# Aews of the Week.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR. THE 7TH OF DECEMBER APPOINTED A STATE THANKSGIVING DAY.

PROCLAMATION.

With feelings of the most profound grati-tude to Almighty God, I invite the good peo-ple of the Commonwealth to meet in their places of public worship on Thursday, the seventh day of December next, and raise their hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to Him, not only for the manifest or-dinary blessings which, during the past year, he has continued to heap upon us, for abund-ant and gathered harvests, for thriving in-dustry, for general health, for domestic good order and government, but also most expressly and fervently for his unequalled goodness in having so strengthened and guarded our nearly during the leaf of the le people during the last four years that they have been enabled to crush to the earth the late wicked rebellion—to exterminate the system of human slavery, which caused it. As we wrestled in prayer with Him in the As we wrestled in prayer with Him in the dark time of our trouble, when our brothers and sons were staking life and limb for us on a bloody field, or suffering by torture or famine in the hells of Andersonville or the Libby, so now, when our supplications have been so marvellously and graciously answered, let us not withhold from Him the homage of our thanksgiving. Let us say to all, "Choose, ye, this day, whom ye will serve, but for us and our house we will serve the ed, let us not withhold from Him the homage of our thanksgiving. Let us say to all, "Choose, ye, this day, whom ye will serve, but for us and our house, we will serve the Lord." Come, then, ye people whom He hath so helped and led; come, ye war-worn and mutilated men whom He hath spared to return to your deer homes, let us theore the return to your dear homes, let us throng the gates of His temples; let us throw ourselves on the knees of our hearts with a wilful joy at the foot of His throne, and render aloud feeling of that party in Indiana, if they imour praise and thanksgiving to Him, because He hath made the right to prevail; because He hath given us the victory; because He hath cleansed our land from the stain of human slavery, and because He hath graciously shown forth in the eyes of all men the great truth that no government is controls. the great truth that no government is so strong as a republic controlled under his guidance by an educated, moral and religious people. By the Governor.

Secretary of the Commonwealth. HARRISBURG, Nov. 7, 1865.

#### THE ELECTIONS.

On Tuesday, November 7th, New York elected a Republican Secretary of State, by 28000 majority, 27 Republican State Sena-tors out of 32, and 94 Republican Assembly-men, in 128. New Jersey elected a Republican Governor by 3000 majority, and returned a State Senate with a Republican majority of one, and an Assembly with a Republican majority of sixteen, thus securing the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment. Wisconsin and Minnesota elected Republican Governors, and it is believed gave the right of suffrage to colored persons. Massachu-setts, of course, elected a Republican Gover-nor, Bullock, by an enormous majority, and left scarcely a ghost of a representation to the other party in the State Legislature. In Illinois, the county elections held the same day, went increasingly for the Republicans. In Maryland, a Congressional vacancy was filled, and State and County officers elected nearly all of the same type. And in Nevada, a Republican delegate was elected by 1000 majority. A unanimity most extraordinary, and nothing less than providential.

#### THE END OF WIRZ.

After the protracted trial and the delay to announce the verdict, the doom of this miserable jailor, this willing tool of the cruel rage of rebellion, came suddenly, almost as a flash of lightning. The purpose of the Executive was announced on Tuesday of last week, and Wirz was hung on Friday, November 10th. He died protesting his innocence, except as he was the agent of others, and reviling the

#### THE CITY.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD EXTENSION.-The extension of the track of the Pennsylvania Railroad from the Philadelphia Gas Works to a point on the Delaware, near the Old Point House, is nearly completed. The wharves and docks at this point to facilitate the shipment of coal oil are also being pushed

THE assessment for 1866 shows 115,154 taxables, with real estate assessed at \$159,590,142; furniture, \$2,483,645; horses and cows, \$570,147; carriages, \$187,895; total, \$162,831,829; increase on last year, \$3,609.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.-Through the munificence of a gentleman of this city, an auxiliary school in the medical department of this institution has been created, and on the 7th instant the Trustees appointed the Faculty, which is as follows: Medical Jurisprudence, including Toxicology, Dr. J. J. Reese: Hygiene, Dr. Henry Hartshorne; Mineralogy and Geology, Dr. J. C. Hayden; Botany, Dr. H. C. Wood; Zoology and Comparative Anatomy, Dr. Harrison Allen.

THE controllers of the public schools ask for \$1,027,463 for the year 1866.

# THE STATES.

South Carolina -- Columbia, Nov. 13. The constitutional amendment abolishing slavery was passed in both Houses of the South Carolina Legislature to-day. It met with but little opposition.

GEORGIA.—the State Convention repudiated the Confederate State debt November 7th, by a vote of 133 to 116.—Alexander H. Stephens declines to be a candidate for any office in Georgia.

MISSISSIPPI. — The rebel ex-Governor Clark in a recent address to the new Legislatnre of the State, spoke thus of the national ensign:-"With all of you I marched under th flag in a foreign land, and it was victorious; with all of you I marched against it, and it was victorious; it again waves over us, is our flag, and may it ever be victorious."

Democrats have carried the State. L. S. Martin, Jacob Barker, and E. C. Wickliffe are elected to Congress.—The Freedmen's bureau has fallen into the hands of reactionaries in this State.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

THE CHOLERA.—The steamer Europe, in New York, has been thoroughly fumigated, and the passengers released from quarantine No new cholera cases have appeared on the

THERE has been an increase in the exportation of petroleum from Philadelphia during the present year, thus far, of nearly a million and a half of gallons; but a decrease of eight

a little farther away from the rum mills, oc | shooting. --- At least one bundred vessels currences like this would probably be less frequent. In New York, however, the rum bottle is seemingly an indispensable adjunct to an election. There are 1100 taverns in that the United States army contains 180,000 Washington, one for every ninety-one inhabi-

COTTON IN TEXAS.—Every station on the Central and Washington County Railroads is crowded with cotton bales, and the railroads cannot ship it off as fast as it comes for the want of sufficient rolling stock.

THE mystery about the box explosion in the Wyoming Hotel, New York, has been solved. The box contained the newly discovered explosive compound of Mr. Nobel, of Germany, composed of nitric acid and glycerine, and having thirteen times the explosive power of gunpowder.

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FREEDMEN IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON.

Indiana on Pardoning Traitors.—The

Indianapolis Journal says:
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#### FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

GOLD NOTES.—The \$4000 and \$5000 gold certificates are in circulation at New York. The \$20 notes are in press. They are elaborately engraved; with the fac-simile, a double eagle, on their backs. Part of this issue will be printed upon buff colored paper. These notes will not be re-issued when once sent back to the Treasury, but new notes will be issued in their place, as is the custom with the Bank of England.

THE average cost of collecting the National Revenue for the year ending June 30th last, is stated to be a little less than four per cent. In 1864 the cost was six and one-thirteenth per cent. The expenses of collecting similar taxes in England in 1863 was three and sixtenths per cent.

THE Western Bank of this city has made the almost unequalled dividend of one hundred per cent. over and above its reserve fured per cent. over and above its reserve fund, and this, too, after having paid ten per cent. in May last; being 110 per cent in one year. It is proper to observe that a portion of these profits arise from the premium realized on the sale of its specie. It still holds, however, a specie reserve of over one-fourth of its capital, and \$665,600 in legal tender notes. The Bank of Northern Liberties after dividing 15 per cent. carried 20 per cent. individing 15 per cent. carried 20 per cent. increase to the salaries of all the officers and

In October, the receipts from customs were \$17,000,000.

### FOREIGN.

ROME.—The correspondence of the Pall Mall Gazette states that the Count de Sartiges had informed the Pope that the evacuation by the French troops would commence

on the 1st of November. THERE are still new cases of cholera, at last accounts in Southampton.

An international Congress is to be held for forward with vigor. There is plenty of room along this portion of the Delaware front to ship all the coal oil that can be brought over the road.

An international Congress is to be first to the purpose of studying the means of repressing the purpose of studying the means of repressing the cholera. England, Turkey, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Rome, Saxony, Bavaria, Hanover, Wurtemburg, the Hanse-Turkey. atic Towns, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, Holland, Greece and Baden will take part in it. THE Independence Belge announces that the French intend to leave Mexico.

THE CHOLERA IN 1849.—The N. Y. Tintes speaking of this visitation in 1849 says:-Certain towns in England were almost shielded from this dreaded enemy by prepar-ing their sanitary defences in time. Worcester, on the Severn, almost entirely escaped In this country it is recorded that in Philadelphia the most active measures were taken to guard the public health in the epidemic of 1849: 2970 privies were cleansed; 340 houses cleaned by the authorities; 188 ponds drained; 66 rag and bone shops closed, and in all, over 6000 distinct sources of disease removed. The consequence was that the number of deaths in that city was only 747, while in New York they amounted to 5071! In Boston, good health arrangements kept the pestilence in the lowest and dirtiest

streets, and reduced the deaths to some 633. JAMAICA.—A rebellion has broken out in this Island which seems to be an uprising of the blacks against the British authority, ori ginating in the attempt of the latter to collect, by force of arms, the arrears of taxes. The insurgents have been utterly merciless, killing the whites without scruple, and the British government naturally enough is dealing sum-

marily with the captives. WAR has been declared by Chili agains Spain. The latter power is attempting to blockade all the coast of Chili with four vessels, a course against which the foreign

consuls have protested. LATE ITEMS.—Earl Russell, whose policy is one of hostility to American claims, is at the head of the British Cabinet.—Spain is our flag, and may it ever be victorious."

LOUISIANA. — Governor Welles was reelected Governor of Louisiana. Negroes
voted at several places in New Orleans. The
Democrats have carried the State. I. S ence in Mexico.

#### ITEMS.

It is believed that three-fourths of the territory of South Carolina is now lying uncultivated. - It is said that 200 emigrants, recently arrived by the *Erin*, at New York, have been hired to go South to work on railroads. Their expenses thither are to be deroads. Their expenses thither are to be defrayed, and wages given them at the rate of \$10 per week.—General Butler intends hereafter to reside in Washington.—At the time of Lee's surrender he had 28,000 men in his army. Johnston had 37,000 men.—Eighty-five per cent. of the officers of the Veterar Reserve Course here been wounded. and a half of gallons; but a decrease of eight millions and a quarter from New York.

INTEMPERANCE.—One of the incidents of election morning in New York City was a murder. The correspondent of the Public Ledger says: If the voting places were kept lengthy—we per cent. or the officers of the Yeteran Reserve Corps have been wounded to battle, some of them as often as seven times.—Hon. Jacob Collamer, Senator from Vermont, died November 9.—William Johnson, only brother of the President, died October 14th, in Texas, from accidental

—Daniel Pratt, of Prattville, Alabama, the celebrated maker of cotton gins, has re-commenced their manufacture. Since 1833 Wm. E. Dodge, Republican, of New York, announces that he will contest the seat in Congress of James Brooks, Democrat. During the war 75,000 persons served in the navy. Of these, 1406 were killed, and 1638 wounded. The naval expenditure was \$230,000,000. —General Kilpatrick has been appointed Minister to Chili. — During the war, 2,000,000 bales of cotton and 50,000 boxes of tobacco ran the blockade from the South.

WHILST the most specious part of an ungodly man's character is held forth to view, and his crimes and corrupt motives are studiously concealed, and whilst the infirmities of a pious man are noticed and his good works and hely dispositions veiled with the mantle of humility, the real difference may be but feebly discerned; but when the whole shall be known, all the world will see the one to be meet for heaven, and the other justly deserving of is awful doom. - Scott on Matthew.

### for the Ladies.



To the Ladies.

LOOR o'er the fashions which old pictures show, As they prevailed some fifty years ago; As they prevailed some mity years ago;
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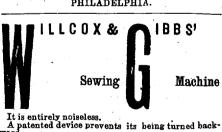
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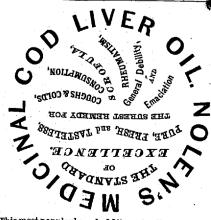
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