President PIERCE has our thanks for a copy of his Annual Message. Electoral College.

The Electoral College of this State, met in H. MILLER, of Harrisburg, Secretaries.

of Butler, was chosen bearer of returns to Union and James Buchanan. Washington City-Mr. OSTERHOLT to Judge

welcomed to his hospitality. The President's Message. The last annual Message of President PIERCE will be found on our first page. We publish it at length to the exclusion of our

usual variety. The Message presents the condition of our foreign and domestic relations prosperity and bright future. in a calm and considerate manner, and shows that our march, to greatness as a Nation has been steadily onward. Many of the Presi- more reckless Abolition journals, that no sucdent's suggestions are well-timed and reason- cessful candidate for the Presidency ever reable, and will commend themselves strongly ceived so few electoral votes as Mr. Buchanan, to the good sense and patriotism of the Amera nor no unsuccessful one so many as Col. Freican people.

ambiguity, and is a straight forward, manly lowing table, which embraces every Presidenthe slavery question with point, frankness, and boldness; giving no quarter to the anti- account, as they were unanimous.] national idea of a geographical party, and RESULT OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN THE presenting a musterly vindication of the administration in its Kansas-Nebraska policy. Its exhibit of our foreign relations is brief, terse, and statesmanlike. The feature in this is the simple, original, but great American proposition made to all monarchical powers, to exempt private property from seizure by belligerents on the ocean. The whole document is drawn up with great ability, and is creditable to the patriotism of the President. The quiet exhibit it makes of our country. filled with every element of greatness and power, is most gratifying to our national pride, while it will elicit from the old world fresh expressions of wonder.

We trust no citizen will fail to give this state paper a thorough examination. Congress.

But little has yet transpired in Congress worthy of note. The Senate after discussing for two days a motion to print 15,000 extra copies of the President's Message, and noticing, in an appropriate manner, the death of Hon. John M. CLAFTON, which occurred during the recess, adjourned over from Thursday until yesterday.

A question arose in the House the first day, which has been the subject of discussion ever since, on allowing the Hon. Mr. WHITFIELD, Delegate from Kansas, to take his seat. The Black Republicans are fighting against his admission, although he holds the certificate of election from Governor Geary, and furthermore his seat is not contested by any one, nor of the Territory.

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This is in the same spirit of factious opposition as was evinced by the House at the close of the last session, and it will probably terminate in the same way-lefeat of these factionists. But, in the mean time, the appropriate business of legislation is to be retarded, and the country kept in a state of turmoil ness-and that, too, in the face of the overwhelming condemnation of the acts of these Black Republicans by the people of the Union on the 4th of November. The seat of the delegate from Kansas was declared, during the last session, vacant. A new election was ordered. It was held in accordance with the requirements of Congress and the Constitution. Mr. WHITFIELD was duly elected, without opposition. No allegation of fraud has been made against his election. Everything was done in perfect fairness and according to the forms prescribed by the act of Congress-and yet these sectionalists and Black Republicans refuse to admit him to a seat on the floor of But, never mind—their time is short. The

Returning to their Right Minds. In looking over the yeas and mays upon the

rejection of Mr. Whitfield, delegate from Kansas, who was elected as fairly as man could be, and who we believe is not objected to by the free State men of Kansas them. selves, we find that Messrs, JACOB BROOM HENRY M. FELLER and Job R. Tyson, Know-Nothing Representatives from Pennsylvania. vosed for his admission to a seat.

We are pleased to be able to record this vote. These gentlemen, although elected in opposition to the Democratic party, and opposed to Mr. Whitfield in politics, have shown that they still can be honest and just. They are not willing any longer to lend themselves to the Black Republicans for the purpose of committing a great wrong, and perpetuating the ill feeling in Congress growing out of the Kansas difficulties. These gentlemen deserve the thanks of their constituents for thus permitting the "sober second thought" to have full sway in their minds.

Finances of the State. By reference to the table published in on other column, it will be seen that the finances of the Commonwealth are in a most healthy condition. The receipts from the Public Works alone amount, during the fiscal year, to over \$2,000,000. This a highly encouraging state of things; and goes far to prove that by prudent and careful management on the part of those having control of the Public Improvements (and that has emphatically been the case for the last few years,) the period will very soon arrive, if it is not already here. when the receipts from our canals and railroads will be a source of large revenue to the Commonwealth over and above the ex-

penses of working and keeping them in repair. Great credit is likewise due to our excellent State Treasurer, H. S. MAGRAW, Esq., for the ability with which he has managed the finances of the Commonwealth during the brief period he has been in office, and we hope the ensuing Legislature will continue him in the important and responsible station which he has shown himself so well qualified to fill.

A Whopper and No Mistake! A Black Republican paper in Chicago says that Mr. BUCHANAN was President of the Lancaster Bank when it failed!

If Mr. B. had not just been elected President of a much bigger and more solvent insti- since the 4th of March, 1853, the public debt Jacob Little & Co. (Stock Brokers) New

Pennsylvania Pioneers--Lancaster in the Front Ranks.

In the progress of the recent Presidential campaign we had an opportunity of noticing that our good old State has furnished a full quota of her hardy, enterprizing and industrious sons, in the population of our new States and Territories. The flag of the "Keystone Commonwealth" floated in the breeze, and was supported by sturdy standard bearers, throughout the conflict and to the close of the grand battle, from the borders of the Northern Lakes to the shores of the Pacific; and what the Senate Chamber, at Harrisburg, on Wed- is most gratifying there appeared to be but a nesday last, and organized by choosing Hon. single, united voice in the rallying cry-WILLIAM WILKINS, President, and Ww. V. "JAMES BUCHANAN, our own great citizen and M'KEAN, Esq., of Philadelphia, and Gen. Wu. Statesman." Although it was a natural expectation, Jer it is a matter of pride and The College then cast the twenty-seven exultation to hear that wherever Pennsylvotes of Pennsylvania for JAMES BUCHANAN vanians had a voice in the election, that voice and John C. Breckinkings.. Mr. Campbell, was potent in the cause of Democracy, the

We have just seen, by the proceedings in KANE of the U. S. Court, Philadelphia-and California, that one of our young townsmen, Mr. M'NAIR to the Harrisburg Post Office. George P. Porter, a native of Lancaster, was On Thursday the Electors dined at Wheat- conspicuous as a member of the Democratic land, near this city, by invitation, with the State Convention, held at Sacramento, in that President elect. Upon their return to town State, on the 9th of September, of which he they all expressed themselves much gratified was first Vice President. He was elected a with their visit to Mr. BUCHANAN and the Delegate by the Democratic Convention of courtesy and kindness with which they were Siskiyou county, of which he had the honor of being the Presiding Officer. All hail the gallant sons of Lancaster county, now pioneering beyond the "Father of Waters." Mr. Porter is the youngest surviving son of our estimable townswoman, Mrs. Gov. George B. Porter. We tender our best wishes for his

Presidential Elections. MONT. With how much truth this assertion The Message is clearly written, without is made, can be seen by reference to the fol-

United States from 1796 to 1856.

rear.	Names of Candidates	Electoral Vote.
1796	John Adams,	71
11.80 3	Thomas Jefferson,	68
1800	Thomas Jefferson,	73
11,717,7	John Adams.	64
1001	Thomas Jefferson,	162
1004 /	Charles C. Pinckney,	14
	Jumes Madison,	128
1000	Charles C. Pinckney.	45
1210	James Madison,	122
1812	De Witt Clinton,	89
1510	James Monroe,	183
1010	Rufus King	34
1820 -	James Monroe,	218
	No opposition but I vote,	
	Andrew Jackson,*	99
	John Quincy Adams,	84
1024	W. H. Crawford,	41
	Henry Clay,	37
1828	Andrew Jackson.	178
1040	John Quincy Adams.	. 83
	Andrew Jackson,	219
1832	Henry Clay,	. 49
1002	John Floyd,	11
	William Wirt.	7
	Martin Van Buren.	. 170
		, 73
1836 -	Hugh L. White, Willie P. Mangum,	26
	Willie P. Mangum,	+.11
		14
1940	William Henry Harrison	, 234
		. 00
1844	James K. Polk,	170
	Henry Clay	105
1848	Zachary Taylor,	163
	Lewis Cass	127
1859	Franklin Pierce,	254
1.00-	Can Winfield State	.10

Millard Fillmore, From the above table it will be seen that what he received.

Gen. Winfield Scott.

James Buchanan,

1856 John C. Fremont

No choice by the people...John Quincy Adams.

Buehanan a Majority President. Notwithstanding all the heasts of the ormoand agitation on account of this Kansas busi. sition to the contrary, it turns out that Mr. Buchanan is a majority President of the United States. If every individual who voted for Fillmore in the United States had voted for Fremont, or vice versa, it would not have changed the result.

The Boston Times says :-- Mr. Buchanan received a majority of the votes polled in fourteen Southern States, which east one hundred and twelve electoral votes. In addition he carries the States of Pennsylvania and Indiana by absolute majorities over everything.

"They are entitled to forty electoral votes; and added to the South it makes one hundred and fifty-two-three more than is necessary to a choice. The union of the opposition forces the House! Could lawlessness go farther ?- upon one man could not have beaten Mr. Buchanan. The official canvass shows this to be 4th of March will witness a new order of a fact; and we trust that the Fremont men things, and then the people of Kansas will will cease abusing the supporters of Mr. Fillget their just rights under the Constitution and more upon the idea that, had they gone for the Maraposa cattle dealer, he would have been elected. The Fillmore men did not hold the balance of power; their votes could not have effected the result. Mr. Buchanan, in truth and fact, is a majority President.

> Result of the Presidential Election. The New York Journal of Commerce pre Presidential election :

sents the following view of the result of the Buchanan has a majority of all the votes in

majority (16) of the States, viz, Pennsylvania, Indiana, (probably,) and all the slave-holding States except Maryland, comprising an aggregate population, according to the last capeus of 12,381,824 Fremont has a majority of all the votes in each of the six New England States, and in Michigan and Wisconsin, comprising a population of 3.431.161 ore has a majority of all the 583.034 votes in Maryland; population n New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, neither caudidate has a majority ; popula 6.610.962 California not heard from

Total population in all the States, 23,099,578 The States in which Buchanau has a maority of all the votes comprise more than half the population of the country; those in which Fremont has a majority but little more than

one seventh of the whole population. ANOTHER VIEW. The total number of votes polled for Buchanan at the recent election may be stated in round numbers, at 1.800.000 1,275,000 For Fillmors 850,000 Total number of votes, anan over Fremont 525,000 3.925.000 Suchanan over Fremont Over Fillmore 950,000 Fremont over Fillmore Buchanan's plurality over Fremont is 100. 000 more than Fremont's plurality over Fill-Fremont lacks about 1,375,000 of a majority

of the whole. Buchanan lacks about 325,000 of a majority of the whole.

In all the non-slaveholding States, taken together, Fremont is in a minority of more than 200,000. His vote, however, exceeds Buchanan's in said States about 130,000.

The Virginia Electoral College, after casting the vote of the State for Buchanan and Breckinridge, recommended, by a vote of 12 to 3, ex-Governor FLOVD for a Cabinet appointment under the new Administration.

Reduction of the Public Debt. During the Presidency of Gen. PIERCE, ton. Liabilities very large.

Public Confidence.

One of the happiest fruits of the triumphant The following is Mr Buchanan's reply to election of Mr. Buchanan to the Presidency, the congratulatory address of the Students of following: is the confidence in the future which it has Franklin and Marshall College, as reported for inspired in the public mind. Amongst con- the Evening Express : servative men of all parties, and in every section of the country, there is a sense of relief greatly indebted to his young friends for their from the anxiety which was so manifest duvisit. He had the assurance that at least their from the anxiety which was so manifest durespect to what is to come. All-even those who were strenuously opposed to his election -seem to have implicit faith that under Mr. was the abode of sincerity and truth, and it BUCHANAN's administration, the government will be safely conducted through every difficulty that may present itself, and every danger that may arise to threaten its peaceful and prosperous progress. Even the opposition newspapers that, but a few weeks ago, prophnal fair prospects, not only of a large number esied the worst evils as sure to fellow upon of students, but of great usefulness. his election, now see in him the wise, cautious gratifying to see so large a number of worthy and experienced statesman, and take comfort young men already enrolled on its list of stuto themselves in the defeat of their favorites, by expressing strong hopes that he will make ing them that when the present generation a Chief Magistrate fully up to the mark of his had pussed away, and been gathered to their admitted ability. They consider his name a fathers, on them, the young men of to-day. pledge of national security, both in our domestic and foreign relations, and a sure prom-ise of a restoration of those harmonious feelings union and Constitution. There was not, he between the people of the respective geograph said, a young man among them. however ical divisions of the Union, which alone can

Speaking on this subject, the Reading to attain to positions of hor Gazette, the able and efficient organ of the and distinction, they must remember that Democracy of old Berks, truthfully remarks: everything depends upon themselves. They must carve out their future from the opportuceeded. Who that is not utterly given up to sectional prejudices, and loves his whole coundient to their professors in all that relates to try, and believes that its political union is the We have seen it asserted by several of the only ark of safety, could fail to be filled with other they might be assured they would have the most serious apprehensions. We are not among those who at any time have believed that the election of Fremont would, of itself, cause a dissolution of the Union. cannot be denied that his elevation to the rather than allay the fears which the wisest There were many eccentricities in the life of an most patriotic men-men, too, who are a college student that might be pardoned or not accustomed to give heed to causeless American, Union state paper. It discusses ; tial election for a period of sixty years : [Gen. | alarms-reluctantly and sorrowfully admitted Washington's elections are not taken into the they felt for the future of the government.—
account, as they were unanimous.

Instead of subsiding into the calmness and security which should govern the administration of public affairs, the country would have stood still, for months in dread of seeing that ultra course of vindictive hostility pursued against the South, which the threats of the open disunionists who are among his warmest supporters, gave warning of, and which every friend of the Union not wilfully

ensure its preservation.

blind to passing events, knows would inevita- old age. Many lads, he was aware, considered bly provoke a rupture, at the very first at this practice a mark of smartness, but he retempt to put it in force. failure of the people to elect, which ed, especially in a student at college; and he was the most the friends of Mr. FILLMORE hoped, would have left the country in scarcely the hope and belief that a less unsatisfactory condition. In that event. to this dangerous practice.

The speaker then alluded to the course and uncertainty; which, in a government like ours, of the people, and intimately connected with habits of study necessary to insure success in them in all its operations, is a state of things amounting while it lasts, to a positive evil.—

The excitement of the campaign would have extended beyond its alloted time, and the excitement of the clostic reliable to the clost of the clo painful suspense which the election relieved | would urge them to learn thoroughly all they would have yet to be endured, while the peowould have yet to be endured, while the peo-ple waited the action of the House of Repre-centatives. The received for set interpretation of the House of Repre-distinctly—and then they would be able to sentatives. The prospect of a satisfactory use it to some practical advantage in after life. solution of the difficulty would have been far They should apply themselves with diligence from encouraging. The protracted struggle in to their allotted studies by day, and appropri that body to elect a Speaker last winter af ate it as their best capital with which to enforded slight hope that a President would be chosen at the time appointed by the Constitution with men of prominence who had looked at And the heterogeneous composition of xisting House, renders it next to imposthe existing House, renders it next to impossible that, even if successful in making a choice, the President would be one who rep- hoped his young friends here present would

resented the present will of the people, as expressed in the recent Congressional elections.

Mr. Buchanan remarked But speculations upon what might have had been alluded to, and he might be expected been, are, happily, made idle by what has to say something on that point. He had been The people have again chosen come to pass. the President for themselves—and chosen well | President, and he thanked them most sincerely and wisely. There is everything in Mr. BUCHANAN's character and career as a states event would man to warrant the sense of confidence and gratulation time alone can determine.—
security in which the popular mind now reWithout saying which party was right or Mr. Buchanan has more electoral votes than distribution of the new administration; which, we are conscious of of his Country no over sanguine feeling in predicting, will be VAN BUREN, POLK OF TAYLOR—and as to the distinguished by all the vigor, independence, one portion of the Union arrayed in politipopular vote, their's bear no comparison to and true devotion to the Constitution and the Union, that characterized the Presidency of JACKSON, blending with the tranquility and

good feeling of the days of MONROE. State Finances.

We have received from Harrrisburg the fol- when these sectional animosities which now lowing copy of the annual statement of the unhappily exist may break up the fairest and most perfect form of Government the sun finances of the Commonwealth, being a correct transcript from official documents: st day of December, 1855, to the 3oth day of November

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Canal and ratirod tolls.
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Tax on loans,
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Sales of public property,
Tax on tonage and passenge
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Dividends from bridge tolls.
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Accrued interest, Colonial records and Pennsyl-vania archives. Refunded cash, Annuity for right of way. Fees of the public offices,

Balance in the Treasury, De-cember 1, 1855; Available, \$1,246,697 21 Less amount errone-ously credited in the State treasury

Summary of the payments at he 1st day of December, 1855, t er, 1856, both days inclusive:

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ciety, cennsylvania State Agricultu-

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Damages on the public works.
Old claims on the main line of
the public works, examined
by the Board of Commission-

by the Board of Commission-ers, and paid under the act of May 22, 1856, Special Commissioners, State Library, Public buildings and grounds, Houses of Refuge, Penitentiaries.

Sacheats, colonial records and Penneyl-vania archives,

Amendments to the Constitu-

Balance in the State Treasury, Nov. 30. 1856, available, Depreciated funds in the Trea-sury, unavailable.

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Heavy Failures.

SAMUEL HENSHAW & Sons (Bankers)

Two heavy failures in Boston and New York

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o Joseph Young, ate Treasurer of

Northampton co., in the month of November, 1855,

epreciated funds is surv unavailable.

ever shone upon.

But he trusted that the same Power which Summary of the receipts of the State Treasury, from the had watched over and preserved us in the past will continue to smile upon us and make us a 856, both days inclusive prosperous, united and happy people. In conclusion, he said, that if he could in any degree be the honored instrument of allaying this sectional excitement and restoring the Governax on bank dividends ax on corporation stocks, ax on real and personal e avern licenses, letallers' licenses, ment to the principles and policy of the fathers ne would then feel that he had not assumed the arduous duties of the office in vain 3,647 82 3,486 86 Distillery and brewery licenses,
Billiard room, bowling saloon,
&c., licenses,
Eating house, beer house and

At the conclusion of Mr. Buchanan's re marks, of which we have given but a rapid outline, his guests retired, each one receiving a cordial shake of the hand. After they had re-formed in the order of procession, three cheers were proposed and given for the President of the Board of Franklin and Marshall College and the President elect of the United

and now we behold a sectional party-

his administration would be to destroy any sec

tional party-North or South-and harmoniz

all sections of the Union under a national and

conservative Government as it was fifty years

cal hostility against the other

APPALLING BURNING OF A SHIP.—The following details of a horrible case of piracy and burning of a ship at Macoa have been received at Lloyds:

The Dutch ship Banca, Captain Heymans 700 tons burthen, with between 300 and 400 emigrants (coolies) from Huvans, put back to Macao, about a month since, (the dispatch is dated at Hong Kong, August 10,) with her water casks leaking and cargo shifted, having encountered boisterous weather, and on reaching the outer roads brought up at anchor.— There she remained while officers exercising strict vigilance in preventing the coolies going ashore, for fear they should make their escape. For the three weeks whatever discontent may have prevailed, no fear of an outbreak would seem to have been entertained, until a Chinese doctor warned the captain that mischief was brewing. In preparing for such a contingency as a rising of the coolies, the small arms were placed on the poop, and two guns were loaded with grape and pointed forward. About nine o'clock of the night of the 12th, the disturbance com menced, and the crew took refuge on the poop. \$6,662,969 64 The captain first fired a shot or two overboard but as that had no effect, and the coolies were advancing towards them, yelling frightfully armed with belaying pins, bricks torn from the cooking places, &c., the captain gave or ders to fire, and immediately a volley was poured into the infuriated mass, from the two guns, and also from the small arms. This had the effect of putting down the riot, and the coolies were driven below; but they sought revenge by setting fire to the ship, and in minutes the captain was appalled by seeing flames rise from the fore hatch. A frightful scene of carnage followed; the coolie rushed upon deck, and no doubt murdered all the officers of the ship. The ship was soon in a blaze fore and aft. In about an hour the mainmast fell in with a crash, then the fore and mizen masts, and about midnight the magazine blew up with a tremendous explosion. The ship was instantly hurled to frag ments, and a vast number of poor creatures who, clinging on the chains, perished with Of the number who were on board, in cluding crew and passengers, about 500, only 160 escaped with their lives; the remainder were either burnt in the ship or drowned .-The affair has produced a great sensation in Hong Kong.

An Echo from the Presidential Election. -At the New Haven (Conn.) town election, on Thursday week, 4500 votes were polled .-The Democratic majority is about 200. This is the first time the Democrats have carried New Haven in twenty-three years. So much for the rifle meeting of the Rev. Mr. Dutton and Rev. Mr. Beecher.

A Costly Bridge.—The suspension bridge about to be erected over the Mississippi at St. Louis, it is said, will be the most costly in the dent of a much bigger and more solvent institution, the Chicago Fremonter would'nt have
has been reduced from \$69,129,937 to \$30,
York. Liabilities supposed to be over \$2,000,will be 84 feet above high water, and over a
mile in length. The bottom of the towers
will be 60 feet below low water. It will cost about two million dollars, advance of the mail.

From Washington.

Mr. Buchanan's Reply.

he had always felt a great solicitude for the interests of Franklin and Marshall College: it

could never retrieve the past.

either, being fond of fun like themselves.

overlooked; but there was one habit which

if formed at college or in early youth, would

cling to them in after life and blight the fairest

cating liquors, and declared that it would be

better for that youth who contracted an appe

man entering upon such a career, a fondness

of liquor becoming with him a governing pas

wilfully life of sorrow and a dishonored grave in his

sion, he could see nothing before him but a

ospects. He referred to the use of intoxi-

On the 13th of June, 1856, there were 25. 565 Post Offices, being an increase of 4,664

Mr. Buchanan said, in reply that he felt ring the canvass, and a feeling of security in from the warm heart of youth which had a set imated at 235,642 miles, costing from the warm heart of youth which had a set imated at 235,642 miles, costing from the warm heart of youth which had a set imated at 235,642 miles, costing from the warm heart of youth which had a set imated at 235,642 miles, costing from the warm heart of youth which had a set imated at 235,642 miles, costing from the warm heart of youth which had a set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the canvass, and a feeling of security in the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the contract of the set imated at 235,642 miles, cost ing the the warm heart of youth, which had not yet had time to become corrupt and hardened in the ways of the world. The bosom of youth inferior grades. was indeed a pleasure and an honor to receive the warm outpourings of their hearts. He said

of July, 1856, the railroad service was in- benefit. The present tariff brings in a greater

the railroad routes had increased to 21,310 tariff as to meet a universal want, and, at the niles. The total cost for this service to that He referred to their responsibility, reminddate amounted to \$2,403,747

would rest the responsibility of forming and ny siezing on the occasion of the withdrawal of the stemmers via Nicaragua, to force the administering the future government of the department to pay what he considers an exor bitant price across the Istmus, and recommends regular contracts with them not exceeding \$30,000 per annum, and a contract not exceedhumble his position, who might not aspire, with honorable ambition, to fill the highest ing \$200,000 per annum, via the Nicaragua office within the gift of the people; but in order Tenuanltenec rout so as it to give a weekly nor and useful ness mail.

public feeling under other circumstances! Let us suppose for a moment, that Fremont had succeeded. Who that is not utterly with the control of the present of the present of the present. Wind parents and friends have afforded them rare opportunities; the recommends the abolition is \$2,787,000. He recommends the abolition is \$2,787,000. transient printed matter; also the repeal of the act of 1845, which gives the Postmaster the good interest and success of the institution General discretionary power to make new contracts for ocean steamship service. cause to repent of their folly through long hours of bitter sorrow in after life, for they New Orleans to Havana, that there are now four ocean steamship lines running out of Mr. Buchagan said he had been a college New York at an expense to government of boy himself, and none of the best of boys \$1,498,000 per annum, and says that there is no reason why one part of the country should

Among other points, it is stated that negotia the United States and Great Britain to twelve cents a single letter.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY. tite for strong drink that he were dead or had The report of the Secretary of the Navy never been born; for when he saw a young gives a detailed view of the operations of the Navy during last year, and its present strength. Among other recommendations are the fol-owing: For another squadron on the Pacific, lowing: rendered necessary by our extending com-merce; the adoption of the English and French garded it as an offence that cannot be pardonsystem of gunnery on practice ships, and for the dispatch of small steamers to survey the guano islands, on which Commodore Mervine concluded this earnest appeal by expressing made an unsatisfactory report. men of Franklin and Marshall were addicted

era in the naval service; and repeats his forof-war of small draft.

The Secretary likewise reccommends Assistant Pursers with moderate compensation. REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR. The Secretary of the Interior's report states

sections. all surface work, and of no practical use. He

promptly disposed of, either by sanctioning and affirming the action of the Land Office, or Mr. Buchanan remarked that his election directing the patents to be issued without fur ther requirement.

The quantity of lands sold for each during

million acres, and the receipts therefore for their congratulations; but whether the prove to be a matter of con-The total amount of lands disposed of was over 39,000,000 acres.

which was wrong, the fears of the "Father of his Country" had at last been realized, them has wholly or partially ceased year will probably reach 2,500.

Administration fifty-two Indian treaties have been negotiated, twenty of which remain to ago. Unless this be done the time may come nearly 175,000,000 acres. The Indians within our bounds are supposed to number about 300,000. The colonization of the Indians has already been attended with happiest results, and gives promise of steady progress in amelioration of their physical and moral condition.

> Col. Joseph B. Baker. The re-appointment of Mr. J. B. Baker, as Superintendent of the Columbia Railroad, will be hailed with satisfaction everywhere .-Each new year adds to the importance of that transacted upon it; and the management of it would be a difficult task to find a competent Monday successor for him. His excellent business capacities, sterling integrity, and ardent devotion to the interests of the Commonwealth, pro-

isle Volunteer.

crat says "One old woman said she worked hard for vages and received no pay, and couldn't stand edom at that rate; that she would rather be put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder, than go back to freedom as she found it. Another received a friendly call from some of her sable neighbors just before starting back to Kentucky, who stole her stock of

s contained in the letter of the Hon. N. P. Banks to a dot:

mento American says that a lady, in that Monday from Philadelphia, giving her the result of the Pennsylvania election. She was informed that Philadelphia city and county gave the "Republican" ticket erks county went Democratic by 1,890 ma jority; Alleghany, 2,340 "Republican;" Bradford, 3,085 "Republican;" Bucks, 1,900 "Republican;" Lancaster, 8,216 "Republican;" Luzerne, 2,330 "Republican;" Montgomery, 1,110 Democratic; Schuylkill, 1,708 "Repub-Washington, 2,893 "Republican;" York, 940 "Republican." The whole State s not heard from, but it is settled that the "Republican" ticket has not received less than 45,000 majority. The steamer which arrives here about the 15th of November vill bring us the result of the Pennsylvania State election; and if the lady's communica tion proves to be correct, we shall be happy us the returns of the Presidential election in

The Postmaster General's report shows the

in four years.

On the 14th of June there were in operation nearly 8,000 mail routes, the total length of was estimated at 235,642 miles, costing as follows: 23,323 miles railrouds; 14,951 steamboats: 50.453 coach and nearly 154,000 The increase during the last fiscal year was is an import duty of 30 per cent. It would

nearly 20,000 miles railroad: 332 steamboat: seem to be proper that this tariff should be 1,250 coach, and 82,000 inferior grades. In Nebraska and Kansas 10,238 mile added to the length of the routes.

cressed 10.177 miles, exhibiting the fact that within that time this description of service was more than doubled.

The whole cost of the inland service on the lst of July was \$6,526,036 He alludes to the Panama Railroad Compa-

The California expenditures for the year 1856 were \$10,500,286, and the gross revenue,

udes to the fact, embracing the branch from be preferred to the exclusion of others.

tions are in progress with a view to the reduction of the British transit charge on United States closed mails, and the rate of postage between

The Secretary regards the construction of the six war steamers as inaugurating a new mer recommendation for building steam-sloops-The sending out of seamen to relieve dis-

tant crews is spoken of as an experiment, and will be continued if it shall work well.

that the quantity of land surveyed since the last report, and up to the 13th of September last, was 16,873,699 acres, exclusive of school The execution of the graduation act has

raised many grave questions, which call for the interposition of Congress. The Secretary says it is an important matter, and should be

the fiscal year was over nine and a quarter

The Secretary suggests the necessity of further power being granted to the Commissioner of Pensions to suspend, diminish and discon-tinue pensions when the reason for granting The number of patents issued within the

The report says that during the present

claim his pre-eminent fitness for the post, and t could not be confided to better hands. - Car-The ten or a dozen slaves liberated s ew months ago by Mrs. Catharine Smoot, near some of them at the late election, and, when their sections Louisville, Ky., and sent to Cincinnati, all re-turned to Kentucky on the 27th ult., and re-will be further reduced in numbers in the public service. turned to Kentucky on the 27th ult., and reported that they would rather be slaves than rily declared that Mr. S. cannot be permitted to o live with the free negroes of Ohio. Mrs. Washington and resume his seat in the Senate for the Smoot rented lodgings for them for one year,

aid if they needed it. The Louisville Demo- 4th of March, 1857. Should Mr. Stimner be laid aside, he

THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION.—The Sacra-

The Duty on Sugar. The exhorbitant prices of Sugar, remarks

the Trumbull Democrat, which for more than year past have been gradually increasing, have become so important an item in the domestic economy of almost every family in we learn that the notes in circulation have been reduced the land, that a plan of remedy is beginning to be discussed by political economists. The advance in the price of Sugar is attributable, to a certain extent, to a succession of failures of the Louisiana grop. On foreign sugar there taken off under the circumstances, and Cuban sugars admitted free. This would diminish Between the 1st of July 1852, and the 1st | the cost nearly a third, and be a common amount of revenue than is required to meet the necessary expenses of government, and On the 1st of December, 1856, the length of Congress should be petitioned to so modify the same time, keep the national finances from swelling to a degree that might superinduce

> profligacy in expenditures. A Tall. Family.—Some person furnishes a paper in Ohio with the following facts in relation to a family now residing in Bourbon county, Keutucky. The father was originally since his early youth.
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> In the following table the height, weight, and entire ages of the family are given:
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since his early youth.							
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and entire ages of the family are given:							
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Father.	6 feet	4 inches.	200	pound			
Mother,	6 feet	4 inches.	285	pound			
Thomas,	6 feet	4 inches,	230	pound			
James,	6 feet	6 inches	215	pound			
Sarah,	6 feet	6 inches,	165	pound			
John	6 feet	Il inches,	196	pound			
Mary,	6 feet	2 inches,	150	pound			
Elijah.	6 feet	3 inches,	210	pound			
Matthew,	ů feat	6 inches.	220,	pound			
Eli,	6 feet	6 inches.		pound			
Daughter,	ti feet	3 inches?	160	pound			
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Weight, 2228 pounds. 557 years. Total hei't. 70 feet. Entire age,

The Editor's Book Table. PORTER'S SPIRIT OF THE TIMES, published 46 and 348 Broadway, New York, is one of the literary gems, as well as the mest mirth-provoking sheets of our day, and a welcome guest to our exchange table. Porter himself is a host of fun and good living combined, and has for many years been a deservedly popular cateror to sporting appetites-who will rejoice to honor and reward im in the new field which he has selected for the labor ing and choice, and the corps of contributors unequalled by any other Journal in the country. Terms—\$3 a year in indivance. Long live the inimitable Spirit, and flourish like

a green tree over the tail son of York. LITTLE DORRIT .- We have just received from the ablisher, T. B. Peterson, Phila. a copy of the illustrated octave edition of this captivating story by Dickens. No work of fiction has recently appeared from the press that has had such a run as " Little Dorric" will. It is received and for sale at Westhaeffer & Sprenger's Book store.

A contemporary very truly says: i "There is a fascination in Dickens' writings, that found in no other works of fiction. The symplicity of his | mittance, 25 cents. style, his strict adherence to nature, his always advocating cause of the lowly, and his ever being on the side of irtue, is what gives his works their world wide circula tion, and which they so richly deserve; for he has not written a line that he need wish blotted, or that any one can regret having read."

THE U. S. DEMOCRATIC REVIEW, for D-cember, has a very able article, entitled "THE TERRICT OF THE PEOPLE F THE UNITED STATES, in which the result of the recent Presidential Election and its consequences are discussed with a master hand. There are also several other article of great merit (poetry and prese) in the number THE REVIEW is published by Harrison, Cone & Benedict 71 Nassau St., N. Y., at \$3 per annuir

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE. he Illumination of the past week—The President's Mes-sage and Debate in the Senate—Enlogy on Mr. Clayton —House Majority and Mr. Whitfield—Mr. Grow and

ectionalism—Mr. Sumner—Cabinel—Virginia Election nd Gov. J. B., Floyd—Senator Thompson, of N. Jersey. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5, 1856. nore extensive than I had supposed it to be in this city.-Quite a large number of our sitizens made handsome dis. plays, and among them not a few of the citizens of the old Keystone State, took occasion to to express their pleasure at the success of Mr. Buchanan's election to the Presidency Major Barker made a grand display, as did Messrs. Rhees, Middleton Schott and others. The Post Mester G. had a brilliant display at his house, as had many other Pennsylvanians, citizens of this city. Mrs. Pendleton, the lady patroness of the State of Pennsylvania, excelled al our citizens in the nobleness of her grand entertainment Wit and sentiment predominated, coupled with the beau ties present, and all were delighted with the reception at her residence, together with the good cheer displayed. were enjoyed in a manner rarely, if ever, excelled in this me

The President's Message is a noble document, and being be acted upon by the Scinate. By these treaspend before your revolers, enables them to judge of its ties the Indian title has been extinguished to firm and consistent tone in defence of union and liberty, nearly 175,000,000 acres. The aggregate, as also in opposition to the sectionalism as annunclated by money consideration therefor is \$11,184,203.80. the Fremont supporters against our cherished Union. The opposition in the Senate feel very sore under the truthfu

history the President indites of their conduct. On Wednesday, Messrs. Bayard, Crittenden, Cass. and Seward, pronounced eulogies upon the announcement of the death of the late distinguished Senator, John M. Clayton, of Delaware. The scene and language was touching, for the whole of the distinguished speaker could but barely repress the feeling of regret at the loss the State of Delaware and the country had sustained in the di Senator, in the Union.

The Senate adjourned on yesterday until Monday next On Tuesday and yesterday there was much debate in the road, by increasing the amount of business | Senate by the Fremont Senators against printing the addltional number of the message and accompanying docu by Mr. Baker, has been so satisfactory that it ments. The subject of debate has been postponed until

Republican majority, permit Mr. Whitfield, the Delegate from Kansas, to be sworn in as the Delegate. Mr. Grow, of Pa. and those disorganizers of the public peace of the coun try, who act with him, deny the validity of the election of Mr. Whitfield. Men that have no respect for law and order, and under their temporary rule of the House, will thus do any act, to keep up excitement. We are in favor of the disorganizers doing their worst. The people told upon Mr. Sumner's physician, the reports say, has peren present. This farce is not yet played out, nor will it b gave them money, and promised them further by their decision, determine who is to be Sonator from the successful in his martyrdom of sympathy and he shall be re-elected, he can well afford to repose upon his laurels for

There have been innumerable cabinet advisers made to hand for Mr. Buchanan during the past few days. I really did not believe that we had among us so many handy workmen. In soher truth, Messrs, Editors, you would be surprised at the displays exhibited in this metropolis for money, six dollars, together with her free papers, the latter of which she considered no hardly raise a corporal's guard for him or for his success.—

But so we go, as Gov. Wise says—"our friends are numerous and now are of countless multitudes."

We have a rumor, that the Electors of Virginia, after transacting the business for which they had assembled at Richmond, had an informal nuceting on Welnerday evening last, and expressed a preference for the selection of Governor by the next State Convention.

Governor by the next State Convention.

Spiritualism.—In the way of predictions, his administration. The news coming to me so direct, and disposed to believe that there is some truth in the reference from the description given of the robbers, by Mr. Burket, explicit on the description given of the robbers, by Mr. Burket, explicitly and it is hoped that they will be successful in bringing and it is hoped that they will be successful in bringing and it is hoped that they will be successful in bringing and lit is hoped that they will be successful in bringing and lit is hoped that they will be successful in bringing and lit is hoped that they will be successful in bringing and lit is hoped that they will be successful in bringing and lit is hoped that they will be successful in bringing the top the description given of the robbers, by Mr. Burket, explicitly and the probable of the control of the co commendation, as well as much propriety in the selectionmade. But, having all confidence in the President elect, it was at once suspected that one of them was an old Banks to some of his California friends, and rest satisfied that, in the selections Mr. Buchanan shall offender, known in Marietta as William Judy alias Jones, we shrewdly suspect that the spirit the "lady" make of the distinguished men of the country as his con. and upon receipt of the warrant by Officer Baker, of this below referred to communicated with, was stitutional advisers, we are perfectly willing to able his city, he immediately proceeded to ferret him out until Mr. Banks himself. The triffing majority in Mr. Banks himself. The trifling majority in or that particular friend, of this or that particular locality, Pennsylvania named by this "firm and con- from whence his Cabinet is to be selected. Mr. Buchanan scientious believer in spiritualism" is Speaker is fully up to the duty that is before him to perform, and

there need be no fear, but that his work will be well and faithfully done. The term of J. R. Thomson, of N. Jersey, in the U. S. Senate, expiring on the 4th of March, 1857, it is desirable city, who is a firm and conscientious believer that that faithful and talented Senator shall be again rein spiritualism, received a communication on elected to the position he now holds in the service of the good people of New Jersey. Excuse me for reverting to the She was election of Mr. Thomson in your valuable journal. It is done more with a view of expressing to the people of New 7,290 majority; Jersey, themselves, the loss that they will sustain in the public councils of the nation, than from any other consideration. If, unfortunately for them Mr. Thomson should not be again their chosen Senator, when, so far, he has ren merit from all, the plaudit of well done thou good and faithful democrat and servant of the people of New Jersey. We shall truly rejoice to know, that, at the meeting of the New Jersey Legislature, Mr. Thomson has been unau mously re-elected to the Senate of the U. States,—a station he so well adorns by his talents, industry, his duty to his constituents and his true devotion to the Union of the

Yours, MCFARLAND. The Allentown Democrat and Milford Herald strongly recommend Gen. DAVID LAURY, of Lehigh county, for Canal Commissioner. The General is a good man and Who would believe in spiritualism after sound Democrat, in every way qualified to discharge the duties of the office.

CITY AND COUNTY AFFAIRS.

THE LANCASTER BANK .- Another meeting of the stockholders was held un Saturday last. The conmittee appointed at the last meeting to report on the condition of the Institution, submitted a statement from which

Nov. 22. Notes in circulation, Dec. 6. dirto \$724,869 552,477 \$172,392 The assets of the Bank are reduced to a similar amount.

The following plans were submitted for the resuscitation of the Bank : The first proposition was offered by Mr. Higster, who pledged himself to subscribe for one hundred shares if his lan was adonted. It is as follows

pian was adopted. It is as follows:

We hereby agree to subscribe the number of shares set opposite to our names respectively, to renew the capital of the Lancaster Bank, and pay in the amount thereof at fifty dollars per share on the first day of April, 1857, in Lancaster Bank notes, checks of depositors of said bank, or the present stock thereof at \$5 per share. Mr. H. A. Roland thought the plan was objectionable

Mr. H. A. Rolland thought the plan was objectionable, and he submitted the following as more feasible:

*Plan for Resuccitating the Lancaster Bank, submitted to the Stockholders, December 6th, 1856.

Ist. The Stockholders shall advance to the Bank, in the shape of a loan, a sum equal to two-fifths of the par value of the stock respectively held by them, (say \$20 on each share) for which the Bank shall issue certificates of deposit, bearing interest/from the date of the deposit at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. The principal whereof sharther redesunable by the Bank in five-equal annual installments, commencing on the 1st of March, 1863.

Provided that the present stockholders shall be entitled proportion to the said 4000 additional shares in pro-rata proportion to the number of shares now held by them respectively, upon the terms proposed. And in case of their refusal or inability to accept them, then the present

dition.

5th. The Bank shall make application to the Legislature for power to reduce its capital to \$240,000, making the parvalue of its shares \$20. These plans were discussed by several gentlemen, when, on motion of Dr. Atles, they were referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hiester, Roland, Reignrt, Shirk, M'11-Vaine, Konigmacher, Bear, Kline and Brown, with instru tions to report thereon at an adjourned meeting to be held on next Saturday, the 13th lust., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Great confidence was expressed by the several speakers in the ultimate resuscitation of the Institution. THE LECTURE SELSON -Our citizens will be favored with a rich course of intoflectual entertainments during this Winter, from some of the most eminent Law the first of the series, at Fulton Hall, on the evening of the 17th inst., by E. P. WHIPPLE, Esq., of Boston. Subject-Mr. W. has a high reputation as a scholar and lecturer, and as this is a deeply interesting theme, the Hall will, no doubt, be filled with the beauty and intelli-

gence of our city. We are informed, by one of the Committee, that Cul-BENTON has accepted an invitation, and will deliver one of the lectures of the course, some time in the month of Feb ruary. Of course there will be a general of see "Old Bullion

LECTURE ON LOVE AND MONEY .- PARK BENJAMIN, the celebrated Author and Locturer, of New York, will deliver a lecture in Fulton Hall, on Thursday evening, 11th inst. Subject-"Love and Money." Ad

A Splendid Monument .-- Our ofriend, Mr. Lewis Halpy, Marble Mason, in North Ousen street, is engaged at present on a splendid monument to the late IOHN N. LANE, of this city. It will be 14 feet high, of Italian marble, and when finished, in the exquisite style of the time, but when done we, shall notice it in detail. BACK AGAIN.-HARVY GOODALL, Esq., has

again assumed the position of editor of the Inland Daily, and it is from henceforth to be issued both as a morning and evening paper. Goodall is a clever, gentlemanly fellow and we cordially welcome him back to our midst Mr. GEORGE W. Schrover, connected with the Inland Daily

as Publisher, has retired from that establishment, and is now associated in publishing the Daily Evening Express. THE LANCASTER FENCIALES -This fine company of citizen soldiery, it is understood, contemplate a visit to Washington city, for the purpose of being present at the imaggiration of President Buchanan on the 4th of March. We are glad of this-although, at the same time we marvel that so few of our young men, comparatively, feel any disposition to attach themselves to the corps. In a city like this, and with so able and experienced a comthirty or forty muskets, the Fencibles should number at

least one hundred active members. We hope to witness more of a military And especially would we like to see the ranks of the Co BUCHANAN.

CLOTHING.—It will be seen, by an adverisement in another column, that Messrs. Cyrus & Barton . Winters have taken the Clothing Store, lately occupie by William Hensler, at No. 311/2 North Queen street. They are both industrious and energetic young men, and deserv REVENUE COMMISSIONER .-- JOSEPH KONIG-

MACHER, Esq., has been appointed to represent this District in the Board of Revenue Commissioners, who will meet at Marrisburg, in February next, to equalize the assess-OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY PRISON .- The following persons were elected officers of the County Prison, by the Board of Directors, on the 2nd inst. Keeper, H. C. ocher-Under Keepers, Rudolph Ressler-Physician, Dr. William Compton—Solicitor, Daniel G. Bake

-Treasurer, Hugh S. Gara PRESENT TO THE PRESIDENT ELECT .- It is stated that the citizens of Charleston, S. C., are about to purchase a splendid carriage, and present it to the President

elect, Mr. BUCHANAN. SURGICAL OPERATION .-- On Thursday week Dr. H. Carpenter, assisted by a student and Dr. A. J. Carpenter, removed an ovasion tumor from the body of a Mrs. Johnston, which weighed thirty three pounds: Prior to the operation the tumor was tapped and thirty-four pounds of luid taken from it in order to make the operation more armly ahered to the viscers of the abdomen which made the patient was under the influence of chloroform. She did well for about thirty-six hours, when inflammation set in-

operation. FATAL ACCIDENT .- A man, named John Zerfy, of Petersburg, this county, was suddenly killed by the kick of a horse on Tuesday last, near the residence of (r. Abraham Shelly, in Mount Joy twp. STILL ANOTHER.—Peter Spyder, a founder in the Furnace f Kauffman, Sheaffer & Co., at Columbia, was instantly

The deceased leaves a wife and several children. BOLD HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN OPEN DAY .will soon be well and quickly resume his seat. But, if
By the following communication it will be seen that a most
successful in his martyrdom of sympathy and he shall be
daring highway robbery was committed on Monday after-

Marietta:

Columnia, Dec. 1, 1856.

Edifor of the Inland Daily—Dear Sir:—Our community
was thrown into great excitement this evening by intelligence that a highway robbery had been committed midway
between this place and Märietta, this afternoon, and that
the robbers had escaped with their booty. Upon ascritaining the facts, I find that Mr. John H. Burket, on his
way from this place to Marietta, was met about midway, in
the public highway, by three men who selzed and dragged
him from his horse, gagged him and robbed him of \$230,00,
all the money he had, and then left him—the robberg going
into a field and up a ravine, where they were soon lost
sight of.

From the description given of the robbers, by Mr. Burket,

and Sheilds, of Marietta, he arrested Judy at a house kept by a woman named Hannah Ferry, in South Queen st., in secured, and he was lodged in prison to await his trial.-We happen to know that Dr. Aver's Cherry Pectoral and Cathartic Pills are good medicines, and shall proclaim it because we do know it. We confidently believe there is a vast amount of relief from suffering for our

afflicted fellow men, wrapped up in these skil-

ful preparations, and we

little influence to make them known to those who need them .- Philadelphia Sunday Times ____ The New York Ledger, the great family weekly paper, for which the most popular writers contribute, has now attained the extraordinary circulation of One Hundred and Ninety Thousand copies, and subscriptions are continually pouring in. See the Ledger's advertisement in another column.

Terrible Snow Storm in the North West MILWAURIE. Dec. 6.—The storm of Tuesday last was very severe along. Lake Michigan. Many buildings were swept away, piers damaged, &c. In many places snow fell to the depth of six feet. The railroads are blocked up, and no trains are arriving or departing.

The weather is intensely cold.