

BEDFORD, Pa.

Friday Morning, April 4. 1856 "Fearless and Free."

DAVID OVER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETO

FOR PRESIDENT:

MILLIRO FILLMORE. OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

ANDREW JACKSON DONELSON, OF TENNESSEE.

NEW LIQUOR LAW

The bill "to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors," agreed upon by the committee of conference, has passed both houses of the Legislature. It is very stringent, indeed, to our mind as stringent as the late law .-The licenses will range from \$1000 to \$25, according to the yearly rental. Bedford Borough will be entitled, probably to about two taverns, each to pay a license of \$50.—
The Buckalew and Sunday law will continue in force. The bill passed the Scnate by yeas 27; pays, none:-in the House, yeas, 64; pays, 32. This bill is what Locofoco-

isin gives the people instead of the Jug Law.

We will publish the bill entire in our

QUERY:- In the Report of the Poor House we find an item in the account of Mr. John H. Rush, for which he has himself credited with \$5,50 paid Mr. Frederick Turner for bacon. Now, we have been as- all right. sured by Frederick Turner, sr., and his son Frederick Turner, jr., of Harrison Township, that they never sold the Poor House any pork at all. We know of no other Frederick Turner in the County. We would like to have a little light on the subject.

We call attention to the report of the mingrity of the Judiciary Committee, in relation to the interference of Judges in politics. It is from the pen of Mr. JORDAN the Senator from this District, and is ably witten, and very favorably spoken of. Read

MR. JOHN S. CROUSE lately of Bedford has taken the Tavern stand in Bloody Run. lately occupied by Mr. Jacob Ebbert .-We have no doubt he will make an obliging and attentive landlord.

We are under obligations to Hon. D. F. Robison, for a copy of his speech in Congress, on the contested election case from Kansas. We will publish it soon.

Our friends who have changed their Post Offices will please inform us of the fact.

RICHEST OF THE SEASON .- One of the Donelson, the American candidate, as an obscure and insignificant personage. Well let us see. In 1829 Gen. Jackson made Mr. Donelson was appointed to the Republie of Texas, and sided in its annexation to the United States. The same year he was appointed by Mr. Polk, Minister to Prussia. In 1849 he was appointed Minister to Germany, and held that office under Gen. Taylor until it was abolished.

The patriotic and conspicuous part he n the memory of our readers.

When the venerable Ritchie-the Tallythe spoils policy of Pierce and his Administration, he quit the dry rot concern, and embarked in the good cause of political reform-of Americanizing America.

And this is the man that the sham Demoeracy would stultify before the country. Well, if Mr. Donelson is the obscure and unworthy individual they represent, oldfor .- Daily News.

Baltimore Methodist Conference. the following aspointments for this district :-

CUMBERLAND DISTRIDT .- JOHN A. COLLINS, P. E. Cumberland—Sannel Kepler. Camberland Mission to Colored People—William T. Wil-ton. Pleasint Grove—E. G. Jamison. North Branch and Will's Creek—Henry Wilson.— Brainon and Will's Creek-Belly Wisson.
Allegheny-J. A. Coleman, one to be supplied.
Westernport-J. Lloyd, G. W. Curry, Frost-burg-S. B. Duniap, B. F. Stephens. Schells-burg-E. Butler, G. W. Duniap. Bedford-A.
E. Gibson. Bedford Gircut-G. W. Bouse, W.
Stephens. Woodberry-W. M. Meminger, R. Spangler: one to be supplied. Williamsburg.

J. W. Tonzue. Coalmont A. R. Reilly.—
Cassville.—G. Berkstresser. J. W. Cornelius.
Shirleysburg.—S. M. Clarka, G. T. Gray.

our able Senator, Mr. Jordan, or his bill first article of the amendments to the conto provide for the pre-payment of interest on the State debt, which will be cound in the freedom of speech, or of the press, or another column. It is a matter of notori- the right of the people peacably to assemety that the surplus funds accumulating in the State Treasury, during the intervals at which interest on the State debt is payable, has for years been used by the Treasurer for his individual benefit; hence the anxiety evinced to secure this office at its noming a would each Trieste, upon his return, from the State power of grievances. That in the State power of this Union, we recognize a great and grow-the middle of April to the first of May.—

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nally small salary. If, as is stated by the print on any subject, being responsible for present Treasurer, and endorsed by Mr. Jordan, forty thousand dollars annually can American writers, in his twenty-fourth lecbe saved to the State by the prepayment of the interest, an estimate can readily be made of the pickings afforded by this office, independent of the salary. Mr. Jordan deserves the thanks of the tax-payers of the entire Commonwealth, for the introducof course depends upon the locofoco majority of the Legislature. Whether they will agree to stop this prolific leak, and thus save forty thousand dollars a year of the people's money, remains yet to be seen .-Sumerset Herald and Whia.

> Cor. Inquirer and Chronicle. HARRISBURG, March 31, 1856.

MR. FDITOR:-The Union Convention held Monroe and Pike; and there were contested seats from no less than four districts. Good seats from no less than four districts. Good-iceling and harmony prevailed to a degree un-expected even among its friends. After the organization, and the adoption of a platform the first day, it was expected quite an anima-ted contest would take place for candidates for the several offices. But on the morning of the second day the candidate for each office was chosen on the first bellot by a more than two ready aware, is Darwin Phelps, an eminent lawyer of Armstrong County, for Auditor Ge-neral; Bartholomew Laporte of Bradford County, and last year and this year a member of the House, for Surveyor General; and Thomas E. Cochrane, Esq., from York county, and an ex-Senator, for Canal Commissioner. Pheips is to the voters of Pennsylvania. It is also a strong ticket geographically, and uniting as it does cordially the several parties opposed to the present national administration, there can the present national administration, there can hardly be a reasonable doubt of its triumphant election. Men well posted in political matters confidently express an opinion, that whilst the Republican part of the ticket will insure the north, the shain democracy will not be able to carry a single county except Greene, in all that section of the State west of the Alleghestrictly to state matters, and in no wise agnated the Presidential question now in such an unsettled condition, but which may yet be made all right. The compliment to Gov. Pollock, and the unanimity with which it was passed, is a most significant compliment to the present

The Report of the Conference Committee or the liquor law was adopted on Saturday last, so we have another new liquor law. In the House the vote was 64 to 32; and in the Senate the bill passed anamimously, which is considered no small compliment to the Senate Committee of Conference. You will no doubt publish the bill; and your readers may determine its mer-

for themselves.
The Senate will have a night session this rice Senate will have a night session this vening for the consideration of the preposed mendments to the Constitution. The appropriation bill has passed the House, and is now adjourn by the loth or 20th of April.
Yours truly, SPECTATOR. Yours truly,

REPORT

If the Minority of the Committe on the Judiciary, on bill No. 660, entitled "An Act to prevent the interference of Judges in partizan politics."

The undersigned, minority of the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was refered Senate bill No. 660, entitled "Au Act to prevent the interference of Judges in partizan politics," being unable to concur in the report of the majority, and in view of the important principles involved, consider it proper to submit some of the reasons for their dissent. The first section of the bill declares it unlawful "for any law judge of any court of this Commonwealth rarest and richest feats which the sham and to participate as an officer, speaker, or comsublimated Demogracy has lately tickled mittee man at any political meeting or asthe anazed public with, is to show up Mr. semblage for political purposes, under the penalty of five hundred dollars for the first offence, and removal from office for the second or any subsequent offence." second secton merely designates the tribuhim his Private Secretary -a very respon- nal for the trial of all violators of the first. sible and confidential position. In 1845 and appropriates the fines. These provisions are highly penal, and if enacted into a law, would, so far as we are aware, be altogether without precedent in this country That class of our fellow citizens at which this blow is aimed has hitherto had and accornent degree; and the admitted intelligence, character and patriotism of those who compose it have given them in regard to the discharge of their public duties, an almost played in the Nashville Convention, is fresh entire immunity from the provisions of the penal law. So far as is recollected, the only offence for which a penalty is now imposed rand of the Democratic party—retired from the Washington Union, Mr. Donelson was selected as his successor. Disgusted with writ of habeas corpus to a party having a right to demand it. This is a strong provision to protect the liberty of his fellow citizen; but the present bill proposes to fine him for an exercise of his own freedom hitherto propestioned

Instances have occurred in the history of proper, but highly commendable, in the fashioned Democracy has much to answer judges to attend and participate in the wealth :- when our National Union, or our constitutional liberties were endangered. The Baltimore Annual Conference has made and when the masses of the people looked and listened with eagerness and confidence to the wisdom and experience of our judges for light and counsel to guide them in the pathway of duty. Such times may come again; and were this only a question of expediency, we should hesitate long before enacting such a law as the one now un-

Aside from these considerations, bowever there are others vet more important. The principles of the bill are in direct hostility with the great and fundamental principles of republican liberty; in conflict with the natural and inalienable rights of man; and in palpable violation of both the spirit and letter of the constitution of the United We call attention to the remarks of States and of this Commonwealth. In the stitution of the United States, it is declar-

lecture, in commenting upon these and an-alagous subjects, says: "It has, accordingly, become a constitutional principle in this country, that every citizen may freely speak write and publish his sentiments, on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of the entire Commonwealth, for the introduc-tion and advocacy of this bill. Its passage be passed to restrain or abridge the treedom speech, or of the press." Justice Story, ommentaries, lays down the same doctrine, and cites authorities in support But why multiply authorities on a question so simple and so plain as this?— Could it be said, if this bill were the law, that any law judge might "freely speak," when it imposes upon him a penelty of five hundred doullars for the first offence, and forfeiture of office for the second or any subsequent one? Can it be that this is toe gloous and "unabridged" freedom of thought and speech, guarantied to us by our constitution? If it be, it is an entirely different thing from what the undersigned have

hitherto supposed it. We are aware that some profess to enternot conflict with the above cited provisions of the constitution, inasmuch as it only proposes by its pains and penalties to abridge the rights of the judge; not of the cilizen. We hope the day may never come when our constitutional rights shall be frittered away by such quibbles as this. Who is a citizen Is not a judge as clearly within the definition as a supervisor, a school director, a justice of the peace, or a preacher of the gospel? "Citizen" is a generic term incluing all who have right to vote, and many others; our Constitution declares that every clock. free white male citizen, above the age of wenty-one years, shall have the right to vote, and none but entizens have this right If we, as jegislators, have the right speech in a "law judge," we have the same ight to abridge it in an associate judge, in a juryman, in a witness, in a lawyer, or in any other "citizer," or class of citizens. If we have the right to say to the law judge that he shall not, without meurring fines and penalties, speak at a political meeting, we have the same right to declare that he shall not, unless under like disabilities, speak at social or religious assemblages of his fellow citizens; and if thus far, then may we go further, and prohibit him altogether from speaking to his fellow man, either publicly or privately, upon any subject whatever. The principle is the same in all these cases, and if we have the right to apply it at all, it is then only a question o discretion and expediency as to how far we will carry it.

By the twentieth section of the ninth article of our State Constitution it is further declared: "The citizens have a right, in a peaceable manner to assemble together for ne common good, and to apply to those vested with power of government for re-dress of grievances, by petition, address, or remonstrance." In principle this section is analogous to those already cited, and equally forbids the legislation proposed .-All citizens have here the right guarenteed to assembled together for political purposes and to prepare their "petition, address, or remontrance." Would it not be a mockery to allow them to assemble for these patriotic purposes, and when convened to prohibit the one from speaking to the other and under penalty of \$500 prohibit any one from acting as "officer, speaker, or com The rights of freedom of speech and of assembling together to counsel for the general good, are among the analienaour Magna Charta to be a part of "the great and essential principles of liberty and recognized and unalterably established So have the people, in their sovereign capacity, spoken, when they framed their conto limit and restrain the power of the Legislature. These "inherent and indefeasible rights" having thus reserved by the people to themselves, and guarantied from either the high or the lowly. To attempt it is sacrilege to the sacred rights of reedom, and treason to the holy cause of

But whilst we thus reprobate any invason of these rights of the citizen, we are ved the confidence of the people in an emi- far from intending to give any countenance to the propriety of any judge interfering in any manner with partizan politics. At the same time that we would scoure the high functionarries of that responsible department of the government all the rights secured to other citizens we would have them preserve the dignity and honor of the judiciary untouched by any participation in party excitements and strife, which must inevitably bring in question the impartiality of their judgments in the estimation of the people, and thus impair official usefulness. Upon the judiciary must at last depend our security for all we hold most dear as citizens, property, reputation, liberty, life, and those we bold dearer than life. When that department of our government shall be lost to a proper sense of justice, propriety and honor, and shall lose the espect and confidence of the people, frail indeed will be all dependance upon law for protection or securiety. It is the rightful expectation of the people therefore, and the duty of all judges who would be faithful to the high duties of their station and who would preserve their office unimpared in dignity and usefulness, that they should abstain from all practices that may derogate from the respect and confidence in which they should ever be held by the community, or impair the authority of the laws commit ted to their administration. But it is not by sending judges into the dock of a ciminal court or by the trial of them for fines and penalties, that the judiciary is to be thus preserved. The proposition is uself derogatory to the bench, and the enactment of such a bill into a law would imply an occasion for it so painful to honorable mints that it is difficult to conceive how men worthy of the high and responsible station could accept or retain it, under a sense that they were to be held up to the line of duty by penal exections. It impeachment and

ciples from any known or handed down to

us by our ancestors.

Happily no such necessity yet exists; nor have the undersigned any apprehensions for the future. No corruption, bribery, or the future. No corruption, bribery, or other crime, has ever sullied the fair fame of the Pennsylvania Judiciary; nor has any thing occurred in our history which should bring upon it the reproach or degradation proposed by the bill which has occasioned hese reflections.

FR. JORDAN, March 24, 1856. ELI K. PRICE.

THE UNION CONVENTION.

HARRISBURG, March 26 .- The Union Convention assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives at noon, when tain the opinion that the present bill does the Hon. John Covode, of Westmoreland vas called to the chair.

> The following Secretaries were appointd-E. Beatty, of Cumberland, Josiah Funk, of Lebanon, and J. lugham, of Sul-

A committee to report officers for the permanent organization of the Convention was appointed, and also one to examine and report upon the credentials of members, and a recess was then taken until 3 o'-

The convention is large, nearly all the counties being fully represented, and the utmost harmony prevails.

Afternoon Session .- The convention ressembled at 3 o'clock, when the committee to select officers for a permanent organization, made a report as follows:

President-Gideon J. Ball, of Erie. Vice Presidents-H. Jones Brooke, Delaware: Thos. E. Franklin, of Lancaster Wm. Stewart, of Mercer: John A. Wright of Dauphin; Josiah Capley of Armstrong; E. Beatty of Cumberland; C. Thompson Jones of Philadelphia: Andrew Caws of Butler; J. F. Lindeman of Berks; Jonathan Knight of Bucks: Henry Johnston of Lycoming; Samuel Roger of Blair; L. L. McGuffin of Lawrence, D. C. Boal of Centre. R. P. McDowell of Allegheny: Wm. Jessup, of Susquehanna; J. M. Oliphant. of Fayette; Thos. J. Power of Beaver; J. McAnally of Clearfield.

Secretaries-Edward McPherson of Adams, John M. Rheinhart of Schuylkill, J. T. W. McAllister of Philadelphia, John N. McDonald of Washington, M. D. Mercer,of Bradford, and Thos. C. Steele, of Philadelphia.

The report was unanimously adopted, and Mr. Ball on taking the chair, delivered a neat speech, intended to harmonize the various elements of which the body is com-

The committee on credentials made re-

port, which was adopted. On motion, a committee of 33 was decided to be appointed to draft, resolutions ble rights of freemen, and are declared by the member of the committee from each Senaterial district, to be selected by the delefree government," and as such were there- gates from the district. The following is

the committee: Strong 2, W F Small, James Cooper, O contract with the paupers and P. Cornman; 3, Andrew Shreinlin; 4, W R Downing; 5, J C Meyers; 6, J W Cowell 7, TE Franklin, JW Killinger, 8, J A Fisher: 9. Joseph Weaver: 10. PW Wheeler; 11, W McSellar: 12, David E Small; 13, James D Smith; 14, Thomas I lugham; 15, Geo S King; 16, D H B ficient system by perverting it to sectarian Brower: 17, M D Mercer: 18, A G Olmstead; 19, S P McCalmont; 20, David Derrickson: 21, B B Chamberlin: 22, T Howard, E D Hazzam; 23, Ceo V. Lawence: 24, Edward Scull; 25, R B Moore-

Coulter: 28, Robert M Palmer. On motion, the convention proceeded to nominate candidates for Canal Commissioner, Auditor General and Surveyor General Messrs, E D Gazzam, Robert Still, Peter Martin, Wm. Williamson, Wm. F Small. Ner Middleswarth, Henry W Snyder, Benj Hartshorn, A W Benedict, O H Wheeler. W M Lloyd, W D Anderson, J A Fisher. Henry S Rupp, J E Cochran and S J Nichols were named for Canal Commissioner Peter Martin, David Sankey, C C Walborn Darwin Phelps, Jared B Evans, Robt. M Foust, Nathaniel B Hobaret, Wm. McConkey, Benjamin Rush Bradford, W S Frazer and E G Waterhouse, were named for Auditor General; and B Laporte, D Hudson Shedaker, Richard Irwin, Sobjester Ross, Wilson King, Christian Meyors, Win Evans, W S Bobean, Samuel B Page, J B Brown, Henry Antes, Joseph Henderson vevor General.

The convention then adjourned till 7 o'-

Evening Session .- The convention reas embled at 7 o'clock, when Mr. Jessup of tingdon, delivered addresses, urging union and harmony.

The names of Messrs. Gazzam, Fisher, Small, Wheeler and Benedict, nominated for Canal Commissionerf were withdrawn. tions: Messrs. Hobaret and Evans, nominated

Small, Cooper, Fisher, Gazzam, Morris and

The previous question was then called and sustained-yeas 82, nays 33-the amendment agreed to, and the preamble then adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. McCalmont from the committee or resolutions reported the action of the committee. The report was read: and each resolution acted upon separately.

As finally adopted, they are as follows:

WHEREAS, The freemen of Pennsylva-nia, opposed to the national administration, are divided into political organizations, holding on some questions of governmental pol-icy divers opinions; yet it is believed that a large majority of the freemen of this State are agreed upon the momentous issues for-ced upon the country by the repeal of the Missouri Compromise; by the undisguised policy of the National Administration to impose by violence and fraud Slavery upon Kansas, contrary to the wishes of majority of the inhabitants; and by its unjust, illiberal and Anti-American preference in the appointment of men of foreign birth over those born upon the soil, to offices of trust and honor, as well as in the distribution of its patronage:

And Whereas, Agreement in principle is the only bond that can unite effectively honest men in political action. There-

Resolved, That, animated by the spirit of concession, we will cordially unite in the support of the candidates to be nominated by this Convention, upon the basis of those principles upon which we are mutually

Resolved, That the present National Administration, by the exercise of an unwar-rantable influence in the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, at the instance of sel-fish and sectional politicians: by the removal of honest and competent men from offices of honer and trust, in order that their places might be filled by inefficient and corrupt partizans, by refusing to protect the freedom of Kansas in the enjoyment of the rights designed to be secured to there by the Constitution and laws of the United States-thereby showing itself powerful for mischief, but feeble in the maintainance of laws for the protection of the people and the honor of the country-has justly forfeited all claim to the confidence and respect of the people of this Commonwealth.

Resolved, That we will use all honorable means to check the evils inflicted upon the country by the unjust and sectional mensares adopted by the present National Administration, brought about by the exercise of its patronage; that we are utterly opposed to admission into the Confederacy of Slave States formed out of territory once consecrated to Freedom; and also to the extension of Slavery into any territories of the United States now Free.

Resolved, That we cordially disapprove of the interference of freign influence of every delegat and are equally hostile to the interference of the government or people of the United States in the affairs of other nations, regarding any such interference as unwise and conflict with the recommendation of Washington's Farewell Address, which in- phia culcates with emphatic earnestness, the propriety of avoiding the adoption of any, policy which might involve us in unprofitable and dangerous controversies with toreign

Resolved, That we regard the pandering of any party to foreign influence as fraught with manifold evils to the country, threating the stability of our 1st district, R. Flanigen and Henry K. endangering the morals of the people by a upon our shores from the hospitals and

pends for its preservation on the intelligence of the people, universal education is the first duty of the State, and that all attempts purposes, or opposing its progress or exof inculcating any particular religious creed ought to be resisted as frought with incalulable misehief and evil.

Resolved, That the respect and confidence head; 16, J R Morrison, 27, Richard of this Convention and the people of this Commonwealth are due to the present Chief Magistrate of the State and to the members of his Administration, for the integrity purity of purpose and sterling patriotism manifested in their official conduct, and we heartily commend them to the support of every citizen who values the ho interest of the State, and can appreciate the virtues of devoted and faithful public

The changes made by the Convention tion on Common Schools, on motion of Mr. Cornman, in place of another of similar oner reported by ahe Committee, and the the resolution was unanimously adopted. addition to the first paragraph of the preamble is all which follows the word "inhabitants," as fyllows:

"And by its unjust, illiberal and Anti-American preference to the appointment of adjourned with three hearty cheers for the men of foreign birth over those born upon the soil, to offices of trust and honor, as and Joseph Sniveley were named for Sur- well as in the distribution of its patronage."

agreed to.

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pointment of foreigners to office, which was repeal its aggressions, and to claim for the Auditor General and the Banks. discussed by Messrs. McCalmont, Ingham, North its proportionate influence in nation al affairs.

Resolved. That we regard the recent deesion of Judge Kane, in the case of Passmore Williamson, as an abandonment of the doctrine of State rights, and dangerous to the personal liberty of the citizens of this in the accounting depart ments of our State

Resolved, That we regard the Fagitive Slave Law as wholly uncalled for by the Constitution and an infringement of the rights of citizens of the free States, and ught to be modified.

Mr. Hamersly moved the indefinite postponement of the resolutions. The previous question was called, and the main question was ordered to be put.

The motion to postpone indefinitely wh hen agreed to-yeas 90, nays 18.

The Convention then adjourned till 9 o'

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, March 27, -- The Convention met at 9 o'clock and proceeded at once to nominate a candidate for

AUDITOR GENERAL. 7 , Walborn, 91 | Evans, 3 | M'Conkey,

2 - Waterhouse, Bradford, DARWIN PHELPS, of Armstrong county, having received a majority of all the votes, was unanimously declared the nominee for Auditor General.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate a candidate for

SURVEYOR GENERAL

88 | Cobean, 6 Brown, Shedaker. 3 Snively, King, RARTHOLOMEW LAPORTE, of

Bradford county having received a majority of all the votes, was unenimously declared the nominee for Surveyor General

The Conveniion then proceeded to nominate a candidate for CANAL COMMISSIONER.

78 | Williamson. 5 Power. 20 Lloyd,

county, having a majority of all the votes lie Treasury. east, was unanimously declared the nominee for Canal Commissioner.

All the gentlemen whose names appear not voted for, were withdrawn before the gest part of all this matter remains to be balloting commenced. On motion of Mr. Howard a State Cen-

tral Committee, consisting of one from each Senatorial district, was selected by the of eve- delegates from the several dastricts-as

1. Jos. R. Flanigan, Jacob Dock Phila-2. Henry L. Bronner, Oliver P. Corn-

man, Charles Thompson Jones, Philadel-3. Wm. H. Slingleff, Mongomery.

H Jones Brooks, Delaware. Daniel R. Clymer, Berks.

6. Henry T. Darlington, Bucks. 7. Peter Martin, Lancaster, George Hiff-

8. C. F. Muench, Dauphin.
9. B. J. Hagenbuch, Lehigh. 11. David Wills, Adams.

13. E. Beatty, Cumberland 14. David C. Boal, Centre.

15. John Penn Jones, Blair 16. Philip T. Maus, Montour.

17. Wm. Jessup, Susquehanna. 18. Gen. Ashley H Mills, Clearfield. 19. Wm. Stewart, Mercer 20. John W. Horne, Crawford.

21. Michael Weyand, Baever. 22. A. H. Miller, Thomas L. Shields,

23. Thomas J. Miller, Washington, 24 Gen. Wm. H. Koontz, Somerset.

25. Philip Clover, Claron. 26. Israel Gutelius. Sayder. Robert Stift, Westmorland. 28. Robert M. Palmer, Schnylkill

The Committee met after adjournment, and lected H. Jones Brooke of Delaware county, Chairman.

Mr. Willis, of Adams, offered the folowing resolution: Resolved, That the ticket just nominated

e unanimously declared the ticket of this Union Convention, and is offered for the ere the substitution of the present resolu- tion on the 2nd Tuesday of October next.

> The thanks of the Convention were then tendered to the officers and members of the Legislature for their kindness in granting the use of the Hall; when the Convention

On adopting this amendment, which was advices received from Mr. Fillmore in this so far as the public finances are concerned, offered by Mr. Palmer, of Schuilkill, after country, were dated at Rome, in the mouth is perhaps the public finances are concernsome discussion among the members, the of February. He was then about to de-ed, is perhaps the most inefficient and inprevious question was called, and the main | part for Naples, and from that port would competent officer of the government. His Susquehatna, and John Williamson of Hun- question was ordered to be put, year 82 to depart for Alexandria, in Egypt. The Ex- office, and himself too, are managed and 33. The amendment was then agreed to, and the president was also that place to Cairo and the Pyrami's, and ties he pays but little attention and apparwight thence continue his excursion to Je- rently feels little interest in them, or in the Mr. Ingham offered additional resolu- rusalem. If he sat out on his tour by the manuer of their performance. If evide would seach Trieste, upon his return, from office has been miniged, it is found in the

A case occurred in our Court at this place: on Monday last, which shows in a very strong light the advantage and necess-Government. The generality of people are perhaps not aware of the immense power and responsibility confided to the Auditor General and State Treasurer, in the settlement of accounts, and in collecting and disbursing the revenues of the Cammon wealth. One of the large items of revenue is that derived from the tax on the dividends of Banks. The Legislature, on the 9th of March, 1849, passed a bill to extend the charter and increase the capital of the Farmers' and Machanics' Bank of Philadelphia, and which on the same day was sent to the Excentive for his signature, the 13th section of which regulated the tax on all Bank dividends. On the 14th of the same mouth, the two houses passed another bill which largely increased the rate of taxation on these dividends, and on that day this latter bill was sent to the Governor, and received his signature on the 15. That bill repealed and annulled the section in the other bill by name and title relative to taxes, and went into operation on the 15th March, 1849. On the following day (16th March, 1849) the Governor signed the bill which contained the repealed section. The Banks of the State proceeded in making their annual raturns aed charging themselves with the tax under the Act of 15th March, 1849, until some time last 4 fall, when a new light appeared to dawn on them from some quarter or other, when they refused to pay under the act of the 15th. alleging that the taxes ought to have been ssessed under the repealed Act of 16th of March, 1849, And that the difference which they had paid under the Act of 15th; amounting to between \$150,000 and \$180,-000, should be refunded to them. Their pretentions and claims were warmly backed up by certain leading Democrats, who 19 doubtless were actuated only by a desire for the public good, and without any expectation of getting any part of this large THOMAS E. COCHRAN, of York sum which was to be wrested from the Pub-

That these banks should have made this absurd claim, or that they should have been in able to engage the services of men to urge he list of general nominations, but where it, is not very surprising. But the strantold. That Mr. Auditor General EPHRAIN BANKs who has had the advantage of nearly five years' experience in the office, and himself a lawyer of some pretentions, with the construction put upon the law not only by his predecessor but by the Banks themselves, and the amounts voluntarily paid without one word of protest for 5 years, should have yielded a point so absurd and ridiculous. Yet strange as it may seems Mr BANKS, when this claim was made, notwihstanding the large amount it would have taken from the Treasury, settled the accounts, and allowed these corporations

everything they claimed.

It was only through the vigilance and efficiency of the Hon. ELI SLIFER, our excellent State Treasurer, that this great wrong was prevented. When the accounts were sent to his Department, making this great charge in the assessment to the injury of the State, he set himself to work with an henest purpose diligently to investigate the case, and his clear, sound seuse soon discovered that it was a more schene to rifle the Treasury. Like a faithful, hon est officer, he withheld his approval, and sent the statements back to the Auditor Ganaral with a clour and pnanswarable urgament against the pretensions set up .-And now perhaps the strangest of all things connected with the matter is that at this juncture Mr. BANKS changes his tactics, and settles several of the accounts according to Mr. SLIFER'S view of the case protesting however, still, that his first position was right, and obstinately refuses to proceed with the settlement of any more of the accounts. Those settled were such as owed but small amounts, while many of the others that are withheld owe many thousands of dollars which should have support of all parties opposed to the pre-sent National Administration, at the elec-been paid into the Treasury years ago. On the trial of these cases, after hearing the After some remarks by Gen. Small, Hon, ablest counsel at the bar on behalf of the Jao. Covode, Mr. Howard and Dr. Gazzam Anditor General's view of the case, Judge PEARSON was so well satisfied of the absurdity of the claim that he directed judgement for the Commonwealth without hearing counsel in reply.

We have given the facts in the case, not for the purpose of impeaching the honesty of Mr. Banks in the matter, but to call attention to the fact which is admitted by Mr. Fillmore .- A Washington letter to all parties, that Mr. BANKS, occupying the the New York Courier says that the latest most important office in the Commonwealth middle of February, it is expected that he were wanting of the manner in which that