It is not offen ! THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1867. ace Greels INPEACHMENT.—Both the majority and minority of the Judiciai, Committee of the Federal House of Representative submitted reports at the close of sion on the impeachment investi The Radical majority simply stat their opinion there is sufficient recommending a continuation vestigation to the Fortiet they submit no evidence New Jersey, on the preparts that there is timony which will reason for any effect in preventing crime. The proof contained in th on of the in. is perfect the other way. In those States the investigati-Congress, but wherein the death penalty is abolished, the evidence Mr. Rogers, of the number of murders is less in propornot such a rt of the minority, not a particle of tesaustain a single charge

se resolution authorizing minds with death in its most horrible form. on; and; furthermore, that and we know that many executions of criminals have been more revolting than taken by the committee is s would be admitted in a court the murders they were meant to avenge Hanging cannot be justified, upon the or gument that justifies war, for between IR 'OLD AND NEW CONGRESS. equal powers there may be no arbiter but The last hours of the Thirty-Ninth Conforce; and the final appeal between nagress were of a character perfectly in ac- tions is to arms. But in the death penalty cord with its previous career. Owing to its | Society is confronted with the individual dilatoriness in the preceeding parts of the | a nation takes the life of one miserable. session, a large amount of necessary busi- helpless man. To kill the offender is to ness was still unattended to, and in order | confess that laws cannot restrain or reclaim to accomplish it the disgraceful measure him; that Christianity itself is a golden was resorted to of holding a session on rule for the good, but that for the bad we Sunday morning and evening. The telc- must return to Barbarism. Every execugrams tell us that an immense attent tion makes the death penalty more loathdance of spectators was present, and we some, and hastens the day of its abolition. can well conceive that the oddity of a Cop. Hanging belongs to the dark ages; it is gress specially professing to represent the anti-humane, anti-christian,—the instincts moral and religious ideas of the nation, of humanity shrink from it, the judgment deliberately going to work to violate the of the wise condemns it; it is a blot upon Lord's day, would be likely to produce our civilization, a bar to our progress, a more than ordinary curiosity. On Satur- disgrace to our religion. The horror of day, the President sent in his veto of the | the scenes detailed every week in the Military Reconstruction bill, which, with newspapers, the dead men. strangled in true fanatical zeal, was premptly passed the light of day, cannot be fully appreciover his head in both Houses, by more sated by us, for no people ever thoroughly than a two-thirds vote in each assemblage. felt their own barbarism, but another gen-The Senate soon after went into Execueration will read with wonder that such tive session, and confirmed the appointdeeds were done in a Christian land, and ment of General Dix as Minister to upon the insulting pretence of serving Hu-France, and rejected that of Senator Cowmanity and Religion." an as Minister to Austria. A correspondent of the "Age" thus describes one lea-TRUE, TO A DOTA ture of the Saturday evening session: "The Hop. Geo. S. Hilliard, of Boston, one of carousal keptup in each wipg of the Capitol the few true men in that sink-hole of fa through the night. In nearly all the leadnaticism, has written a letter in opposition ing committee rooms a substantial repast to the proposed Democratic National Con-

Altogether, the scene was anything but tion in 1864," in his judgment, "lost Mc

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ouncing the "barbarism" of that por-

they please on the necessity of hauging.

but it is impossible to prove that it is of

tion than in those where it is legalized.

Public executions especially, encourage

murder, by familiarizing vulgar and brutal

vention. He has no faith in conventions

have attended any, will agree with him.

"The course of the Democratic Conven-

Clellan his election. The Convention last

summer, at Philadelphia, did no good at

seven years of plonty shall have been

succeeded by seven years of famine, we

A CAPITAL HIT.

hit of the session in the House, last week

by obtaining the floor and reading the fol

negro-suffrage party of that body:

lowing dispatch for the edification of the

Columbus, February 26 .- In the House

o-day. Boynton's resolution to strike out

was lost, after a lengthy debate, by a vote

In connection with this, Mr. Le Blond

also read a dispatch from New York, an-

ccratic associates upon the fact that they

had been sustained in opposing negro cuf-

ness had been transacted, Garfield, (Radi-

cal), of Ohio, obtained the floor, and sent

to the Clerk's desk to have read a procla-

sissippi, requiring negroes to go to work

for else be treated as vagrants. This Gar-

field announced as an antidote for the

dose Le Blond had just given the Radical

party. But the House could not see it;

and the effort of the Ohio Radical failed.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CAMPAIGN. The

election in New Hampshire takes place

next Tuesday, and both parties are mak-

ing strenuous efforts to win the day. As

regards previous success, the Radicals

start with a slight advantage, having elect-

ed their candidate for Governor last year

by the meagre majority of 4,656 out of a

total vote of 65,636. It is plain, from these

figures, that it requires a change of only

2,329 votes, or one vote in twenty-eight,

to carry the State for the Democrats. Or

the other hand, the Democracy have in

Hon. John G. Sinclair a popular candidate

for Governor, and a man whose personal

character is above reproach... in which re

spect he stands head and shoulders above

bis opponent, Walter Harriman. There

are strange stories in circulation concern-

ing Harriman, which, if true, stamp him

as the last man in the State to hold office.

For his sake, we trust they are untrue, but

it is seldom that reports derogatory to a

man's personal character are circulated

without some basis, be it ever so slight,

Probably few individuals in public life

were so obnoxious to the Radicals as Gen-

amid all the partisan slauders uttered

THE DEVELOPMENT OF RADICALISM .-- In

the spring of 1864, while Abraham Lin-

sentatives, "I believe Congress has the

power to create a dictator; I believe we

ought to have a dictator, and I am pre-

pared to vote for one now." During the

of 26 yeas to 50 nays.

"white" from the Constitution

Mr. Le Blond, of Ohio, made the best

may hope for a better day, but not till

of any kind, in which most persons who

of the country." On Monday morning, Mr. Foster, Presiall, to say the least." Mr. Hilliard thinks, dent of the Senate, whose term expires and in the opinion we perfectly coincide. with this session, retired from the chair, that: "What we need now is patience, and the Radical majority at once elected inflexible, invincible patience, that en-Beni. F. Wade, of Ohio, to fill the vacan- dures and waits. The country is sick with lowing States, in addition to the South cy. The selection of Wade possesses pe the disease of Radicalism; and this is will be unrepresented: culiar significance from the fact that he is what the faculty call a self-limited disease, one of the extremest men in Congress, and | which must run its course, and cannot be will succeed to the Presidency in case of | checked by medicaments. My life upon Mr. Johnson's death or impeachment, it, should this Convention meet, it will not Colonel Forney is retained as clerk; a po. | part without doing or saying something to sition he will probably be allowed to hold give sid and comfort to the enemy. The on to as long as he continues to serve his, country is now too prosperous for any masters with the same fidelity he has dir- change in its policy. Nine men out of played in the past. At twelve o'clock ten bave no other test of the wisdom of precisely, after the speeches and compli- any set of public measures than its effect dictary Committee will be authorized by mentary resolutions customary on such upon their pockets. When the tide shall the next House to go on with the im-Houses announced that the Thirty-Ninth Congress had come to the close of an existence that had better never commenced.

was served up, and in several of them

whisky and other strong drink was abund.

ant. Bills passed and conference com-

mittees were appointed every few minutes.

creditable to the legislation and legislators

The Fortieth Congress assembled on the same day, directly after the adjournment of its predecessor, and commenced its career by the farce of calling a roll which excluded seventeen of the States in the Union, entitled to eighty representatives on the floor of the House, from participation in its deliberations. Mr. Brooks, of New York, on the part of the Democratic members, presented a document in the House, protesting against the transaction of business until the absent representatives were in attendance, but it was received with indignity, and even refused permission to be entered upon the jour- nouncing that the General Assembly of nal. Schuyler Colfax, of Indians, was that State had voted against allowing imthen re-elected Speaker by a vote of 127 partial suffrage in the election of delegates in his favor to 30 for Samuel S. Marshall, to a State Convention for amending the the Democratic candidate. Edward Mc- Constitution. He congratulated his Dem-Pherson, of Pennsylvania, received the rare compliment of a unanimous re-election to the clerkship. A Message was refrage by the great States of New York and ceived from the President stating that he Ohio. The Radicals looked at each other was not prepared to send in a formal state- but had nothing to say. After other busiment of the affairs of the Nation, as usual at the meeting of Congress.

In the Senate twenty-seven States were represented, making the total number of | mation of the Mayor of Yazoo City, Mis-Senators 54. Of these 42 may be expected to act with the Radical party, giving them a three-fourths majority. Senators Dixon, Norton, Patterson, and Doolittle (Republicans) remained to the end the steadfast opponents of the Reconstruction policy of the Radicals, and will continue to vote the same way on the important' measures which will occupy the attention of the Fortieth Congress. Democracy has only seven representatives. to whom one will soon be added from Maryland. Reinforced by the four Republicans, the Democrats will generally control a dozen votes-a small band, indeed, but strong in patriotic devotion to the principles of the Constitution and the best interests of the people.

As some of the States have not yet held their elections, the total number represented in the House is only 21, and the number of representatives is 163. The Republican strength is 128, and as all of them have been elected as avowed opponents of the policy of the President, we presume they will vote on most or all important questions as a unit. The Democrats number 35 but the course of Mr. Stewart, of New York city, chosen on an inde pendent ticket, in voting for Speaker Colfax, would seem to indicate a disposition on his part to become a recreant to the principles on which he secured his elec-

The six States which still have elect, are likely to send 14 Radicals eral McClellan and Horatio Seymour, yet. and 15 Democrats, increasing the total number of Radicals to 143, and that of against them, one may search in vain the Democrats to 50, still leaving to the for one word impugning their private charformer a two-thirds majority. Comparing the Thirty-Ninth with the Fortieth Congress, the Radicals have at present a gain of five against a loss of three, or a net gain of two. Thad. Stevens will take the | coln was still President, Thaddeus Stevens same rank in the new Congress that he said, in a speech in the House of Repredid in the old, and with Butler and Logan to assist him in Satanic eagerness to work as much mischief as possible, there is no predicting to what a calamitous degree of shame the nation may be reduced before the Fortieth Congress closes the career which it has so inauspiciously begun.

A THEOLOGIAN Wishes all the members of Congress were Universalists. We should think this was the case with the Radical members, from the utter contempt they something of a humbug, it is just the affairs because individual members profit display for a hereafter.

Political Paragraphs.

nat anything which Hor-THE Democrats have carried the city of ites meets our approbation, Syracuse, N. Y., making a gain of 763 in a .ving, through the obligations single year. Let us be thankful for small atorial station, witnessed four exas, we cordially agree with him in

Horace Greekey has been telling how easy it is to become the owner of a decent tion of our laws which commits "the moncity residence. The Boston Post explains: I stroug anomaly of authorizing homicide in Write a poor history of the American order to prevent it. Men may argue as conflict.

> A wanter of the Kansas Senate, who had been pretty strongly advocating female suffrage, got a letter from his wife the other day. Said his tender spouse, "Sam, don't make a fool of yourself."

PRENTICE says, "Massachusetis has more dead lions and more live jackasses than any other member of the Union, and every one of the latter is flinging his heels at some one of the former."

The Legislature of Wisconsin, Radical, has passed a law directing the State Treas urer to pay the wages of its members and the salary of its Governor in coin. Rags for the people and gold and silver for the office holders.

ACTS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS .- 10 was proved in court, a day or two since. that the Weekly Tribune is printed on imported and foreign paper! What a comment on the babble which that .journal keep up about protecting domestic in-

A SURE WAY TO SETTLE IT. - A Reverend Mr. Gilbert Haven, in this week's Inde pendent, has discovered a plan to settle, at once, all our political and social differences. The substance of it all is that "th nation must cease to use the words 'freed man' and 'colored' and 'white,' and know only that of men and brethren." Why can not Congress declare by resolution that there are no black men; and that the negro is an optical illusion?

THE Senate, last week, placed itself on record in favor of sustaining at least one veto of the president. The bill admitting Colorado into the Union was voted on and failed to receive a two-thirds vote. The Republicans voting for the veto and against the bill were Messrs. Dixon, Ednunds, Fessenden, Foster, Grimes, Harris, Morgan, and Norton. It is the sec ond time the bill has been vetoed.

THE majority of the Committee of the have reported against the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment. A mi- membered at all, only referred to as an nority submits a resolution of ratification State to abridge the franchise by resson of race or color, and wants no reorganization except on the basis of universal suffrage.

Tax next session of Congress, beginning on the fourth of March, will be more of Rump than the present body. The following

1-New Hampshire (3) election

2-Connecticut (4) election in April. Rhode Island (2) election in April. 4-Kentucky (9) election in May -Tennessee (8) election in August. 6-California (3) election in September The next House with open with 139 Rad-

icals and 34 Democrats. It is generally understood that the Juseems, cannot be concluded this session, There are no signatof want of interest in the matter among the Radicals. On the contrary, they are as zealous as ever, and the general opinion in conservative circles is, that they will report a bill of impeachment. Whether it will amount to any thing or not, is another question.

The nomination of P. T. Barnum, by the Radicals of the Fourth Congressional District of Connecticut, is producing a commotion in that section. The two Litch field County Radical papers make very wry faces over the dose, which they be lieve to be an insult to the people of the district. The Winsted Herald (Rep.)

"Sewing a monkey's head and a fish's tail together, to make a mermaid, is a performance well calculated to make a man notorious; but it affords no evi

dence of statemanship.' Cor. Higginson (Radical) astonished the are comparatively rare in the South. He saw very few during his two years' service on the Sea Islands. In the South they are found in the cities rather than on the plantations, but the census figures show them to be ten times as numerous they are four times as numerous as in the South. -

WHAT BUSINESS MEN WANT .- Said prominent merchant to us yesterday-'What the country wants is peace—a settlement of difficulties-and without this, bus ness men are ruined." This is true at the North, and emphatically so at the South. Under the withering influence of partisan intrigues, the industrial system of the South remains paralyzed. Her rich soil fails to yield its wealth in the necessities of the country. Capital shuns the region that is left desolate as under a curse ; and labor shrinks from the dreary prospect of deserted fields and outlawed popristions. The best interests of the whole country are suffering that Radical ambi-

tion and spite may be gratified. Tuz secret dislike felt by the Radicals for General Grant is shown by their treatment of his bill transferring the Indian Bureau from the Interior to the War Department. The public will remember the Pope, showing the necessity for the change: the corruption incident to the present arrangements, and the embittered feeling and wars with the Indians they produced. The bill was drawn up by clonel Parker, the Indian chief on General Grant's personal staff. The General himself was on the floor of the Senate to urge ite passage, yet it was defeated by decisive vote. Clearly, the Radicals are not disposed to be amiable towards the

head of the army. The report of the Congressional Investigating Committee upon the frauds conwhisky in N. Y. city, shows a woeful state whisky in eight pays a tax, and all the government revenue officers profit by the llegal business. The whole revenue service is a sink of corruption. There will present session of Congress, the same lead be no change, however, because Congress der and ruler of the Radical party de- persists in putting a tax upon whisky clared, "The United States is not a repub. which actually compela fraud. Were the lic. It never was a republic. Pennsylva. tax reduced to one dollar per gallon, the nia is not a republic, and I wish Congress government would quadruple its income, would take it in hand and make it one," and the trade would become honest There is no resisting the conviction that Mr. Titron says as Congress itself is Congress winks at this shameful state of

in the? West, paving annually many thousand dollars of taxes-has, including clerks, six persons employed in the con-corn, besides the porter, who is a negro. whole concern who is allowed to vote under the present Brownlow Constitution. The point of the joke is, that the negro was the bitterest Rebel of all, and was an offi-cer's servant in the late rebel army, and when fighting by his master's side, he was the third man over the ramparts of Fort Pillow, where he fell like an aveng ing thunderbolt upon the negroes-who so gallantly surrendered that strong-

D. D. Forney announces in one of "my two papers, both daily," that Hop. M. Russell Thayer, present Representative from the Fifth Congressional District in Pennsylvania, is his candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court of this State. Some persons may remember that Thad. Stevens was his candidate for United States Senator a few weeks since. So, good-bye Mr. Thaver.

Tue New York Tribune has an article entitled "How the South Stands." In view of its character, it should be followed by one entitled "How the North Lies." Horace Greeker thinks there is no less

personality and blackguardism in Congress now than when the "chivalry" were

It may not be generally known to the public that the effort to secure Mr. Johnson's imperchment is not the first attempt | The habits of life, the style of conversation, of a similar kind in the history of the Government. Twenty-five years ago, when John Tyler was President, and, like Mr. Johnson, had become obnoxious to the party which elected him, the exasperated Whige, led by John Minor Botts, supported a resolution favoring his im- rens of Middle Pennsylvania still persist in peachment. It accused him of almost the same offences as are now laid at the door of the president,-"Usurpation," "bich crimes and misdemeanors." Upon these charges, the motion of Mr. Botts for a Special Committee of Inquiry, after a lively day's debate, was rejected-yeas 83 nays 127, and this was the end of the im Lassachusetts-House of Representatives reachment movement against John Tyler The scheme was soon forgotten, or if re abortive and ridiculous outburst of politi under protest, declaring that Massachu- | cal spleen. Let us hope that the attempt setts does not recognize the right of any to impeach Mr. Johnson will meet with the same fate

Editorial, Correspondence.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 25 1867 Starting from Erie on the half past five o'clock train. I reached Harrishure about nine the next morning, feeling very little fa-& Eric route over any other hetween the Lakes and Seaboard. The road is smooth and the grades easy, the cars equal to those of most course with them, gentlemanly and obliging. were in his own "virtuous conch." Experience has taught me that the middle berth in safest, and, with my usual good fortune, I reaching Williamsport, and after taking a wash, felt as much refreshed as if I had spent the night at home. Heaven bless the man who invented sleeping cars! They take away half the discomforts of traveling, and enable one to make a trip of four or five hundred miles with less inconvenience than it would have required to complete one of twenty the same number of years ago.

as an "accommodation." stopping at every my fondest affections are fixed, and time, inthrough passenger, who forgets that the road is not old enough yet, or sufficiently prosper ous, to enable it to afford a "lightning express." After leaving Warren it" dashes ahead, through the backwoods, at an accelerated speed, making few stoppages until it Parker Fraternity audience, in Boston, by reaches Sunbury. From Warren to Lock stating in his late lecture that mulattees | Haven; on the West Branch of the Susquebanns, the route lies through an almost unbroken and forbidding mountains. The scenery from the time we leave Warren until the Susquehanns is reached is very uninviting at this proportion to the colored populations of is said to be really interesting. At Kane the the two States; and in the whole North railroad company have established an eating house, and placed it in charge of a gentleman mistaken his calling. The train stopped here for supper, and such a supper as it was is sel-Everything was next and clean, the waiter were accommodating, the meats well cooked, the variety excellent, and the hungry passenspoke more than words.

gers wetted their appetites with a reliah that Some distance above Renova, the road strikes the Susquehanns, and from thence onward the route is of the most fascinating leveliness. Every mile that we advance brings to view some new object of attraction. I have trayeled over a considerable portion of, the Union. and seen many rivers of wider reputation, bat to me the Susquehanns has always borne the palm for the beauty and variety of its scenery. Its hills may not be as bold as those of the Hudson, its valley as broad as that of the Missouri, or its rapids as picturesque as those of the Connecticut; but taken all together there is a charm and a grandeur about it that feave an impression created by none of reports of Generals Grant, Sherman, and those named. I have seen every portion of its course, from where, with broad and majestic stride, its waters units with the Chasa. peake, up almost to its headwaters, and everywhere have found it the same unrivalled lone disposition and enterprising qualities as a made an honorable record for talent and instream. Even at this period of the year, citizen. He is now in his sixty-ninth year, when, if ever, it would be dull, it opened up but is still as robust as a man of fifty, and I triots furnish the ablest Legislators. Each to us a series of enchanting views, which saw him to-day walking the street with the caused the passengers to utter continued ex. same active step as he appeared fifteen years material, and whichever may be successful clamations of surprise and delight. The towns along the West Branch, with the

from five hundred to five thousand in popula-New York or New England settlers, and the server. I cannot avoid, however, returning spestyle of building, babits of life, and modes of cial thanks to my ever kind friends, Mr. Stonected with the minufacture and sale of expression and business all partake of the fer, of the Journal, and his excellent lady, of official morals. Not one gallon of of the central works of the Railroad Com- over so long a period, and been of such a depany, and is peopled mostly by persons engaged in its service. The location is a picall articles of living from abroad, renders it, I at their hands. am told, an undesirable place of residence, On Monday, I had the pleasure of meeting and causes the company much trouble in keep- | Hon. I. B. Gara, of our city, in his office at beautifully situated. Williamsport is the town and contented as if he had been accustomed cal calamity which can occur to a community par excellence, of the West Branch Valley. Its to public honors all his life. His treatment of is to have the majority in favor of either pargrowth has been wonderful, and it gives preme me was very cordial indeed, and I am indebt by increase to such an extent as to render any

WE TAKE the following from a Republicater, beasts twelve or afteen thousand popular Covernment, which proved unusually intercan journal as an admirable exemplification, a hotel that has no superior, a street esting. The Capitol buildings are three in order of things, under Radical rule in vate residences as can be found in any come whole city. The central edifice is the largest, "A firm to Nashville-one of the largest Union. Millon and Lewisburg are places lature, School Department, Supreme Court, and most respectable mercantile houses of considerable importance, the latter being stitution. The College buildings are on the The latter is now the only one of the many miles, and as eeen from the railroad they present a remarkably attractive appearance. Northumberland is a dilapidated old town at of the Susquehauna, which received its deaththe canal of its previous monopoly of the carrying trade of this region.

> At this point the railroad crosses the North Branch and we soon arrive in Sunbury, the terminus of the Phila. & Erie line, and the commencement of the Northern Central. No change of-cars is required, as the two comtrains in common over certain portions of a flight of steps at the side, which lead to panies have arrangements by which they run their respective roads. The Phila. & Eric | what is known as the Governor's reception Company have erected extensive works at this place. Sunbury itself was, until a few years back, a slow, old fashioned village, but the nearly covered with oil portraits, representing onward march of improvement has overtaken t at last, and the town now looks to be growing rapidly. At this point we may be said to have entered Pennsylvania proper-the Pennvivania of big barns and fertile farms, of mpact towns and plain bouses, of solid and onest looking men, and healthy, obserful and rosy-cheeked women. It is a fact that some will find difficult to understand, that between the district of our State lying east of the main Surquehanna, there seems to be no feature in mmon with the portion North and West of the junction of the West and North Branches the modes of building-everything in shortis different. People in the Eastern part of the State know as little about the North and North-West as if they were widely separated localities, and the same may be said of those of the latter in respect to the East. The citilooking upon us as "Yankees," and we upon them as "Dutchmen." All this will be changed nefore many years, as the railroad brings us into more intimate connection, and each section will find it to its mutual interest to build up a better and kinder acquaintance. Taking the Northern Central Railroad, out oute follows the valley of the main Susque

hanna to Harrishurg, where we arrived in time to connect with the train to Philade'phia. This is by far the most interesting portion of he trip, and I regret that the brevity of my ime precludes me from giving you an extended account of it The country, after leaving Sunbury, is thickly populated, and he extensive public improvements, numerous owns, cultivated hill sides and thrifty looking mabuildings present a cheerful contrast with the wilderness region we have left but a ew hours before. The river averages a mile in width, and is thickly dotted with islands, which, with their heavy coverings of snow (for the anow the entire way from Williamsport tigued by the journey, and more than ever down has been from six to eight inchessin impressed with the advantages of the Phila. depth) seem like the abodes of fairies. In mense dams to supply the canal, extend across the stream at Sunbury and Duncan's I-land. Frequent bridges cross the Susque lines, the time satisfactory. the connections havna, some of them, like that of the Penna. prompt, and the officers, so far as I had inter- | R' R., at Rockville, being models in that line of architecture. Manufactories send up their At Corry a tuxurious sleeping car is attached smoky columns in every direction, and all to the train, in which, by paying a compara- things convince us that we have entered a tively trifling sum, berths can be secured, and busier and wealthier portion of the country the passenger accustomed to railros itraveling, than the one we have been pursuing. Oh, the stand before my mind's eye, and rekindle the joyful thoughts of the past. Every hill top. the central part of the car is the easiest and every crag, every island and ripple in the county in that holds. I soon after saw Senator river, are as familiar as if I had left them but was lucky enough to procure it upon this oc- | yesterday. Strange emotions spring involuntacasion. I awoke in the morning, just before | rily to my breast-emotions I had thought long since stiffed-and I cannot resist the wish to to perform. It must be conceded to both these be a boy again, that I might once more enjoy these things as I did before. Sav what men will, there is a feeling in every human mind, which causes it to turn to the scenes of early life with more interest than to any other portion of the universe. A wanderer from home at the age of twelve years, and for the best part of my career a resident of other sections, From our city to Warren the train is used this valley is the spot of all others on which

stead of eradicating, only makes the tie the

what a flight of philosophy has memory been

leading us? I have already written more than

intended, and must bring this hasty and illconnected letter to a close. B. W. MIDDLETOWN, March 1. Since writing my previous letter I have been fligting between this place and Harrisburg, or - would be that too much "gingerbread" has dinarily spending the night and forenoon with streams, and hemmed in an hoth sides by high | my friends and relatives here, and the after | gilt cornices and rich red and yellow curnoon and evening at the capital. Middletown is a quiet little town of about three thousand | fine things in their way, but to the fulsome phabitants, ten miles down the river from lextent to which they are employed here, they in Massachusetts as in South Carolina, in season, though in the summer and autumn it Marrisburg, at the union of the Swaters and Susquehauna. Partiality may be at the bottom of the opinion, from the fact that this is though it is fitted up in a less gorgeous style my native town, but I have long regarded it who, unlike too many hotel keepers, has not as the pretriest place of the size in Pennsylvania. The neonle show a cultivated taste in fitting up their bouses and laying out their yards and gardens, which renders the town exceedingly beautiful in the summer, and has given it an enviable reputation. This place is bers are arranged in a semi-circle, with a the locality of the once famous Middletown slightly elevated gallery in the rear for spec-Bank, and was, for many years, the residence f Hon. Simon Cameron, its founder and cash- hers occupy the East side; in the Sanate the ier. The Cank transacts its business in an unpretending stone building, near the Square, the Democratic side, immediately at the enwhich was also in part occupied by the family trance. of Gen. Cameron during his former term in the Sensie. After removing from Middletown the General took up his residence at Lochiel, an elegant country seat about two miles from Harrisburg, but the locality not proving desirable, he changed to the latter city, where he is now living in sumptuous style, in the Harris Mansion, upon the river bank. The statement may with truth be made of Geu. Cameron that he has more warm friends and bitter enemies than any other man in Pennsylvania. This arises undoubtedly from the trait of his character which leads him never to forgive an enemy, nor fail to reward a delegation made up of very ordinary characfriend. I am no admirer of his, in a political tere, while the backwoods localities are nearly sense, but gladly bear witness to his gener-

During my stay in Middletown, I have been exception of Williamsport, are small, varying the recipient of so many tokens of friendship, that were I to particularize it would crowd out | balanced as to make the result generally tion. The people are mainly descendants of all other matter from the columns of the Obdown East style. Remove is the seat whose warmth of hospitality has extended lightful nature as to fill me with the sincerest. gratitude. The day is not far distant, I trust, | talents elected by Berks to Harrisburg for turesque one, in a narrow valley, between lofty when they may be prevailed upon to visit mountains, but the absence of a good farming | Erie, and afford me the opportunity to repay country around, and the necessity of bringing in part some of the hospitality I have received

ing mechanics in its employ. Lock Haven is the Capitol. The cares of official station bear ten years. I set it down as a statement which a busiling and handsome borough, and most lightly upon him, and he seems as cheerful lee of attaining still more rapid prosperity, ed to him for an insight into the modes of nomination it may see fit to make equivalent The place is now governed under a city char- conducting the Executive branch of the State to an election.

tion of the justice and wisdom of the new rallway, and as many elegant public and pri- number, situated on a knoll overlooking the Few spectators attend their sittings, unless munity of the same size in any portion of the | and is divided into apartments for the Legisand State Library. An addition has lately the site of the famous Baptist Theo'orical In- been made to it, which adds much to its con- disorderly casemblage, and it requires the venience, but the new portico is an abortion severest labor on the part of the Speaker to top of a high hill, overlooking the vailey for which I hope the State authorities will pro- keep it in a condition that will admit of the ceed to remedy without delay. The building proper transaction of business. An hour or ing and beautifying the axin and complex cannot be called a handsome one, but there i a massive stateliness about it that makes it isfy the curiosity of the most inquisitive mind, the junction of the West and North Branches | look unusually appropriate for the Capitol of a substantial old Commonwealth like ours. A blow when the railroad stepped in and robbed smaller structure to the South of this, built in the same style, though minus a dome, is used by the Land Department and for the Auditor General's office. The Northern edifice, of similar design, is occupied by the Executive and State Departments and by the Attorney General and in its parliamentary character comes fully up State Treasurer. The Governor's office is in to the standard one expects of it. a corner room on the second floor at the South-It was my desire to give you a sketch of the leading members of the two Houses, and of Eastern end of this building. It is entered by the general features of interest shout Harrisburg, but the length to which this letter has already extended reminds me that it is time chamber, a room about half the size of our court room. The sides of this chamber are to close Ross's Gentlemen's Funntshing Store. the Chief Executives of the State, from Wm. Mr. Warren L. Boss has taken the store Penn to Andrew G. Curtin. Those of Govs. ately conducted by Justice, Gheen & Gallagher, and fitted it up with everything neces a Wolf. Schultze and Porter are admirable, but ry to make a complete gentlemen's farnishing establishment. His stock of cloths, cassimeres, the ones of Bigler, Johnson, Pollock, Packer and Curtin, though they may be fine paintings. estings and ready made clothing is superior are miserable likenesses. To the left of the anything ever brought to the city, and we defy any one to visit the store without Executive Chamber is the State Department. something to suit his taste. Mr. Ross has been very successful in securing a cutter who is not surpassed anywhere. Under his skillful where I was shown many rare and interesting documents, including complete manuscript records of the Council proceedings during the supervision the concern is turning out work equal to the best Eastern establishments. No earliest days of our Colonial history. The person can have an excuse for going abroad o get clothing while Ross affords the conve Department possesses an uninterrupted series of these journals, from the day of the assemiences that he does In addition to his other bling of the first Legislature down to the close coods he has also a superior stock of hats of the transactions of the degenerate body and caps, hosiery, collars, cravats, -in short anything that a man wants in the clothing which called itself by that name in 1866. line can be got at Ross's. Call and see for

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man of fine abilities, possessing but one fault,

From the State Department my business

which largely facilitated the work I had set out

members, that, while their politics are fright-

fully bad, they are ever on the alert to serve

the interests of their constituents at Harris-

burg. General McCreary is regarded as one

of the leading members of the House, and

wields an influence attained by few legislators

from Erie county. The Democratic members

of the Schate view Lowry as being to Penn-

sylvania what Wendell Phillips is to Massa-

chusetts, a sort of vanguard in the cohorts

of Radicalism. His bold, blunt way of deal-

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the opportunity I had of judging that he was

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The Halts of the two Houses are elegant

affairs, and well adapted to their purposes. . I

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remind one very strongly of Holland. The

Senate Chamber is the neater of the two.

than that of the House. Both Halls are tasti-

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There are a few good men in the present

Legislature, hut, speaking in a general sense,

neither the House nor the Senate stand as

high for ability as some of their predecessors

It seems to be a conceded and inexplicable

fact that as communities increase in wealth

and intelligence the character of their repre-

sentatives decline in a corresponding ratio.

The best men in our State Assembly have

nearly invariably came from the thinly settled

districts, and the poorest from the large

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