

Huntingdon, Tuesday, February 8, 1848.

## Gen. Scott and his Persecutor.

Gen. Scott has been suspended! Jas. K. Polk, who sent Santa Anna safely K. Polk, who sent Santa Anna safely into the enemy's country, to command her armies, has thus committed another act, which, if possible, gives still greater aid and comfort to the enemy! Gen. Scorr, who has triumphed in every batter led our gallant every into the variable led our gallant every into the variable. SCOTT, who has triumphed in every bat-tle--led our gallant army into the very Halls of the Montezumas, and planted the stars and stripes upon the capitol of the enemy; he who deserved so richly to come home in honor and in triumph, the corrupt politician now at the head of the National Administration, would fain drag home a prisoner and in chains! Why is this? The cause is ground-ed in jealousy. Gen. Scott had won

himself imperishable honors at Queenstown, Lundy's Lane, &c., in measuring swords with the tried veterans of proud swords with the tried veteralist of problem old England. A grateful and admiring nation were breathing the name of Scott with enthusiasm as a candidate for the Presidency. Gen. Taylor was ordered on to Mexico with a small army to kin-dle a little blaze of glory for the President, so that Gen. Scott might be obscured and forgotten in the smoke. But the imbecile management of the war, together with its unconstitutional commencement, made no capital for the Presiden while the laurels were gathering thick and fast around the brow of old "Rough and Ready." The battle of Buena Vista had no parallel in the annals of war.— But what was the reward of the hero of that brilliant and victorious contest ? A shadow was indeed cast upon General Scott. Gen. Taylor was the observed of all observers—the admired of all admirers. James K. Polk was to the world as an eclipsed satellite, compared with the effulgence of the meridian sun.— This was too much for a weak and envious mind like Mr. Polk's. Old Zachary was named for the Presidency—that was the political death-knell of Mr. Polk and his followers. Therefore the career lant army were taken from nun. And Scott—the then almost forgotten Scott—even he of the "hasty plate of soup," was resuscitated and sent on with a handful of men to "conquer a peace" with Mexico. With such an army, Mr. Polk and his counsellors never dreamed that the old veteran could accomplish anything in the heart of the enemy's country, other than perhaps leave bones there and those of his devoted army! The wish was doubtless father to the thought. But lo! Vera Cruz and the impregnable castle of San Juan D'-Ulloa, surrendered to Gen. Scott and —and the stars and stripes were proud-ly waving over them! What hero of ncient or modern days achieved wonders like these? But before the shouts of victory had died away, the breathings of vengeance were heard in the White House. The people heard of nothing but unparalleled victories, and the name of Winfield Scott and the Presidency; but Mr. Polk "snuffed treason" afar arrest-a Court of Inquiry is arrest—a Court of inquiry is appointed
—and such a Court—to sit upon the
case and adjudge the gallant Scott!—
Was ever such iniquity—was ever such
an outrage perpetrated upon the rights
and the hopes of a free people?

The enthusiasm of the American people for Scott. like the once greathered.

The Whig State Committee have is-

ple for Scott, like the once smothered fires of the volcano, will burst forth in one unextinguishable flame when his enemies least expect it-and those who venture too near to extinguish those flames, will find themselves scorched by the fires which they themselves have

The Whigs of Congress have decided upon calling a National Conven-tion. Another meeting, to fix the time,

The report of the death of Hon. John Davis of Massachusetts proves to be incorrect.

Mr. Poinsett's Letter.
On our fourth page will be found the letter of Mr. Poinsett, on the subject of the war, referred to in our last. It is deserving of attention, and entitled to great weight. Mr. P. has always been a prom-inent member of the Locofoco party, and has filled several important stations under the Government. During his residence in Mexico, as Minister, the fol-lowing incident is said to have occurred which serves as a good illustration of Mr. P's knowledge of the Mexican character. One of those revolutions to which Mexico has been too often subjected was Mexico has been too often subjected was going on, and from some cause, the Minister's residence was upon the point of being attacked. Mr. Poinsett with remarkable presence of mind unfurled the banner of his country. The incensed populace was instantly calmed, and the stars and stripes was hailed as the flag of a sister Republic.

In another column will be found, too, a letter from Hon. John McLean, at present a member of the Supreme Court of the U. S., and at one time a member of Gen. Jackson's cabinet, relative to the Gen. Jackson's cabinet, relative to the war, and against the views of the Administration. All the great and patriotic minds of the country are opposed to Mr. Polk's wicked and dangerous schemes of conquest and plunder. And the cry of treason, set up by the Executive whelps all over the country, does not appear to deter them in the least from speaking out.

The Presidency.
We observe that some of our Whig friends at Harrisburg have constituted themselves a "Taylor Central Committhemselves a "Taylor Central commit-tee," and have recently issued an ad-dress to the friends of the old Hero throughout the State. It would appear from the address that the authors believe the enthusiasm for Taylor in Pennsylva-nia still in a "raw" state—needing considerable "working up," to render it effective. We do not pretend to know how this is generally, but believe that if the people are left to act for themselves, they will do "all things well." We believe with a cotemporary, that if anything can destroy the almost assured success of the Whig party in the approaching Presidential campaign, it must be an uneasy and impatient spirit, which will not bide the progress of time and events. Against such a spirit we desire to raise a warn-will present a name which we shall all be proud to honor with our suffrages, and the present weak and misguided administration will be hurled from power .-Till then, fellow Whigs, let us be patient. when our banner is flung to the breeze, we shall rally beneath it with no discordant feelings, but with a cordial, unanimous determination, the sure pre-cursor of victory.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Francis Carroll, a laborer engaged at the Huntingdon Dam, was so severely injured by a land-slide on the 2d inst. that he died on the day following. The deceased was a native his gallant army! He pressed on with amazing rapidity, and battle after battle of Ireland, supposed to be about 35 years of age, and has, we understand, a brother amazing rapidity, and battle after battle was fought—victory after victory won, in quick succession, until the theretofore ideal was realized—our army was "revelling in the Halls of the Montezumas" at the medical aid was procured and every attention possible paid the deceased Carroll, and a sister. We understand that medical aid was procured and every attention possible paid the deceased from the time of his injury until his death, by his fellow countrymen employed at the same work. His remains wer decently interred on Friday the 4th instant, in the Trinity Church (Catholic) burying ground, in this borough.

Hon. James A. Pearce was reelected by the Legislature of Maryland on Thursday last, a Senator of the U. S. from that State for six years from the off—he saw guilt where the people beheld nothing but glory, and the victorious Commander-in-Chief was put under de Senator on the subject of the Maxican ed Senator ed war been triumphantly sustained, and

State Convention.

The Whig State Committee have issued a call fixing the 15th of March next as the time for the meeting of the Whig State Convention.

Hon. P. Soule, (Loco) has been elected to the U. S. Senate from Louisiana. Mr. S. received the votes of four or five Whigs, and one it is alleged was bribed to be absent. A statement was made to the House by Mr. Jones that the absent member, Mr. Myles, in a conversation with him, stated that "four negroes had been offered him not to vote for a Whig United States Senator."—

six per cent. per annum for money. It was reported by a Philadelphia County was reported by a Philadelphia County member and appears to have many ad-vocates in that quarter. We agree with a contempory that such a system may be popular in the city; but in the may be popular in the city; but in the country among the farmers, we believe the time has not yet come for its adoption. The man of capital here who should make a business of selling his situle. we believe money at whatever price the necessities of his purchasers might induce them to submit to, would be an object of general execration. The general complaint among farmers especially, is that money is now too high; and if additional facilities were offered for its abstraction from the country, for the use of dealers and speculators in the cities, the price would rise and the supply be greatly di-minished in the country.

Centre County.

unty held a The Whigs of Centre county held a County meeting on the 26th ult. and appointed Wm. Allison and J. K. Shoemaker, Esqr's, representative delegates to the State Convention; Wm. C. Welch, Richard Miles and Wm. J. Parsons, And Esqr's, Congressional Conferees, and J. T. Hale and A. G. Curtin, Esqr's, Senatorial Conferees.

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Resolved, That we have entire confidence in the ability, integrity, and sound republican virtues of the Hon, Henn Clar, and should he be the nominee of the National Convention, we pledge him our varm, cordial, and active support.

Resolved, That in the character of Gen. Winfletin Scorr, the gallant Commander-in-Chief of the American Army who has won for himself imperishable laurels in many brilliant and victorious battles, we find those characteristics requisite in the candidate for our suffrages in this Campaign.

Resolved, That we have the fullest confidence in the political principles of Gen. Zachari Taylon, and that while we admire his military talents and glory in his military fame, we believe that in the highest civil office in the gift of the people, he would be found true to the honor and interest of his country.

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Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the increasing and justly merited popularity of that uncompromising advocate of the principles of Protection to American Labor, Andrew Stewart, of Pennsylvania, and that we respectfully recommend him to the consideration of the National Convention as a candidate for the Vice Presidency, believing that he possesses the qualifications requisite for that exalted station.

Resolved, That our confidence in the integrity and ability of our fellow-citizen, Gen. James Irvin, is undiminished.

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The meeting was ably addressed by John G. Miles, Esq., of this place, and Bond Valentine, Esq.

GEN. IRVIN.

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He thanked his friends for the cordiality with which they had received the resolution, and the Whigs of the county and District for the zealous and unwavering support which they had so frequently given him; nor was he less thankful to the Whigs of the State at large for the zeal with which he had been supported both for the nomination for Governor and in the contest for the popular suffrage for that office. Now that the contest is over, he had few regrets at the result, other than for the Whig party and his friends throughout the State, who had interested themselves in his behalf. For himself, personally, he was largely the gainer in a pecuniary point of view, by defeat. He had given the Whig party of the State to understand that he was a one-term candidate for Governor, and he wished his friends here and elsewhere to know that he had been the candidate of a one-term nomination. To be thought worthy of that nomination was made he considered success extremely doubtful, and if at times the prospect was more flattering, he had not at any time been led into confidence of success. In conclusion, he stated that he had not thus defined his position through a belief that the Whig party would not yet succeed in Pennsylvania. That was not his motive, for he believed that experience would yet show that the prosperity of Pennsylvania absolutely required their adoption.

An Improvement.—Biddle, of the Pittsburg American, says that Philadelphia

AN IMPROVEMENT .- Biddle of the Pitts burg American, says that Philadelphia politicians imagine all wisdom and even the power of carrying an election, to rest on that side of the Schuylkill and the same side of the Delaware. Horace Greely, by way of improving upon this, thinks such things to lie very much with himself."

THE JOHN DONKEY, continues to be as funny as ever. The last numbers abound in the richest and rarest kind of wit and Whereupon a resolution was adopted to inquire into the facts and report to the House.

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USURY LAWS.

A bill has been introduced into the State Legislature to abolish the laws which prohibit the reciept of more than which prohibit the reciept of more y. It

for proscribing Gen. Scott. In reply to these hints, the Washington correspondent of the North American says:

"It is basely false that the administration is justified in its proscription of Scott. I claim to know the nature and the character of the correspondence upon which the President rests his defence, and I now say, without the fear of successful contradiction, that whenever the whole truth is given to the world, his vile accusers will be sunk deep in degradation and dishonor."

Specie.—The shipments of specie from the port of New York last week amounted to \$354,096, making the total amount shipped from that port since the 1st of January \$1,723,427. The exports of specie from the U. States to foreign parts since the 30th of June last are estimated at ten millions of dollars.

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The News and the Markets.—The news by the Acadia says the Baltimore Sun, has had a most depressing effect on breadstuffs, and we learn by telegraph from New York that cotton yesterday declined \(^1\) centre per lb. The decline in flour in the Baltimore market has been full 25 cents per barrel, and corn and wheat have also declined in the same ratio. At New York the private advices were considered still more unfavorable than the newspaper reports.

THE SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY BANK. The Susquehanna Register of the 20th January, published at the place where the bank is located, speaks as follows of its eondition:

its condition:

"We notice that some of the papers received at this office, have reported, and still report the bills of the bank at this place, as worthless. Notwithstanding all that, however, the Susquehanna county Bank has all along redeemed, and still continues to redeem its bills, and altho', like the Broadway Theatre, it has a "pretty good run," we believe it was never in a more prosperous condition."

A resolution has passed both Houses of Congress unanimously, granting a site on the public grounds in Washington for the erection of the National Washington Monument. The corner stone will be laid, if possible, on the 22d instant—if not, on the 4th of July next.

DEATH OF EX-SPEAKER JONES .- The Speaker of the 28th Congress, John Winston Jones, died at his residence in

Good.-A waggish editor down east, on hearing of the intended expedition to be sent by our government to the Dead Sea—remarked that he did not know what object was in view, unless to fish up Sodom and Gomorrah, and annex them to the United States.

Why did the Administration permit Santa Anna to "pass freely" into Mexico? That FACT is now of record. What was the motive? Was it that he had agreed to sell his country for "pieces of silver?" If so, "who's the dupe?"
If Mr. Polk bargained with Santa Anna to play the traitor, can he blame him for playing the cheat? Was it less or more "perfidious" in Santa Anna to cheat this country than to betray his own?

Absorption of the Whole of Mexico.

The Philadelphia news says: At the late war meeting in New York, Senator Houston gave us an insight into progressive Democracy, "as he understood it." His views of "the manifest destiny of this country to swallow up the whole continent as a birthright" are startling indeed. He openly scouts at national morals, and defends national immorality. After charging it upon the Pilgrim Fathers that from their landing they went on "cheating the Indians out of their land, he came to this conclusion—"Now the Mexicans are no better than the Indians, and I see no reason why we should not go into the same course now and take their land." A sentiment which we fear many of their party entertain though they are not shameless enough to avow it. Mr. Houston heaveners. Absorption of the Whole of Mexico. fear many of their party entertain though they are not shameless enough to avow it. Mr. Houston, however, having broken ground, did not stop at this point, but declared that "a mandate from God guided the American people to this war." Indeed the whole tenor of his speech was to teach the most glaring national profligacy—declaring that Americans considered this whole continent their birthright, and would have it right or wrong.

The Locofoco County Convention of Cumberland county, unanimously instructed their delegates in favor of Mr. Buchanan

The Supreme Court of the U. States gave their decision, on Tuesday week, against Mrs. Connor, who claimed to be the widow, and legal heir of the immense estate, of the late Gen. Van Ness, of Washington City.

A Scott meeting has been called in Pittsburg for the 22d inst.

FROM HARRISBURG.

The Legislation of last week does not ssess much general interest. The nomation of James Nill, as Pesident Judge of Chester district was rejected.

The following bill has been introduced into the Senate by Mr. Johnston, of Erie.

AN ACT

To exempt property to the value of three hundred dollars, from levy and sale on execution and distress for rent.

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SECTION 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in lieu of the specific property now exempt by law, from levy and sale on execution, and distress for rent, property to the value of three hundred dollars, and no more, owned by, or in possession of any debtor, shall be exempt from levy and sale on execution, or by distress for rent.

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Section 2. That the Sheriff, Constable or other officer, charged with the execution of any warrant, issued by competent authority, for the levying upon and selling the property, either real or personal, of any debtor, shall, if requested by the debtor, summon three disinterested and competent persons to appraise the property which the said debtor may elect to retain under the provisions of this act; for which service the said appraisers shall be entitled to receive fifty cents each, to be charged as part of the costs of the proceedings; and property thus chosen and appraised, to the value of three hundred dollars, shall be exempted from levy and sale, on the said execution or warrant.

Section 3. That the twenty-sixth section of the act entitled "an set relating to executions," passed 16th June, 1836, and the seventh and eighth sections of an act entitled "an act in regard to certain entries in ledgers in the city of Pittsburg, and relating to the publishing of Sheriff's sales and for other purposes," passed 22d April 1846, and all other acts inconsistent with this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this act shall take effect, on and after the 4th day of July next.

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The citizens of York and Adams counties seem to be determined to get rid of the President Judge of that district. More than two dozen petitionn have been presented to the House praying for his removal by address.

The committee on banks in the House have reported a general banking law. It is ably drawn up out that fate have respected in the House have repaired a general banking law. It is ably drawn up out that fate have reported a general banking law. The House passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for extraordinary repairs on the main line.

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The bill relative to last wills and testaments has finally passed and has been signed by the Governor. By this act men who are unable to write their names, can execute a will by making a mark provided all the other requisites of the existing laws are complied with.

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A joint resolution has also been passed authorizing the Adjutant General to place the two cannon taken at Cerro Gordo, and presented to the State of Pennsylvania by Gen. Cadwallader, in the rotunda of the capitol

The Committee on Ways and Means in the House of Representatives have reported a bill repealing so much of the existing laws as authorizes the taxing of money at interest for county purposes.

The Committee on Banks in the House, on Wednesday, reported the bills for the charter of the Fayette, Mechanics, Minersville, Allentowa, Lehigh county, and Mechanics Bank of Erie, with the recommendation that all be negatived.

Mr. Overfield offered a joint resolution that the Legislature adjourn sine die on Tuesday the 4th day of April next, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Broad Top Rail-Road.—Numerous

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Broad Top Rail-Road.—Numerous petitions have been presented during the week, in favor of a railroad from Huntingdon to Broad Top, and also from Drake's Ferry to Broad Top.—But on Wednesday last, we find that Mr. Fernon, from the Committee an Corporations, reported "adversely to the petition for a rail road from Huntingdon to Broad Top coal region."

Locofocoism will prevent all enterprizes of this kind so long as it retains the power.

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Mr. Allison, of Beaver has presented a petition for limiting the amount of lands to be held by any one person, and exempting the homestead from sake and execution; which was read and referred to a Special Committee of five members.

Mr. King has reported to the Senate the House bill, to authorize Robert Stewart of Huntingdon county, to purchase certain real estate.

Mr. Blair has reported an act for relief of John Criswell an others.

The following petitions were presented by Mr. Blair on Monday last: one for change of plan of holding elections in Greenfield township, Blair county. Also, one for a rail road from Huntingdon county, to Broadtop mountain coal region. One relating to holding certain courts in Huntingdon county. One for the incorporation of the Blair County Mutual Insurance Company, to be loca-

ted in Holidaysburg. One from Dry Gap relative to place of holding elections One from a school district in Brady township, relative to the location of a School House.

School House.

The nomination of Davis Brooke, as Associate Judge of Blair county, was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on the 28th ult.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

The debate on the Ten Regiment Bill is still going on in the Senate. It is un-derstood that Mr. Webster will make a speech on this bill before the debate clo-

DIRECT TAX .-- A direct tax of five millions annually, to be raised during the continuance of the war, or until the pay-ment of the national debt, on stock, personal property and money at interest, was proposed in Congress, on Wednes-day, in the shape of instructions to the Committee of Ways and Means. It was proposed by Mr. Wilmot, and adopted by a vote of 93 to 23. According to Judge McLean's opinion, such a tax would bring the war to a close in sixty The appropriations for the Army Volunteers during the coming fiscal days. and Volunteers year, reported by the Committee on Saturday, amount to THIRTY-THREE MIL-LIONS. They also ask \$495,500 for fortifications.

Mr. Wilmot's Tax proposition after being amended, has been voted down in

the House—yeas, 44: nays, 143.

A strong effort was made by the Locofocos to instruct the Committee to bring in a bill to tax tea and coffee, as re-commended by the President, but the whigs voted all such propositions down.

## Mr. Trist.

A Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says:—"I understand, from a reliable source, that a special messenger has already been dispatched to him to bring him home by force, or, at any rate, to expel him from Mexico, city

d country."
There is still a great deal of talk about

a treaty of peace having been agreed to.

A message was received from the
President on Wednesday last, transmitting the correspodence between Mr. Trist and the Mexican authorities, in reply to a resolution of the Senate.

Polk's Pass to Santa Anna.—The following is the official pass of Santa Anna, as communicated to Congress by Mr.

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Where now is the "Whig lie?"

U. S. NAVY DEPARTMENT,
May 13, 1846.

Commodore: If Santa Anna endeavors
to enter the Mexican ports, you will allow him to pass freely. Respectfully
yours, GEORGE BANCROFT.
Commodore DAVID CONNER,
Commanding Home Squadron.

ARNOLD'S PASS TO MAJOR ANDRE. HEADQUARTERS, ROBISON HOUSE, September 22d, 1780.

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Permit Mr. John Anderson to pass the wards to the White Plains, or below if e choses. He being on public besiness by my direction.

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EDITORIAL MEETING IN OHIO.— At a meeting of the Whig Editors assembled at Columbus, on the oacasion of the Ohio Whig State Convention, held on Wednesday evening, January 15, 1848, Hou. Jas. Wilson, of Jefferson county, was appointed President, and Sen. W. ELY, of Ross county, Secretary; when the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That to secure the support and co-operation of the Whig Press of Ohio, the man whose name shall be presented for the next Presidency must be a Whig, a whole Whig, and nothing but a Whig.

Resolved, That we regard the holding of a Whig National Convention for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President as indispensibly necessary, and recommend that such a Convention be held at Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, or Cincinnatti, in the State of Ohio, on the 4th day of July, 1848.

Prentice, of the Louisville Journal, Prentice, of the Louisville Journal, says pointedly:—"A little over forty years ago, Aaron Burr was brought to trial on a charge of treason for undertaking to raise within the limits of the United States the means of wresting Mexico from the dominion of Spain. It was treason then to dream of the conquest of Mexico, but it is now the height of patriotism to undertake it!"

Lucky Man!—The Washington correspondent of the Evening Bulletin, says that Senator Cameron, of this State, has realized some \$300,000 by the sale of his lands in Virginia to some English company. company.