Political.

MR. TILDEN DEFINES HIS POSITION ON THE PAYMENT OF CONFED-ERATE WAR CLAIMS.

NEW YORK. October 24, 1876.

To the Hon. Abram S. Hewitt.

SIR: I have received your letter informing me that Republicans high in authority are publicly representing that "the South desire, not without hope," to obtain payment for losses by the late war and to have "provision made for the rebel debt and for the losses of slaves."

As the payment of such losses and claims was not deemed important enough to deserve the notice of either convention at the time it was held, you also ask me to state my views in regard to their recognition by the Government. Though disposed myselt to abide by the issue as made up already, I have no hesitation to comply with your request.

The fourteenth amendment of the Constitusion expressly provides as follows:

"The validity of the public debt of the United States authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States, nor any State, shall assume or pay ANY debt or obligation, incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emanciapation of any slave, but ALL such debts, obligations and claims, shall be held illegal and void."

This amendment has been repeatedly approved and agreed to by Democratic State conventions of the South. It was unanimously adopted as a part of the platform of the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis, on the 28th of June, and was declared by that platform to be "universally accepted as a final settlement of the controversies that engendered

civil war." My own position on this subject had been previously declared on many occasions, and particularly in my first annual message of Jan uary 5, 1875. In that document I stated that the Southern In that document I stated that the Southern In that document I stated that the Southern of Great Bend will be held at the house lately oc-cupied by E. Barnum, dec'd. The election for the district composed of the borough of Great Bend will be held at the house lately oc-cupied by E. Barnum in said borough. The election for the district composed of the town-ship of Great Bend Village will be held at the house lately occupied by E. Barnum in said borough. The election for the district composed of the town-ship of Gibson will be held in the Academy building in said township.

In that document I stated that the Southern people were "bound by the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth constitutional amendments; that they had joined at national conventions in the nomination of candidates and in the declaration of principles and purposes which form an authentic acceptance of the results of the war, embodied in the last three suits of the war, embodded in the last three last three loss of Jackson will be held at the house of Enzadeth deary the citizens present, and a brief statement showing the made and main and that they had by the suffrages of all their voters at the last national election for the district composed of the township. The Election for the district composed of the township of Jessup will be held at the house of Daniel Hoff in said township. The Election for the district composed of the township of Lenox will be held at the house of Grow & Brothers of the public. The triplicate returns shall be enclosed in presence of the officers, invelopes and be sealed in presence of the officers. completed the proof that now they only seek to share with us and to maintain the common rights of American local self government in a fraternal union, under the old flag with "one Constitution and one destiny."

GENERAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and election laws of the Commonwealth of Penn-sylvania, I, WM. WHITE, High Sheriff of the County of Susquehanna, do hereby give notice to the electors of said county that an election will be held in said County on

Tuesday, the 7th day of November, 1876,

[being the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November] at which time the following officers will be elected, to wit: Twenty nine persons for electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, for the State of

Pennsylvania. One person for Representative in Congress from the 15th Congressional District, composed of the counties of Bradford, Wyoming, Wayne and Susquehanna. One person for State Senator from the 26th Senato-rial District, composed of the counties of Wayne and Susquehanna Susquehanna.

Susquenanna. • Two persons to represent the county of Susquehan-na in the House of Representatives of the Common-wealth of Pennsylvania. One person for Prothonotary of the County of Sus-

quehanna. Two persons for Jury Commissioners for the County of Susquehanna (each elector to vote for but one of

said commissioners. One person for Auditor of the County of Susquehan-

I also hereby make known and give notice that the places of holding the aforesaid general election in the scoreal wards, boronghs, districts, and townships with-in the County of susquehanna are as follows, to wit: The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Apolacon will be held at the Election House

In said township. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Ararat will be held at the school house near the

Presbytertan church in said township. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Auburn will be held at the house of James Lott

ehip of Auburn will be held at the honse of James Lott in said township. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Bridgewater will be held at the Court House in the Borough of Montrose. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Brooklyn will be held at the house of James O. Bullard in said township. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Choconut will be held at the school House near Edward Clark's in said township. The Election for the district composed of the town-

The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Clifford will be held at the house late of John Hewetson in said township. The Election for the district composed of the Bor-ough of Dundaff will be held at the Dundaff Hotel in said Borouge

said Borough. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Dimock will be held at the house late of T. J. Babcock in said township. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Forest Lake will be held at the house of Mrs. Barthe Warner in said township.

Solp of Forest Lake will be held at the house of mis-Bertha Warner in said township. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Franklin will be held at the school house near J. M. Baker's in said township. The election for the district composed of the Borough of Friendsville will be held at the school house in said

Borough. The Election for the district composed of the Borough of Great Bend will be held at the house occupied by

ship of Gibson will be held in the Academy building in said township. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Harford will be held at the house late of John W. Gow in said township. The election for the district composed of the town-ship of Harmony will be held at the house of S. Win-ters in sind township. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Herrick will be held at the Herrick Centre School House, in said township. The election for the district composed of the town-ship of Herrick will be held at the Herrick Centre School House, in said township. The election for the district composed of the township of Jackson will be held at the house of Elizabeth Geary in said township.

labeled "borough;" and each class shall be deposited in separate ballot-boxes." WHENEAS, The Fifteenth Amendment of the Con-stitution of the United States is as follows: "SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude." "SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation." And Whereas, The Congress of the United States, on the 31st day of March, 1870, passed an act, entitled-"An Actio enforce the right of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of this Union, and for other purposes," the first and second sections of which are as follows: follows:

follows: SECTION 1. Beit enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Con-gress assembled, That all citizens of the United States who are, or shall be otherwise qualified by law to vote at any election by the people, in any State, Territory, district, county, city, parish, townsip. school district, municipality or other territorial sub divisions, shall be entitled and allowed to vote at all such elections; with-out distinction of race, or color, or previous condition of servitude; any Constitution, law, custom, usage, regulation of any State or Territory, or by, or under its authority, to the contrary notwithstanding. "SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That if by or under the authority of the Constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of any Territory, any act is or shall be required to be done as a prerequisite or qualification

be required to be done as a prerequisite or qualification for voting, and by such Constitution or law, persons or officers are or shall be charged with the performance of oncers are or shail be enarged with the performance of duties in furnishing to citizens an opportunity to per-form such prerequisite, or to become qualified to vote, it shall be the duty of every such person and officer o give to all citizens of the United States the same, d equal opportunity to perform such prerequisite and to become qualified to vote without distinction of race col-or, or previous condition of servitude; and if any such person or officer shall refuse or knowingly omit to give full effect to this section, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars to the person aggrieved thereby, to be recovered by an action on the case, with full costs and such an allowance for coun sel fees as the court shall deem just, and shall also, for every such offence, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. and shall on conviction thereof, be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month and not more than one year, or both, at the dis-cretion of the court."

And whereas, It is declared by the second section of the VI article of the Constitution of the United States, that "This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereci, whall be the supreme law of the land, ••• • anything in the Constitution or laws of any States to the contrary not-

withstanding. And whereas, The Legislature of this Commonwealth, on the 6th day of April, A. D., 1870, passed an act. en titled "A further supplement to the act relating to elec tions in this Commonwealth," the tenth section of which provides as follows:

"SECTION 10, That so much of every act of Assembly as provides that only white freemen shall be entitled to vote or to be registered as voters, or as claiming to vote at any general or special election of this Commonwealth. at any general or special election of this Commonwealth be and the same is hereby repealed, and that hereafter all freemen, without distinction of color, shall be enroll ed and registered according to the provisions of the first section approved April 17th, 1869, entitled "An Act further supplemental to the act relating to the elections of this Commonwealth," and when otherwise qualified under existing laws, be entitled to vote at all general and special elections in this Commonwealth." The said above recited amendment and acts must be executed and obsered by all assessors, registers of yos

executed and obeyed by all assessors, registers of vo-ters, election officers, and others, that the rights and privileges guaranteed thereby may be secured to all the citizens of this Common wealth entitled to the same. By the 13th section of the act of Assembly of Janu

ary 30, 1874, it is enacted that as soon as the polls shall close, the officers of election shall proceed to count all the votes cast for each candidate voted for, and make a the votes cast for each calduate voted for, and make a full return of the same in triplicate with a return sheet in addition, in all of which the votes received by each candidate shall be given after his or her name, first in words and again in figures, and shall be signed by all of said officers and certified by overseers, if any, or if not so certified, the overseer, and any officer refusing to sign or certified the overseer, and any officer refusing to Best JOB PRINTING sign or certify, or either of them, shall write upon each of the returns his or their reasons for not signing or certifying them. The vote, as soon as counted, shall also be publicly and fully declared from the window to the citizens present, and a brief statement showing the votes received by each candidate shall be made and cincred by the election officers as soon as the votes and one envelope, with the unsealed return sheet, given to the judge which shall contain one list of voters, tally paper, and oaths of officers, and another of said envelopes shall be given to the minority inspector. All judges living within twelve miles of the prothonotary's office, or within twenty-four miles, if their residence be in a town, village, or city upon the line of a railroad leading to the county seat shall, before two o'clock post meridian of the day after the election, and all the other judges shall, before twelve o'clock meridian of the second day after the election, deliver said return, together with return sheet, to the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of the county which said re-turn sheet shall be filed, and the day and hour of filing turn sheet shall be filed, and the day and nonr of filing marked thereon, and shall be pr served by the Prothon-otary for public inspection. At twelve 'clock on the said second day following any election, the Prothono-tary of the Court of Common Pleas shall present the said returns to the said Court. * * * * The returns presented by the Prothonotary shall be opened by said Court and computed by such of its officers and such sworn assistants as the Court shall appoint, in the presence of the judge or judges of said Court, and the r-turns certified, and certificates of election issued under the seal of the Court as is now required to be

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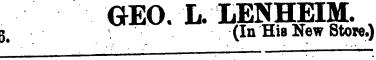
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I declared at the same time :

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Should I be elected President, the provisions of the fourteenth amendment will, so lar as depends on me, be maintained, executed and enforced in perfect and absolute good faith. No rebel debt will be assumed or paid. No claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave will be allowed. No claim for any loss or damage incurred by disloyal persons arising from the late war, whether covered by the fourteenth amendment or not, will be recognized or paid. The cotton tax will not be refunded. I shall deem it my duty to veto every bill providing for the assumption or payment of any such debts losses damages claims or for the refund. debts, losses, damages, claims or for the refunding of any such tax.

The danger to the National Treasury is not from claims of persons who aided the rebellion but from claims of persons residing in the Southern States or having property in those States who were, or pretended to have been, loyal to the Government of the Union. Such claims, even of loyal persons, where they are from acts caused by the operations of war, have been disowned by the public law of civilized nations, condemned by the adjudications of the. Supreme Court of the United States, and only find any status by force of specific legislation of Congress. These claims have become stale and are often tainted with fraud. They are nearly always owned in whole or in part by claim agents, by speculators or lobbyists, who have no equity against the tax-payers or the public. They should, in all cases, be scrutinized with jealous care.

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in said township. The election for the district composed of the town ship of Liberty will be held at the Stanford School house

The Election for the district composed of the Borough house in said township. The Election for the district composed of the town-ship of Lathrop will be held at the Hillsdale School house in said township. The election for the district composed of the Borough

of Little Meadows will be held at the School House in said Borough. The election for the district composed of the township

of Middletown will be held at the house of Otis Rose in said township. The Election for the district composed of the Borough of Montrose will be held at the Court House in said

Borough. The Election for the district composed of the Borough of New Millord will be held at the house of William Jay in said Borough. The election for the district composed of the township.

of New Milford will be held at the house of Philander Phinney, in the Borough of New Milford. The election for the district composed of the town-ship of Oakland will be held at the house late of Thom-

as Munson in said township. The election for the district composed of the town-ship of Rush will held at the house of N. D. Snyder in

The election for the district, composed of the town-ship of Springville will be held at the house of Dr.

, E. Brush in said township. The election for the district composed of the townchip of Silver Lake will be held at the house late of R.

McGerigles in said township. The Election for the district composed of the First Ward of the Borough of Susquehanna Depot will be held at the house occupied by Chester G. Chattee in said Berough.

The Election for the district composed of the Second Ward of the Borough of Susquehanua Depot will be held at the house occupied by Ambrose Benson in said Borough. The election for the district composed of the town

ship of Thomson will be held at the house late of. Chester Stoddard in said township.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

That in Article 8, Section 1 of the Constitution, it is peclared, "Every male citizen twenty-one years of age. tossessing the following qualifications.shall be entitled do vote at all elections: First.—He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month. Sec. ond.—He shall have resided in the State one year, (or if the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.— Fourth.— If twenty-two years of age or upwards, he shall have paid within two years a state or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and

paid at least one mouth before the election." I also make known and give notice, as 'n and by the 13th section of act of July 2, 1871, directed, "That every person, except Justices of the Peace, who shall hole any office or appointment of profit or trust under the United States, or of this State, or of any city or incorporated district, whether a commissioned officer or agent, who is, or shall be, employed under the legislative, judiciary, or executive department of this State or United States, or any city or incorporated district; and also that every member of Congress, and of the State also that every member of Congress, and of the State Legislature, and of the select or common council of any city, or commissioners of any incorporated di trict, is by law incapable of holding or exercising at the same time, the office or appointment of Judge, Inspector or. Clerk of any election of this Common wealth, and that no Inspector or Judge or other officer of any such election, shall be eligible to any office then to be voted for."

By the act of Assembly of July 2, 1839, it is also made "the anty of every Mayor, Sheriff, Alderman, Justice of the Peace, Constable, of every city, county, township or district within this Commonwealth, whenever called upon by any officer of an election, or by three qualified electors thereof to clear any window or avenue to the window of the place of General Election which shall be obstructed in such a way as to prevent voters from approaching the same; and it shall be the duty of every

respective Constable of such ward, district or township within this commonwealth, to be present in person or by Deputy, at the place of holding elections, in such ward, district or township, for the purpose of preserving the peace as aforesaid "

under the seal of the Courl as is now required to be done by return judges; and the vote as so compu-ted and certified shall be made a matter of record in said Court. The sessions of said Court are open to the public. * * * * And the other of said triplicate returns shall be placed in the box and sealed up with the ballots. * * * * * Whenever a place has been or shall be provided by the authorities of any ci' county, township or borough for the safe keeping 6. the ballot boxes, the judge and minority inspector shall after the election shall be fin-

minority inspector shall after the election shall be fin ished, and the ballot box or boxes containing the tick tes, list of voters, and other papers, have been securely bound with tape and sealed and the signature of the judge and inspectors affixed thereto, forthwith deliver, Mayor and Recorder of such city, or in counties, townships or boroughs to such person or persons as the 'ourt of Common Pleas of the proper county may des-ignate, at the place provided as aforesaid, who shall then deposit the said boxes and keep the same to anwer the call of any Court or tribunal authorized to try the merits of such election.

Given under my hand at my office, in the Borough of Montrose, the 9th day of October. Anno Domini 1876, and in the year of the Commonweatth the ninety-ninth. WM. WHITE, Sheriff.

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