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The Fugitive Slave Law.

The portion of Governor Packer's Message which refers to the sections of the penal code adopted by the Legislature last winter, which practically nullify the fugitive slave law and an important section of the Constitution of the United States, is worthy of more than a passing notice.

The 34 section of the 4th article of the Constitution provides, 'that no person held to service or labor in one State, under the laws thereof, escaping into another, shall not in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor; but shall be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such service or labor is due.'

In a special despatch from Washington to the Philadelphia Inquirer, it is positively stated, that Hon. Wm. Seward has been tendered the place of Secretary of State in Lincoln's Cabinet.

The publication of the Pittsburgh True Press, was discontinued on last Monday. The subscription and advertising lists have been transferred to the Daily Gazette, which will hereafter publish an evening edition.

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and we hope the legislature will, in compliance with the suggestion of Governor Packer, immediately repeal it. But we fear this will not be done. A few days ago, a petition, signed by 11,000 citizens of Philadelphia, in favor of the repeal of the law was presented in the House of Representatives.

A correspondent who dates his letter from the 'Allegheny Mountain,' informs us that in our notice of the recent exhibition at Saint Francis' College, we committed some slight mistakes. It seems 'Joseph Friel is not from Georgia, but Philadelphia, Bennet Murphy should be Benton Murphy, Thomas H instead of J. Doyle, and George F. instead of G. E. Miller.'

Burned to Death.—We learn from the Johnstown Tribune, that Mrs. Sarah Lucas, wife of David Lucas Sr. was burned to death in Conemaugh Borough, on Christmas at about 11 o'clock in the forenoon. All the other members of the family were absent at the time, and she was sitting in front of a grate on the first floor of the house, reading a newspaper.

Mine host of the 'Arcade' Henry Foster, killed three hogs last week which weighed 934 lbs. We think they are very good, and we must say that Henry can beat and has beat any other man in our town this year. Friends don't give up; beat him next year if you can.

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The snow commenced thawing on last Sunday, and rapidly disappeared on Monday. We fear we will soon have to bid good bye to sleighing.

The 'FARMER AND GARDNER' for January is received, and maintains its high reputation. It is, as usual, handsomely embellished, and filled to repletion with matter of the highest interest and importance. We observe, that the enterprising publishers, Messrs A. M. Spangler & Co., have also issued a new monthly, entitled 'THE AMERICAN BEE JOURNAL,' which promises to be a most valuable and important work for those who are interested in that subject.

From Harrisburg. Tuesday of last week, being the day fixed by the Constitution for the meeting of the General Assembly, the members of both Houses met in their rooms in the Capitol at 3 o'clock P. M. The Senate after the call of the roll, proceeded to elect a speaker. On the first ballot, Hon. Robert M. Palmer, of Schuylkill, was elected. Elisha W. Davis of Venango, was, on the first ballot, elected Speaker of the House.

The receipts at the State Treasury, from all sources, for the fiscal year ending on the 30th of November, 1860, were \$3,479,257.31, to which add the available balance in the Treasury on the first day of December, 1859, \$839,323.09, and the whole sum available for the year will be found to be \$4,318,580.40. The expenditures for all purposes, for the same period, were \$3,687,147.32, leaving an available balance in the Treasury, on the 1st day of December, 1860, of \$681,433.08.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes '6 per cent loans \$400,630 00', 'Total funded debt 38,513,983 37', 'Total unfunded debt 121,977 70', and 'Total 10,981,000 00'.

During the last three years, the State has diminished its actual indebtedness, the sum of \$2,236,882 15. He then refers to the efforts of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to resist the payment of its tonnage tax. He says: After the recovery, in the common pleas of Dauphin county, the cases were removed by writs of error, taken on behalf of the defendants, to the Supreme Court of this State.

After the recovery in the Common Pleas of Dauphin County, the cases were removed by writs of error taken on behalf of the defendant, to the Supreme Court of this State. That tribunal sustained the decision of the Court of Common Pleas, and held the tax to be clearly constitutional. The railroad Company has since removed the cases by writs of error to the United States Supreme Court, where they are still pending and undetermined.

The condition of the affairs of the Sunbury and Erie railroad Company is then referred to. It has failed to negotiate its bonds in their present condition, and therefore the expectations is confidently entertained of an early completion of that important improvement, have not been realized. He recommends such legislation, as will relieve, or tend to relieve the company, and render its means available; but all propositions which may be made for a change in the securities now held by the Commonwealth, should be carefully considered, and no more yielded than sound economy demands.

The prospects of the amicable settlement of the difficulties, which threaten to rend the Union in assunder, appear to grow more and more hopeless. There is no let up in the bitterness of the Republican leaders, and they seem determined to add to the obstacles in the way of a peaceful adjustment.

lature is invited to the subject of general education. The whole number of pupils now in the schools of the State is, 647,414 being an increase since 1857, of 44,422. The entire expenditures during the last year including expenditures of the School Department is \$2,638,550 80. Normal Schools for the training of teachers are recommended. An institution of the kind is now in full and successful operation in the South eastern part of the State.

The extra ordinary and alarming condition of our national affairs, is then referred to by the Governor at great length. He goes into an elaborate argument to prove that a State does not possess the right under the Constitution to secede from the Union, whenever she sees proper to do so.

These sections were re-enacted in the revised penal code of Pennsylvania, at the last session of the Legislature, and are still the law of the State; but they are not now of any practical importance, and as their retention on our statute book is calculated to create the impression that the people of this State are unfavorable to the execution of the fugitive slave law, and the discharge of their confederate duties, and with the view of removing this subject of reproach, I earnestly recommend their unconditional repeal.

Another Great Cure effected by Behave's Holland Bitters. The wife of Pieter De Witte, living in Holland Town Schoboygan county, Wisconsin, suffered much from weakness of the stomach and indigestion. She had been under a physician's care for some time, but the disease seemed to baffle even his skill.

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Rather Fast.—Some of the Republican members of the Legislature, are in favor of passing a law for arming the State, and tendering the militia to the general Government. A movement of this kind would certainly be premature and ill timed.

FOR THE 'DEMOCRAT & SENTINEL'. On Sunday Dec. 16th, Rt. Rev. Father Dominic was consecrated Bishop of Pittsburgh. The first visit made by him in his Episcopal capacity, was to Saint Francis College, situated near Loretto, Cambria county Pa.

On Wednesday Dec. 19th at 1 o'clock P. M. the Floyd Rifleman, which company is attached to the College, well armed and equipped with all the utensils of war, headed by the martial band marched to Loretto. The Captain J. Quinoy Adams, drew up the military in front of Father Reynolds's house, and having drilled the 'Young Americans,' they conferred military honors upon the Bishop.

The Study Hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers, the stars and stripes floated gracefully from the walls, & on the whole it was 'beautiful to behold.' As we entered the Study Hall the Brass Band, (composed of the Franciscan Students,) under the leadership of George F. Miller of Philadelphia hailed the presence of the distinguished visitor, with an outburst of soul stirring music.

He was then addressed in English, by J. F. Kennedy, of Philadelphia. He was succeeded by John Quinoy Adams of Loretto, in a Latin Essay. John Schettinger of Carrolltown a German address, and Edward O'Keefe of New York delivered a French essay.

After several patriotic songs and music by the Brass and String Bands, the Bishop responded. He said that he greatly appreciated the feelings of kindness, and the grand display that was manifested towards him on the present occasion. He could not find language, whereby to express the gratitude he felt towards the Brothers and Students of St. Francis. He stated that he had been educated under the order of St. Francis, and the present occasion brought him back to the days of childhood. He well remembered the many and kind exhortations he had received, and he begged the students to hearken to the kind admonitions, and take advantage of like present opportunity afforded them of obtaining an education.

THE PECULIARITIES of the female constitution and the various trials to which the sex is subjected, demand an occasional recourse to stimulants. It is important, however, that these shall be of a harmless nature, and at the same time accomplish the desired end. Hostetter's Celebrated Stomach Bitters is the very article. Its effects in all cases of debility are almost magical.

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Important from Washington. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—A brief but earnest address to the people of the United States has been prepared, recommending them to rally to a compromise on the basis of the propositions of Senators Crittenden and Bigler.

The most intimate friends of the President say that it is his present determination not to remain Major Anderson to Fort Moultrie. Certain Southerners were openly indignant to day under the belief that troops have been ordered to Charleston harbor, and it is said that they have telegraphed to the South accordingly. If any such order had been given it was revoked.

The United States steam sloop of war—Brooklyn, has been ever since her return from the Chirique Expedition, at Norfolk, offered and manned for any emergency. If the message of the President relative to South Carolina affairs, and embodying the propositions of the Commissioners, be sent to the House, it will, according to the present programme, be promptly tabled.

This is a general holiday. All the departments and municipal offices are closed. The bright genial weather serves somewhat to relieve the gloom consequent upon the political condition of the country. At 11 o'clock the Foreign Ministers, in court costume, and afterwards the Army and Navy Officers, in full uniform, paid their respects to the President and at noon the doors were thrown open to the other visitors, who, on passing through the reception room, shook his hand, as well as those of several members of the Cabinet.

Secession in Missouri. St. Louis, Dec. 31.—A special despatch to the Republic from Jefferson City, states that Mr. Cooper, Commissioner from Alabama made a strong speech last night in the Hall of Representatives. He did not believe that it is a commercial or industrial point of view the Southern States would be losers in case of disruption. The government South, he said, did not desire to re-open the African slave trade. His remarks were occasionally applauded.

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