as an extremely grave one in its consequences, not to the creditor, only, but the future character of the State; and it requires for its safe decision, a areful examination of our fiscal condition, includ ng our prospective income and liabilities, which have not had the means of making. The consideration of this whole subject will be among the earliest and most interesting of my official duties and I shall hasten to submit to the Legislature the views to which it may conduct me. Meanwhile. gentlemen, I pledge myself to you-to the good people of the State, and to all its creditors, that for the joint liabilities of their partners. on my part nothing shall be left undone, within the constitutional competency of the Executive, to ensure the prompt, exact and full payment of all the dues of Pennsylvania.

I congratulate you, gentlemen, on the general prosperity of our constituents. It is impossible to look out upon our Commonwealth, without recognizing our indispensable obligations to the Author of Good. A genial and healthful climate-a soil fertile of agricultural productions, yet pre-eminently abounding in mineral wealth-a hardy and intelligent population-a government of the people themselves, that secures to industry, enterprize and skill, their appropriate rewards-these, by His benignant care, have borne us up under concentrated trials, which might have crushed an older but less favored community. Let us be true to ourselves, that His blessing may abide with us.



Harrisburg, Jan. 21, 1845.

FR'S R. SHUNK.

JEFFERSONIAN REPUBLICAN

Thursday, January 30, 1845.

Terms, \$2,00 in advance: \$2.25, half yearly; and \$2,50 if not paid before the end of the year.

F V. B. Palmer, Esq., at his Real Estate and Coal Office, No. 59 Pine street, below Third, two squares S. the Merchants' Exchange, Phila., and No. 160 Nassau street, (Tribune buildings,) N. Y., is authorised to receive subscriptions and advertisements for the Jeffersonian Republican, and give receipts for the same. Merchants, Me- the territory to be annexed shall be formed inchanics, and tradesmen generally, may extend their business by availing themselves of the opportunities for advertising in country papers which

To all Concerned.

We would call the attention of some of our subscribers, and especially certain Post Masters, to the following reasonable, and well settled rules of Law in relation to publishers, to the patrons of newspapers.

THE LAW OF NEWSPAPERS.

2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, are considered as wishing to continue their subscriptions.

their papers, the publishers may continue to send them till all arrearages are paid.

-3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their papers from the officers to which they are directed, they are held responsible till they have settled their bill, and ordered their papers

4. If subscribers remove to other places without informing the publishers, and their paper is ent to the former direction, they are held responsible.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take a newspaper or periodical from the office, or removing and leaving it uncalled for, is "prima facie" evidence of intentional fraud.

Gov. Shunk's Inaugural.

We present our readers, on the first page of to-day's paper, with the Inaugural Address of FRANCIS R. SHUNK. It is a very unsatisfactory production, and has caused much disappointment throughout the Commonwealth. The Governor seems to act upon the non-committal principle. He passes by most of the important questions of State policy, and expediency, such as Protection to our Coal and Iron Trade, the Annexation of Texas, &c., without a single remark. In regard to the State Debt, he says few words, but they fall like a blight over the newly awaked hopes of our people, that the long night of gloom which has hung over us was to give place to better days.

Gov. Porter, in his annual message, and the State Treasurer, in his annual report of the finances of the State, congratulated us, that there was money enough in the Treasury to pay the February interest on the public debt, and that the probable income would enable the State to meet all her liabilities punctually hereafter .-Mr. Shunk, however, expresses doubts on this subject; and says he must first examine into the matter himself, before he can agree to an immediate payment of the State Interest. As the first of February is near at hand, we may regard this new obstacle, thrown in the way of payment, by the new Governor, as tantamount to an announcement that our creditors must again go without receiving their next semi-annual interest -- and that too in the face of a report from the Treasury Department, which shows it fully able to pay them. This is wrong, and will injure the credit of the State more than any previous blow it has received.

We trust, Mr. Shunk, will see the expediency of accelerating the payment of our interest, and throw no obstacles in the way thereof. A punctual payment of our obligations will soon estore our fallen credit-and as that is so much desired, surely the Executive should do every thing in his power to bring it about. The rest of the address contains nothing of importance, except an expression of opinion that all stock holders should be made personally responsible

The State Administration.

Gov. Shunk was duly inaugurated on the 21st inst., and is now fully invested with all the powers of office. He has already appointed the following gentlemen as his cabinet officers.

Hon. Jesse Miller, of Perry county, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry Petriken, Esq., of Centre, Deputy

John K. Kane, Esq., of Philadelphia, Attorney General.

These appointments are far from giving gen eral satisfaction. They were all hostile to Gov. Porter, and are considered as an indication that Mr. Shunk intends to proscribe all that ex-dignitary's friends. As soon as Mr. Polk is inaugurated, and the offices doled out to the hungry expectants; we may look for stormy times, both at Harrisburg and Washington, among the two factions of the harmonious locofocos.

Annexation.

The drill-sergeants of the locofoco party. have at length succeeded in bringing a sufficient number of their members in the House of Representatives to agree to a Resolution for the purpose of annexing Texas to the United States, and passing it through that branch of Congress. The debate on the subject was closed on Saturday last, and on the same day the Resolution was passed by a vote of 120 yeas to 98 nays. It is an amendment of the original Resolution, offered by Mr. C. J. Ingersoll, proposed by Milton Brown, of Tennessee, and provides tha to five States; some to be free and others not It also leaves Texas her own lands, and to pay her own debt. It is said, that if this Resolution should even pass the Senate, Texas will never agree to it. How that will be, however,

Our acknowledgements are due R. Eldred, Esq, for his polite and early transmission to us of valuable public documents.

Appointment by Gov. Shunk.

Maxwell M'Caslin, Esq. of Greene county, as Aid-de-Camp to his Excellency, with the rank and title of Lieutenant Colonel in the mi

APPOINTMENTS BY THE CANAL BOARD. David Watson, Esq. to be Superintendant of Motive Power and of Repairs, on the Allegheny and Portage Railroad, to take effect from and after the 3d day of February next.

Collectors.

Charles H. Williams, at Easton. William R. Burton, at New Hope. Isaac Vanhorn, at Bristol. John Youngman, at Northumberland. Thomas Shannon, at Blairsvile. James Fearon, at Dunnsburg.

Weigh-Masters. Charles H. Williams, at Easton. Patrick H. Mahon, at Columbia.

FRANCIS BASLER who has for some time beer confined in the Wyoming county Jail for the murder of his brother-in-law, had his death-warrant read to him on Wednesday last. He swore he would never be hung, and accordingly during the fore part of the evening he broke jail and escaped. He passed through Carbondale about five o'clock on Thursday morning, coming here in a sleigh with two other persons. He took his way from here on the cars, leaving his company to drive on which way they liked. Baslar is a Scotchman-is tall and stoutly built-has but one eye, and a scar on one side of his cheeks.

Carbondale Mirror.

It is stated on the authority of the minutes of the Methodist General Conference, that there are one hundred and thirty-seven thousand colored members of the Methodist Church in the slave-holding States, and eight thousand, three firmed. hundred and forty-five in all the non-slaveholding States.

The Columbia (S. C.) Chronicle, referring to the duel between Messrs. Clingman and Yany, says-"Yancy is the same person who shot down his uncle in the streets of Greenville, in this State, a few years ago. He afterwards emigrated to Alabama, and is now a member of Congress."

Most of the members of the Kentucky Legislature are temperance men.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

Harrisburg, Jan'y 22, 1845. Very little business was transacted in either introduced a bill to divide Cedar Ward. House after closing my letter of 12 o'clock, there being an evident disposition to stave off for a few days the important bills now pending. In side. On the question of referring these methe Senate, the bill relative to the Delaware Insurance Company, which was under consideration, was postponed for one week; after which a resolution was offered by Mr. Champneys and adopted, calling upon the Auditor General and State Treasurer to furnish the Senate with the amount of taxes due and outstanding-whether the taxes assessed in 1844 and yet uncollected, are included in the late estimate of outstanding taxes, and what amount has been collected and paid into the Treasury from the additional one mill tax authorized to be collected by the act of April last.

The object of the resolution is to enable the Senate to form a more correct estimate of the receipts for the present year, that they may thus determine what measures to adopt in relation to the payment of the February interest. It is now generally thought here that an effort will be made so to modify the bill now before the Senate, as to provide for the payment of about half the interest; and it is also stated that this is in accordance with the views of the Go-

In the House, the bill for the appointment of a reporter for the Supreme Court, was adopted, with numerous amendments, providing for the salary of the reporter (1600 dollars per annum,) the publication and sale of the decisions, &c.

The new State Treasurer enters upon his duties on Monday next.

January 23, 1845. After the presentation of petitions, memorials, &c. against the consolidation of the city and district government-for a change in the license law, and for the abolition of capital punishment -a joint resolution was offered by Mr. Darsie, suspending the payments on domestic creditors certificates. The amount yet unpaid of the sum appropriated for this object by the last Legislature is something over \$100,000, but for the purpose of meeting the February interest, payments have been refused for a considerable time, although without authority of law: and the object of the resolution is, while it legalizes the suspension, to prevent the new State Treasurer from resuming the payment of these certificates, thus lessening the amount, that it will probably be necessary to apply to the payment of interest. A motion to proceed to the immediate consideration of the resolution was lost yeas 13, nays 19-after a few words in opposion to the motion by Messrs. Champneys and Sterigere; but those few words were sufficient to array the majority against it, and the vote may

The nomination of Luther Kidder as President Judge of the 21st Judicial District, was then taken up in executive session, and considerable debate has arisen upon it. Although undecided as yet, there is no doubt but the nomination will be confirmed.

furnish an indication of what will be the fate

of the bill.

In the House, this being petition day, a very large number were presented, when several local bills were taken up and passed, as was also the resolutions of instruction relative to the armed occupation of Oregon.

Mr. Bayard read in place three bills with the following titles: - A Supplement to the Act to Incorporate the Insurance Company of North America; a Supplement to the Act establishing the District Court for the City and County of Philadelphia; and a Bill relating to the appointment of Trustees in Orphans' Courts.

Mr. Hollingshead read in place a supplement to the act of last session relative to the Militia. The bill is calculated to promote the formation of a Rifle Regiment in the 1st Division.

The resolutions of instruction in favor of the distribution of the proceeds of the Public Lands, was then taken up, and is now under consideration.

The nomination of Judge Kidder, has been confirmed. Yeas 26, nays 6.

After confirming the nomination of Luther Kidder, the Senate took up that of Hopewell Hepburn, to be an Assistant Judge of the District Court of Allegheny, and Percipher Lemon to be an Associate Judge for the county of Wyoming; both of which were unanimously con-

January 24, 1845. In the Senate a large number of petitions,

&c., were presented.

sion providing for the redemption of the over- him at his hotel, but were unable to procure an only \$200,000, to pay one million! This issue of the Berks County Bank, and which interview. They then resolved that they would culation, is, however, immediately overto had been vetoed by Gov. Porter, at the com- pay no more ground-rent, which was received by a counter statement, based on the nice mencement of the present session, was taken with acclamation. It was in the same county tinction of a fiscal year-and an Appropria up and after being debated for considerable that the meeting was recently held, at which year-the latter terminating in June 1845, time, passed by the constitutional majority of they resolved not to pay any more State taxes, the former in January !!- but without to two-thirds. It will doubtless also pass the unless the State government should reform and us, how the distinction of time, can make mo Senate, and become a law in spite of the veto. its representatives grow more honest,

Jan. 25, 1845

lu the Senate to-day-Mr. Crabb, in place,

Mr. Bigler and Mr. Chapman each presented memorials for the confirmation of Judge Burnmorials, the Senate agreed to go into Executive session, and the nomination was then confirmed

In the House, Mr. Bingham, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill relative to fugitive slaves and slavery.

Mr. Smith. Chairman of the Judiary Com mittee, reported that the bill for the appoint ment of a Public Counsellor be negatived; and against the proposition to extend to the courts jurisdiction to legitimize children, change names of persons, &c.

Mr. Trego, in place, introduced a bill to reduce the capital of the Girard Bank.

The order of the day was the Tariff resolutions. The question pending was the amendment offered by Mr. Smith of Berks, against an U. S. Bank, and expressing confidence in our Senators. Mr. Bingham had the floor, and he opposed the amendment at length and with much ability. He was followed by Mr. Shuman, after which the subject was postponed to take up the bill from the Senate to suspend the payment of domestic creditors' scrip, until the interest on State stock be paid. This bill at once passed committee of the whole, Mr. Por-

On second reading it was opposed by Mr. Burnall, and supported with great ability by Mr. Bayard and Mr. Burnside, who called the previous question. This call was sustained, 57 to 34; and the bill passed final reading, 75 to

On motion of Mr. Hazzlehurst, the bill to continue the District Court of Philadelphia was taken up, and the same passed final reading.

Jan. 27, 1845.

Numerous petitions were presented for and against the consolidation of the incorporated districts of Philadelphia; for such an alteration of the Constitution as shall require 21 years' residence to entitle to the right of suffrage; change of license laws, &c.

Mr. Kennedy laid upon the table, a resolution to meet at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Hilands offered a resolution, calling for information relative to the expenses of the Juciary, and one instructing the Judiciary Committee to report a bill to pay Associate Judges and Judicial officers, proportionate to the duties they discharge.

purchase in certain cases, is now before the

the subject of the State Library. The joint Library Committee having on Saturday removed H. K. Strong, Esq. a very gentlemanly and competent officer, and put in his place Dr. Seth Salisbury, who is not regarded as very competent, and whose appointment, at any rate, does not give satisfaction. The subject was brought up so as to prevent him taking possession. They finally passed a bill to take an inventory of the books, and to require bail for their safe keeping.

Executive nominations-Andrew Arnold, of of the contrast to such a one, bringing down Armstrong Co., confirmed as Associate Judge; Jacob Heintzinger, Esq., of Schnylkill county, do. The nomination of David Kidder as President Judge, in place of Judge Burnside, was also taken up, but then postponed at the request of Mr. Chapman, until Saturday next.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the bill to repeal the act requiring the Revenue Committee to meet at Harrisburg to equalize the taxes-which is now under consideration.

DEATH OF "BLUE DICK"--The celebrated racer, "Blue Dick," who has pushed "Fashion" harder than any animal on the turf, died recently at Carrolton, La. It is supposed he was poisoned. We believe he was never beat en in a three mile race.

Gov. King .-- Gov. King, of Rhode Island has had his accounts adjusted, by a committee of the legislature, and is shown to be the creditor and not the debtor, of the State.

ANTI-GROUND RENT EXCITEMENT IN LAN- seek to know, the exact condition of our fi CASTER .- An anti-rent excuement has sprung cial relations. All who discuss the subject. up in Lancaster, Pa. An agent of the Hamil- fer on points essential to exact knowledge ton estate arrived in that place last week to One journal makes an exact calculation by collect ground-rents, when some persons col- ures, which never deceive, to prove, that of In the House, the bill passed at the last ses- lected, formed a procession and waited upon 1st of February, there will be in the I'reas

From the Saturday American.

The Money Market. JANUARY 21st, 1845.

Nothing has ever more clearly and signally demonstrated the value of character, than the total absence of impression, which attended the Message of Governor Porter, announcing in the most positive and unequivocal terms, the payment of the February interest on the State Debt. Between the conflict of doubful and onposite opinions, that had so long agitated the public mind and caused the prices of Stocks to fluctuate from day to day, according as every new rumor changed its color, it was natural to expect that positive assurances of payments from the Governor would give it an impulse unward of at least 10 per cent. Yet, contrary to all the common sense of similar events, the Stock declined and fell off from one to three and four dollars per share, the moment the message arrived to settle the question. But how settle it? By a conviction the very opposite of that designed by the message. The moment the Governor announced the payment, the public were convinced it would not be paid!-Nothing fair, clear, and frank attended his exposition of the financial relations of the State. Every syllable of vain glory and false logic, appeared to have been devised for some ulterior purpose, apart and distinct from the facts of the case. He was about to retire from office, and he became ambitious of making his exit in a blaze of glory; so that the world should the with the song that D R. Porter had retrieved the credit of the State! Vanity and ambining had spurred him on to plausible misrepresentations, whose effect was to still further depreciate his own character for double dealing, duplicity and sinister motives; so that even the tattered skirt of reputation, that accident hal left him became soiled and torn in his futile struggles to rise to the eminence of the parrier. The precious value of the beautiful simplicity of truth, as an element of public character, as well as private, was seldom illustrated in so remarkable a manner, by a palpable exhibition the contrary qualities, and furnished a commentary on the man, who while claiming the meri of renovating the credit of the State of Pennsylvania, coolly confessed that during his ad ministration, the debt had been augmented eleven millions by the accumulation of con pound interest!

Character is never worth so much, as in the financial transactions of a country. We do not mean the mere honesty of payment of a money debt, which, in itself is a shining virtue, bu that honesty, which, under all circumstances, A Bill to enable trustees and guardians to discloses an unspotted frankness of Saul, which no temptation can induce to conceal a fact, of pervert the truth. A Governor, fashioned In Senate, considerable discussion arose upon the model of old times integrity, who has to object to influence his conduct, but the enduring fame that crowns an honest and faithful d charge of duty-who looks to his conscience and his God only, for council, advice, and soggestions, will hold a precious remembrance the hearts of the latest posterity, and achieve renown, far exceeding all the value of gold, s ver, and rich possessions. Such a Chief M gistrate, Pennsylvania has long wanted. A may we not cherish a hope, that the example his head universal censure, and muttered sco will operate to influence the successors of R. Porter, to pursue a policy at once lofty, hos orable, frank, and patriotic-having but great object in view: the fame, interest, honor of Pennsylvania? It would be to si der the genius of our free Institutions, to do the ultimate consummation of such a wish.

> JANUARY 24, 1845 On the very eve of the day fixed by law. the payment of the semi-annual interest on State Debt, we are enveloped by as much certainty, in regard to the available funds in Treasury of the Commonwealth, as prevail one year ago. Never before did a cloud of so mystery, obscure the financial resources Republican Government. Ignorance it ca be termed, for it equally pervades the Legture, now in session-the Executive, now parted (thank God !!) to the shades of pri life-the new Governor, now inducted into fice-the State Treasurer-the official ne papers, and all who either ought to know more, or less abundant in the hands of