

Liberal Inducements to Agents for this Argus.

The year is drawing to a close, and we are anxious to increase our list of subscribers for next year. In order to do this we propose that all new subscribers now paying for 1865 shall receive the paper for the balance of the year free of charge.

President's Message.

Probably no public document was ever more anxiously looked for, or gave more universal satisfaction, than the first Annual Message of President Johnson. Every line of the Message stamps its author with greatness.

and after all the concessions, pleadings, and humiliations of the party, Democracy is as far from power as ever. The Local, which has thus far professed to be par excellence the friend of the President, gives him the go by at last.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS.

Treasurer's Report.

The Report of the Secretary of the Treasury is able and satisfactory. As was expected, he reiterates more forcibly than ever the sentiment expressed in his Fort Wayne speech.

CONTROLLER OF CURRENCY'S REPORT.

The number of National Banks now organized is 1601, of which but two have failed. The Controller believes \$120,000,000 will be realized yearly from the tariff, \$100,000,000 on whiskey and other liquors, \$15,000,000 on tobacco, \$125,000,000 on cotton, \$15,000,000 on stamps, \$20,000,000 on licenses, and \$10,000,000 from sale of surplus gold.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

Secretary Welles, in his report calls attention to the immensity of the task of organizing the Navy. In four years 218 steam vessels were added to the Navy, and 45,800 men, 418 were purchased, on sale of which was a loss of \$12,700,000.

THE WAR REPORT.

Sec. Stanton calls attention to estimated expenses of the coming year as compared with the last. The expenses of the last year of the war was \$516,240,131, and the first of peace, by estimate, \$33,514,411.83.

He sketches ably all the military transactions of the country for the year preceding the collapse of the rebellion. Always keeping self in the background, he would, if possible, detract from his own merits, and give others his share of the glory.

INTERIOR REPORT.

Sec. Harlan shows that during the year over four and a half millions of acres of land were disposed of. He estimates that 250,000 able bodied men are mining upon the public domain.

Post-Office Report.

The Post Master General in his Report, states the revenue of the Department at \$14,556,158.70, and the expenditure \$13,644,728, showing nearly a million of surplus.

Mr. Colfax's Speech.

The following is the address delivered by Mr. Colfax on taking the Speaker's Chair in the National House of Representatives: Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: The re-assembling of Congress, marking as it does the procession of our national history, is always regarded with interest by the people for whom it is to legislate.

Late Southern Items.

New Orleans, Dec. 3.—The Morning Journal has a letter of the 3d inst. from Alledgeville, saying that Provisional Governor Johnston received orders from Washington to retain his position until further instructions.

From Mexico.

New York, December 10.—A gentleman who lately visited Monterey, writes from Brownsville that the French forces have built strong fortifications around Monterey, particularly on the roads used by General Taylor at the time of his assault.

From Washington.

Washington, December 11.—The announcement of the House Standing Committee was the principal feature of today's session of the House.

From Richmond.

New York, December 10.—The Herald's Richmond correspondent says the military police of that city will be withdrawn, and a civil police substituted on the 15th inst.

Joint Resolution to Amend the Constitution.

The following important joint resolution, offered by Hon. John A. Bingham, of Ohio, passed to a second reading on Wednesday. It contains propositions of great general interest, which will doubtless receive, as they deserve, the careful consideration of Congress.

When will we elect a Judge of the Supreme Court?

We observe, says the Harrisburg Telegraph, that several of our contemporaries are under the impression that a Supreme Judge (successor to Justice Woodward) must be elected in 1866, no election for that high office will take place until 1867.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

By virtue of an order issued of the Orphans' Court the county of Beaver, the undersigned Executor of the last will and testament of Matthew Elder, dec'd, late of Beaver county, will expose to sale by public outcry, on

LOSSES PAID IN 46 YEARS

OVER \$17,000,000. ETNA INSURANCE COMPANY. HARTFORD, Ct. NET ASSETS, JAN. 1865, \$3,677,362.71. FIRE AND INLAND Navigation Risks.

Restoration of the Habeas Corpus.

The President's proclamation of restoring the writ of Habeas Corpus is important in itself, but the most important part is that which excepts all the so-called seceded States, including Kentucky and Missouri. The interpretation, it seems to us, is that the President does not deem those States sufficiently restored or "reconstructed" to be worthy of this boon.

Georgia has ratified the Amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery.

This is the twenty-eighth State that has ratified the Amendment, and is a sufficient number to make the ratification perfect.

Death of a Patriot.

Wm. Conway, a native of Camden, Mo., died at the Naval Hospital in New York, on the 30th ult., in his 63d year. In '61 he was a sailor in our navy, having served over forty years as an enlisted man. In April, 1861, he was stationed at the Whirrenton (Pensacola) naval station, Florida, and was the man whom the traitor E. B. Renshaw, of the late navy, ordered to lower the U. S. flag on the secession of the State.

SKATES!

CHAMBERLIN & WINANS' HARDWARE STORE, New Brighton. EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. WHEREAS, Letters testamentary on the estate of NARRISSA J. JUDY, late of Brighton tp, Beaver county, dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

LETTERS of administration on the estate of CHARLES M. KATZ, late of Borough tp, Beaver co, dec'd, having been issued to the undersigned, all persons indebted are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims will present them, properly authenticated for settlement.

New Barber-Shop!

SHAVING, HAIR-CUTTING, SHAMPOOING, &c. JOHN D. WILLIAMS having just returned from the army, where he has served for almost three years, wishes to inform his former customers and the public generally, that he has opened his shop in the north end of the MARKET HOUSE, BRIDGEWATER, where he will carry on in his former good and fashionable style.

BEAVER ACADEMY

The Winter Term of this Institution will commence Tuesday, January 2d, 1865, under the charge of M. GANTZ as Principal. It is the desire, and will be the aim, to make this a thorough English, Classical and Commercial School, and to sustain the high character it has heretofore maintained.

Law Books, &c.

The subscriber, Administrator of the Estate of the HON. THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, late of the Borough of Beaver, dec'd, will expose to sale by public outcry, on Tuesday, December 19th, 1865, the following valuable and rare books, viz: LIBRARY OF LAW BOOKS.

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By virtue of an order issued of the Orphans' Court the county of Beaver, the undersigned Executor of the last will and testament of Matthew Elder, dec'd, late of Beaver county, will expose to sale by public outcry, on Wednesday, Jan 10th, 1866, at 1 p. m., the following described piece or parcel of land, situated in Darlington tp., Beaver county, bounded on the west by land of Wm. Henry Knight, on the north by land of Selah Chamberlin, on the east, by other lands of said Testator, and on the south by the tall race of the Woolen Manufactory of other lands of said Testator, containing about 150 acres, more or less, about 80 acres cleared and uncultivated with a good vein of coal in which is erected a hewed log barn, with frame shed; fruit trees on the premises. The farm is well watered, and public schools, mills and churches convenient; about four miles from Darlington.

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