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The constitution of Pennsylvania, which every state officer swears to support, defend and obey, declares in Sec. 13, Art. ix., that "the moneys of the state, over and above the necessary reserve, shall be used in the payment of the debt of the state either directly or through the sinking fund, and the moneys of the sinking fund shall never be invested in or loaned upon the security of anything except the bonds of the United States or of this state."

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A QUEER CASE.

A YOUNG MAN'S TROUBLE WITH A WIFE.

Justice William Allen, of the supreme court, at Boston, granted Wednesday a writ of habeas corpus directing John Sullivan, of Charlestown, to produce the body of his sister, Miss Sullivan, before the court. The petitioner is James Cocheran, the husband of the young woman, and the matter is founded upon the following peculiar condition of facts:

James W. Sullivan, who is eighteen years of age, resided with his parents in Charlestown, and they were desirous that she should enter a boarding school. Her protest that she would lead a life of shame rather than go to a boarding school having no influence with her parents, they selected for her the following boarding school, which was to be carried out to effect. On Sunday she ascertained what was to be done and consulted her friend, James J. Cocheran, who was so shocked, it is said, at her desperate intention that he proposed marriage as a way out of her troubles.

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One Hundredth Anniversary of the Consecration of the First American Bishop.

The general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, which will be held in Philadelphia next month, will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the consecration of the first American bishop in the old Christ church on Second street.

The most important feature of the first convention was making provision for the succession of the episcopate. General conventions have been held every three years since 1802, numbering thirty-three in all, including three special conventions, and within the present century 128 bishops have been consecrated.

Among the many interesting occurrences at Christ church may be mentioned the assembling of the Continental Congress, on the 20th of July, 1775, for "general deliberation, fasting and prayer, throughout the American provinces, in the old edifice Bishop White was baptised, confirmed and ordained. The book of common prayer, arranged for the American church, was adopted at the first convention which assembled there. It was received in 1789, the British brought from England, whence the chime of bells was also obtained, and it is said that during the Revolution the bells were sunk in the Delaware.

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