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Mr. PACKER, Senator from the Lycoming District, in presenting a petition last week signed by citizens of that county, praying for the repeal of the law passed last session, exempting from levy and sale on execution, property to the value of \$300, made the following philanthropic just and truly democratic remarks.

or possession, which contains the prayer of the petition I have just presented. I do not believe that the law of last session will injure the "poor and middle classes of community." I do not believe that by exempting the last three hundred dollars worth of property of the poor unfortunate debtor from levy and sale on execution, and by driving from the door of poverty and distress, the sheriff and the constable, urged on by a closefisted, miserly and heartless creditor, that you injuriously affect the interests of the poor. Sir, it cannot be true. Do you for a moment suppose, that you would benefit the "poor and middle classes of community" by exposing their last article of household furniture—their last bed—there last stove—or their last cow—to the tender mercy of an avaricious creditor?

If senators enteriain such an opinion, let them comply with the prayer of the petitioners, and vote for the repeal of the law of last session, together with all the exemption laws previously enacted, and they will promote the interests of the poor and middle classes, to the heart's content of the rich. Sir, so far from sympathising with the petitioners, I would extend the exemption law still further. And, permit me to say, which I do with all confidence, that the day is not far distant when it will be carried further. The day is dawning when every family will be protected in their little Home, in definition of the law of a state of the bad conduct of an intemperate father, or a profligate husband. The day is coming, nay it is now here, when it will be conceded that the man with a comfortable, permanent home, will much sooner pay his honest debts than he who is almost distracted with impending troubles, and who is ever at the mercy of an execution.

Many of the States of this Union have led the way in this humane reform.—Maine exempts a homestead to the value of \$500, and in the absence of a homestead, personal property to that amount. Vermont exempts a homestead to the value of \$500. Iowa and Minesota forty acres of land, or a

subject of homestead exemption; the Governor says:

"While it is admittedly a primary duty of the legislature to enact laws for the punishment of vice, it is no less its duty to remove the causes which frequently lead to the commission of crime. The impressions made upon the youthful mind, by the gentle force of parental authority and example, and by the associations of the family circle, areamong the most active and enduring of the influences which control the conduct of after life. Much of the vice that we are called upon to deplore, may be traced to the early removal of its subject from the reach of that authority and example, and from the innocent, but the wholesome association of a home, however humble. The cause of morality, no less than the dictates of humanity, demands the preservation of the family Gircle, and the maintenance of the family Gircle, and the maintenance of the family only is a sefficient preventives of vice, and sure and permanent contributors to individual virtue and happiness, and to public prospermanent contributors to individual virtue and happiness, and to public pros-perity and order."

perity and order."
Such, Mr. Speaker, are the views of the Governor of New York. They are the sentiments of a humane and far-seeing statesman—and I honor him for his manly independence in giving them the weight and sanction of his official station. Sir, I go with the governor of the Empire State. I would secure to every family a nome and a nëzarn. I would not permit the covetous and hard-hearted creditor to drive his unfortunate debtor, naked and penniless, out open the

ents who demand the repeal of the exemption law of last session; nor can l believe that any considerable number of them desire it.

From the New York Express of Monday.

Awful Calamity!

reports afloat in reference to the number killed. Some rating it as high as one hundred and others two hundred. It is pretty well ascertained, however, that there were near three hundred people in the bufldling at work at the time. It is to be hoped that there is some exaggeration in the case, but time only can show the extent of the damage as the fire is prevailing to a great extent, and the firemen are yet busy on the spot, in endeavoring to rescue their fellow citizens.

The crowd of persons in the neigh-

The crowd of persons in the neigh-boring streets, Oak, Hauge, Pearl and Cliff streets, was very great. Thou coring streets, Oak, Hauge, Fearl and Cliff streets, was very great. Thousands having come from all parts of the city. Among these were many females, who were hurrying about, asking all whom they met for some father, brother or husband, supposed to be lost. The scene was one of the most painful we have ever supposed. have ever witnessed, and was enough to melt the most callous heart.

Curious Litigation

The Charlestown (Va) Free Press of last week has the following:

We venture to say, that there is a suit, pending in the Court of this County, unprecedented in the annals of jurisprudence. About eight years since, a highly respectable merchant left the State with the intention of attending to some business in the eastern cities, and having prolonged his visit to an unusual period, and not being heard from, his friends became apprehensive that he was either sick or dead. Weeks; months and years clapsed, and still his mysterious disappearance could not be explained. His business was carried on by his brother for two or three years after his departure, and finally, application was made to the court for letters of administration on his estate, and they were granted. The administrator proceeded, in the discharge of his duty, to sell the property find collect the debts, and after he had made almost a full settlement of the liabilities of the estate, he suddenly died. An administrator de bonis non was appointed, and in the course of three or four months all matters were closed, and as surplus left in his hands amounting to several thousand dollars. The court made an order that this sum be paid over to the heirs of the intestate, but before it was executed the veritable dead man MADE HIS AFFEARANCE and filed his bissent to the proceeding. He has brother for two or three years after his departure, and finally, application was or, naked and penniless, out opon the cold charities of an inhospitable world. The laws that authorize such a procedure should be blotted from the pages of the statute books of every State in this Union—they are repugant to the spirit of the age, and tevolting to humanity. Like the laws sanctioning imprisonment for debt, they should be repudiated by every philanthropic legislator—they should exist but in the histosy of the past—an obsolete idea.

It has been truly said, Mr. Speaker, that he who sells out the last little property of a wife, and family of small children, of a rash, heedless, or perhaps intemperate husband and father, and afterwards with a cheerful countenance, goes home to dine—goes home to Feast on Human Hearts! Sir, money thus obtained has a damning curse upon it!

Entertaining these views, Mr. Speaker, I cannot go with those of my constitution.

Chaplain of Congress.

The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. ribune, takes the following notice of the Chapin of Congress, and a sermon preached by him

The washington correspondent of the N. The Madelphia Spirit of the Times them desire it.

From the New York Express of Monday.

Awful Calamity 1

STEAM BOILER BURSTED.

DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Between half past seven and eight o'clock this morning the vicinity of Cliff and Pearl street was alarmed by a terribe explosion which convolsed the whole explosion which convolsed the whole heads of the boiler of a steam engine of forty horse power in the mixchineshop of A. B. Taylor & Co., mitunfactures of steam presses and engines.—The explosion, there is every reason to believe, was complete, the boiler flying interfragments, throwing the foundations apart and bringing the whole edifice upon the heads of those employed within. The immense works of Messrs Taylor requiring large fires, the mass of ruins became immediately ignited and the flames spread at one to the buildings next door.

The firemen were almost immediately on the spot, and commenced work with the spirit they habitually display; they probably never before had more painful uties to perform.

In the establishment of Messrs. Taylor were employed more than an hundred persons, the greater number of whom at that early hour were probably collected in the several shops and workrooms.

The fall of the buildings are the content of th

in the mass of timber, machienery, ect. By their own and the exertions of the by-standers, however, many were extricated, without exception we learn, more or less injured. The names of the sufferers it was nearly impossible to learn, a number being at once seized on by their friends, who had collected from all parts of the city and Brooklyn, and others being so injured as to be unable to give any account of themselves, and so bruised and contused as to be almost irrecognisable by casual acquaintances. At 10 o'clock a large number, probably about fifty, had been extricated.

At eleven o'clock, eighteen bodies had been taken from the ruins, generally so defaced as not to be easily recognised. The boiler had just began to grow warm and the machinery had made but a few revolutions when the cyplosion took place. The boiler was one of Morgan's Patent, with upright tubes, and the force of the explosion was vertical, passing through the whole of the six stories of the building.

Most of the persons as yet extricated were employed on the second floor.—
Those on the first floor are supposed to have been lost. There are innumerable reports affoat in reference to the number killed. Some rating it as high as one hundred and others two hundred. It is and neither in prayer nor sermon did he make the slightest allusion to party politics. I felt quite at home while lis-tening to Mr. Gurley.

Matters in Washington.

Senator Houston on the Slavery Question

—Expected Return of the Russian Minister.

WASHINGTON.—Feb. 4.

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The excitement growing out of the Slavery question is fast subsiding; and the belief is generally entertained that a compromise will yet be effected on such a basis as will satisfy the moderate men of all parties and sections. It is expected that Senator Houston will address the Senate to-morrow, on the Slavery question. It is understood that he will take the ground that the constitutional right is not vested in Congress either to prohibit or establish slavery. He is willing to admit all the territories into the Union as States, as soon as they have taken the necessary initiatory steps.

Union as States, as soon as they have taken the necessary initiatory steps, leaving to the people of the territories the settlement of the slavery question.

On this basis, he will appeal to the people of the North and South to compromise. In regard to Texas, he will oppose a division of her territory, unless Texas agrees to cede a portion of her territory for a fair equivalent. It is also understood that Mr. Houston will take this occasion to assail Mr. Calhoun, and will endeavor to show the inconsistency of his (Mr. C.'s) political course on various questions now agitating

The Washington Union, of this mor The Washington Union; of this morning, contradicts the oft repeated report that the Russian Minister, M. Bodisco, has been recalled; and adds, that he is expected in Washington sometime next month, to resume the duties of his office.

A BETTER MAN THAN HIS BROTHER.— The Philadelphia Spirit of the Times vouches for the correctness of the fol-

FILOUR AND MEAL—Receipts continue fair for the season, and the export demand limited, the views of holders generally being above those of the buyers. Sales have been only some 9000 bbls. taken in the early part of the week at \$4,78 a 4,81½ for fair thixed, and \$4,87½ for fair thixed, and the sales have also been to a limited extent wildin the range of \$4,81½ a 4,25 for common and extra retailing brands. Rye Flour has been nearly steady, with sales of three hundred barrels in small lots at \$4,87½ a 2,9½, the latter for good brands. Corn Meal having also slightly declined, about 2000 bbls. Penna. meal sold at \$2,68½; the market however closes quiet.

GRAIN—There is very little doing in Wheat, it being held above the views of Milers. The only transactions are some 2 a 3000 bu. good and prime reeds in small lots at 106c., and about 500 bu. very prime white taken to-dayat 114c. all in store. Rye is scarce and in demand at 62c. Corn, with moderate receipts, is in bettiff demand, and about 25,000 bu. Southern yellow sold, mostly at 503c, including some damp lots at 48 a 51c. Oats—Very little selling, some small lots of prime. Penn'a brought 35c. in store; Southern are quoted at 32 a 33c, per bu. and scarce.

IRON—There is little or no alteration in the general features of this staple, and business continues inactive, being mostly confined to small lots from store at about previous prices.

SEEDS—There has been a better enquiry for Cloverseed, and about previous prices.

SEEDS—There has been a better enquiry for Southern sold, and sold at \$1,25 a 4,50 for new; the bulk of the sales were at out highest figures, which has been refused for strictly prime lots. Throthy of good quality is worth \$2,05 Flaxseed is very scarce at \$1,500 a 1,55 per bu.

TALLOW—Is steady in price, with a fair business doing;

worth \$2,90. Flaxseed is very scarce at \$1,90a,55 per bu.
TALLOW—Is steady in price, with a fair business doing; we quote country at 7½ a 7½cts. and city rendered at 8 a 8½cts. per lb.

MARRIED.

On Thursday Feb. 7th, by Rev. David Wil-iams, Mr. Geo. R. Wicss of Agnew Mills, Ve-ango county, Pa., to Miss Ann Barrler of Shirleysburg, Hunt. county.

THE HIGHEST PRICE.

DAID in CASH, for OLD GOLD & SILVER at the "cheaper" Watch and Jewelry Store No. 1001 Market Square. Bear in mind that hey have a workman who is unequalled in Rethey have a workman who is unequalled in Repairing Clocks & Watches.

NEFF & MILLER.
Feb. 12, 1850.

Notice.

Notice:

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SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERRIF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Vend. Ex. to me directbed, will be exposed to sale by public vendue
or outery, on Saturday the 2d day of March
next, on the premises—

All Defendant's, right, title and interestin and
to all that certain lot of ground situate in the
borough of Huntingdon. Containing in front
50 feet on Mifflin Street, extending at right angles 200 feet to Church street, being lot No. 182
in the general plan of said town, adjoining the
Seceder church lot and John Yinter, having
thereon erected a two story log dwelling house,
lot pailed in and in good condition. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of William Johnston.

M. CROWNOVER, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Oprice,
Huntingdon, Feb. 12, 1850.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

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THE undersigned Auditor appointed by the Lorphan's Court to report liens, and to distribute and apportion funds arising from the sale of the Real Estate of James Mitchell late of Tell fownship, deceased, will attend for their properties of the sale for Huntingdon on Weginesday the 27th day, of March A. D. 1850, when and where all persons interested can attend. THOS. P. CAMPBELL, Auditor. Feb. 12, 1850.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE.

N pursuance of an order of the Orphan's Cour of Huntingdon county the following real es ate will be exposed to public sale, on the prem ses, in Jackson township, Huntingdon county.

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On Saturday the 16th day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, to wit: All that certain lot of ground situate in Jackson Township, said county, adjoining lands of Henry Lee and James Alexander, cantaining about one acre, with a log house and stable thread on erected, late the property of Wm. McKee, dec d.

decid.

Tenms or Sale—One half of the purchase money to paid on confirmation of the sale, and the balance in one year thereafter with interest, to be secured by the bond and mortgage of the

purchaser.
M. F. CAMPBELL, Cl'k
JOHN OAKS, Adm'r., with
the will annexed of Wm. McKee, dec'd.
Feb. 12, 1850.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALES

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Times
the following described Real Estate late the
property of Valentine Heffier, dee'd, in pursuarces of an order of the Orphan's Court of
Huntingdon, will be exposed to public sale on
the premises.
On Monday the 4th day of March next, to
will a tract of laid situate in Walker township,
Huntingdon county, estatising eighty acres
more or less, adjoining lands of Buckle,
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By order of the Orphan's Court.

M. F. CAMPBELL, Cl'k.

ABRAHAM STATES, Ex'r

of Valentine Heffoer dec'd.

Feb. 12, 1850.

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Notice.

HAVING been informed upon credible authority that persons, residents of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, as well as in other parts of the State, and elsewhere, have been and are now, engaged in building and vending Page's Portable Circular SAW MILLS, to the detriment of my interests, thereby infeinging and violating the rights granted to me by Patent from the Government of the United States, I, therefore, in virtue of the authority of the laws of the said United States, hereby give public notice to all persons engaged! in these netarious practices, as well the builders and vendels as those who may purchase from such individuals, that I shall prosecute all such persons to the etemostextent of the Law made for the protection of Patentees.

GEORGE PAGE, Patentee, Baltumore, Md.
Feb. 12, 1850.

Atterney-at-Law

Aving removed to Hollidaysburg will attend promptly to all legal business entrusted to him, in Blair and adjoining counties. Office No. 6, in the Court House,

Jan. 29, 1850.

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WATCHES! WATCHES!

Great Inducements to, Persons in Want of a good Watch.

NEFF & MILLER having received additional supplies of Gold and Silver Watches, of every description from London, Liverpool, and Switzerland importations, are now prepared to farnish the very best article at a price far below any ever offered, of the same quality, and which cainot be undersoid by any other store this side of Philadelphía. Every watch will be well regulated and warranted to be as good as refereinted. They have also received a large aful leatiful stock of Jewelry, of the newest styles, which has been lately purchased and will be sold unusually low.

1001 Market Square, Huntingdon, January 29 1850.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Estate of JOHN HAMPSON late of Clay to Huntingdon county, dec'd.

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration on said estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demards against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement to

WILLIAM WHITE,

Jan. 22, 1850-6t.]

Administrator.

PUBLIC BENEFIT!!

To the Ladies and gentlemen of Huntingdon and all those wishing to purchase good, articles at their true value, we would suggest the propriety of calling on NEFF & MILLER, the only real opposition in the watch, Jewelry, and Silverware line in this 'neck of woods'.

They are selling goods at such unprecedented low rates that persons in want cannot fail to purchase.

No. 1001 Market square, Huntingdon, January 15, 1850.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, &c. Wateries, Clocks, Jewelry, &c.
DERSONS, attending Court are respectfully
invited to call at SCOTTS C HEAP
LEWELRY STORE, and inspect his superior
assortment of Wateries, Jewelry, &c. Heis
weekly receiving additions to his stock, which
is large and well selected, and sold on very modrate terms.

January 15, 1850.

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WHE largest and most handsome assortment of Valentines over published, just received and for sale at unusually low prices, by NEFF & MIL LER. January 29, 1850.

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NOTICE:

NOTICE is hereby given to the members of the Cumberland Valley Mutual Protection Company of Dickinson township, Cuitberiand county, Pa., that an assessment of six per cent has this day been laid in the premium notes of said Company, by the Board; which amount is directed to be paid to the Trea surer of said Company, according to the charter and by-laws. By order of the Board.

January 15, 1850.

Clothing! Clothing!

JACOB SNYDER

WOULD respectfully inform his customers, and the public generally, that he has still on hand agencial dissortment of well madds

WINTER CLOTHING.

which he will sell unusually cheap for cash. Those who want bargains would do well January 15, 1850.

LEMON EXTRACT.

DURE Concentrated Extract of Lemon, genuine article for sale at CUNNING HAM'S, opposite the Post Office.
November 27, 1849.

SADDLE S.

A GOOD assortment of well finished Saddles and now on hand and for sale at the Saddle and Harness Manufactory of Wm. Glasgow, opposite the Post Office, Huntingdon.

COUNTY APPEALS.

THE undersigned. Commissioners of Huntingdon County, hereby give notice to the taxable inhabitants, the owners and agents of real and personal property, taxable for county and State purposes, and the Inakcepers who have

February.
For the township of Penn, at the school house near Jacob Bumbaugh's, on Tuesday the 19th February.

Jacob M Usiney, on recurrency the following formury;
For the township of Porter, at the house of Michael Stess er, on Phursday the 21st February.
For the township of Morris, at the House of A. L. Moyer, on Friday the 22d February.
For the towiship of Pranklin, at the house of George W. Mattern, on Saturday the 23d February.

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For the township of Warriorsmark, at the school house in the town of Warriorsmark, on Monday the 25th February.
For the township of West, at the house of Joseph Forres, on Tuesday the 25th February.
For the township of Barree, at, the house of James Livingston, on Wednasday the 27th February.

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For the township of Jackson, at the house of Henry Selfridge, on Thursday the 28th Feb'y, For the township of Henderson, at the Commissioners office, on Friday the 1st day of March. For the township of Union, at the house of Zachariah Phesant, on Naturday the 2d March. For the township of Cuss, at the school house in Cassville, on Monday the 4th March. For the township of Tod, at the house of Geo. Keith, on Tuesday the 5th March.

For the township of Tod, at the house of John Runk, on Wednesday, the 6th March.

For the township of St. tingfield, at the School house near Hugh Maddeh, Esq., on Thursday the 7th March.

For the township of Tell, at the school house of Matthew Taylor, on Friday the 8th March.

For the township of Tell, at the school house, near Nicholas Gooshorn's, on Saturday the 9th March.

For the township of Cromwell, at the house

near Nicholas Gooshorn's, on Saturday the 9th March.

For the township of Cromwell, at the house of David Etigire, on Monday the 11th March.

For the township of Shirley, at the house of David Fraker, on Tuesday the 12th March.

For the township of Bridly, at the house of David Fraker, on Tuesday the 12th March.

When and Wednesday the 13th March.

When and where all persons who consider themselves aggreized by the tricinial assessment or valuation of their property, professions, occupations, &cc., are threby notified to attend and state their grievainces if they think proper.

The Commissioners, for the information of all concerned, state that they are bound by law not

The Commissiones, for the information of al concerned, state that they are bound by law noto make any allowance or abitiment on the valuation of any real estate in any officit, year that that in which the triennial assessment is made excepting where buildings or other improvement have been destroyed subsequently to such triennial assessment.

JOSHUA GREENLAND, WILLIAM HUTCHISON, ISAAC PEIGHTAL, Commissioners.

January 29, 1850 .- 3f.

Wake up, Citizens! Wake up! Vonderful, Reduction in the Prices of Clothing at the Hall of Fashion!!

CALIFORNIA GOLD

Does not produce an excitement equal to that of cheap Ready-made Ctothing now opening at the 'Hall of Fastion,' by B. & W. SNARE, corner Room of Snare's Row, opposite John Whittaker's Tavern.

Thankful for past favors, we respectfully in-rmour customers and the public generally that we have just received and are now opening a plendid assortment of

Out stock consists of fine-black French. Dress and Frock Coats, Drab French, Beaver and Macksnaw Over-coats, Tagliona as d black cloth Sacks, Cloaks of all kinds, Husiness Coats, Ped Jackets, &c.

Afther assortment of cassimere Pants, consisting of fine black, medium, fancy French of different styles—and cassinets. A great variety of Vests, such as fine satin, silk velvet, plaid, cash mere, &c. Fine Shirts from \$1.00 to 2.50.—Woolen and Cotton, knit under Shirts, Drawers and Stockings. Bosoms, collars, French and other Suspenders. A fine assortment of boy's clothing.

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Newstyles of Hats and Caps, Egois & Shoes, Umbrellas, &c., in fact every thing pattilly kept in Ready-made Clothing Stores, and of qualities calculated to please and accommodate the public. If you wish to keep, the with the times and fashions, call at the 'Hall' of Fashion.

B. & W. SNARE.

Huntingdon, Sept, 18, 1849.

NEW OYSTER SALOON.

Opposite the Post Office, Hunting-don, Pa.

THE undersigned would respectfully inform his friends and the public in general, that he has his

Oystor Saloom

fitted up in a superior and comfortable style, and is prepared to accommodate, all who may favor him with their custom, with elegant, fresh BAL. TIMORE OYSTERS, served up in a style that cannot be surpassed. He has a room fitted up expressely for LADIES and GENTLEMEN.
PRIVATE PARTIES can be furnished, with a room onshort notice.

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FAMILIES furnished with oysters by the

ozen or larger quantities. CAKES of all kinds baked to order at his es-

Arthus of all kinds baked to order at his establishment.

The undersigned hopes by street attention to ousiness, and unrelaxed effort to please, to merit and receive a liberal portion of public patronago.

J. M. CUNNINGHAM.

December 11, 1849.

WASHINGTON HOUSE, Corner of Market Street and Market Square.

HARRISBURG, PA.

HARRISBURG, PA.

THIS old established Hotel, has undergone a
thorough re-painting, papering, &c., during
the last season, and is now, the most desirable
stopping place at the Capital.

Members of the Legislature and others visiting
Harrisburg are invited to call.

Large stabling attached to the House.

UF N. B.—Charges moderate.

WM. T. SANDERS, Agent.

December 11, 1849.—3m.