Poor Forney! Who would have believed that this man, who for a quarter of a century has been combating the pernicious doctrines of the Abolition party, could have been purchased by that party? Ever since the estrangement took place between the President and Mr. Forney, the latter continued to declare that he was still a Democrat, that he still revered the principles of the glorious old party, and that he differed with the Administration only on one isolated question. Long since, however, the Democrats of this State were convinced that For-NEY was playing false, and that his professions of friendship for the Democratic party were heartless and insincere. Their suspicions have been verified. He has proved traitor to his friends and his party, merely that he might obtain office from a sectional faction whose principles he despises in his heart. All will now acknowledge the discriminating judgment President BUCHANAN exercised when he refused to place Forner in his Cabinet. The President was right-he knew Forney better than any one else, and he very properly refused to place him in a po sition of trust and responsibility.

The election of Col. Forney by the Black Republicans, is an evidence of the degradation of that detestable and shameless party. They have given their votes to a man who has said more hard things against them than any man in Pennsylvania-who has thwarted them in many attempts to obtain power.-Their bold and untiring enemy has at length been taken captive. The golden prize they held out to him was a temptation he could not resist. He has landed in the enemy's camp, and like Annold, he is caressed, but at the same time despised by his new friends. If he will only remain in the Black Republican ranks and make no attempt bereafter to sneak back into the Democratic party, we shall be satisfied. We hope, also, that henceforth we will hear no more of his fierce denunciations drilled battalions of the Washington Ad- of office-holders. For the last two years this arch traitor has denounced all office-holders as men unworthy of belief and whose business it was to dupe the people. Now that he is big office-holder himself, we suppose he will modify his language "to suit the times."-Farewell, John W. Forner-we are done

with you. CONNECTICUT AND VIRGINIA.—It has already cen stated in our columns that Charles L Chaplain, Esq., of New Haven, was deputed piece of JACOB FRY, Jr., and has almost said, by the Union meeting recently held in that city, to proceed to Richmond, Va., and prenee for Governor. Much as we respect Mr. sent to Gov. Letcher, and through him to the people of Virginia, the resolutions of said meeting. Mr. Chaplain was cordially received by His Excellency, and his object made known to the Legislature by means of an exwill not be enhanced by libelling all his pro-minent competitors. "We take exception to both Houses of the Legislature, and orderit," and denounce such conduct "as anti-de- ed to be printed. The Richmond Enquire mocratic and disorganizing." The Delegates says, "It is not usual for the Logislature to Reading are not to be lectured and forced respond to public meetings; but in deference into measures by Gov. PACKER'S army of to the spirit of patriotic conservatism with office-holders; nor will they permit such men which Virginia is approached, we hope the to reconcile those differences, than by urging as WM. II. WITTIE and John L. Dawson to committee to whom these documents (the let be injured by misrepresentation and false- ters and address) have been referred, will duly hood. This will not be tolerated, and Mr. consider the propriety of a response."

occurred in Olmstead, Cuyahoga county, a few days ago. A bright little lad of threee or four years of age, son of Mr. Briggs, wishing to see the men dress hogs, his mother put on his cloak and the father placed him in the water. &c. Nothing unusual was observed THE TARIFF.—One of the very first things but when after some time, the father lifted

THE IMPERIAL WIVES OF FRANCE.-The stand pledged to this; and the country will Dulin University Magazine, in commenting upon the lives of the royal and imperial wives There must be no backing down from this of France, states that there are but thirteen oledge. If there is not an increased tariff for out of sixty-seven on whose memory there is no dark stain of sorrow or sin. Of the fiftyfour others, eleven were divorced, two died by the executioner, nine died very young; seven were soon widowed; three were cruelly treated, three were exiled, the characters of three were very bad, and the prisoners and the grave. Their remains were dragged from the United States. tomb, exposed to the insults of the revolution ary ropulace, and then flung into a trench

and covered with quicklime. No More Lotteries in Maryland.—The Revised Code, which has just gone into ope ration in Maryland, has put an end to lotter ing twelve months, or both, at the discretion rested on Friday, and the officers seized the books and papers, together with the tickets, found in the offices of the persons arrested.

DEATH FROM MATCHES. Parents should meddling with lucifor matches, as we are constantly informed, by our exchanges, of deaths occurring in consequence. As sure as they again divided into 170,000,000 Roman Catho- es inside the body. The last instance of its lies, or about 50 per cent.; 80,000,000 Pro- fatal effects of which we heard, is that of a testants, about 25 per cent.; and 76,000,000 little girl aged about two years, daughter of spiritedly debated for more than two hours Owen Reich of Easton, who died the other day through having eaten the tops of two or some weeks ago, Mr. Francis J. Grund was in this particular.

> THE DEAD-LOCK OPENED .- The members of amount of money.

BENJAMIN P. JUNKIN.

Ever since the meeting of Congress, the Black Republican papers have been charging a failure to organize the House of Represen tatives upon the Democrats. Let every man who has been deceived by

Mr. Junkin, the member from this for changing his vote from Mr. Smith, of North Carolina, an old Henry Clay Whig, whom the Democrats and South Americans and united upon for the purpose of effecting an organization, to Mr. Sherman, a Black Republican. Had Messrs. Junkin and Morris and Scranton, all Republibans from this State, permitted their votes to have stood, Mr.

Smith would now be the Speaker. Mr. Junkin could not lot his vote stand for an Old Line Whig! What gratitude to the men of that school of politics who aided in his

Read his excuse and let it be stamped upon your memories. What he said is recorded against him; yet we have no doubt he will endeavor to unsay what he did say when he changed his vote. That some of those who defeated an election of Speaker on Friday are afraid to let their excuses go to their constituents without niteration and revision, is evident from the closing paragraph of the proceedings, published in the official paper of Congress—the Globe—on the 28th ult. That paragraph is as follows:

"During the taking of the ballot, which oc cupied several hours, a great many member ssigned the reasons for their votes. As sevoral gentlemen expressed a desire to revise their remarks, the whole of the proceedings during the ball it are withheld till Monday." Here is what the member from this distric

"Mr. Junkin, of Ponnsylvania, said he had voted for Mr. Smith, believing him to be a national American, but he had discovered he was an old line Whig, and declined to answer the question whether he was in favor of a slave code. He must, therefore, vote for Mr.

Will Mr. Junkin have any other excuse to ive his constituents than the one he gave the Iouse of Representatives for changing his rote? We will see. P. S. Just as we expected. The Globe of

Monday is before us. Here are the remarks of Mr. Junkin, revised and corrected: "Mr. Junkin. Mr. Clerk, I voted for Mr. Smith under the impression that he was an American, but now find that it is difficult to tell what he is; besides, he refused to deny that he is in favor of a slave code for the Teritories. I therefore change my vote from Mr. Smith to Sherman.

Ha! ha!! ha!!! Splendidly executed. Old Line Whigs, he prays for absolution.

Perry County Democrat.

ted for Mr. SMITH, it is evident, with a dishonest motive—he hoped to deceive his constituents, by making it appear that he was anxin his heart he was convinced that his vote would not elect Suith. But, to his astonishment, Shith was elected by Junkin having hearty laughter of the spectators, vanished. voted for him. No sooner did the poor trickster from this district discover this, than he jumped to his feet, recalled his vote, and gave it again to SHERMAN. From the time he vo ted for Smith to the time of changing his vote for SHERMAN, could not have been over five minutes, during which time Suith had not spoken a word to Junkin or any one else.f, therefore, Suttu favored a Slave code for the Treitories, JUNKIN knew it before he gave him his vote that It will not do, therefore, for Mr. Junkin to attempt to hide his infanous, cowardly and dishonest course, by putting in a plea that is stamped with falsehood upon its face. His constituents are not quite fools, notwithstanding a majority of them lackel a want of discrimination when they elected m to the seat in Congress he now -they cannot be deceived by his silly "re marks" in explanation of his dishonorable conduct. Truly, the people of this District

are "paying \$16 a day to be misrepresented." The Spanish Army in Morocco is rap branches of an apple tree, where he could idly rising in the estimation of Europe. As look on and be out of the way. The lad was they are getting seasoned, their conduct and perched near by his father, and directly over discipline improve greatly. The Moorish where persons frequently passed to bring hot mode of fighting-flying when attacked, and returning in swarms when the Spaniards reto be done after full organization of Congress, down his little son, to his horror he found him in all open assaults the Spaniards have beatire-has annoyed the latter very much; but will be the passage of a protective tariff. We dead! The cloak had caught on a limb and ten their opponents. The professed and trained skirmishers of the Spanish army could do literally nothing against the native sharpshooter, fighting each for his own hand. The balance of losses became heavier against the regulars day after day, until, at last, and as a rocceding dictated by military wisdom, the Spaniards declined the contest altogether.

The tea plant grows in the agricultural garden at Washington. It is said that it makes a finer flavored dish of tea than that usually imported! It is drank without milk, and has a rich oily taste. As the amount of heart-broken make up the remainder. Twen- tea annually exported to this country from ty who were buried at St. Denis since the time | China only gives one pound to each person for

THE FOOLS NOT ALL DEAD YET .- The infidel admirers of Thomas Paine, whose birth day occurred on Sabbath last, met at the Melodeon, in Cincinnati, to celebrate the event. There were a thousand persons present on the occasion. Several orations, of the most ultra heterodox character, were delivered, and a series of resolutions and sentiments, of the most silly and blasphemous character, read. Such demonstrations are neither creditable to the and on the night of the terrible calamity of of the Court. In Baltimore, the lottery deal- participants nor the place where they occur.

Another proscriptive measure has just been defeated at the South. A bill recently C.,) who, it is well known, was once before passed both Houses of the Florida Legislature engaged in a quarrel with Mr. R., observed for the expulsion of the free negroes of that State, but the Governor would not affix his signature to the act, and the measure failed.

After commenting on the occurrence the Pentake care to prevent their infant children from sacola Observer says: "The news of its failure was received by a large number of the bitter expressions were made by each. Thus good citizens of this place with the most lively manifestations of satisfaction, who entertain for this class of our population sentiments of respect; and feelings of the warmest

personal attachment." GRUND'S NOMINATION CONFIRMED .- The Senate, on the 2d inst., in Executive session. the motion to reconsider the vote by which three matches. Parents cannot be too careful rejected as Consul to Havre. The contest was ended by confirming this appointment, the majority being unexpectedly large.

KNOCKING AT THE GATE, The people of Nebraska have formed a State Constitution sphere. If the Germans are to be believed, didates for the penitentiary, there would have signed a check on the Treasury for a large ring the present session of Congress. Gov. Black has approved the proceeding.

Important Battle in Mexico.

The Baltic, at New York, brings information of an important battle in Mexico, in which the conservative forces under Miramon, num bering only about 3,600, put to route the Liberals under Generals Royos and Ogozon, with 7,000 men. The battle occurred near Colima, the capital city of a territory of the same name on the Pacific coast. The town contains 31,-000 inhabitants. It is in the southern part of the Republic; due west from the city of Mexico. The loss of the Liberals was from 600 to 700 killed, and 2,000 prisoners. Miramon lost 300. This result is very important, for the Liberals have hitherto been quite strong in the south and west of the Republic. The victory is signal, and places that part of the Pacific coast at the command of Miramon, unless Alvarez can retrieve the misfortune which has thus befallen the arms of the Liberals. Hitherto the Conservatives have been pent up in the city of Mexico, with no outlet in any direction to the scaboard, either Atlantic or Pacific, and with the northern and southern frontiers equally closed against them. Now they have conquered an opening to the sea, and struck a decisive blow, which must be very damaging to the Liberal cause. The latter seems to labor under the disadvantage of having no leader capable of contending in arms against Miramon. Degollado, Vidaurri, and now two more have failed, and Miramon's star is in the ascendant. His military genius upholds the cause of the church party, but it ppears to be sufficient to do it effectually.

A rather curious scone occurred in the northern part of England during the performance in the menageric. A young man who had for some time been carefully observing the monster elephant, determined to try the strength of the huge bulk of flesh with his own. There is at the end of the elephant's tusks, which are of large size, an iron rod, binding one tusk to the other. Our hero together liking this sort of treatment, deterained for his part to punish his audacious anthe young fellow was swung from the ground and was, no doubt, much higher than his for the use of the family. wild ambition ever carried him. The animal epeated this, and a second time he descended Miserable plea, Mr. Junkin !-- a plea as to the ground, when the elephant, perhaps, false as it is pusillanimous. Mr. Junkin vo- thinking it best to temper justice with mercy, wrapped his trunk round the hapless and now horoughly humbled youth, and very unceremoniously laid him in the mud that over ious for an organization of the House, when spread the floor. The wrestle was ended, the elephant coming off the victor, while his combatant picked himself up, and, amidst the

MILITARY AFFAIRS .- We extract the followthe county of Cumberland:

Major General, Edward M. Biddle; Aid-de-Camp, Chas. J. T. M'Intyre; Assistant Adjutant General, Christopher II. M'Nally; Division Inspector, Kennar Garrard; Division Judge Advocate, George W. Brewer. First Brigade.—Brigadier Genoral, James M. Allen; Aid-de-Camp, Thos. J. Kerr; Briide Quarter Master, Isaac B. Kaufman; Briade Pay Master, John A. Kunkle; Brigade Surgeon, Cyrus B. Ruby: Brigade Judge Ad-

vocate, Henry R. Ruby, Jr.; Brigade Inspec-tor, John M Cartney.

First Regiment—Colonel, Wm. M. Penrose; Lieut. Colonel, William Shriver; Major, Jng. Messinger. teer Companies at present existing in Cum-

berland county: Quitman Guards, Springfield Infantry, Big Spring Adamantine Guards, Sumner Rifles, Carlisle Light Infantry, National Blues, Walut Bottom Infantry, Carlisle Junior Cadets.

PERRY COUNTY .- The Democrats of Perry county met in Convention, at Bloomfield, on tion, without instructions. The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That we concede to Cumberland county the Senatorial Delegate to the State Convention, and that if a Conference of the district be necessary, Josiah R. Dunbar, John A. Magee and Thomas O'Brian, represen Perry county—to carry out the object of con-ceding to Cumberland the Senatorial Delegate, as above first expressed.

HARD CASE .- The free negres recently expelled from Arkansas, have published an appeal to the Christian world to protect them. They say Indiana shuts her doors upon them. Illinois denies prairie homes to them. Orelebating whether or not she shall admit them. Mr. Miller's bill. They complain of being forced into a cold climate suddenly from a warm one, and present contested election case of Allen vs. Donnelly, of Charlemagne were denied the rest of the the year, it is evident some tea is made in the a sad picture of distress that they suffer. If their injudicious friends in the free States had | ting member. The counsel for the contestant let them alone, it is quite likely that they abandoned the case, as he was unable to prove would have been still enjoying their freedom unmolested in the South

CONGRESSIONAL FRACAS IN THE OLDEN TIMES.—The following appeared in a paper of January 23, 1811, from a Washington correspondent:

" As the members were coming out of the Representative Hall, after adjournment, a rather disagreeable fracas took place. Mr. J Randolph was attended by two favorite dogs, who, in their haste to get out, incommoded some of the members, who made some observations on the occasion. Mr. W. Alston, (N that 'puppies were privileged in this place.' Mr. R., conceived this as directed towards shoulders. A scuffle ensued, when friends in-terfered, and they were parted. Some very the affair stands at present.

UNION FESTIVAL .- A Union festival, embraing the Governors, Legislatures, and executive officers of four States, came off in Louisville, with great celat, on the 31st ult. The States represented were as follows: Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The First Congressional District Democratic Convention, Maine, has elected one Administration and one Douglas Delegate to the Charleston Convention.

Cor Gen. Robert Butler died near Tallahas so, Florida, on the 12th ult. He was General Jackson's Assistant and Adjutant General at the battle of New Orleans.

LETTER FROM HARRISBURG.

[Correspondence of the Volunteer.] HARRISBURG, Feb'y. 7, 1860. The Board of Revenue Commissioners met on the 2d inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M., in the Su-

preme Court Room, at this place. Hon. Eli Elifor, State Treasuror, and ex officio President of the Board, took the chair. Jacob Zeigler, Esq., ex-Clerk of the House of Representatives, was unanimously elected Clerk. The remaining officers were balloted for, and George A. C. Seiler and J. M. Steek were elected Assistant Clerks; Herman Field, Sergeant-at-Arms; Samuel Shaeffer, Dorkeeper; and Andrew Krause and Henry Radabaugh, Messengers. Resolutions were adopted allowing each member of the Board two daily newspapers, during its session, and providing for the payment of the members postage by the State. The standing hour of meeting was fixed at 11 o'clock, A. M. Your judicial distriet is represented in this body by JACOB A. CHRISTY, Esq., of Juniata county.

A bill, recently introduced into the House of Representatives, and reported favorably by the Committee on Vice and Immorality, makes the adulteration of liquors a civil offence. Any person who has purchased impure liquor, on proof of the fact before a court and be no discussion when they met here today jury, need not pay for the article. The bill it was strictly on the square that the gent is a good one, and I hope it will become a proposing questions.

Among the important measures now before our Legislature, is a bill introduced by Mr. Dunlap, exempting from sale or execution the questions. comestead of a householder having a family. It exempts from levy for debt a house occupied as a residence, of the value of \$1,000, in addition to what is now exempt by law, and this exemption is to continue after the death of the debtor until the youngest child is twenty-one years old, and the death of the widow. Six jurors, sommoned by the sheriff, are to determine whether the property is more or seized hold of this, and began to lean his less than \$1,000 in value. If any lot or builwhole weight upon it. The elephant, not al- dings have been declared a homestead under the provisions of this act, then it cannot be sold or leased for a longer term than one year. agonist. He raised his great head aloft, and but reserved for the use of the family—unless the wife give a deed, or unless \$1,000 is paid until he almost touched the canvass covering, over for it. to be invested in other property

A correspondent of the Pittsburg Post professes to have gained knowledge of a scheme to anticipate the election of a U.S. Senator in our State Legislature, to supply the place of Governor Bigler, which will be vacant in 1861. The election under the law will not take place till next winter; but this correspondent says that it was concocted at a ban quet to Speaker Lawrence, two weeks since, in Philadelphia, that a bill should be brought in during this session of the Legislature, altering the day of election, so as to make it ing list of general and regimental officers of take place during the present Legislative sesthe military comprised in the Fifteenth Divi- sion. Its passage in both branches is considsion, Pennsylvania Volunteers, which includes | ered certain, and should Governor Packer veto it—as is more than likely—the Republican can carry it through the House by a twothirds vote, and through the Senate also, if they watch their opportunity when the absence of a single Democratic Senator would give them the requisite majority. I hardly think that so high-handed a plot to gain political power will be attempted, even by the reckless majority who now control our Legislature; but should it be tried, and succeed. the flagrancy of the act will recoil with terrible effect upon the perpetrators. The people,

In the Senate, some days ago, Mr. Miller, note nuisance. There is now a law upon the statute-book prohibiting their circulation, but through a blind indifference to their own interests, the people of some counties permit publican party, and closing with an earnes Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusettes, New appeal to the jury to spare the life of the property in the property of the property is the property of the the 30th ult., and elected Mr. Isaac Meck Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusettes, New Representative Delegate to the State Conven- York, and New Jersey to supply them with a currency in the shape of bills, so well worn the Commonwealth. He replied to the inguithat half the time it is impossible to tell what ments of the counsel for the defence with tell. bank they are on, or whether they are counterfeit or genuine. This bill makes it incumbent on every person taking out a license to had been a benefit to the South, as it had sell goods, or to do any kind of business where a license must be taken out, to go before the County Treasurer, and make oath that they will not ress on singulate any hout note. will not pass or circulate any bank-note unany emergency.

The case was submitted to the jury at few
Thoras der five dollars. This is the law in Virginia, and is said to operate well. In every locality where small bills are not taken, the community have specie in abundance, but not so counts in the indictment. where shinplasters are tolerated. The Leggon will not receive them, and Minnesota is islature could not do a better thing than pass

The committee appointed to consider the reported in favor of James Donnelly, the sitthe fraudulent votes alleged in the petition. The annual report of Hon. H. C. Hicock, Superintendent of Common Schools, presents the system of public education adopted by Pennsylvania in a very favorable light. In the whole Commonwealth there are 634,651 children who enjoy the advantages of education five months and nine days in the year, an increase of two and a half days over 1858 umber of teachers, 14,071—divided in 8,431 males, and 5,640 females; the average salary of males \$2436 per month, and of females, \$17 79; amount expended in the whole State on common schools for tuition, fuel, buildings, &c., was \$2,579 975. The amount paid to county superintendents as salaries was \$38,-

840, which Mr. Hicock thinks was a good investment. The competency of the county superintendent is in proportion to the salary paid; in other words, when an inadequate salary is paid, an incompetent officer is generally found, and thus the intention of the law is defeated. At first great opposition was manifested toward the law, but recently all persons who have watched its workings have cause to believe that it is judicious, and does, upon the whole, much good. The commonschool-system of Pennsylvania is now established so firmly and liberally that it is a subject of congratulation for all the people, and particularly those who labored so carnestly in the heat and burden of the day when "the laborers were few." The joint Committee on Public Buildings of

the Legislature met on Friday last, in the Capitol, and elected George W. Boyd, of Har-Flowers fling their wealth upon the va-cant air, and rich men often fling theirs upon in the place of Chambers C. Mullen, whose Iterm of office expired on that day.

Organization of the House,

PENNINGTON ELECTED

Washington, February House.—A motion was made to proceed to a vote, and the House was called. Before the call was completed, Mr. Bocock moved that Mr. Clark (N. Y.,) be excused for non-that the control of th dance. He stated that a number of gentle

men were absent, and that his motive in me king the motion was to give them time to a rive. The question was decided in the negs tive by yeas and nays.
Mr. Bocock moved that all further

dings under the call be dispensed with nded the yeas and nays. Mr. Sherman said these dilatory motion word not in accordance with the agree

ast night.

Mr. Smith, (Virginia,) wished to as question or two of Mr. Morris, (Pa.) Mr. Grow raised a point of order, that M. Bennett, in undertaking to speak for his side of the House yesterday, had said that the Democrats would without debate, consent by the tries. proceed this morning to vote. With this

djourn. Mr. Burnett remarked that when he mad the suggestion he understood there was a got eral acquiescence in it, with the understand ing that before a vote for Speaker, there she be a call of the House.

Mr. Staunton so understood, there sho

Mr. Smith replied that it was because go

tlemen on the Republican side were not enactly on the square, that he wanted to as Mr. Houston said he yesterday express

objected to any such arrangement.

Voice from the Republican side—Nobel ere heard you. Mr. Houston—That was not my fault.

Mr. Morris (Ill.) wished to know whether these remarks were in order if the previous

Mr. John Cochran said that if it was no the general understanding, it was at least the understanding on the Republican side forces senting to an adjournment, and ought to be espected. The House then decided to procecil to a vote.

Mr. Briggs after an explanation, voted for Mr. Pennington, and thus decided the contest. (Applause and hisses.) Whole num ber 230.

Pennington M'Clernand Rest scattering. The Clerk decided Penington elected. (Applause.) (Hisses in

galleries.) Mr. Hineman wished to make a few m marks about the election returns, and was loudly called to order by the Republicanik Messrs. Bocock and Sherman were appointed by the Clerk to conduct the Speaker elect by the chair.

The Trial of Stephens, the Harper's Perry insurgent.

CHARLESTOWN, Va. Feb. 4 .- The trial Stephens progressed yesterday, and a full jury was sworn. The opening speeches the counsel consumed the day.

The Trial Concluded - Verdict of the Jury-Stephens found Guilty on all the Counti-The Counsel indulge in Political discussions CHARLESTOWN, Feb. 4.—The trial of Andw. Stephens, charged with treason, murder onspiracy, was concluded to-day.

No new evidence was adduced. The speeches of the counsel were mostly a political character, discussing the present position of the question between the North and South.

"The Commonwealth made a proposition of the Commonwealth made a proposition of the common that it was

submit the case without argument, but it was declined by the counsel for the defence, we desired to be heard for his client: Mr. Harding made the opening

He denounced as a falsehood and a libel, the ssortion of Brown that he was to received from the laboring classes at Harper's Ferri although sometimes misled, are honest, and He claimed that they were true to the Const Alessinger.

Alessinger.

The following are the names of the Volun
The following are the names of the Voluninvasion as a proof of their fidelity. He cor-cluded with an earnest appeal to the jury of Washington, read in place a bill which, it is devoutly to be wished, will abate the small-bloodthirsty villain and wretch, and worst even than his master, John Brown.

Mr. Sennott for the defence, made an able and eloquent speech, going into a detailed narrative of the rise and progress of the Re-

soner.
Mr. Andrew Hunter closed on the part of ing effect. He had no confidence in the Union meetings which had been held in the North He believed that this invasion of John Brown

o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon. tired, and after fifteen minutes absence, turned with a verdict of guilty on all

The prisoner received the verdict with most perfect indifference, and even appeared to smile at the announcement.

From Kansas and Utah.

LEAVENWORTH, K. T., Feb. 4. The Territorial Legislature has passed at 1 act incorporating the Central Overland Callfornia and Pike's Peak Express Company, being a reorganization of the Pike's Peak Ex press Company, with an increased capital and

wider field of operations.

A bill abolishing slavery has been under consideration, but no definite action has her taken upon it, both branches of the Legist ture being principally engaged with locally islation.

Martin F. Conway, the Congressman under the Wyandotte Constitution, left som days since for Washington, to appear before the Senate's Harper's Ferry Investigating Committee.

Judging from the late adoption of the Wi

indotte Constitution, the general belief is the the project for enlarging the boundaries a Kansas will be voted down by a large major

siderable uneasiness existed among the head of the Church, in consequence of the evidence that a large emigration would take place from the Territory, in spring, to Pike's Peak and Cargon Valley. Carson Valley. Brigham Young strongly poses such emigration.

What did a blind wood-sawyer take restore his sight? He took his horse, and

Were we, in censuring others, only think of our own failings and faults what untimely death would be the lot of Calum

announces, in an Irish paper, that he has a small quantity of the whisky on hand white was drank by George IV when in Dublia "How comes it that your milk is warm this morning, sure?" asked Bridget the milk man. "Don't know, honey," roph the milk vender. "Guess our cows must have got sun struck."

If a man reapeth whatsoever he eth, what a harvest of coats and breeches tailors will have one of these days. Red-haired men ought to make best troops, because they always carry the fire-locks on their shoulders.