

THE PROCLAMATION which accompanied the President's Message will be found on our first page. It should be carefully read. Free pardon is offered to all who have rebelled or committed treason, on the easiest terms, except such a maneuver should be pardoned at all.

WE NEVER could consent to see Army and Navy officers, Judges or members of Congress who have committed treason, restored to their rights under our free government. They must run or hang, is the verdict of every honest lover of his country.

MR. LINCOLN is the greatest man of his age, if he does offend Copperheads by his jets occasionally.

GODLEY FOR ANGRY—Godley commences the new year in a manner full of encouragement to his numerous readers. The engraving "A Tallen Picture," is both natural and beautiful. The fashions are usual complete. The number is, in a word a gem, which expression is intended to convey more than could be said in many words.

TERMS—Single copy, one year, \$3. Two copies one year, \$5. Three copies one year, \$6. Four copies one year, \$7. Address L. A. Godley, Philadelphia.

NEARLY one thousand barrels of oil were burned at Oil City on Saturday last. For a while it was thought that the whole city would be consumed.

LOCAL AFFAIRS. RETIRED NORTH CAROLINA SOLDIERS will meet in the Borough of Milton, on the 25th at 12 o'clock A. M. to be continued three or four days. Prof. R. H. Deane, Deputy Superintendent, will preside.

THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE will meet in the Borough of Milton, on the 25th at 12 o'clock A. M. to be continued three or four days. Prof. R. H. Deane, Deputy Superintendent, will preside.

WE have been requested to state that the Board of Northampton County, on the 25th inst., and all other meetings thereupon that they will be postponed to the 25th inst. only.

WE notice that A. B. Hager has been appointed collector of duties, duty pay \$4. It is the only person authorized to hold such office in this county.

W. C. GODLEY and Lady Hager have a private collection of fine and choice paintings. They are on hand in the city, and they are prepared to furnish to the public the best of the art in the city.

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FROM PORTRESS MONROE. Jeff Davis' Message to the Rebel Congress.

Portress Monroe, Dec. 11. Jeff Davis' message to the rebel Congress, dated December 7th, is depending on the losses of the strongholds of Vicksburg, Fort Hudson, and many other points. It says that there are no improvements in the relations with foreign countries since his message of last January. On the contrary, there is a greater divergence in the conduct of European nations assuming a character positively friendly, and a marked tendency to Great Britain in favor of our enemies is strongly evinced in their decisions regarding the blockade as well as their marked difference of conduct on the subject of the purchase of supplies by the two belligerents. This difference has been conspicuous since the commencement of the Government.

The public finances demand the strictest and most earnest attention. A prompt and efficacious remedy for the present condition of the currency is necessary to a successful performance of the administration of the Government. He recommends taxation instead of further issues of bonds or issues of Treasury notes. The holders of the currency now outstanding can only be protected by substituting for them some other security. The currency must be promptly reduced to prevent the present inflated prices reaching rates more extravagant. He calls upon the people to concur in this measure.

He recommends putting an end to substitution and modification of the exemption law, and to aid forces in the army largely and as promptly as possible. He regrets the suspension of the exchange of prisoners, and that the communication with the trans-Mississippi is so obstructed as renders difficult the supplying with the legitimate requisites of the army. The enemy refuse the proposals for the only peace that is possible between us and the only hope for peace now is in the vigor of our resistance.

THE REBEL CONGRESS—Jeff Davis' Message. "Resolved, That the Senate yesterday passed a bill prohibiting the employment of substitutes in the army. In the rebel Congress on the 5th, Mr. Foster of Louisiana, in a speech, said the President had never visited the army with out going injury. His visits had always been joyous with disaster, and he charged him with having almost ruined the country. Foster challenged any champion of Jeff Davis to meet him anywhere on the terms he named. He accused the Commander General, Northrup, with having starved the army's prisoners, and stealthily placing the Government in a dishonorable position before the world.

General Banks' Texas Expedition. Boston, Dec. 15.—The New Orleans correspondent of the Times writes that the expedition of General Banks to Texas is a glorious success. The English troops are helping under the standard of General Banks in large numbers. And that the Texas required was a sufficient force of United States troops to back them up, and they repeatedly said that if an army was sent to assist them, they would have Texas all right. They have already proved the truth of their statements, for General Banks has captured two regiments since he landed in that State, and the work is still going on. The Texas army is coming from their places of concealment, and joining themselves in the Union army.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. COVERS PHOTOGRAPH AND ART GALLERY. No. 125 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, is now open for business. It is a large and commodious gallery, and is well adapted for the display of the most valuable and interesting pictures.

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Annual Statement of the Bank of Northampton, Pa., Dec. 31, 1863.

Table with columns: No., Name, Capital, Assets, Liabilities, etc. Total Assets: \$1,000,000. Total Liabilities: \$1,000,000.

FRUIT & ORNAMENTAL TREES. SEEDS, VINES AND FLOWERS. THE subscriber offering at the lowest price, the productions of the reliable NURSERY, No. 125 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, is now open for business.

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