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#### MARCHING ON!

paid in advance.

At the special election held in the 8th Indiana District, on Monday last, for a member of Congress, in place of Hon, D. D. Pratt, elected to the U.S. Senate, Hon. J. N. Tyner, Republican, was elected by a largely increased majority, over his Copperhead opponent.

#### WRONG-DECIDEDLY.

The Columbia Spy calls the pasters and folders at Harrisburg a "corrupt crew," and says they have been "lounging and sponging about the capitol." Now, we submit that they are not to blame. They wouldn't have been there, if "the members" had not taken them. Certainly, the Spy has "the wrong sow by the ear." Then to intimate that "the members' are trying to "use the pasters and folders as a means of obtaining money from the treasury to be divided between them and the members themselves," is perfectly awful!

#### LOOK TO THE SENATE!

The House of Representatives, at Harrisburg, has at last began to show signs of relenting, by adopting a resolution dismissing the illegal supernumeraries. But in doing so it framed the resolution so as to legalize their appointment and authorize the paying of them out of the State Treasury. It rests now with the Senate to decide whether the outrageous transaction of pensioning these twenty-seven men shall be endorsed, and the scheme even in part, succeed. It is not forgotten that these men were employed by the House, in the face of the law of last session, limiting the number to thirty-four, and also in the face of the fact that the Senate refused to pass the resolution of the House. at the commencement of the session, authorizing their appointment, and by this action represented truly the wishes of the Republicans of the State. Will the Senate recede? Why should it?

We charged time and again that the reason why the number of employees were increased by the House, at Harrisburg, was not because they were necessary, but because every member wanted his man. to redeem promises made when they were candidates. Mr. Strang, of Tioga, has been very persistent in saying that they were necessary, until last week, when he came down handsomely as follows: He said: "Sixty-one might be half a dozen more than were actually necessary for a rigidly economical administration of the House. But how was each man in the House to have one appointment? This was necessary to have harmony." A more shameless avowal was probably never made; but this is a specimen of the arguments made use of to sustain the act of extravagance.

# BOW THEY LIE!

A respectable colored man of Washington, addressed a note to Mayor Bowen, the chairman of the committee on the sale of tickets for the Inauguration · Ball, asking whether any distinction on account of color is to be made in the sale of tickets. The Intelligencer could not help lying about it, and says, in Monday's issue, that Mayor Bowen, has addressed him a reply in which he says that "any person of respectability will be admitted to the ball, without respect to color."

Now, Mayor Bowen said no such thing,

but replied that

"Any person of respectable character and standing in this community, who applies and pays for a ticket to the Inauguration Ball, to be held in the north wing of the Treasury Department, will not be denied, at least so far as my action is concerned. The question of color never having arisen in the committee, I cannot of course decide for them." but replied that cannot of course decide for them."

Who will not agree to give the palm for wilful, deliberate and premeditated lying to the pair of worthies-"Socky" Smith and Andrew Jackass Steinman-who edit the Lancaster Intelligencer?

THE STATE COMMITTEE of the Demo-cratic party of Pennsylvania, "Coffee-Pot" Wallace, Chairman, has been called to meet at Harrisburg on Tuesday, March 30th, to fix the time and place for holding the next Democratic State Convention to nominate candidates for Governor and Judge of the Supreme Court, to be defeated on the second Tuesday of October

#### MAN OR MONKEY!

People are not troubled in the least to know which is man or monkey of the Thug organ. The monkey sticks out so plainly that it requires no zoologist to bring his science into requisition to decide the question. One of them has performed "on the street corners" in a way that would disgrace a monkey. Do you want to know how?

#### A GOOD ONE.

Somebody has perpetrated the following decidedly good thing on the senior editor of FATHER ABRAHAM, and his esteemed old friend, George Brubaker, Esq., now the learned District Attorney of this county, and as it appeared only in a paper published at Manheim, we trust our readers will not deem it egotistical on our part for giving the story the benefit of our extensive circulation. It is too good to be lost. Here it is:

"Some years ago, when Geo. Brubaker was Register of this county, he employed this same Rauch, editor of FATHER ABRAHAM, same itauen, editor of FATHER ABRAHAM, as his clerk, at a salary of five hundred dol-lars per annum, and after being in his office three years, and taking in all the fees for Bru-baker, he keeps an account of all the illegal, fees he charged in the absence of George, and when Brubaker's term expired Rauch boldly demanded half of the amount illegally col-lected, otherwise he threatened to prosecute. lected, otherwise he threatened to prosecute his employer for misdemeanor in office. We are told that Brubaker had to divide in order to silence his former clerk. Now this gentle-man, Rauch, wishes to be the model reformer in the Folder and Paste Department at Harrisburg.

(Lancaster Inquirer please copy.)

### ROMAN CATHOLICS IN OFFICE.

A late number of the New York Herald publishes the following list of public offices, by far the most lucrative, held by Roman Catholics in that city: High Sheriff, Register, Comptroller, City Chamberlain, Corporation Counsel, Police Commissioner, President of the Board of Water Works, President of the Board of Aldermen, President of the Board of Councilmen, Clerk of the Common Council, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, five Justices of the Gourts of Record, all the Civil Justices; every Police Justice, except two; all the Police Court Clerks, three out of the four Coroners, two members of Congress, three out of five State Senators, eighteen out of twenty-one members of the Assembly, fourteen-nineteenths of the Common Councilmen, and eight-tenths of the Supervisors. This vast political power is believed to be used in the interest of the Papal Church, securing for its institutions, out of the public coffers, immense grants of valuable real estate in the city, as well as millions of money. The church, thus, in the first place, controls the taxation of the city property, and next, the distribution of millions of revenue, received from taxation.

# A BLACK RECORD.

The "Observer" letters from Washington to Forney's Press, are inimitable in style and force. In one of a recent date we are reminded that in the past ten years the Democratic leaders have had a hundred opportunities to do right, and by so doing to endear the masses to their cause; but in no one instance have they seized the fitting moment to do the proper thing. Let us enumerate a few of the golden occasions which they neglected:

1. They forced James Buchanan to break 1. They forced James Buchanan to break his solemn pledge that the people of Kansas should vote without intervention on the subject of slavery.

2. They sustained the Lecompton bill, with

2. They sustained the Lecompton bill, with all its atrocities, and ostracized every man in the party who would not endorse it.
3. They seconded the proscription of Stephen A. Donglas, because he insisted upon the doctrine of popular sovereignty, and refused to support the Lecompton wrong.
4. They supported John C. Breckinridge for President in 1800, with the full knowledge that he was not the choice of the party, as the result proved, and had been nominated by a

result proved, and had been nominated by a minority.

5. They supported the fatal heresy in James Buchanan's last message, denying the right of the Government to save itself from de-

struction.
6. They opposed all the great war measures of Mr. Lincoin's Administration.
7. They prolonged the war by holding out hopes to the Southern; copie which they knew could not be fulfilled.
8. They encouraged Andrew Johnson in measures which extended the miseries of the South through four long wears.

South through four long years.

9. They revived all the passions of the war by nominating a ticket at New York on the 4th of July, 1868, and placed it on a revolutionary platform.

Without enumerating other instances these will suffice to show how stubbornly the Democratic leaders have disregarded their obligations to truth and liberty, and how blindly they have rushed their followers into destruction.

# TEMPEST IN A TEA-POT.

The Democracy of the State are growing quite lively over the Gubernatorial question, and really talk and act as if it made any difference to the people whom thev nominated for the office of Governor. By their caucuses and conventions and county committees, their elections of delegates, &c., they, doubtless, almost persuade themselves that they have something to do with the politics of the State. They even get up spirited contests between rival candates, and play sharp tricks in the election of delegates, as if it made any odds, when, all the time, the whole thing is merely the result of inveterate habit. They still play at the game of politics once a year, just as the ridiculous old militia muster used to be held, in which formidable squadrons marched with broomsticks, and charged sham fortifications with wooden swords, because there had once been a time when they were soldiers. The amusement is perfectly harmless, and affords those participating in it unbounded satisfaction. So we wish the play to go on. So says the Chambersburg Repository.

### COPPERED GRABBERS! Interesting Bourd.

Mr. McMiller, (cop.) of Montgomes county, a few days ago offered an amendment to the general appropriation bill in the House of Representatives, to increase the pay of members from \$1000 to \$1500. On second reading of the amendment, the yeas were 28 and nays 60. The members from this county voted in the negative their existence is not known even in the except Dr. Gutchell, whose name does the lities where they are intended to operate. appear, being a dodge. Several other than the House on Walnesday of wanted to get their extra \$500, but the nerve to "face the music," after the amendment was lost, desired to record their votes, in the negative, but were not permitted to do so. Mr. Nicholson, (Rep.) said "there had been considerable dodging here to-night, and he liked to see such birds shot on the wing. There was nothing now so much needed in public position as men-men." Well said, Mr. Nicholson.

As the copperhead papers throughout the State are trying to hold the Republican party responsible for the pasting and folding swindle, which was attempted by the Lobby-Thug-Ring of professional plunderers, and their natural allies, the cheap men of the copperhead persuasion, and which, thanks to the power of a united Republican Press, and an honest and faithful Republican Senate, with a true Republican representative man of the OLD GUARD as Chairman of the Retrenchment and Reform Committee, was effectually squelched, the stubborn fact that this and Ring Managers entirely in the cold. was a copperhead party measure, should be kept prominently before all the people of the State. To prove, beyond the shadow of doubt that it was, as we assert, a democratic party movement, we give the record.

On the amendment offered by Mr. Mc-Miller, (dem.) increasing the pay of the members, from \$1000 to \$1500, the yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Nicholson, of Beaver, and Mr. Stokes, of Philadelphia, and were as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Adaire, Beard, Bossard, Breen, Bunn, Cloud, Daily, Davis, (Phia.), Foy, Goundie, Hervey, Holgate, Hung, Josephs, Kleckner, McCallough, McGinnis, McMiller, Morgan, Mullin, Myers, Nalson, Nias, O'Mell, Rogers, Secti, Stout, and Wester.—B.

NAVS.—Mossrs Beatty, Brobst, Airoson, (Clarion,)
Brown, (Huntingdon), Burritt, Chamberlain, Church,
Clark, (Warrau), Ornseen, Cheste, Davis, (MoKean), Duncan, Edwards, Bogel, Hamilton, Heliman, Horr, Herrold, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hodenstein,
Humphreys, Harsh, Jackson, Jones Karr, Laedom,
Leslie, Longenecker, McKinstry, Meek, Maredith,
Miller, Nicholson, Niles, Painter, Peters, Phillips,
Place, Ployford, Perser (Cambris), Porter, (York),
Rea, Robb, Robinson, (Blair), Robinson, (Mageer),
Shiveley, Stephens, Stokes, Strang, Subers, Summy,
Taylor, Vankfrk, Walker, Webb, Weller, Westlake,
Wilson and Clark, Speaker.—60.

Dobgers, On NOT VOTING—Ames. Bacus, Dill.

PORGERS, OR NOT VOTING—Ames, Beams, Dill, Eshbach, Gatenell, Hunter, Kase, Marshall, Martin, McMullin, Sedgewick and Stranshan,—12.
Republicans in Roman; Democrats in tialics, and the irrepressible Republican from the Old Guard, in SMALL CAPS.

Politically, the above record is as follows:

In favor of the extra grab: Democrats,..... 17 Republicans, ..... 11 Democratic majority of Grabbers,..... 6

Against the extra grab: Republicans,...... 45

Majority of Republicans voting against the ..... 19 

And the dodgers, not voting: Republicans, .....

Democrats..... Comment is unnecessary, as the foregoing will not fail to satisfy every intelligent citizen that the safety of the country against all political extravagance, corruption and plunder, is in the great Republican party, and in the independence and vigilance of the Republican press.

# THE STATE TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

This body assembled at the Court House in Harrisburg, on Tuesday, and continued until 12 o'clock, M., on Wednesday last. Hon. Eli Slifer, late Secretary of the Commonwealth, under Governor Curtin, and former State Treasurer, was chosen temporary President. Hon. S. B. Chase, of Susquehanna county, the efficient Executive officer of the Order of Good Templars of Pennsylvania, was chosen permanent President, with Jacob M. Barr of Daughin, John Gillmers of Franklin. and Rev. W. C. Best of Philadelphia, as Vice Presidents; and O. J. Search of Philadelphia, E. H. Rauch and L. E. Wright of Lancaster, as Secretaries.

A number of resolutions were offered, which were severally referred to a Business Committee, of which James Black, Esq., of Lancaster, was chairman. The resolutions adopted were strong and with one exception, endorsed with great unanimity. The question upon which there was a difference of opinion, was then a resolution offered by Mr. Black, in favor! of the formation of a temperance political party. A substitute was offered by Mr. Rauch, setting forth that "local prohibition, wherever it is possible to secure and enforce it, is the true course for the friends of temperance to pursue at this most important period of the temperance movement." After a thorough and warm discussion, the substitute was adopted. Col. McFarland also offered a resolution petitioning the Legislature to pass a general law, submitting the question of license or no license to the voters of the several districts, which was also adopted. The convention was large, and entire harmony of sentiment prevailed with the exception referred to.

### OUR HARRISBURG LETTER.

HARBISBURG, TUBSDAY EVE., Feb. 23. Dear Father Abraham: The news market is exceedingly dull, and there is scarcely anylag worthy of note later than what has ty appeared in print. To-day whole of bills on the Private Calendar were, in both branches, at the rate of about all per minute, but they are so purely in their character, that in many instan-

occupied in the Hause on Wadnesday of and the balance of the week was occupied in its consideration. It passed that body on Friday, and is now in the hands of the Finance Corbinates of the Fersate. The apprepriations, as the bill at present stands, according to absulation, amounts to very nearly \$4,000,000—about the same as that of 1868. This apprepriation to the amount of last year can be accounted for by the fact that there have been three important contested there have been three important contested election cases this year, the expenses of which amount to a very large sum, and several State charitable and reformatory institutions require more money this year. Besides, the appropriations to the 1812 soldiers has been increased at least \$30,000, owing to the large increased at least \$30,000, owing to the large increase of applications for pensions now on file in the proper department. Your timely exposition of the pasting and folding swindle, not only saved a large expense in that item alone, but even had a very salutary effect in holding in check any legislation distributing the State funds to ether objects. The section of the bill providing for the pay of the Sena-ators and members was reached on Thursday night, and an effort to increase it from \$1,000 to \$1,500 was defeated by a call of the yeas and nays. This very modest proposition to feather their own nests, had been "set up," by the Democrats, as they thought, and on a vivo voce vote it really seemed to be carried, but on a call for the yeas and nays, the mem bers lacked the courage to allow their names to go on the record in favor of such an iniquilast attempt to rob the State Treasury, not to the mere tune of \$30,000, but of Fifty Thousand Dollars, and putting the money directly into their own pockets, and leaving the Lobbyists, Brokers, Thugs

to go on the record in favor of such an iniquitous amendment, and it was defeated—yeas 60, nays 28. I almost neglected to mention that the bill was amended so as "to include the payment of all officers and employees, whether appropriated by BESOLUTION or act of Assembly." Rather a sharp trick, but it won't win—that is if the Senate maintains the posiwhich scarcely any one here entertains a doubt. This amendment will be urged in

case the resolutions, which passed the House in the shape I sent them to you last week fail to secure the Senate's concurrence. In either case, it is necessary to secure the Senate's consent befere one copper can be paid these men. It would be much better if the members were compelled to pay them out of their own private purses, for they alone are responsible for their presence here THE PHILADELPHIA POLICE BILL. To-day's Private Calendar being of unusual length, the Metropolitan Police Bill was not

reached. It came up on last week's Calendar, but was objected off, and placed under the head of objected bills on to-day's Calendar. There is scarcely a hope-cutertained of its passage, as two Republican Senators, Messrs. Fisher and Lowry, openly avow their determination to vote with the Democrats against it. The Republican Senators and members from Philadelphia are earnest in its advocacy, and factor present appearance it advocacy, but from present appearances it cannot be carried through this session.

AFTER THE COSTS. I noticed a delegation of your county officials here last week, and on inquiry I learn that one object of their visit was to urge the passage of the bill published last week in the passage of the bill published last week in the Express of your city. Apparently very simple and harmless on its face, there is a "snake" embedded in it some where. I am informed, if the measure is passed, in, all probability the Commissioners will have the power to camel all unpaid costs on the docket as far back as 1805, and all fees due on the same will be paid out of the county funds. I can hardly think such an obnoxious proposition will have the support of your Senators, even if it is favored by your House delegation. The Commissioners doubtless feel some interest, too, in the defeat of the bill requiring them to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties. They are, perhaps, just now consoled by the fact that it has been reported negatively by the Senate committee, but the objections at present to it can easily be re-by its passage, and your community may perhaps be benefitted.

FRANKING AND POSTAGE. The whole of the session of the Senate on Friday morning, was consumed in the discussion of the resolution reported some days ago by the Chairman of the Retrenchment and Reform Committee, making it the duty of the Senate postmaster to stamp all letters and documents sent through the mails from that body, instead of having the same done by the postmaster at Harrisburg. During the discussion it was stated that great abuses exist, and have existed for years—that members and Senators are in the habit of applying to and Senators are in the habit of applying to the postmaster for whole Sheets of postage stamps, to be used by them as they see fit. To what extent this practice has obtained, is not known, but certainly it should have been stopped long since, as ought also sending large documents, such as the school reports, through the mails. The adoption of the resolution, together with several propositions brought forward and urged by the friends of reform, would perhans reduce the expenses in this dewould perhaps reduce the expenses in this de-partment about one-half. I am sorry the hour of adjournment arrived before a vote could be taken. It will come up again in a fow days.

# SAD ACCIDENT.

A very districting accident occurred here yesterday during the firing of a salute from the Capitos grounds, in honor of the anniversary of Washington's lattle. George Church and Marshall Quay were engaged in charging the campon, and not having time to cool, it prematurely went off, sending the tentrol a considerable distance, blowing off the thumb of Quay's right immed, and mangling the left so bally as to render aministation mecasary. Mr. Ohtrech's right hand, was also injured to such an extent that it was found necessary to amputate it below the allow. Both these men served faithfully in the late war, Mr. Church being a leg at the battle of Fredericksburg. The Mouse very properly passed a bill pressiding for a granuity of \$100 te each of the unfortunates, and the Semate will act on it in a few days, s few days,

LANCASTER COUNTY LEGISLATION. There is but very little to singuisle for your locality. The following summary contains everything: Bills and petitions introduced in the Schate-By Mr. Tisher, a supplement to the act to provide for the payment of gratuities and annunities to the solders of the war of and amusities to the soldiers of the war of 1812. Also, with petitions, an act to annul the mariage contract between H. K. Kauffman, and Louisa his wife. Also, an act relative to proceedings in the several courts of this Commonwealth. By Mr. Billingfelt, (with petition) a supplement to an act to authorize the School Directors of Manheim township, to borrow money to erect a school house. Passed the Senate. Also, a supplement to an act to promote the improvement of real estate, by exempting mortgages and other models secu-rities from taxation, in certain counties in this Commonwealth. Also, an act relative to the President, Managers, and company of the Lancaster and Elizabethtown turnpike road

company. In committee.

The following have passed finally: "An act to incorporate the Lancaster County Agricultural Park Association." "An act extending the road laws of Fulton and Sambury townships to Martie township."

The City Bill has not yet been passed upon

WASHINGTON NEWS AND DOSHIP.

[CULLED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.] The South is largely represented among the visitors at Washington. Ex-Confederates like Clingman of North Carolina, A. G. Brown of Mississippi, Albert Pike of Tennessee, and R. W. Johnson of Arbanas are minding tools, with their kansas, are mingling freely with their former friends, and many of the cheers of the two great armies are seen in social converse, comparing their martial experi-ences. There is no asperity in their intercourse, and it is wonderful how completely the ex-rebels yield to the double flat of the bullet and the ballet. All of them, without any exception, accept universal suffrage, and many openly declare their determination to act with the Republicans, and their indisposition to trust any longer

to the promises of the Northern Demo-The XLIst Congress, which meets on the 4th of March, cannot sit less than a month. Much of the unfinished work of its predecessors, and many new measures, will demand its attention. Congress will be in harmony with the Executive for the first time in four years, and this fact will reinvigorate every branch of the public service. The change will produce incalculable com-

fort and efficiency.

The square refusal of Gen. Grant to ride with Andrew Johnson on the day of inauguration, has given rise to some embar-rassment on the part of the committee. To relieve them it is said that the outgoing President will repair at 10 o'clock, March 4th, to the President's room adjoining the Senate, according to custom on the last day of the session, and there remain with his Cabnet till noon, the hour when his official term expires, to consider bills that may be presented for his signature. If this course be pursued, he will not, therefore, be a party to the procession and other ceremonies which will be in progress at the same time in the streets of the city.

There was considerable amusement at the Capitol to-day over the taciturnity of General Grant in relation to the formation of his Cabinet. "What do you know?" was the salutation of members and visitors, every group being busily engaged in discussing the probability of success of various aspirants. The response invariably is-"I know nothing, what do you know?" All were as completely in the dark as the thousands of people all over the country who are speculating on the same subject. Even Mr. Colfax, and others who are on the most intimate and confidential terms with General Grant, assured all enquirers that they positively knew nothing.

Mr. Forney and a committee of Pennsylvanians are urging the claims of Governor Curtin to a Cabinet appintment, which are bitterly opposed by Senators Cameron and Scott.

The committee on the next ceneus had a meeting to-day, and discussed the proposed basis of representation, and they will probably report in favor of increasing the members of the House of Representatives to three hundred. They will make the Census Bureau a separate department, instead of having it, as hereto-fore, connected with the United States

Marshal's office. It is said that the Pennsylvania delegation, despairing of obtaining any represen-tation in the Cabinet from their own State, owing to the violent opposition of various political factions, have agreed to throw what influence they may have with Gen. Grant in favor of ex-Senator Cresswell, of Maryland.

The whisky men are organizing for a determined effort to have the section of the tax bill which extended for one year the time for the withdrawal of whicky from bond, taken out and passed, sither separately or in connection with the tobacco sections.

Gen. John C. Fremont and Col. John week. Both have cause to remember each other. Forney undoubtedly defeated Fremont when chairman of the Democratic State Committee in 1856, by carrying the The meeting State election in October. was most cordial. Both had regrets -one that he had not defeated Buchanan, and the other that he had defeated the Pathfinder. They are now both members of the same political organization, and both

Mr. C. E. Greecy, Supervisor of Internal Revenue in Louisiana, has seized between three and four hundred thousand dollars worth of goods since December last, and suspended three Collectors and one Assessor, besides instituting criminal prosecution against twenty-seven promi-nent members of the different rings in New Orleans. Mr. Creecy was appointed in November last; in October, the receipts for tax on whisky were \$6,800; in November \$13,000; in December \$17,000; and in January \$32,600; more than was ever collected within the same period when the tax was \$2 per gallon, and there were forty distilleries running.

The refusal of General Grant to ride with Andrew Johnson on Inauguration day, is not without a precedent. When General Jackson reached Washington, in 1829, the President, Mr. Adams, refused to hold any intercourse with General Jackson on account of the Mrs. Eaton scandal, and on the morning of the 4th of March, when General Jackson was sworn into office, Mr. Adams, instead of going to the Capi-tol, went from the executive mansion to a private dwelling. General Jackson rode to the Capitol alone, and Mr. Adams took no part in the ceremonies.

Congressmen Morrill, Cake and Dickey,

of Pennsylvania, called on General Grant on Tuesday, to express their hope that Pennsylvania would be represented in his Cabinet. Gen. Grant informed them that their State would be represented, as he had already selected a Pennsylvanian for a place in his Cabinet. He added that the man he had chosen would be as much surprised when he heard of it as the nation would be.

In conversation at Army Headquarters, this morning, (Tuesday) with Senator Thayer, General Grant remarked: "I want to say to you that I shall send into the Senate the name of Maj. Gen. Schofield as Sccretary of War, but it is likely he will decline and return to his position in the army; I shall then nominate a civilian for that office and I want the Senate to know this." Turning to Representatives Dickey and Morrell, of Pennsylvania, and foot, of Arkansas, who were a short distance from him, he said he had no objection to their hearing what he had to say on the question of the Cabi-net. He then remarked: "I am opposed to appointing officers of the army and navy to civil offices, and will therefore

have a civilian at the head of each depart-This statement comes from members of Congress who were present, and they express their satisfaction with the utterances of the General, and believe, from the conversation, that he will have

"straight-out" Republican Cabinet. We met this morning wandering through the cerridors of the Capitol, Thomas L. Clingman, formerly a member of the House, and a United States Senator, from North Carolina. He took up arms against the United States, and was made a General in the Confederate service. He was severely wounded several times, and to-day he walks lame from the effects of his wounds. Thomas L. Clingman is a man of superior mind, and made an excellent Representative and Senator. Previous to his leaving the Senate and going with his section, he had a bright future before him. To-day he is a wanderer and an outcast at the Capitol, from which he deserted and against which he took up arms.

From conversations between Grant and prominent Pennsylvania Congressmen this morning, (Wednesday), it may be positively announced that George H. Stuart, of Philadelphia, President of the Christian Commission, will be tendered the Secretaryship of the Treasury in the new

#### [Communicated.]

Annville, Penn., Feb. 23, 1868. MESSRS. EDITORS .- Permit methrough the columns of FATHER ABRAHAM, to give the public some idea of how the students of Lebanon Valley College, celebrated the 22nd, Washington's Birth Day.

On the evening of said day, a large number of the citizens of Annville, and the students of College, met in the Chapel of

the new College building.

The object of the meeting was briefly stated, after which the following officers were elected:

President-C. F. Ackerman; Secretaries —J. K. Fisher and Miss Sallie Rigler; Chaplain—H. B. Stehman. Washington's Farewell Address was read by Miss Sallio Burns. Interesting and instructive addresses, appropriate to the occasion, were delivered by James C. Winlack, of Schuylkill county; J. W. Etter, of Dauphin co.; E. K. Hershey, of Lancaster county, and C. S. Meily, of Lebanon county. Most excellent and soul stirring music was furnished by the Philharmonic String Band of Annville. The stage was most beautifully decorated with flags, &c. Upon the whole, everybody was highly delighted with the exercises, which were calculated to stir up the patriotism of the young, and cause the old to appreciate more fully the blessings of liberty, bequeathed to us by the "Father of our Country." Yours, H.

### STATE NEWS.

LEHIGH COUNTY .- Prof. M. L. Stoever loctured at Catasauqua on the 20th inst., under the auspices of the Literary Society. Subject—Washington....On Friday night before last, John Fry's two-story log honse, in Weisenberg township, was de-stroyed by fire, which originated from a defective stove pipe.....Building Associaions are active and successful in the city of Allentown..... Mayor McHosu, of Allentown, has been ruralizing down South lately and returned home..... Josh Billings" (Henry W. Shaw) lectured at Allentown on Monday evening, on the subject of "Milk."

SNYDER COUNTY .-- Rev. Domer, of Selinsgrove, goes to Reading to take pastoral charge of the St. Matthew's (N. S.) Lutheran Church.... Meetings have been held during the week at Richfield, Fre-mont, Freeport, Selinsgrove and Port Treverton to further the project of a Ramroad from Mifflintown to the Susquehanna

BEDFORD COUNTY. -Tenament houses in demand at Bloody Run.... The Republicans at their late county meeting endorsed Governor Geary and instructed their delegates to vote for him....Books have been opened for subscriptions to the capital stock of the proposed Bedford and Bridgeport Railroad.....Isaac S. Wright announces himself as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Republican nomination. LEHIGH COUNTY.-A new Lodge of

Good Templars has been organized in Slatington, being the first one in the county.....The realroad from Slatington to Slate Dale is to be commenced next spring....The Fenians of Allentown will parade on St. Patrick's day.....On Monday week last, Jacob and Lewis Rinker, father and son, aged 81 and 24 years, were entombed together in North Whitehall township. The father died of old age, and the son of typhold fever. UNION COUNTY .- The Collegiate De-

partment of the Lewisburg (Baptist) University contains 70 students, 49 professors of religion, and 37 students for the ministry.....Public Lectures are successful during the winter at Lewisburg. The season will close by John B. Gough. COLUMBIA COUNTY. Issac Irwin has

an apple tree measuring ever ten feet in circumference three feet above the ground. ....Elisha Albertson and Ira McHenry, carpenters, whilst at work at a building at Rohrsburg, on Thursday of the 11th inst., fell from a scaffold, resulting in the death of Albertson, and severe inquiry of McHenry....The ladies of Catawissa presented to Post No. 170, G. A. R., a beautifully bound Bible and an oil painting of General Grant.

DAUPHIN COUNTY .- They have a colored band at Harrisburg in full blast.... The new Temperance Hall; corner of Second and Locust streets will be dedicated on next Monday evening.....The Firemen of Harrisburg will formally receive the Washington Hose Company of Reading on the 2nd of March, when the latter company will pass through on their way to attend the inauguration of Grant and Colfax.....
A new Council of American Mechanics has been instituted at Middletown....The next Good Templar's District Convention will be held at Millersburg on the 19th of May.

FRANKLIN COUNTY,—Levi Palmer of Becch Creek had his leg broken by a tree falling on him which he was cutting down.... A meeting of the rebel damage claimants was held in the Court House of Chambersburg on the 18th inst., and measures were adopted to secure concert of action in pressing their claims before the next Legislature..... A woman dressed in "coat, pants and high-heeled boots" promenaded the streets of Chambersburg a few