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December 12th, 1866.

The Government of Great Britain has offered a reward of one thousand pounds for the arrest of Head Center Stephens Fenian notoriety.

A correspondent of the Pittsburgh Commercial of Friday last, urges the nomination of Hon John Allison, formerly of this, now of Mercer county, for United States Senator by the Union party of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

COLORADO JEWETT, always ingenious, memorializes Congress to declare Hannibal Hamlin President of the United States. He argues that the second election of Mr. Lincoln was not constitutional, as eleven of the States did not appoint electors, and that Mr. Hamlin holds over, as Mr. Lincoln would have done, in the absence of a legal successor.

Tax return or presiding Judges of all the election precincts in Baltimore have united in a written statement to Congress, setting forth that Archer and Phelps, the conservative candidates for Congress in Baltimore were elected in Baltimore city, as the result of election by means of voters who were disfranchised by the constitution of the State.

Congress has done but little yet except to introduce a large number of resolutions and bills, many of which will not be called up until after the holidays are over.

The Union Republican caucus which was held a few evenings ago indicated that the proposed Constitutional Amendment would be adhered to as a party measure, and that universal amnesty would not be bartered for impaired suffrage.

Relieved and in Arrest. Gen. Sedgwick, who was for some time past in command of the Federal troops on the Rio-Grande, recently showed a disposition to take a hand in the "Mexican middle" on his own book.

The District of Columbia. The President in his recent message to Congress recommends the passage of a law enabling the voters of the District to select one of their number to represent them in Congress, and to clothe such representative with the same powers and privileges that are now given to Delegates from the several Territories.

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Ben. Butler and His Slanderers.

For a long time after Ben. Butler's administration in New Orleans, the rebels and their sympathizing friends in the North insisted that Butler was a "boast," and alleged that he stole all the gold and spoons owned by the rebels in that locality.

The Local claimed some time ago that the Democracy of this county were a liberal set of fellows, and that they came down with the "stamps" unasked and unbidden, whenever an opportunity was given them to do so.

Now if it be true that the Beaver county Democracy have always got the "dust" on hand, and are ready to "plank it down," whenever it is wanted, and if the Local is so good, an "advertising medium," and has such a fabulous number of subscribers, we want to know why its last number squeaks in this way:

PAY UP.—We are again compelled to call upon those indebted to us to pay up. Our current expenses are very heavy, and in order to meet them promptly, those indebted to us must pay up without further delay.

SCARCELY a week passes that the Argus does not violate our advertising agreement. To fill its columns with advertisements seems to be its chief aim, and to do so, it adheres to no established rates, and takes whatever an advertiser sees proper to offer.

We never made a contract which violated the "advertising agreement" between the two papers but once, and that was shortly after we came into the Argus office, and before we knew precisely what that agreement was.

Since writing the above General Sheridan has telegraphed that the report in the newspapers concerning the crossing of the Rio Grande by Sedgwick is premature.

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Secretaries' Reports.

The annual report of the different Secretaries of the Government contain much matter that is interesting to the public. We condense them as follows: THE WAR REPORT.

Since the date of the last Report, November 18, 1865, 222,058 volunteers, 75,024 colored troops, have been mustered out, leaving 11,043 still in service, about 10,000 of whom, constituting 1 regiment of artillery and 13 of infantry, are colored.

The naval force at present consists of 278 vessels, carrying 2351 guns. Of these there are in commission 115 vessels, carrying 1029 guns, distributed chiefly among seven squadrons.

The Report of the Secretary of the Treasury is eminently judicious, and contains suggestions well calculated to reduce the national finances to order, and to place the business of the community upon a solid basis.

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Washington Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3, 1866. Dear Argus: I was fortunate in getting into the banquet given Congress by the boys in blue.

The latter was suspended near the floor of the room, and was conspicuous, as it was of green silk with gold fringe. The molasses along either side were significant. The barren walls were relieved by evergreen trees tastefully arranged.

The money orders issued were 243,609; value, \$8,977,289 28 the average of each was \$36.82. Some change is required in the law.

It is recommended that the clerks in the Department have additional pay, and clerks in general offices generally do not get enough. The latter carries, in particular, very low, and the Government can afford to pay more.

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BEAVER ACADEMY.

Opens January 2nd, 1867. Few rooms for self boarding may be had on application to the Principal, also Board and room. R. T. TAYLOR, Principal.

THE undersigned will offer for sale, on the premises, on THURSDAY, December 14th, 1866, at 12 o'clock M., his Farm in Bristol Pa. (part of the July farm near the town of Beaver) containing 34 acres, on which are erected a good two-story Brick House, a Frame Barn and good out buildings.

THE subscriber will offer for sale by public outcry, at Vauxport, Borough township, Beaver county, Pa., on Farm, Dec. 21, at 10 o'clock A. M., a certain farm containing 97 acres; about 30 acres of which is cleared and under fence; two hundred apple trees and one hundred peach trees growing thereon; the remainder of the land is well timbered with a number of good springs of water thereon.

THE Stockholders of the National Bank of Beaver County are hereby notified that the annual meeting for the election of nine (9) Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House, in New Brighton, on the second Tuesday (8th day) of January next, (1867) between the hours of twelve o'clock and two o'clock of said day.

IN the Orphan's Court of Beaver county, in the matter of the settlement of the estate of James Key, deceased, in Probate, and now to wit, November 15th, 1866, on motion the Court appoint Wm. B. Moran, Esq., an Auditor to make pro rata distribution of the assets in the hands of M. D. Ingraham, Administrator, to and amongst the creditors.

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RAILROADS.

PITTSBURGH, FT. W. & C. R. R. Stations daily, Sundays excepted, at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. (Train leaving Chicago at 10 p.m. leaves daily.)

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