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Father Abraham.

INDEPENDENT AND PROGRESSIVE.

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NO FORESTALLING!—The Republican U. S. Senators held a caucus on Friday last, and resolved by a very large majority not to confirm any more of A. J.'s nominations, except to fill vacancies, and then only when it is absolutely necessary. This upsets several nice little "arrangements."

"VENTILATION"—"HANGERS ON!"

The paragon of purity, who does the dirty work of the chief of the Thugs, talks about "*Hangers On*," and "*Ventilation*." Every body knows the man — he was County Treasurer—made a bargain with a widow lady, and violated it, of course—did other *queer* things—was a "Hanger On" about the State Capitol"—hotel, often last winter, *generally at night, &c., &c.* Well, "ventilate!" That's what we are doing now. The self-important, egostistical great man—great in body, but small in principle—wanted to go to Congress last fall, and was repudiated—spewed up—as too big a dose! Yes, "VENTILATE."

A RIP VAN WINKLE!

"It is also to be taken into account that this law of 1868 *reduced the pay of all the employees of the two Houses*, and will, if left alone, work a saving of many thousands to the State. Instead of being abused, as the Republican members of the Legislature have been, for adhering to this law, they deserve much credit for its passage, originally, and for their present persistence in its enforcement."—*Pittsburg Gazette.*

Has the editor of the Gazette been asleep? Does he not know that the House at Harrisburg, will not let the law of 1868 alone? Does he not know that it has appointed *twenty-seven* additional officers, in defiance of the law? For further information we refer him to an editorial in the Pittsburg *Commercial* of Saturday last. Wake up, man!

THE CAMPAIGN OF 1869.

A meeting of the Republican State Committee has been called by Hon. G. A. Grow, the Chairman, to be held at Harrisburg on the 4th of February, next Thursday, for the purpose of fixing the time and place for the holding of the next State Convention, to nominate candidates for Governor and Judges of the Supreme Court.

That Governor Geary will be nominated for re-election there seems to be but little doubt, and the nomination of Judge Williams, who was cheated out of his election in 1867, by Copperhaad frauds in Philadelphia, chiefly, is equally certain. Yet the holding of the Convention at an early day seems to be a necessity for other reasons. An early opening of the campaign will enable the Republicans everywhere to get rid of the plunderers at Harrisburg, and the nomination of good and honest men to represent them in the next Legislature.

THE PASTER AND FOLDER MUDDLE.—The muddle of the Paster and Folder "humbug" at Harrisburg, still agitates some portion of the sensational press. The whole thing is a farce, and is so regarded by respectable men of all parties at Harrisburg. We have been promised a full and complete "history" of the whole affair, and shall publish it as soon as received. In the meantime the public would do well not to be misled by the old, but well nigh exploded, cry of "stop thief."—*Lancaster Examiner.*

Jack is evidently trying to get "our fellers" out of a scrape by raising a horse laugh. It won't do Jack. Pronouncing the facts and figures presented a "humbug" and "a farce," will not wipe out the stubborn truth that "our fellers" have openly and squarely identified themselves with the Treasury plunderers, and no meaningless threat of a forthcoming "history," or any thing of that sort, can make any thing out of the "pasting and folding muddle," than simply getting money out of the State Treasury by fraud, quite as notorious as the mileage grab of Andy Armstrong, or the Illyus haul at Fiddler's Green. And who do you mean, Jack, by "respectable men of all parties at Harrisburg?" Do you mean the Senators, who voted against the robbery scheme, or do you merely mean "your fellers" in the House, who voted for it? Always state what you mean in full, Jack.

THE STATE TREASURER.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, writing from Harrisburg, referring to the election of State Treasurer, says:

"Three Republican Senators—Messrs. Morrow B. Lowry, of Erie; E. Billingfelt and Gen. Fisher, of Lancaster—refused to vote for the nominee of the caucus. They made no public expression of opinion, and gave no public reasons for their course, but it is understood that they were guided by a stern sense of propriety in *refusing*, at the behest of a certain well-known politician of this State, to displace from office the present State Treasurer, who has ably fulfilled his duties. The bold and independent course taken by these three Senators has excited much favorable comment."

DEMOCRATS BOUGHT AND SOLD.

The Columbia *Herald*, (Cop.) begins to find out that even democratic members of the Legislature can be bribed:

"Where were Beard, Breen, Brobst, Creitz, Fogel, Kase, Nelson, Neil, Playford, Place and Stout, Democratic members of the House, when the vote was taken upon the passage of the first section of the bill extending the term of the Receiver of Taxes? Is it possible that they have played us false—for a consideration? Is it possible that they have sold their party and their honor for a bribe? We hope that it is not so, but appearances are against them. Let us have light."

That's right neighbor—keep a sharp eye on "your fellers," for they are very hungry, and cold, and demoralized, and need close watching.

THE REPUBLICAN PRESS ON TREASURY THIEVES.

With the exception of those who merely represent certain factions or individual treasury plunderers, the Republican papers of the State are very emphatic in their denunciation, of the pasting and folding swindle, which the corruptionists of the House of Representatives have determined to carry out. As they are trying to rob the Treasury by an open disregard of law, and in defiance of an honest Republican Senate and Governor, the party cannot, and will not be held responsible for the outrage in question. From our Republican exchanges we extract the following:

"It is said as an excuse for the swindle that 'no man outside of the Legislature has an idea of the number of documents that go away,' &c. But, Rauch & Cochran had an idea. They are well acquainted with everything relating to the subject, and be the number of documents small or great, they offered to give abundant security to do the whole work in the House for $5,000 or $7,000 for the House and Senate. To defend the majority of the House, therefore, upon the ground of the magnitude of the work, is a contemptible subterfuge."—*Lancaster Express.*

"The members of the Legislature perhaps think that they can do as they please in regard to squandering the money paid by the tax-payers. They can, too, while their terms last; but when those who vote in favor of such measures go home, *they go to stay.*"—*Lewisburg Chronicle.*

"This was a most remarkable bid on the part of these gentlemen, Rauch & Cochran, when it is known that this work last year, *in the House alone*, cost $37,000. Gentlemen of the Legislature! be careful as to what kind of a record you make for yourselves. Drive slow. Be warned!"—*Bedford County Press.*

"Notwithstanding the fact that all over this broad commonwealth, the people, irrespective of party, raise their voices in favor of retrenchment and reform, the House last night again passed a resolution authorizing the appointment of twenty-seven additional officers."—*Harrisburg cor. of Lanc. Examiner.*

The Lower House at Harrisburg has made haste to pass a resolution to appoint an additional corps of employees or officers, twenty-seven in number. * * The members were elected upon a distinctly understood platform of economy and retrenchment. If they do not intend, or cannot carry out the implied pledge of their acceptance of office, they had better resign."—*Philadelphia Press.*

"Fifty-one hangers-on now to be provided for at Harrisburg! In the name of Republicanism we protest against such proceedings. We implore Republicans to remember their pledges. If we cannot have right done for the sake of right, and because it is right, let us have it done because it is good policy."—*Bedford Inquirer.*

"Is the Legislature become an institution mainly to supply bummers and political barnacle with an easy and comfortable subsistences? * * In the name of decency and fairness and honesty, we ask the members to conduct this session on principles of economy, and turn out these big, brawny paste-stickers for such as are willing to do the work at reasonable rates."—*Chambersburg Repository.*

"If it is meant by this action on the part of the Legislature to turn the pasting and folding department into an asylum for superannuated and disabled lobbyists, by all means let us know it. Charity should not be disguised under fictitious names."—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

"The swindle about the pasters and folders will enter into the merits of the next election, and these four gentlemen (members from Lancaster county) will have an account to settle before they are much older."—*Columbia Spy.*

"The pasting and folding job is one of the most palpable cases of official disregard of the public interest that we have ever witnessed, and we are glad to see that four-fifths of the Republican papers throughout the whole State are entering solemn protests against the action of their members on said question."—*Beaver Argus.*

"Considerable indignation exists among the advocates of economy at the passage of the resolution increasing the number of House employees. The corruptionists are perfectly desperate."—*Phila. Evening Bulletin.*

"Our Legislators, with an eye to re-election, must provide for needy friends, regardless of the interests of the tax-payer. But this pasting and folding corruption must stop."—*Kittanning Free Press.*

"It won't do, gentlemen. The tax-payers are too sharp to be bamboozled as easily as you think. It is well known that Messrs. Rauch & Cochran proffered to do the pasting and folding for $5,000, and give security for its faithful performance, and a saving of thirty or forty thousand dollars is of some consequence."—*Monongahela City Republican.*

"The members of the Legislature should bear in mind that the people demand economy, and if the present members fail to meet the expectation of their constituents, they will stand but a poor chance of returning to the State Capital."—*Indiana Messenger.*

"This reckless expenditure of the public money is simply dishonest. If Republican members have neither the good of the State nor their party at heart, they may take part in such extravagance while they have the opportunity, but, we are greatly mistaken if they do not find themselves at home as soon as possible, covered with '*odium theologicam*,' at least with the '*odium' legistatolem.*"—*Ebensburg Alleghenian.*

"The House decided to create twenty-seven new officers. When the very liberal gentlemen composing this body come to face their constituents at the next nominating conventions, they had better be prepared with good reasons for what most folks will consider little better than petit larceny."—*Somerset Whig.*

"The members of the Legislature at Harrisburg affect to close their eyes to the indignation expressed by the Republican journals of the State at their extravagance, and say only a few disappointed Republicans talk reform to them. Nearly every prominent, respectable Republican paper in the State has denounced, in good, round terms, the pasting and folding swindle."—*Pittsburg Commercial.*

"In electing Grant to the Presidency the Republicans had retrenchment and reform distinctly in view; and all in authority who depart from this line must prepare to take back seats. * * We must make yearlings of those who furnished this additional number (27) of *pigs with teats.*"—*Greensburg Herald.*

"What is wanted to reform these unscrupulous Legislators, is stiff, moral, unyielding back-bone on the part of the men who *say* they are for the people."—*Washington Reporter.*

"This multiplication of the number of officers of the Legislature is also permitted in the face of a proposition from private parties to do for seven thousand the services allotted to these supernumeraries for which they will be paid about fifty thousand dollars. The scheme of robbing the Treasury was rushed through by a vote of 62 to 29."—*Scranton Republican.*

"It is time for members to stop doing "dirty work" at Harrisburg. We will not permit the Republican party to be sacrificed by corrupt members without exposing them. The only way to keep a party up to its duty is for the independent press of that party to denounce such conduct at once."—*Miners' Journal.*

"We regret to see that the present Legislature is disposed to brave public sentiment, by reckless extravagance. * * We should like to see the yeas and nays, and know to whom we are indebted for the passage of recent legislation which has awakened much comment throughout the State. We want no more of such legislation, and the people of this section will be pleased to know the men who are responsible for the passage of such legislation."—*Germantown Telegraph.*

"The election of twenty-seven additional pasters and folders is an unblushing fraud upon the tax-payers."—*Meadville Republican.*

"The difference between *five* thousand and *thirty-seven* thousand dollars in the cost of pasting and folding represents the amount of which the public are 'skinned.'"—*Armstrong Republican.*

"Let the new leeches on the Treasury described and paid as gentlemen-in-waiting on the respective members who secure their luxurious attendance, and not be smuggled through appropriation bills and auditor's reports as door-keepers and messengers, pasters and folders. * * The time is coming when no party of extravagance can be maintained in this country, and no more inopportune moment than the present could have been chosen for the creation of twenty-seven new unnecessary offices."—*Evening Telegraph.*

"Mr. Robinson, in voting against the resolution increasing the number of pasters and folders, simply did his duty to his party, and has expressed the wishes of the people of Blair county."—*Blair County Sentinel.*

"The House, not satisfied with ignoring the economical propositions laid before it, have ventured to increase the horde of hangers-on about the Capitol. The Democratic members, with shrewd foresight, compelled the Republicans to shoulder the whole burthen of this iniquity and wrong. With such evidence of prostitution, is it any wonder that virtue and integrity are accounted as of trivial importance in Legislative circles."—*Indiana Register.*

"Foiled in the attempt to repeal the law, the House has taken upon itself to disregard it, and has assumed the broad ground that it *can*, in defiance of law, appoint a hundred pasters and folders, or as many as they please. * * Now let the people judge between the Senate and the House."—*West Chester Village Record.*

"Gentlemen of the Legislature, this reform must be made. The public eye was never on the Legislature as it is now, and the member who proves faithless to the economical demand of the Republican party will be remembered in his future political aspirations."—*Lebanon Courier.*

"In our State Legislature we see some Republican members openly repudiate all attempts to enforce economy in public expenditures. The people are marking the unfaithful and consigning them to their political graves."—*Lehigh Register.*

"It is no agreeable duty to find fault with the actions of our own party members of the Legislature, but in this instance (appointment of additional pasters and folders) silence on the part of the honest public press would be making itself simply a party to the gross outrage upon the tax-paying community."—*Norristown Herald.*

We might give many more extracts of the same sort. But, the above are quite sufficient to show that the Republican Press of the State is squarely on the side of the people, and against the corruptionists, bummers and treasury robbers, who, strange to say, appears to have controlling influence in the Lower House.

One question for "Jolly Jack" to answer. Are the above extracts from "respectable" or mere "sensational" papers?

THE SECRET CALCULATION.

As the organs of the State Treasury plunderers have ventured to deny that the pasting and folding for the two Houses at Harrisburg can be done for the amount of our offer—$7,000, we will state the figures upon which our offer was based:

Documents to fold and put in wrappers, each day, average:

For House of Representatives	4,500
For Senate, say	1,500
	6,000

To do this work, we would have employed:

Eight men, at $3 per day	$24.0
One foreman, at $4 per day	4.00
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	$28.00

During the session, say 90 working days, amounting to $2,520.00. Leaving the handsome "margin" of $4,480.00 for the benefit of the contractors. And to prove that the above figures are entirely safe, we need only add, what no respectable printer or book-binder will deny that they are much higher, than was ever paid by any printer in the country for the same amount of work. During the late campaign we folded, packed *and addressed*, over ten thousand copies of FATHER ABRAHAM, once every week. To do this work each time, we employed four boys and three men about eight hours.

FACTS AND FIGURES!

There are just four papers claiming to be Republican who are reckless enough to uphold and defend the notorious Treasury robbers, who figure at Harrisburg in the capacity of Representatives. One of these, the *Inquirer* of this city, makes some very daring assertions, to which we refer in another column. To answer the sore-headed editor more fully we give the official figures of the cost of pasting and folding from 1861 to 1868, inclusive, for the House of Representatives:

1861,	$ 6,449.55
1862,	6,605.80
1863,	8,445.05
1864,	11,964.50
1865,	12,070.50
1866,	14,410.50
1867,	20,612.10
1868,	37,723.10

During the sessions of 1861 and 1862, Mr. E. H. Rauch was Clerk of the House, and as such, disbursed the above sums. Then the pasters and folders were appointed by the Clerk, and their pay fixed by the appropriation bill. Now they are put on "the slate" by the caucus. The sum expended for this item, by Mr. Rauch, (which was much too high) was $6,449.55 in 1861, and $6,605.80 in 1862. But, that he spent more money then the work was worth, was the fault of the members, who virtually *forced* some half a dozen needless pasters and folders upon him, and the appropriation bill which fixed their pay. We mention this fact to show up the entire falsity of the plunderer's organ of this city, as it clearly proves that Rauch & Cochran, are not only able to do the work as proposed, but make fully one hundred per cent. profit, and yet pay more liberal wages than ever was paid any employees of the paper referred to.

"PASTERS AND FOLDERS"

The Organ Grinder.

As friends of fair play, we cheerfully make room for what the organ of the corruptionists have to say. So far, we know only one paper in all Pennsylvania has sufficient pluck to take that side of the treasury-robbing and plundering system in question. We refer to the Lancaster *Inquirer*. From its leading article of Saturday last, we extract the following:

"We think the members acted wisely in the course they did upon this question we are not prepared to say. The question is one in which we are somewhat in the dark. We have been told by members of that body who profess to be fully posted in the matter, that the parties who made the bid, that the work cannot be done for the amount specified, and that Rauch & Cochran had not the slightest idea that they could do it for that sum when they made the bid. They have been for years, 'hangers on' about the State Capitol, and know full well that it is seldom that men are held to their contracts in doing public work? * * One thing seems to be pretty well settled—that any judgment in the matter based upon the assumption that the party in question would have carried out their offer in good faith, *without asking for additional compensation*, does not agree with certain well known facts in the history of the two men that will be probably ventilated in the course of the investigation."

For want of better game we must, for once, honor this organ of the Thugs and Treasury robbers, with a brief reply:

The "great defeated," who grinds the organ of the robbers aforesaid, just according to the winding up he receives from time to time, knows that the work in question *can* be done for the amount specified. There is no occasion for multiplying words on this point, as we offered ample security for a faithful performance of the duty on our part. The organ's assertion, therefore, that we would have asked for additional compensation is simply contemptible and cowardly.

The people will not fail to understand the jesuitical sophistry of the organ grinder of the public plunderers. And the editor, it seems, "knows something of the parties that made the bid." Well, then, suppose you just pitch in, and tell all you know about them—politically, personally or what you please. Don't *insinuate*, for that's cowardly, but, talk right out, like a man. If necessary to help your cause, take a wide range. And to help you along—to put you on the track—we will state that the senior editor of FATHER ABRAHAM, Mr. E. H. Rauch, was clerk of the House of Representatives during the sessions of 1860-'61, and until near the close of the session of 1862, when he relinquished the position and proceeded to the south side of the Potomac as a line officer of Infantry. Now, if the chief of Thuggery, his organ grinder. or any one of his lick-spittles, knows anything that can in the least tend to question his integrity as an officer, then please state it.

The junior editor of FATHER ABRAHAM, Mr. Thos. B. Cochran, pursued his business as a reporter for five sessions, in the employ of George Bergner, Esq., and he, too, is ready for the "ventilation." It is just because we were engaged about the Capitol at Harrisburg, and know all about the pasting and folding, that we offered to do the work for one-fourth the amount which the corruptionists have determined to steal from of the Treasury. Yes, we are ready for the ventilation, thorough and complete on all sides.

One word more. During the sessions of 1860 and 1861, when Mr. Rauch was Clerk of the House, pasting and folding was simply labor, at $3 a day, and the men were employed or appointed by the clerk, and although the sum then expended for this work was larger than it should have been, owing to the large number that were almost forced upon him by members—in all fifteen—which was about twice as many as were needed—the expenses did not exceed $6500. The clerk then repeatedly suggested the contract system as most economical and in every respect satisfactory.

But, hurry up the ventilation. We warn the proprietor of the State Capitol Hotel to open his windows and doors. But, lock the bar and put the key in your pocket! Let us have the ventilation!

THE CITY OF READING.

The Republicans of the city of Reading have nominated a ticket, which ought to be, and, if but an ordinary effort be made, will be triumphantly elected next month. The nominee for Mayor, Hon. J. Pringle Jones, formerly President Judge of the Courts of Berks county, is unquestionably one of the fittest men that could possibly have been selected, and if chosen, will reflect much honor upon the third city in the State. Col. William F. Walter, the candidate for Treasurer, is also a gentleman of very superior business qualifications, and well deserves the position on account of his faithful services in the field. The several ward nominations are also excellent, and calculated to poll a full vote. If every Republican will do his duty, there will be a clean Republican victory—Mayor, Treasurer, Auditor, Councils and all.

A KNOW SOMETHING EDITOR.

The proprietor of the Crawford *Journal* must be a paster and folder. In an ably written leader on the all-important subject of paste, he sticks his readers as follows:

"As the members (of the Legislature) *have to pay postage*, and, in many instances, for the documents——"

But, that's enough. He knows as much as any new member already. An ex-post master of Harrisburg, even says "that's true to the very letter!"

OUR HARRISBURG LETTER.

Philadelphia Receiver of Taxes—Income Advertisements—Obscene Advertisements—The Registry Bill—The Weaver Reform Commission—The Judge Hunter Test Case—Governor Geary's Health—Senator Lowry Recovering—The Twenty-Seven—The City Bill—Notaries Public, &c., &c.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 26th, 1869.

DEAR FATHER ABRAHAM: The bill to set aside the return of the late election for Receiver of Taxes in Philadelphia, and to continue in office Mr. Peltz, the present incumbent, until the matter has been decided by the Courts, went through many curious changes during the past week, and finally resulted in the defeat of the measure.

On Friday last, it happened that three Republican Senators were necessarily absent from Harrisburg, and the Democrats, taking advantage of this circumstance, left the Senate Chamber in a body, and no quorum could be gathered together. To be effective, the bill, it was well known, must pass last week, and great efforts were made to secure a quorum for Saturday's session. Telegrams were despatched and messages sent after the absent Republicans, but Saturday morning came and still no quorum. The Democrats accomplished their purpose, and the new Receiver stepped into his office yesterday. The question of the legality of the election is in litigation in the Philadelphia Courts at the present time, and doubtless justice will eventually be meted out.

In the Senate to-day a large number of bills were read in place, among the number one by Senator Wallace, to prevent and punish the publication of obscene advertisements and the sale of noxious medicines. These advertisements have become a source of revenue to some newspaper men, who permit anything to appear in their papers that brings in the "dimes," without regard to the morals or sensibilities of their readers. It is high time some steps were taken to restrict or prohibit altogether their publication, as no good can ensue, and much harm may result.

I have not had any opportunity to examine the provisions of the Registry Bill introduced some days ago by Senator Taylor, of Beaver county. It is said to contain all the good features of last year's act, and is in many respects an improvement. All who have seen it express themselves in its favor, but it will soon be reported from the Committee and placed before the public, when they can judge of it for themselves.

Mr. Beck's resolution, introduced last week, requiring a report setting forth the names of the employees of the Senate and House of Representatives of last session, together with the pay they received, elicited a warm and lengthy discussion, and was finally referred to the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, of which Mr. Billingfelt is Chairman. That gentleman is *known* as one of the strongest advocates of Reform, and there is no doubt that this subject will be fully ventilated. Let it come. The people want to be enlightened.

The matter of the contested election between Wm. L. Hirst, (Democrat,) and Judge J. I. Clarke Hare, (Republican,) has wound up very satisfactorily to the friends of the latter gentleman. At a meeting of the joint Committee appointed to receive testimony and report thereon, held last week, Mr. Stinson, the Chairman, read a letter from Mr. Hirst, the contestant, stating that, discovering a miscount of sixty votes in the Fifteenth ward, which should have been given to the credit of Mr. Hare, he desired to withdraw from the contest, and recommended that the election of the sitting Judge be affirmed. On consultation, the committee unanimously agreed to so report. The reports were presented to each House, and agreed to.

Gov. Geary, who has been confined to his room for some days, is gradually convalescing, and expects to be at his department to-morrow or the day following.

Senator Lowlry, who had a slight stroke of apoplexy, is rapidly recovering, and will be in his seat in a few days.

But few of the twenty-seven additional officers appointed by *by act of the House* last week, can be prevailed upon to take their places. They are not satisfied in regard to their pay; and no wonder, for, in accordance with the prevailing custom here, several have already called on the State Treasurer for an "advance," but he has promptly (and very properly, too,) refused to grant it until the legality of their appointment is satisfactorily ascertained. The members, too, are in a dilemma. They held a caucus this evening for the purpose, it is said, of "considering over the matter," and if possible retrace, in part, their steps by reducing the number of additional officers below twenty-seven. They find they have merited the indignation of their outraged constituents, and if it were not too late many would gladly reconsider their late action. The meeting lasted but a short time, and there was an evident desire on the part of some to "flinch," but it was finally determined upon to abide by what they had already done. Both your Senators declare that they will vote against the general appropriation bill, should an effort be made to provide therein for their pay.

Senator Fisher, who has charge of it, does not heartily support your city charter bill, and it *may* fail to pass—at all events, there will be no haste in passing it. He reported it this morning from his Judiciary Committee, and it is now in the hands of the State printer. Your citizens will shortly have a chance to examine it, section by section. If Senator Fisher can be satisfied that they are really anxious to have it passed, of course he will endeavor to carry out their wishes. But at the present time he is certainly averse to hurrying it through. The same Senator had passed a bill through the Senate changing the city charter so as to allow a county officer to hold a seat in City Councils and the School Board. It awaits the action of the other branch. An act authorizing the Columbia Water Company to borrow money passed the Senate to-day.

Nothing of interest has transpired in the House. Its session to-day was devoted to the consideration of the private calendar, on which are the titles of one hundred and seven bills, of which number, the following, already passed the Senate, came up for action in the House, and were disposed of as stated:

"An act to extend the provisions of the second section of an act, entitled 'An act relative to the appointment of an additional notary public in the county of Lancaster, and authorizing an acting justice of the peace to hold said appointment,' the township of Warwick, in the county of Lancaster." Passed finally.

"An act authorizing the Governor to appoint additional notaries public in the city of Philadelphia, and in the counties of Lancaster, Erie and Somerset." Objected to by Mr. Hopkins, and laid over for one week. Z.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 27th, 1869.

MESSRS. EDITORS: The course pursued by your paper in exposing the useless extravagance of the peoples' money in the pasting and folding department of the House, has led to the introduction of several radical reformatory measures. This morning, Gen. White, of Indiana, introduced the following resolution, which passed the Senate without a dissenting voice:

Resolved, That the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform be and are hereby instructed to examine and inquire into the manner of conducting the business of the several departments of the State Government, with a view to ascertain if the expenses of administration cannot be reduced, and report to the Senate by bill or otherwise.

This will be the most important work of the session, as the result will show. The committee is composed of Messrs Billingfelt, (chairman) Errett, Davis, White and Miller. Z.

STATE NEWS.

CENTER COUNTY.—A child of Daniel Shuey, of Harris twp., eighteen months old, was burned to death last week, by its clothing taking fire accidentally.....A cow, at Bellefonte, last week, yielded nine pounds of butter and milk enough for several families.....Prices at Bellefonte—potatoes, $1.25; eggs, 25@30c; butter, 45c; live chickens, each, 40@50c; live turkeys, $1.75.

ADAMS COUNTY.—Fred. Douglas lectured in the Gettysburg Agricultural Hall on Monday evening.....A hotel company, chartered by the Legislature, has just been organized to erect a hotel at Lithea Springs, 320 feet by 44 feet, with a wing 110 by 44 feet; three stories high, with French roof, and to be built of brown sandstone, found on the ground.

CHESTER COUNTY.—An eagle was shot on Sunday, in East Pikeland, which measured seven feet three inches across the wing.....A house belonging to the estate of Jesse Evanson, deceased, in Kennett township, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday night. Loss $1000.....On Thursday morning of last week, the stable of John White, of East Fallowfield, was destroyed by fire.....A mad dog passed through Newtown on Tuesday of last week, and bit a number of dogs.....Chicken thieves operating in various parts of the county.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.—Mr. David Low, his wife and Miss Cornman, whilst driving homeward, in North Middleton township, on Sunday the 17th, met with a break down and runaway, and Mrs. Low was severely injured.....On the 17th ult., Mrs. Leeds fell on the icy pavement, in Carlisle, and dislocated her hip, and Mrs. Carey W. Ahl, a few days before by a similar accident broke her arm.....The Good Templars of Carlisle, will hold their 5th anniversary in Rheem's Hall, on next Monday evening, Feb. 1st.....Prices at Carlisle—Butter, 30c; eggs, 25c; lard, 16c.

LUZERNE COUNTY.—Matthew Farland's dwelling, in Scranton, was destroyed by fire on Monday morning of last week.....Richard Turner, aged sixteen years, fell from a car at the head of plane No. 2, D. & H. R. R., and was injured fatally, causing death in a few days..... The wife of Daniel Taye was instantly killed, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, whilst on her return from Dunmore, walking on the railroad track with her little daughter. She attempted to step to one side to get out of the way of an approaching train, when she slipped and fell, and the entire train passed over her, literally tearing her to pieces.

BERKS COUNTY.—Lewis Lynch, formerly telegraph operator at Lyons Station, was arrested at Carlisle recently, on a charge of embezzlement, and delivered over to officer Lyon, of Berks county....Dr. E. Hottenstein has been elected President of the County Medical Society, and Dr. W. Murray Weidman, Secretary.....A man named Burns, from New York, a few evenings back, purchased some papers in Strickland's Book Store, Reading, and left his pocket-book lay on the counter, and after he had left, enquiry was made but no one claimed it. In a few minutes after a man came in and claimed it, when it was given to him. The contents of the pocket-book was $60, and Mr. Burns offers $25 for the detection of the swindler who called and obtained it under pretense of being the owner.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.—Leach's Tannery, Greenville, was entered by burglars and several hundred dollars' worth of leather carried off.....Mrs. Asa Litchfield, of Beaver township, had her leg broken by a fall as she was entering her house a few days ago.....A church in the vicinity of Conneautville was entered on Saturday night, 16th inst., and the wine prepared for communion was heavily drugged with a powerful emetic. The wine was used and the effect produced upon the communicants can be imagined. The perpetrator of the dirty trick is unknown.....The St. Bridget's Academy, at Titusville, was destroyed by fire on the 14th inst. Loss $10,000.....On Sunday evening before last the store of S. C. Stratton & Co., in Linesville, was entered by means of false keys, and upwards of $000.00 taken from the safe.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.—The leading dentists of Franklin and adjoining counties, having entered into an organization, auxiliary to the State Dental Society, last October, held an interesting meeting on the 19th inst., at Chambersburg.....On Thursday morning last, Andrew Dalrymple, Postmaster at Brown's Mills, left for parts unknown. Before leaving he gave a letter to be delivered to a gentleman who was on his bond for the faithful performance of his duties. He had told his wife that he was going to Chambersburg and would return in the evening. His bondsman had read the letter, and learned from its contents that he was in for about $500. The defaulter stated that he was sorry there was such a deficiency, but said that he did not see any relief except in his paying the money. The whole transaction is about the coolest piece of rascality we