

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The annual message of Governor Pollock to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, at the opening of the session, is a well written document, of moderate length. Commencing with a statement in brief of the condition of the State finances...

The Pennsylvania is jolly over the healthy condition of the finances, and declares that "It is gratifying to know that Governor Bigler has the treasury in such a pithy condition as to enable Governor Pollock to pay off so large a portion of the State's indebtedness."

It will probably be more gratifying to the taxpayers to know that under the administration of the late Governor, \$630,000 of the State debt was paid off without resort to extraordinary means...

When the Pennsylvania has satisfied itself fully that it is pleased with the grammatical construction of the Message, its readers would doubtless be thankful for a statement in its columns of the true condition of its finances.

The feeling of H. M. Fuller's constituents with regard to his course in Congress, is in some degree indicated by the following extract from a letter published in the Wilkes-Barre Record of the Times:

I am sick and angry, and ashamed, astonished, thunder-struck, perfectly bewildered, hardly believe what I see, and yet I see it with my eyes wide open in the day time, on this New Year's day.

Foreign News. The steamship Atlantic arrived here yesterday afternoon, bringing advices from Europe of the great importance of the peace of the Continent there is little left of it...



The Independent Republican.

C. F. READ & H. H. FRAZIER, EDITORS. MONTROSE, PA. Thursday, January 17th, 1856.

We observe that some of the Southern members of the House of Representatives refer to the fact that not one Southern vote for Banks, as showing that he is a sectional candidate, and that the Republicans are a sectional party.

But we have faith to believe that this will not always be so. When two opposing parties advocate, on true national grounds, the Democratic doctrine of human freedom and equality of rights, and desire to have our government administered on the principles of Jefferson and the old Republicans...

Mr. Fuller, of Luzerne county, who knew Henry M. Fuller, and who never tried to prove his adherence to principle, and we could wish that those so-called Democratic papers in his district, heretofore claiming devotion to the same principles, and making ardent professions of opposition to slavery...

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Having some idea of the political corruption and bargain and sale existing at Washington, and with the example before us of too many Northern men yielding to Southern threats or blandishments or party discipline, we consider that Mr. Fuller is entitled to no meagre meed of praise for the manly position he has taken in support of his principles and those of his constituents.

The administration party shows nice powers of discrimination as to the constitutionality of appropriations for internal improvements, North and South. Bills for the improvement of rivers and harbors north of Mason and Dixon's line are voted by the President, but those for the same purpose South of that line receive the executive sanction with difficulty.

We hope the people of this country, of whatever party, will take particular notice that the Montrose Democrat has given up all pretensions to the character of a Free-Soil paper. It now goes in for the favorite candidate of the South for the next President, declines to support an Anti-Slavery candidate for that office, desires, in dour phrase, to stop agitation of the Slavery question, and even insults the intelligence of its readers by representing the great and all-absorbing question that convulses the country from one extremity to the other, occupies the attention of Congress, and recently brought citizens arrayed in arms against citizens...

The President's Message, as published in the organ of Sham Democracy in Susquehanna County, has about a column and a half of special pleading in favor of slavery omitted! The part omitted certainly is not proper reading for the Free Soil men of this region, but we thought the editor had given them up as hopeless, and now only published his paper for the benefit of those dupes who are in favor of leaving the Border Ruffians to manage the affairs of Kansas, while they devote all their attention to suppressing "agitation" at the North.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—A man named John Addison, was found frozen dead, in Chocoma township, this County, on Wednesday morning, the 9th inst. He left home Tuesday afternoon, to go to a store about half a mile distant, and was seen by some lumbermen to cross over a creek, on a log, on his way home. The next day he was found dead, a short distance from the creek. He had been confined to his house for some time with a sprained ankle, and it is supposed he must have hurt it again, as it was apparent that he had walked two or three rods on his knees. He had rolled down the snow, some distance around him, to keep from freezing.

The great point relied on by the factious enemies of Mr. Banks, at Washington, is, that he is not or was not sound on the Tariff question. This point has been urged with great strenuousness on the Pennsylvania members; and we are therefore glad to have the opportunity of copying the following from the Schuylkill Miners Journal, published in the heart of the iron region:

Mr. Fuller was on the 14th inst. elected United States Senator by the Pennsylvania Legislature. It will be recollected that Bigler has been repeatedly represented to the Democracy of Susquehanna, by the party organ here, as a Free Soil man. The truth of this statement is probably proved by his votes in the Senate...

NEWS AND NOTIONS.

The Know Nothing State Council of Virginia has named John Minor Botts, of that State, for President.

The Democratic National Committee met at Washington, the 8th inst., and fixed on the first Monday in June for holding the Democratic Presidential Convention at Cincinnati. No other questions were discussed.

The St. Louis News thinks that Gov. Shannon is a little nervous on the slavery question, and that he is not so firm as he should be. It is thought that he is not so firm as he should be.

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Correspondence of the Independent Republican.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Riley, tender their grateful acknowledgments to their friends—who, notwithstanding the extreme severity of the weather, favored them with their presence on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, 8th inst., and left their liberal donations; as also to those who, prevented from attending, sent their kind regards.

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