## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1870. The State Treasury Bankrupt---The Sinking Fund Robbed.

The Republican party is a party of shams and pretenses. It seems to be little credit upon those who have allowacted the part of a charlatan in State called to account for his acts by the tended reforms have been discovered to

sylvania, concluded to do away with the The public will draw its own inferences. ernment, even in an economical manthe repeal of the tax on real estate was ment of the State debt. the Republican party.

blunder had been committed. There white-washing. was a decided decrease of the revenue, and no decrease of expenditures. Money to meet the demands created by extravagant legislation had to be got, and the Radical State Treasurers boldly put their hands into the sinking funds and drew out such sums as they wanted. They not only unlawfully took of the moneys deposited to pay the State debt sufficient to meet the current expenses of an extravagant administration, but they extracted a sufficient sum to enable them always to keep on hand an enormous unexpended balance, which was loaned to banks and private individuals. The testimony of Mr. Thomas Nicholson, which we publish elsewhere, shows up this outrage in its true character. He says, on his oath, that the State Treasury is not only bankrupt, but that a million and a half of dollars have been boldly taken from the sinking fund contrary to

the easiest and most equitable methods of collecting revenue, and there is not a farmer in the State who would not willingly pay his proportion of tax rather than have the sinking fund invaded and the payment of the State debt stopped. This is not the first time that h a piece of demagoguery has been attempted in this State with a similar or three years to show to the people how foolish and costly a piece of political

ture to make the appropriation. We can understand very well how We can understand very well how there may be an honest difference of opinion as to the propriety of compentation of the propriety of compentations are to be Reconstructed a Second sating the citizens of the border counties for their losses by these raids; we can Brownlow and the Radical delegation honestly think themselves entitled to be

raise a loud voice in its denunciation.

In the days of Democratic rule one or two officials were employed at small salaries as ushers to the White House. Now we have several full blown Brigadier Generals waiting about the portals

A Thieving U.S. Senator.

The Radical Senator Harlan is accused, on first-rate Radical authority, of being one of the boldest and biggest land thieves in the country. While Secretary of the Interior, he was largely

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The Cincinnati Enquirer in commenting on the above extract, remarks interests of the country in the North. of the Presidential mansion and a host engaged in the business, and he still of underlings. On motion of Mr. Po- keeps it up. He has managed to approland, the other day the wages of two of priate and to parcel out among a small these minor officials were increased | from \$1,000 and \$840 to \$1,200 each. If himself, the entire reservation of the it is profitable to be "a doorkeeper in Kaw Indians, a tract of fertile land lythe House of the Lord," it does not apling south of Kansas. The theft was pear to be unprofitable to occupy a sin ilar position at the Presidential mansion.

THE Military Committee made a mistake when they decided to confine the examination into the sale of cadetships to the present Congress. If, as has been stated, the traffic in this species of patronage is not new, the public have a right to be fully enlightened in regard to the matter. The investigation should be made very thorough, and every mar who was engaged in it exposed to popular execution. The corruption which prevails among officials is the greatest Wilson, and hails from Salem, Massa-

Gen. Irwin Dodges. We are not surprised to learn that the positive refusal of Gen. Irwin to sub-

ceeded in gulling the masses of the such, is liable to be called to account at the pretentious reformers was subponed themselves to be made the dupes of Irwin to say that acts done by him Radical leaders. It has constantly play- during an expired term are not proper and National affairs. Many of its pre- power which made him an officer-for acts done in office after his term has exbe the verriest cheats, as they have pired, as well as during the duration

In the spring of 1866, fluding their thereby, or were the gains of such transparty failing, and in danger of defeat, actions transferred to the State Treasury the shallow-pated demagogues who for the benefit of the tax-payers of th have constituted themselves the leaders | State? That is the question which Gen. | put an end to the labors of Mr. Billingof the Republican organization in Penn- Irwin peremptorily declines to answer.

tax on real estate. The Democrats who | There is another branch of the subject were then in the Legislature warned upon which Gen. Irwin could enlighten the advocates of the measure that they the people if he chose. He could show Irwin, who preceded him. That Genecould not collect sufficient revenue from how much money was taken from the other sources to carry on the State gov- sinking fund during his administration favorable exhibit than Mr. Mackey did ner, much less in the extravagant style a huge unexpended balance in the hands granted that it was on that account he in which it was then and has since been of bankers and private speculators. He refused to be examined. conducted. But, a new piece of quack- could also tell how much the State lost ery was just then needed to patch up by this outrageous misapplication of a thorough and radical reform in the the decaying fortunes of the party, and moneys sacredly set apart for the pay-

The Gold Gambling Conspiracy.

The report of the majority of the committee appointed to investigate the gold gambling conspiracy completely white-washes Grant and all his immediate family. The pious old reprobate Corbin is made a scape-goat, and upon the head of this wretched brother-in-law all the vials of wrath are poured. It is a singular circumstance that neither the President nor his wife deigned to explain the rumors which were so freely circulated in regard to them. The letter which Grant addressed to Boutwell, ton, D. C., to hide himself for a week or significant direction couched in the order "move on without change." Such action was all Corbin, Fisk & Co. wanted. The letter sent by Corbin

special messenger to Grant in his retirement would no doubt have shed a flood of light, but, according to the testimony of one of the witnesses, that was destroyed about as soon as received by the President. Grant did not reply to it in writing, but there is evidence to show that his wife did. Corbin testifies to that in his evasive way, but with sufficient distinctness. It was addressed to talk the just acts of the gentleman who cient distinctness. It was addressed to all the just acts of the gentleman who result. Just after Joe. Rither was elected Governor a Whig Legislature repealed the tax on real estate, and this was then heralded as a brilliant stroke with the built of anomaly consider that question. We have had a policy in regard to the fundation of the Government, and I am amazed to find it seriously consider that question. We have had a policy in regard to the fundation of the Government, and I am amazed to find it seriously consider that question. "Your's affectionately, Sis." "Sis" in- the formed Corbin and wife of the mind of to imprison citizens, in the name of the the President by saying, "my husband Commonwealth, for any violation of

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pay pass finally we will publish the list of ayes and nays, and the people will plan of negro equality, we should have understand how the claimants may in the lower House of Congress, are honestly think themselves entitled to be make desperate efforts to have the gov-

und select circle of loyal rogues like committed under the guise of a bogus treaty which the chiefs of the tribe de-clare they never signed. The Senate ought at once to investigate the case, and to expel this unworthy member, who appears to be a much greater villain than any of the members of the House who have been engaged in selling ca-

detships. Ben Butler has appointed a negro boy cadet to West Point. The sable youth rejoices in the name of Charles Sumner chusetts.

End of the Treasury Investigation. Senator Billingfelt is the author of the resolution under which a committee was mit to being sworn and examined in appointed to investigate the manageregard to his management of the State ment of the State Treasury and is Cha

the people by some specious cry has evidently took his stand without due answered fully and freely all the interbeen its policy from the day when it consideration. The State Treasurer is rogatories which were put to him; but first came into existence, and it has suc- the creature of the Legislature, and, as when General Irwin, the candidate of North to an extent which reflects very little credit upon those who have allow-official being. It will not do for Gen. another, and finally, when subterfuges could no longer avail him, he peremned the demagogue in all things, and has subjects for investigation. He can be torily declined to be sworn and refused to submit to any examination. General Irwin fell back upon what he conceives to be his reserved rights, and told the committee in very plain terms that he

be the verriest cheats, as they have been exposed one after another.

Its leaders have not shown any financial ability, and the people have suffered and are now suffering from the follies of those in power. With brazen impudence it has pretended to be economical while indulging in the most reckless extravagance. It has professed to be the party of reform when almost every official in State or Nation has been engaged in plundering the public treasury. It has preached about retrenchment of expenditures when each year of its rule has shown an enormous increase in the has shown an enormous increase in the system prevail under the administration ury he ought to be glad of the opportucost of every department of government. of Gen. Irwin; and, if so, did he profit nity thus presented for making a fair

exhibit of his official conduct. We suppose this unexpected and uncountable action of Gen. Irwin will felt's committee. Enough has been disclosed, however, to show that Mr. Mackey only followed the same line of policy which had been pursued by Gen. ral Irwin could have made any more contrary to law, to enable him to keep we do not believe; and we take it for Enough has been elicited to show that

moneys sacredly set apart for the payment of the State debt.

For a reform candidate we must confess Gen. Irwin cuts a very sorry figure. We hope the committee will discharge the duty they have assumed with energy and impartiality. Let there be no management of our State finances is improsperity of the State and as proof of the admirable financial mangement of We hope the committee will discharge Irwin a round sum of money to beat It soon became evident that a great gy and impartiality. Let there be no the caucus nomination for months beerally unerstood that a desperate effort will be made to prevent any material change in the management of the Treasury. Senator Wallace's bill, Senator Warfel's bill and Representative White's bill, are said to be sure of defeat, because they really mean reform. Senator will be will be sure of defeat, because they really mean reform. Senators will be sufficiently some surface of the surface of the Black feet, and is endorsed by General Sully United States Army. With regards, faithfully yours, VINCENT COLLYER, Secretary. erally unerstood that a desperate effort eause they really mean reform. Senajust before he started off from Washing- tor Billingfelt's bill would not prevent To Felix R.Brunor, Chairman, Pittsbygh Gen. Irwin from "getting his money

> be cheated and humbugged by a bill stricken village, forces itself home upon that means little or nothing, if any ac- the mind. It was perhaps the ghast-The Proposed Amendments to the City Charter Denounced by Council. In our City Councils action has been to the City Charter which are now pend-truthful and eloquent terms. He said:

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menting on the above extract, remarks that it appears to be Wendell's idea that before, and if any of them do not vote

count of the horrible butchery of a whole village of sick Indians by one of Phil. Sheridan's officers. It will be pleasant reading for people who cried their eyes half-out over the lies of Mrs. Stowe and her fictitious negro, Uncle Tom.

The Massacre of the Piegan Indians. As a member of Congress remarked The Inquirer, a very Radical Repub-the other day, the massacre of the Plegan lican newspaper published in this city, Indians will rank in history with the makes a decided and grave charge old-blooded butchery of Glencoe, which against Gen. Irwin, the newly elected Treasury, has caused a lowering of the man of that committee. R. W. Mack. has cast a stain on British arms that can ing Fund Robbed.

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MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, Oct. 21, 1869.
SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, with accompanying reports of General Sully, Mr. Pease, and Mr. Culbertson, Indian agents in Montana, on the subject of depredations by the Piegan tribe of Indians. We have had so few troops in Montana on account of the expiration of enlistments as to have been unable to do much against these Indian marauders; but the regiments are now filling up, and I BEEN SUSPECTED. much against these Indian marauders; b the regiments are now filling up, and think it would be the best plan to let r

Very respectfully,
P. H. SHERIDAN,
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Dievet Major General E. D. Townsenn Adjutant General United States Army Washington, D. C. Gen. Sherman replied approving the suggestion for a secret raid upon the tribe in the dead of winter, and Colonel Baker was selected to perpetrate the Vincent Collyer, Secretary, of the R. Brunot, Chairman of that Commit-

fore the legislature assembled, and was forced to spend money very freely. How much more it cost him to induce a sufficient number of Republican members to break "the slate," and to defeat the will of their party as expressed in caucus, is more than we can tell, but the figures which are mentioned at Harrisburg are not little ones. It is now generally unerstood that a desperate effort

The blood of the reader runs cold as two in the rural solitudes of Washington, Pa., was produced. It contained one may depend upon it that they are bound terrible winter morning, in that plague liest and most sickening horror ever witnessed in the annals of war. When the subject was under discussion in Congress the other day Mr.

Voorhees, of Indiana, spoke of it in for Gen. Irwin. bers to seriously consider that question. We have had a policy in regard to the In-

honestly think themselves entitled to be recompensed and how others may as honestly think that they were not so entitled. But we are utterly at a loss to contiled. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided. But we are utterly at a loss to confided and solution of the people of that State. The action of t

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Rich discoveries of silver were made recently in New Mexico, near the Arizona boundary line, in the Apache country. A quantity of the ore has been taken to San Francisco, and yields as high as \$2000 a ton.

A Grave Charge Against Gen. Irwin. The Inquirer, a very Radical Repub-State Treasurer. It says:

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"The reason for Irwin, not testifying is apparent to every one who knows anything about the management of the Treasury while he was in office. He had vast amounts of money on deposit in the banking institutions of the State, for which he received interest, and this he did not wish to tell.—He dare not deny it, because the proof was at hand to confront him. During his term he had money of the State ondeposit in this city for which he REGEIVED 4 AND 6 PER CENT. PER ANNUM INTEREST. In this dilemma he refused to testify. In the words of his organ, "the FEOPLE NEED NO BETTER EVIDENCE THAT HE IS GULLTY OF THE MISDEMEANORS OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN SUSPECTED."

seue. The one important question is, did Gen. Irwin, or any State Treasurer farm out the moneys of the State for his own pecuniary benefit, and for that of his personal and political friends? In view of the fact that the sinking fund has been robbed of a million and a half of dollars to enable successive State Treasurer's to keep an enormous unexpended balance in the hands of pet banks and personal favorites, the question becomes one of prime importance. General Irwin ought not to be allowed to defy the committee, as he boldly assumed to do. The committee have the power to force him to answer he committee in the assertion of such just power to the fullest extent. Let

The people are anxiously looking on butchery. In the brutal language of and they will be satisfied with nothing an eye to business. Sheridan it was to be done "about the short of a full and impartial investigatime of a heavy snow," when the poor tion. Let the iniquitous management wretches were "very helpless." How of the State Treasury be probed to the effectually the infamous scheme was carried out let the following letter from to Gen. Irwin or any other individual. Board of Indian Commissioners, to Felix A Bebate on the State Treasury Investigation.

There was quite a warm discussion in

the State Senate on Friday last over the course pursued by the Investigating Committee in reference to Gen. Irwin. Mr. Mumma, Senator from Dauphin county, offered a resolution designed to bring before the Senate the refusal of Gen Irwin to be sworn. Mr. Billingfelt, Chairman of the Committee, lost his temper, and allowed himself to be made to appear in the attitude of an apologist for the course of the stubborn official. We were sorry to see that. Mr. Billingfelt may not have intended to assume such an indefensible and improper position, and he was no doubt hurried beyond the bounds of prudence by the excitement of the moment. As Chairman of the Committee it is his duty to do all that lies in his power to carry out to the fullest extent the objects for which the Committee was appointed. That can not be done, if Gen. Irwin is allowed to defy the Senate, and to escape from an examination. The peculiar position occupied by Senator Billingfelt, in occupied by Senator Billingfelt, in having heaven up of those who declined between the county of the control of the county of the control of the county of Milwaukee, have tendered the new court house, which is to cost nearly a million of dollars, to the State for a gag: 175 were mades, 157 females: 96 boys, and 79 girls.

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WHITTEMORE, the Reverend, Radical

whittemore, the Reverend, Radical carpet-bagger has gone home and issued an appeal to the negroes of his district. He assures them that a majority of the Republicans in Congress carnestly developed the supermediate over the Governor's vector. Under this law, the court will be obliged to review the testimony. He assures them that a majority of the Republicans in Congress earnestly deveto. Under this law, the court sire that he may be returned. It may obliged to review the testimony.

dence that while they were pressed into a seeming acquiescence in this hasty action by a few Hotspurs, they are still openly friendly, and they express every confidence in my honesty and integrity in this whole matter. I shall come again to my constituents, whose confidence I have never violated. I shall ask them to give me their votes and send me back to my place, made vacant by no dishonest action.

We shall wait with some anxiety to the strength of the programs will re-elect see whether the negroes will re-elect Whittemore, and shall then see whether he tells the truth when he asserts that

# The Last Amendment.

A portion of our Republican friends tinues one of them in office; legalizes all the illegal acts of the other and auall the illegal acts of the other and authorizes him to live where he pleases; empowers both of them to commit anybody they have a spite against to prison and takes away from the poor devil all right to appeal from their fiat; and finally invites us to erect a marble lockup at a cost of \$20,000.

This is a beautiful law and we think the interest of the proprietorship. Chas. H. Schaeffer expectation and take charge of the establishment will take charge of the establishment until the dispute is settled.

Gen. H. L. Leaf, of Pottstown, has received a new variety of apples which

ought to be thorough and complete Golladay was elected as a Democrat, but we have no disposition to shield him on that account.

Death of a Foreign Minister. Washington, March 7.—Hon. J. J. Paul Minister to this country from Venezuela died suddenly here this morning at 11 lately appointed Minister to the United States, and arrived in New York on the 25th before, and if any of them do not vote the Republican ticket, exclude their members and remand them to a Territorial condition. So, if the people of of the South dream that they will gain any independence by coming into the Union again or that they will ever be allowed any, iberty of action they are deceived; for in the language of Phillips' "reconstruction" must go on indefinitely just as long and as often as any Southern State will vote the Democratic ticket.

WE publish elsewhere a detailed account of the horrible butchery of awhole will are of sick I which was grown early in New Mexico, near the Arison for the country was the cause of the creently in New Mexico, near the Arison for the country was the cause of the creently in New Mexico, near the Arison for the country was the cause of the country was the cause of the country was the cause of the country for the fact that apoplexy was the cause of the country for the country was made by Drs. Potter, (ox and Drinkard, which revealed the fact that apoplexy was the cause of the country in New Mexico, near the Arison for the country was near the fact that apoplexy was the cause of the country in New Mexico, near the Arison for the country was near the fact that apoplexy was the cause of the country in New Mexico, near the Arison for the country was the cause of the country was near the fact that apoplexy was the cause of the country was the cause of the country in New Mexico, near the Arison for the country was the cause of the country was the cause

State Items.

Horse thieves have been driving a successful business in Westmoreland county. Major Charles Barnes pointed scaler of weights and measur for Allegheny county. The Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist E. Church meets at Pottsville

on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The citizens of Connellsville, Fayette county, are taking steps to organize a Saving Bank, with a capital of \$100,000. An engineer has been employed to run the line for a new railroad between Norristown and Lanesdale, in Bucks county.

Carmichaelstown had a railroad meeting recently. The Greene county people are getting in earnest about a railinvestigating committee ought to be directed. It touches the very point at issue. The one important arms of the county. The finest stone for flagging, hearth

Coal lands along the line of the P. & C. R. R., in the 'Yough Regions' after oringing from three to six hundred dollars per acre. A new Post-office has been established in York county, called Alpine. Wm. W. Ramsey has been appointed Postmaster. James Hill, a saloon keeper at Corry. was burned to death a few days since, from the explosion of a can of kerosene, with which he was attempting to kindle

Pennsylvania Railroad Company have resumed work on the ten-hour system, the length of days being sufficient to warrant the change. have the power to force him to answer all proper interrogatories which may be put to him, and the Senate will, we take it for granted, be found ready to sustain the committee in the assertion of such the committee in the assertion of such which is also during the year amounted to 1,500, 1000 pounds. The negro jubilants of Blair county are to jubilate at the place furnishing the most money. The Huntingdon Globe remarks that the lifteenths have there be no attempt at whitewashing

an eye to business.

David Paul Brown Esq., of Philadelphia, has accepted the invitation to deliver the address before the Literary Societies of Muhlenberg College Allenders town, at the commencement in June next.

John James, the present court erier of Bucks county, will, by the first day of April next, have occupied that position for forty years, that being a longer time than has ever been served as court erier by any man in the United States.

The Titusville In ald says there are fifteen houses transacting business in that place to the amount of \$450,000 to \$1,000,000 a year, and there are many other business firms each doing a business of \$100,000 a year. A little fellow, living in Dunbar twp.,

ayette county, while driving an unru-steer was tossed over a stake-and-rider been was tossed over a stake-and-rider fence, ten feet high, by the cruel animal. Strange to say, he escaped without in-Engineers are now engaged in lo-

rangineers are now engaged in locating the line for a new railroad to diverge from the Reading Railroad at Phonixville, and to run eastward to the Delaware, though the Neshaminy Valley in Bucks county.

The deaths in the city of Philadel-like in the graph of the productive of the p

sire that he may be returned. It may be the rascal speaks the truth. He concludes his address as follows:

"The hope expressed by a very large number of the members of the House, that I may be returned to Congress is the evilonment of the members of the House, that I may be returned to Congress is the evilonment of the members of the dealers in that commodity of the truth of the treasury by the repeal of the tax on real estate, and soft the weather East having compelled the dealers in that commodity of the truth of the

er he tells the truth when he asserts that his rascality has not injured him in the estimation of the Radical majority in Congress.

The last Amendment.

elected directors of the Pransylvania Railroad Company: Messrs. J. Edgar Thompson, Josiah Bacon, George Black, Wistar Morris, S. T. Bodine, J. B. Myers, E. C. Knight, Washington Butcher, J. M. Kennedy, and John Rice, J. Edgar Thompson was re elected president.

ishioners.
A bill of equity has been filed by Mr.

printer in 1821 with the Adult Sunday School Society, which was subsequently merged into the American Sunday School Union, whose printing he had charge of until the time of his decease. He was the first to introduce the present composition roller, and was the first in Philadelphia who used a power printing press, which was driven by horse power, and was exected on a sort now embraced and was erected on a spot now embraced within the present *Ledger* building. He was also the The Oxford Press says " most of our caders doubtless remember the robbery of Messrs. R. & G. D. Hodgson in that

Gov. Warmouth has called an extra session of the Louisiana Legislature, to The Sinking Fund Robbed of a Million and a half of Dollars. begin on Monday next. Gen. Horace Porter, private Secretary to President Grant, has been spending a day in Philadelphia. The Commissioner of Patents yester-day decided in favor of the extension of Owen Dorsey's reaping patent. A San Francisco despatch reports the

dicovery of new rich gold fields near San Francisco, California. J. G. Harding, a wealthy Englishman committed suicide at a house of ill-repute, in New York, on Saturday.

A despatch from Rochester, N. Y. says that several business houses the resumed specie payment on Friday. Counterfeit twenty dollar notes on the Market National Bank of New York, have just been circulated in that city. The Tennessee Legislature will adjourn on Monday. It has made provision for the payment of the interest on the State debt.

The city of Portland, Me., has con menced to pay the interest on its debt in gold or its equivalent, under the recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. Mishael Tobin, a butcher and sheep dealea, was knocked down and robbed of \$12,000, by two men, in New York, Saturday night. Ex-Auditor Wickliffe, of Louisiana

has delivered up the coupons he was charged with embezzling, and been released on bail. The employees in the shops of the

cisco, on Saturday night, was won b Rudolph. The game was close. The Committee on Roads and Canals agreed to report a bill, authorizing the construction of a railroad from Norfolk to St. Louis, via Louisville, with a capital stock of \$40,000,000. There are in Europe, at the present time, 1.482 theatres, of which there are in France 337, in Italy 208, in Spain 168,

in Austria 152, in Prussia 76, in Russia 34, and in England 156. At Stevenson, Alabama, on Monday night, a nogro who had fired a gun into a house, was taken away by "Ku-Klux" and is believed to have been killed by them. A party of soldiers have been sent to Stevenson.

ach hour during the whole course of At Wilmington, North Carolina, on Saturday, an old Parrott shell, brought from a neighboring Lattle ground, expenses? from a neighboring Lattle ground, exploded in Hart & Railey's foundry yard, injuring three colored men, one so badly that he is not expected to live.

Since 1792 to the present time the gold coinage of the United States mint has amounted to nine hundred and forty-mixed which shell in the present in the property of the matter. I know now, that it has been so since May. I believe there is a million lost to the Treasury by the repeal of the tax on real estate. At Wilmington, North Carolina, on

A portion of our Republican friends have not yet got things to suit them in this city and are again asking the Legislature to amend the City Charter. It is true that but comparatively few of them want this additional legislation, which seems to be intended solely for the benefit of our two Mayors; it continues are of them in office: legalizes.

Rev. Mr. Gallaudet, late of Christ daying been decided by the Territorial Judiciary that they had a right to serve, and pay it over every month. Mr. Wallace—What would be your opinion in respect to overcoming this difficulty of deficiencies in the fund? It was all from New York for his new field of operations in Texas. Mr. Galkaudet, late of Christ daying been decided by the Territorial Judiciary that they had a right to serve, and pay it over every month. Mr. Wallace—What would be your opinion in respect to overcoming this difficulty of deficiencies in the fund? Mr. Nicholson—We want laws passed, to sell to sell the operations in the fund. Two men quarreled about the possession of eighteen cents, while walking on the Central Railroad bridge over Newark Bay, N. J., on Thursday, and none of them knocked the other into the bay, drowning him. The survivor was all of the properties of the constitution shall remain there, and what is put in by one of them knocked the other into the bay, drowning him. The survivor was all of the properties of the constitution shall remain there, and what is put in by one of them knocked the other into the bay, drowning him. The survivor was all of the properties of the constitution shall remain there, and what is put in by one of them knocked the other into the bay, drowning him. The survivor was all of the properties of the constitution shall remain there, and what is put in by one of them knocked the other into the bay, drowning him. The survivor was all of the properties of the Constitution shall remain there, and pay it over every month. Mr. Wallace—What would be vour opinion in respect to overcoming this difficulty of the properties of th

bay, drowning him. The survivor was arrested, and says he acted in self-de-fence.

The Banking and Currency Committee, it is stated, will probably report a Mr. White—You would not wish to see the Funding bill. They are at a loss to collateral inheritance tax repealed, would know whether the fifty millions increase you?

peared, and induced him to surrender, when he was found to be severely wounded. He is thought to be insane.

The certificate of incorporation of the Pittsburgh, Canton & Chicago railroad has been filed at the office of the Secretary of State in Ohio. The eastern terminus of the proposed road is at the town of Smith's Ferry in Columbiana county, and the western terminus at the town of New London, in Huron county, passing through the counties of Columbiana, Stark, Wayne, Medina, Ashland, Lorsiv and Huron. (fastical \$1,000.000] Lorain and Huron. Capital, \$1,000,000. The corporators are C. Aultman, I Harter, L. Schaeffer, D. Tyler and George

ter, L. Schaeffer, D. Tyler and Geor Cook. The Rey. David Fisher, a Bishop of Messrs. R. & G. D. Hodgson in that borough, about eight years ago, and the abstraction of \$3,100 worth of bonds of the P. & B. C. R. R. Co. No trace of the robbers was ever discovered. Last week, however, the stolen bonds were offered for sale in Philadelphia, by a Wilmington broker, to whom they had been sent by a party in New York, for sale. Mr. J. H. Ramsey saw they were offered and knowing the numbers of the stolen bonds, obtained a list of them and with Mr. Henry Hodgson of Oxford, proceeded to Philadelphia, where on examination found that \$2,600 worth were the indentical stolen bonds. They at once secured the service of an officer and had the bondsattached."

THE STATE TREASURY BANKRUPT.

The Sinking Fund Bobbed of a Million and a hair of Dollars.

Brilliant Financial Policy of the Pennsylvania Radicals.

On Monday night the Finance Committee of the State Senate met and the examination into the condition and management of the State Senate met and the examination into the condition and management of the State Treasury was continued. Gen. Irwin put in an appearance at last, but begged for another week to prepare his testimony, and his prayer was granted.

Mr. Thomas Nicholson was then sworn, and he proceeded to explain more fally the methods of keeping the vanit account, the state of detailed statements after all his accounts had been satisfactorily adaptividuals, and other irregularities which have already been exposed by the testimony of preceding witnesses. His attention was then called to the condition of the sinking fund when the following evidence was elicited by the examination:

Mr. Wallace—Has there not been, and its there not now an ilegal use of the money that belongs to the sinking fund.

Mr. Nicholson—How, illegal?

Mr. Wallace—Has there not been, and its there not now an illegal use of the money bristed to other purposes than the law and Constitution preserbe.

priated to other purposes than the law and Constitution prescribe. Mr. Nicholson—I think I have spoken Mr. Nicholson—I think I have spoken plainly enough on that, I want to say this. I think every person familiar with the Treasury will bear me out, that if the law was strictly enforced—the letter of the law —members of the Legislature, perhaps, would have done something before now, because they would have been on short commons, [Laughter.]

Mr. Wallace—There is no money in the State Treasury but what belongs to the sinking fund?

Mr. Nicholson—No, sir; and I think a million more has been taken out. I

charged with embezzling, and been released on bail.

In San Francisco, Wm. A. Robinson, a public school teacher, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment, for cruelly punishing a pupit.

A letter from Nice sets the number of strangers wintering there at 20,000, America furnishing the largest contingent.

Gen. Klapke, a noted General in the Hungarian revolution of 1849 and long an exile, is about to take his seat as a member of Parliament.

Mr. Sothern—Lord Dundreary—came near being killed while on a hunting party with the Paris Rothschilds. He rides most recklessly to hounds.

The rear building of the New York State Inobriate Asylum, at Binghamton, was destroyed by fire, on Friday night. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. The laborers on the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad, at Patterson, New Jersey, have struck for higher wages. The contractors refuse their demands.

The billiard match between Deery and Rudolph, for the diamond cue and the championship of America, at San Francisco, on Saturday night, was won by Rudolph. The game was close.

The Committee on Roads and Canals

was carried out, ought to be paid upon the debt of the Commonwealth? Mr. Nicholson—Certainly. Chairman—The report of the State Treas-Chairman—The report of the State Treasurer shows that the current fund that is applied to the payment of the general exponses not only exceeds the fund, but exceeds it to the amount of \$908,000.

Mr. Nicholson—I do not know how much

uch.
Mr. Wallace—And is growing worse very year? Mr. Nicholson—Yes, sir. When I left the Treasury in 1863, it was not so. We did not owe the sinking fund any then.
Chairman - Last year it was overdrawn

Mr. Nicholson—I do not know. Mr. Nicholson—I do not know.
Chairman—How would you propose to remedy that evil?
Mr. Nicholson—Well, I don't know.
Perhaps if I was to make a suggestion I would be langhed at.
Mr. Wallace—Do you know out of what funds the current expenses were paid, previous to 1863; what sources of revenue formed the bulk?
Mr. Nicholson—States tween

Mr. Nicholson-States taxes. Mr. Wallace-That has been repealed on war Monarch, at the Peabody procession in Portland, was the first English officer that has commanded English troops on American soil since the war of 1815.

It is calculated that at noon on the first of March the sun was distant 92, 212,632 miles from the earth. This distance increases at the rate of 1.067 miles ne causes,
Mr. Wallace--Since that time has not the practice been growing worse—to take the revenues belonging to the sinking fund and apply them to the payment of current

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more.

Mr. White—Any other places?

Mr. Nicholson—I do not know; there nay be. Mr. Wallace—I move we adjourn until Mr. Wallace—I move we adjourn until
mext Wednesday evening.
Witnesses were then examined who
showed that Col. Win. B. Mann, of Philadelphia, has been paid extravagant fees for
certain services rendered in the examination of the accounts of foreign insurance
companies, under Gen. Irwin, when he was
Treasurer before. The committee then adjourned until next Wednesday evening,
when Gen. Irwin will be examined in regard to his management of the State
Treasury.
General Irwin Before the Investigating
Committee—He Befuses to Testify
—Probable End of the Investigation.
HARRISHURG, March 2.—The Senate Fi-

HARRISBURG, March 2.—The Senate Finance Committee met to-night, Mr. Billingfelt in the chair.
Gen. Irwin, ex-State Treasurer, appeared

It is openly asserted that this appears to be to terminate the labors of the committee, inasmuch as all other State Treasurers who have been subpoenced to appear tomorrow evening will propably take the same position as Mr. Irwin, taking the ground that their accounts having all been adjusted, they are no longer liable to be subjected to legislative inquiry.

Gen. Irwin's Letter to the Investigating Committee. Committee.

The following is the letter handed by Gen. Irwin to the Committee, upon his declining to be examined in relation to his management of the State Treasury:

To the Honorable the Fonance Committee of management of the State Treasury:

To the Honorable the Fonance Committee of
the Senate of Pennsylvania:

I have been subpermed to appear before
you, and to give evidence upon a subject
embodied in a resolution adopted by the
Senate on 7th January, 1870. At the end of
my term as Treasurer, I settled my accounts and handed over all moneys and
effects in the Treasury to my successor. I
madoa final settlement on the first Monday
of May, 1869, with the Auditor General.—
During my administration not a single
dollar of the public money was lost, and
all the affairs of my office were closed up to
the entire satisfaction of the auditing department of the State. I defy any one to
make any charge against me for malfeasure
in office and to substantiate it with competent testimony. When they occurs, I will
be ready to meet and route it, but until
then I will not recognize the right of the
committee of the Senate or of any tribunal
in this land to call me as a witness and
examine me upon any question connected
with my personal or official integrity,
Whilst I admit the power of a legislative
conduct, and the management of the affairs
of my office, I desire to be distinctly understued as objecting to the experies of an-

of my office, I desire to be distinctly understood as objecting to the exercise of any such inquisitorial power as referred ta, in in the absence of any charge or accusation affecting my official integrity. It would be subversive of every principle of law and it violation of that right which enables every man to demand that his accuser meet him face to face.

I only wish to add that I am not animated by any want of confidence in this committee, or by any disrespect towards its members, but impelled by what I conscientiously believe to be a proper respect for myself. I am, gentlemon, very respectfully, Feb. 9, 1879.

W. W. IRWIN,

The Border Raid Swindle. The heaviest swindle that has been pro-ceted in this State during this season is the cheme to take three millions of dollars out of the State Treasury, under the pretext of asying claims for damages sustained by

We have no nestanon swindle; and whosever intelligently connects himself with it must accept the reputation of those who manage monstrous swindles. The till now manage monstrous swindles, The hill now before the Legislature, the ugly features of which have already been exposed, is ex-pected to fail in its present shape. But this is only because its engineers have relied upon promise instead of upon more tangi-ble arguments at Harrisburg. But a new ble arguments at Harrisburg. But a new scheme is, as we are very credibly informed, now being hatched on this city—not in the border counties supposed to be most interested in robel raids. Either an entirely new bill, or an amendment to the first one, is now heing "set up," and it is well understood that a responsible party has undertaken the engineering of it through the Legislature. Out of a claim of three millions, these raiders when the State Treasury can afford to now for this iniquitous measure that is not pand for. Why should it be? There can be no the remainder of which have been bough ed with rec, passed over one state of the weather East having at mildness of the weather East having to go into the frozen regions of the Alley to go into the sinking and the frozen regions of the Alley to go into the frozen regions of the Alley to go into the frozen regions of the Alley to go into the frozen regions of the Alley to go into the frozen regions of the Alley to go into the frozen regions of the

the Chief Magistrate of Pennsylvania into such a fatal snare. That high official would be the very first to expose, and denounce, and defeat such a scheme of public robberry, should it ever reach the Executive Chamber.

That it is scriously and confidently contemplated to force this outrageous bilt through the Legislature, probably nextweek, we have little doubt. But it shall not be done in a corner. It is the duty of the press of this city, and of the State, to warn the Legislature and the Governor that remain there, and what is put in by one act of assembly cannot be taken out and reverted by another act of assembly. If that cannot be done, then there is no remedy.

Mr. Wallace —I believe that the collateral inheritance tax goes into the sinking fund?

Mr. Brooke—I believe it does.

Mr. White—You would not wish to see the collateral inheritance tax repealed, would you?

Mr. Nicholson—Yes sir; I would vote for it cheerfully. I do not see why, if a man wishes to stay in this world without children, he should not want to do with his money as if he was married.

Mr. Brooke—This gentleman behind me (Mr. Hart) says we now owe the sinking fund over a million and a half of dollars?

Forelble Opening of Prison Boors and Release of Prisoners.

CINCINNATI, March 7.—Last week, during the session of the County Courts of Charleston, West Virginia, three men arrived by a steamboat from the Upper Kanawha river, proceeded to the jail, unlocked the doors with keys in their possession, and threatening the inmates with death in case of disturbance, released two men, Whitelow, awaiting trial for counterfeiting, and Cox, charged with burglary. The roleased prisoners were furnished with arms, the prison doors relocked and the key holes plugged, and then the five separated to escape. The Prosecuting Attorney met Cox. plugged, and then the live separated to escape. The Prosecuting Attorney met Cox just after his escape, but, aware of his desperate character, made no attempt to arrest him. A large reward is offered for the capture of the party.

The African Slave Trade Still Carried on Under the American Flag. The resolution introduced by Senator Wilson has as its object a more rigorous policy in regard to the suppression of the slave trade. It is understood that this traffic in human beings still exists on the coast of Zanzibar. The United States government, in order to put down this illigan trade, appointed judges some years ago. It is stated as a singular fact that the judges so appointed, instead of attending to their business, are very busily engaged in staving at home drawing their pay, allowing the Africans to take eare of themselves. It is also understood that several consuls on is also understood that several could that coast execute their official duty in the