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In lieu of the extra copies of FATHER ABRAHAM, offered above as premium, we will furnish, to the getter up of a club of FIFTY subscribers, at club rates, Sartain's celebrated steel-engraved portrait of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, published by Jacob E. Barr, of Lancaster, the price of which is FIVE DOLLARS. For fifteen subscribers, in a package, to one address, at \$1.50 each, we will furnish the engraving.

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TRIBUTE TO THADDEUS STEVENS.

The Governor of Vermont—Mr. Stevens' native State—has officially communicated to Gov. Geary, the following resolutions passed by the Legislature of that State, at its recent session, relative to the death of our late distinguished fellow-citizen and representative, Hon. Thaddeus Stevens:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That so great a loss to the nation as the death of the Honorable Thaddeus Stevens deserves and should receive of the Representatives of the people of his native State, in General Assembly convened, a befitting and appropriate recognition.

Resolved, That we mourn and deeply sympathize with those of his adopted State, whom he so faithfully represented in the councils of our nation, and by whom he was so nobly sustained, in this their great bereavement, and irreparable loss of one so firm, so devoted to the interests, the welfare and the honor of the people.

Resolved, That his patriotism, his devotion to the principles of liberty, justice and equality, his unwavering fidelity to the trusts of his State, and the trusts of the Union, have left an honorable and ineffaceable impression on the pages of history and in the records of a great republic.

Resolved, That we will remember him as a son of Vermont, and will cherish his memory and point with pride to his life as an example of patriotism for ourselves and our posterity.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

STRAW!

TROOPS ARE STILL NEEDED IN THE SOUTHERN STATES," says Gen. Grant in his model annual report. Does any one doubt that means? Let rebels and cut-throats down South weigh these words, and let Northern copperheads and weak-kneed and time-serving Republicans understand that Gen. Grant knows who he is dealing with, and knows what is necessary to secure peace. There can be no mistaking what his course will be.

THE REMEDY. In our last article on "The Republicans of the Democratic counties," we neglected to suggest a proper remedy for the wrongs to which they have so patiently submitted during the last four or five years.

Years ago, before the members of the Legislature agreed to and adopted the present pernicious system of local legislation—leaving all local questions to the members representing the county or district interested, the Republicans of Democratic counties were frequently accommodated. We remember well, seven, eight and nine years ago, Messrs. Lawrence, Palmer and Hiestand, of the Senate, and Messrs. Seltzer, Williston, Kinney and other staunch Republican Representatives of the House, were always ready and willing to take care of our friends in the minority counties.

But, for some years past, under the new system of "local legislation," the rights and interests of our friends in the Democratic counties are entirely neglected, as we have already shown. The remedy, which we desire to suggest for the consideration of our Republican Representatives, is as follows:

That the system of "local legislation" shall not apply to any bills, or measures of a political character, or bearing upon the interests of the Republican party, and in order to ascertain, and be enabled to carry out the will of the Republicans of York, or Berks, or Lehigh, or any other Democratic county, the proposed legislation should first receive the endorsement of the Republican candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives of the district at the last election.

Gen. GRANT'S REPORT. The annual report of Gen. U. S. Grant, as commanding officer of the Armies of the United States, is characteristic of the man—short, sensible, full of force, and to the point. It is herewith subjoined:

THE END OF IT.

Robert Ould—the infamous—made a motion in the U. S. Circuit Court, at Richmond, Va., on Monday, before Judge Chase, to quash the indictment against Jeff. Davis. The motion will no doubt prevail, and the farce will end—for farce it has become, since this same judge has ruled against the test oath to jurors. Who would have thought that this would have all come to pass?

CONGRESS. On Monday next the regular session of Congress meets. We shall keep our readers fully advised of the proceedings.

THE U. S. SENATORSHIP. Without claiming to influence the vote of a single member of the Legislature on the Senatorship, and having no particular individual favorite among those announced as candidates for the honor, we have a word to say as to the kind of a man we want, and if we fail to get such a one, it will be because the thing will have been "set up" otherwise.

First, and above all, we want a REPUBLICAN. Whatever you may do, gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives, give us a Senator whose political sentiments are known among all the people of Pennsylvania, to be REPUBLICAN, of the honest, sincere and radical stamp. We want no more Cowans; we have just won a great REPUBLICAN victory at the ballot-box, and now we have a right to expect and demand that our representatives will follow up our victory by electing a Senator about whose Republicanism no question can be raised.

Money will doubtless be used, or offered, to make votes for the Senatorship, as it is alleged it has been heretofore. Now, if you will sell your votes; if you cannot afford to be honest; if you did spend as much money in securing your election as your salary amounts to, or if even your family at home is very poor and in need of bread-and-butter, do, we beseech you, sell out—if sell you must—on some other question than the Senatorship.

Notwithstanding the grand Republican victory just won, and the final settlement of our national affairs which it has already assured, we must not ignore the fact that the old enemy is yet alive, and preparing again to organize and rally his forces—the grand army of New York burglars, prize-fighters, shoulder-bitters, pick-pockets, big thieves and little thieves, black-legs, keepers of rum-mills and dance-houses, confidence-men, lottery swindlers, bunners, perjurers, jail-birds and subjects of the devil generally.

A DEMOCRATIC SAINT. The "Democrat," published by the notorious "Brick" Pomeroy, at New York, is the recognized organ of this party, from the last number of which we extract the following:

GOING—GONE! It is a gratifying fact that the recreants remaining in the U. S. Senate are gradually and surely meeting their fate. Doolittle and Dixon will go into retirement on the 4th of March. Cowan is already there, and A. J. the prince of traitors, will, also, retire to his deserved oblivion on the 4th of March, together with the miserable hangers on in and out of the Cabinet.

A SURE THING. The Pittsburg Gazette says, what every reader knows to be true, that where the journals of Pennsylvania record the arrest of a thief or burglar, and the capture of his "tools," the kit comprises not only the regular appliances of the rascally trade, but a batch of the Snowden naturalization papers. Can anybody account for this?

GRANT AND COLFAX ELECTED. On Wednesday last, the Presidential Electors chosen by the people, met at the Capitol, in each State, and cast their votes for President and Vice President.

THE PHILADELPHIA MURDER. Some of the particulars of the murder of Mrs. Mary E. Hill, at Philadelphia, were published in our last week's issue. Additional particulars were obtained at the examination by the coroner, from which it appeared that her son-in-law, George S. Twitchel, Jr., induced her to buy the house she lived in.

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County Commissioners, the Grand Jury and the Judges of the court are all at Loggheards about the proposed new Poor House, and the Inquirer also pitches in. Location and cost are the points at issue.

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Local News.

IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING LAW-SUIT: Great interest has been felt for some days in the important law-suit of Merritt Smith, of York county vs. the Lancaster County National Bank, which was before our Court last week. The facts of the case, as we glean them from the evidence were as follows: