

BEDFORD INQUIRER.



BEDFORD, Pa.

Friday Morning, Dec. 14, 1860.

"FEARLESS AND FREE."

D. OYER—Editor and Proprietor.

UNION MEETING.

President, Dr. W. H. Watson. Vice President, Col. E. L. Anderson. Mr. D. Washburn, John H. Rash, Rev. J. Lyon. Secretaries, R. D. Barclay, J. W. Beeler, B. F. Meyers, David Over.

The following persons were appointed a committee to draft resolutions: Wm. M. Hall, A. King, O. E. Shannon, C. H. Hiskok, S. L. Russell, S. H. Tate, G. H. Spang, J. P. Reed, John Taylor, G. W. Rupp, R. D. Barclay, Rev. J. Lyon, L. Jamison.

In the absence of the committee, speeches were made by Jos. W. Tate, W. Lyon, Dr. Compier, D. Oyer and W. P. Schell.

The following resolutions were then reported: Resolved, That we cheerfully and cordially acknowledge the obligatory force of that clause of the Constitution of the United States that requires persons held to service or labor in one State, escaping into another, to be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such service is due; and any law of this Commonwealth which interferes with or in any degree obstructs this provision of the Constitution should be at once repealed, and that we hereby recommend the immediate repeal of the act of 1847, relative to fugitive slaves, and re-enacted in the latter part of Sec. 93 of law passed in March, 1860, by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, at the coming session.

[At this stage of the proceedings, Wm. Lyon, Esq., moved to amend the above Resolution to the effect that the master of a slave had a right to him as property, and to take him wherever the flag of the Union floats.—This amendment was opposed by the Republicans, but after considerable discussion, it was passed by a large majority—nearly every Democrat and Bell man present voting for it. At this juncture, Alex. King, S. L. Russell, Fr. Jordan, D. Oyer, J. H. Filler, Samuel Way, J. C. Kiser, and a number of other Republicans withdrew, after giving notice that they would call a meeting on the next night in order to express the views of Republicans on the subject—a report of the proceedings of which will be found below. After these persons had retired, the amendment was withdrawn, and offered as a separate resolution, and voted down.]

Resolved, That the introduction of negroes and mulattoes from the slave States has heretofore proved to be a serious evil to this community, and that we are opposed to the increase of our colored population by that means, and will favor the enactment of any law that will effectually prevent such increase.

Resolved, That the people of Pennsylvania are sincerely attached to the Constitution and the Union, and have at all times manifested their fidelity to the same, and that now, when it is proposed to destroy the one, and sever the other, they are more willing than ever to stand by both.

Resolved, That it is a great mistake to suppose that the people of this State design to interfere in the slightest degree with the constitutional rights of the citizens of any of our sister States, whether slaveholding or free.

Resolved, That the recent elections for President and Vice President, have been conducted according to the forms of the Constitution and laws of the United States, and therefore furnish no justification for the disruption of the Government, but that on the contrary, it is the duty of every patriotic citizen to acquiesce in the result.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the papers of the County. Adjourned with three cheers for the Union.

NOTICE OF INQUISITION. WHEREAS Hannah Horton, late of Monroe Township, dec'd, died, seized and possessed of a certain house and lot of ground, situate in Clearfield, Monroe, Bradford and Bedford, adjoining lot of Isaac Grove on the north, Nicholas Borden on the south, Maine Street on the east, and an Alley on the west, being so thereof seized, died, intestate, and without issue, that the next of kin said Hannah Horton are brothers, and the issue of deceased brothers to wit: David Evans, John who is dead, leaving three children viz: Lewis Harvey and Eliza, intermarried with Keuben O'Neal, William, who is dead, leaving issue three children viz: Henry deceased, leaving two children viz: names and residence unknown, George Washington, in Monroe, Bradford and Bedford, residing in Fulton County, Pa., Jane intermarried with James Barton of Fulton County, Pa., Harrison residence not known, Mary Ann, intermarried with Alpheus Corner, residing in Morrow County, Ohio and Margaret Elizabeth, residing in Maryland, Evan Evans, Cadwalder Evans, Philip Evans now dead, leaving three children, viz: Mary Jane, intermarried with John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Ann Elizabeth, the last two minors under fourteen years and a widow Rebecca Evans.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of a writ of Partition of Valuation, to be directed I will proceed to hold an Inquisition or Valuation on the premises, on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1861, when and where all parties interested may attend if they see proper.

JOHN J. CESSNA, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Bedford Dec. 14, 1860.

APPEAL. NOTICE is hereby given, to the Taxable inhabitants of Bedford County, that the appeal which is held by the Commissioners, at the Commissioners Office, in the Borough of Bedford, on the days specified to wit:

For the Townships of Hopewell, St. Clair, Union, Middle Woodbury and South Woodbury, on Wednesday the 9th day of January next. For the Townships of East Providence, Snake Spring, Liberty, Monroe, Hopewell and Bedford, on Thursday the 10th day of January next.

For the Townships of West Providence, Napier, Juniata, Londonderry and Schellsburg Borough, on Friday the 11th day of January next. For the Townships of Southampton, Harrison, Cumberland Valley, Colerain and Bedford Borough, on Saturday the 12th day of January next.

When and where all persons, or corporations feeling themselves aggrieved at the enumeration and valuation, of their taxable property, are requested to attend, and state their grievances for redress according to law.

J. BECKLEY, WM. M. PEARSON, JONATHAN FEICHTNER, Commissioners. Attest: HEART NOODENUS, Clerk. Commissioners Office, Dec. 14, 1860.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. An order of the Orphans' Court of Bedford County, in the matter of the estate of Jacob Hinson, late of East Providence Township, dec'd, will expose to sale by public vendue on the premises, on

Tuesday, the 8th day of January, next, at 10 o'clock P. M., the following described valuable Real Estate, to wit:

A tract of land situate in Ray's Cove, in said Township of East Providence, adjoining lands of Adam Hinson on the North, Jacob Wiley on the East, Wm. Gracy on the South, and John Grove and Samuel Grove on the West, (part of a tract of land formerly belonging to Philip Fisher's heirs) containing 200 acres and 15 perches more or less, about 12 acres of which are cleared and under fence, and with a mill race and a half log dwelling house thereon, erected.

TERMS: One half the purchase money in hand at the confirmation of the sale, and the balance in one year with interest, to be secured by Judgment Bonds and Mortgage.

HENRY HINSH, DAVID FORD, Administrators. Dec. 14, 1860.

NOTICE OF INQUISITION. WHEREAS Robert Bennett, late of Southampton Township, dec'd, died, seized of the following Real Estate to wit: one tract of land situate in Southampton Township, Bedford County, containing one hundred and twenty five acres and allowance more or less, adjoining lands of J. Robinson, Artemas Bennett, Abraham Bennett, Basil Browning and others, about sixty acres cleared and under fence having thereon erected a story and a half frame house with kitchen, sitting, log barn and spring house, leaving issue three children viz: Henry, James and Clarissa, the latter a minor and who has for her guardian Archibald Perdue, Esq. Notice is therefore, hereby given, that in pursuance of a writ of Partition or Valuation to be directed I will proceed to hold an Inquisition or Valuation, on the premises, on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1861, when and where all parties interested may attend if they see proper.

Settlement. ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to the subscriber, either by note, or book account, will confer a favor, by settling the same, by the first day of January, 1861, all persons having claims, will present them for settlement, as I wish to have all accounts closed. I am determined my books shall be closed. GEO. BLYMIER. I have a large assortment of Stoves and Tin Ware, that I will sell very low for cash, or a short credit. Also a few 2d handed cook stoves that I will sell very low. G. B. Dec. 14, 1860.

NOTICE. ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to the subscriber, either by note, or book account, are earnestly requested to make settlement, on or before the 1st day of January, next, either by cash or note. All neglecting to do so, will find their accounts, in the hands of an officer for settlement without respect to persons. Dec. 14, 1860. JOHN ARNOLD.

A BOOK THAT EVERY Farmer, Mechanic and Business Man Wants. JUST PUBLISHED, THE TOWNSHIP AND LOCAL LAWS, OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COMPILLED FROM THE ACTS OF ASSEMBLY BY WILLIAM T. HAINES, Esq. AND PUBLISHED BY EDWARD F. JAMES, WEST CHESTER, PA.

THIS work contains over 400 pages of closely printed matter, and will be sold by subscription. It teaches the duties of Justices of the Peace, with forms for the transaction of their business. It teaches the duties of Constables with all the necessary forms, appertaining to the office. It contains the duties of the Supervisors of every County and Township in the State. It contains the mode of procedure for the laying out and opening of public and private roads, of vacating and altering roads, the building of bridges, &c., &c.

It contains the Common School Law, with explanations, decisions and directions, together with forms for Decds, Bonds, Contracts, Certificates, &c., &c. This department of the work was compiled at Harrisburg by Mr. Samuel P. Bates, Deputy Superintendent, and is alone worth the price of the volume to any one interested in Common Schools.

It contains the duties of Township Auditors. It contains the laws relative to Dogs and Sheep. It contains the laws in relation to Strays, Mules and Swine. It contains the laws relative to Fences and Fence Viewers. It contains the laws relative to Game Hunting, Trout and Deer.

It contains the Election Laws with all the necessary Forms. It contains the Naturalization Laws, with all the necessary Forms for Application. It contains a large number of Legal Forms, which are used in the every day transaction of business, such as Acknowledgments, Affidavits, Articles of Agreements and Contracts, Partnership, Apprentices, Assignments, Attestations, Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, Bills of Sale, Bonds, Checks, Governants, Deeds, Depositions, Due Bills and Produce Notes, Landlord and Tenant, Leases, Letters of Attorney, Marriages, Mortgages, Receipts and Releases. The work is bound in Law Sheep, and will be sold to subscribers at \$1.25 per copy, payable on delivery of the work. The work has passed the revision of many of the best Law-yeers in the State, and has received their unqualified approbation as a reliable and book of reference upon all subjects upon which it treats. The whole is arranged in such a manner as to present a plain, concise and explicit statement of the duties of all Township Officers, as may be readily understood by any one.

Bedford County will be thoroughly canvassed for the work, and the support of the citizens is respectfully solicited. Henry C. Reamer is General Agent for Bedford County.

Good canvassers wanted in all parts of this County to do the above work, to whom a liberal compensation will be given. Applications, which must be made at an early date, should be addressed to H. C. REAMER, Bedford Pa. Dec. 7, 1860.

NOTICE OF INQUISITION. WHEREAS Henry Ickes, late of Union Township, dec'd, died, seized of the following real estate to wit: One tract of land situate in said Township of Union, containing 228 acres, more or less, on which are erected two log dwelling houses, a double log barn and other out buildings, adjoining lands of Amos Edwards, William Bentinger, Adam Ickes, the heirs of John McDonald, and others. Also a tract of land on George's Creek, in the Township of St. Clair, adjoining lands of Samuel Clark, Amos Edwards, Jacob Stull, Alex. McGregor and others, containing 1684 acres more or less, on which are erected a log dwelling house, double log barn and other out buildings, leaving a widow, Margaret Ickes, and two issue children, to wit: George Ickes, John Ickes, and Adam Ickes, residing in Lower Sandusky County Ohio, Michael Ickes, residing in Seneca County Ohio, Henry Ickes, Susan, intermarried with Frederick Stuller, Elizabeth, intermarried with Christian Gern, Catharine intermarried with Isaac Horn, and Joseph Ickes, residing in Bedford County, Penna., two grand-children, daughters of Mary, now dead, who was intermarried with John Hill of Gabriel to wit: Eliza, intermarried with Joseph Geyer, and Catharine intermarried with John McCroary, residing in Bedford County.

Notice is therefore hereby given that in pursuance of a writ of Partition or Valuation to be directed, I will proceed to hold an Inquisition or Valuation on the premises, on Saturday the 15th day of January, 1861, when and where all parties interested may attend if they see proper.

JOHN J. CESSNA, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Bedford Dec. 7, 1860.

First and Last Notice. ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to the subscriber on Book accounts, for Flour, Lumber, Store Goods, or otherwise, are earnestly requested to make settlement, on or before the 15th day of Dec. next, either by cash or note, 30, 60 or 90 days; or for Wheat, Rye, Oats, Corn and Buckwheat, for which the highest price will be allowed in exchange for their accounts.

NOTICE OF INQUISITION. WHEREAS John Cessna, Esq., presented a petition setting forth that he is interested in the estate of Mrs. Jane Kelley, late of Bedford Borough, dec'd, that said Jane Kelley, died in 1845, seized and possessed of the following real estate, viz: the eastern half of lot No. 185 in the general plan of Bedford, situate on Pitt Street and adjoining said street on the South, and lot No. 187, now Jonathan Horton's heirs on the east, that said intestate left a Husband, Christopher Kelley, who died in 1860, and issue six children or the descendants of six to wit, David Kelley, now dead, of whose interest belongs to petitioner, Jane A. Kelley of Bedford, who also conveyed to petitioner, Civilla, the wife of Jacob Strupp, residing in Allegheny County, Md., Sarah the wife of James Kelly, residing in Allegheny County, Md., said James Kelly, being now dead, Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Collins, the said John, now residing in the Territory of Nebraska, and the said Elizabeth, having died before her mother, leaving issue James Collins, now of Nebraska and Daniel Collins, of Pittsburg, and Ruth, wife of James Reynolds, now dead, said James now residing in the State of Indiana, that when James Collins, owned the one-twelfth part of said lot, petitioner, purchased same at Sheriff Sale, that Jane A. Kelley, conveyed to petitioner, the one fourth part of the interest of her sister Ruth, after said Ruth's death, that John Collins has no interest in said property, for the reason that she was died prior to her mother, that James Berry, has no interest thereon, for the reason that his wife died during the existence of the estate of Christopher Kelley, as tenant by the curtesy that the title to said half lot, is now vested in the following parties and in the following proportions, to wit: In James Collins one forty-eighth, Daniel Collins, five forty-eighths, Mrs. Cecilia Stump, ten forty-eighths, Mrs. Sarah Kelly, ten forty-eighths, and John Cessna, twenty-two forty-eighths.

Notice is therefore, hereby given, that in pursuance of a writ of Partition or Valuation, to be directed, I will proceed to hold an Inquisition or Valuation, on the premises, on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1860, when and where all parties interested can attend if they see proper.

JOHN J. CESSNA, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Bedford Dec. 7, 1860.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. THE subscriber will sell at PUBLIC SALE, at Bedford County, Pa., on

Thursday, the 3d day of Jan. next, All the REAL ESTATE which he purchased as the property of John Thomas, and Henry S. King, late of Bedford County, consisting of a lot of ground containing 206 acres, in Hopewell Township.

ALSO, The Hannah Albert tract, containing 374 1/2 acres, situate in said township.

ALSO, Part of the George F. Albert tract, and part of the Maria Albert tract, in said township.

ALSO, Those parts of the John Boyd, William Davis, Isabella Davis, William Piper, John Hardin and James Wilson tracts lying and being on the Morrison's Cove side of the mountain.

ALSO, The following Coal Lands in Broadtop township: 427 acres in the name of Mary Montgomery. 421 " " " John Montgomery. 71 " " " Mordecai Williams.

The above described lands will be sold in such parts as to suit purchasers, and drafts of the whole, together with the subdivisions, will be exhibited on the day of sale. Sale to commence on 10 o'clock, A. M. Terms to suit purchasers and to be made known day of sale.

JOHN CESSNA, Dec. 7, 1860.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE. THE subscriber will sell at public sale, by virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Bedford Co., on Thursday, the 20th day of December, 1860, on the premises, the late residence of Henry Bender, dec'd, situate in South Woodbury Township, Bedford County, consisting of a lot of ground containing one acre, all under cultivation, adjoining lands of Dr. Burch and Daniel Lingensfelder, having thereon erected a story and a half log frame house, stable and cooper shop, a well of excellent water at the door. This is a very desirable property, situated in a pleasant neighborhood, convenient to churches and schools.

Sale to begin at 10 o'clock A. M., when terms of sale will be made known. At the same time and place the personal property will be sold, including cooper tools, stock and household furniture.

ADAM HADERMAN, Executor. Nov. 23, 1860.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE. THE Bedford County Teachers' Institute, will hold its annual session in Bedford, to commence Wednesday, Dec. 26, at one o'clock, P. M., and to continue three days.

All 'I-ry' Teachers will try and all others should try to be present during the entire session. The hospitable citizens of Bedford will entertain so far as possible—all teachers who may attend during the session.

Teachers coming in during the forepart of the first day, will call on me, at Shuck's Store, where a committee will be in waiting to conduct them to the hospitable families by whom they will be entertained. GEORGE SIGAFORS, Dec. 7, 1860. County Superintendent. P. S. Directors will please urge their Teachers to attend the Institute.

PRIVATE SALE OF VALUABLE FARM. THE subscriber will offer at Private Sale the Farm on which Wm. Hurley now resides, situate in Juniata Township, containing 225 acres, more or less, of good state gravel land. The improvements are a good two story Log House, with kitchen attached, large frame Bank Barn, and other improvements—also a splendid orchard of choice fruit. One hundred and fifty acres of this land, is cleared and under fence.

BLAIR COUNTY NORMAL SCHOOL AND SEMINARY. MARTINSBURG, BLAIR CO., PA. F. J. OSBORNE, A. B. J. W. DICKERSON, Principals. THIS institution will commence its first session on Monday, Nov. 26th, 1860. No expense has been spared in making it thorough and complete in every department.

The school building is constructed and furnished upon the most approved modern plans, and is one of the best in the State. It contains a hall capable of seating 500 adults, with office, music rooms, sufficient for a school of 300 pupils.

The school is located in a region of country unequalled for its beauty and healthfulness, and is surrounded by a moral and industrial community.

The distance to Cove Station, Huntingdon and Broad Top R. R. is six miles; to Hollidayburg Station, Pa. R. R. 12 miles, with daily stages from the latter and tri-weekly from the former thus making it easy of access from all parts of the country. The objects of the school—1st. The Professional Training of Teachers. 2nd. The thorough Education of young ladies and gentlemen in the English and Ornamental Branches. 3rd. The preparation of Students for College. The teaching Class will meet daily for lectures on the Theory and Practice of Teaching, or lecture from a standard work on the subject, or discussion of Methods of Teaching by the class.

Students who desire to do so may prepare to enter the higher classes in college. Ladies will have a separate boarding house and will be under the immediate supervision of an experienced Preceptress. Instruction given in all the branches taught in the best Academies and Seminaries.

Whole expense, (exclusive of Ornamental Branches, for boarding, tuition, furniture, room, board, and fuel \$118.00 a year. For circular, with full particulars, address E. J. OSBORNE, or J. W. DICKERSON, Care of J. C. EVERHART, Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa. Nov. 2, 1860.

GRAND OPENING OF NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS AT CHEAP SIDE, BEDFORD, PENNA. THE undersigned has just opened a large and handsome line of new and fashionable DRESS GOODS, Cloths, Cassimeres, Jeans, ready made clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Glass, China and Queensware, Fresh Groceries, Spices, &c. which for quality and price cannot be surpassed in Bedford.

Having been selected from the best houses in Philadelphia, and purchased at very low prices, we will endeavor to sell as low as the lowest for cash or produce only. Please call and examine our stock before purchasing. No trouble to show goods. OSTER & CARN. Oct. 5, 1860.

WHY NOT! WHY NOT! SAVE YOUR MONEY. By buying your Goods of OSTER & CARN. Cheap Side, You'll find it the cheapest place in town to get all kinds of Goods.

They have just received a full and cheap assortment of new and cheap WINTER GOODS. Call and see. Nov. 30, 1860.

RESUMPTION OF PAYMENT. PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA, MARYLAND AND OHIO BANK NOTES taken at par for GOODS or on ACCOUNT, at Cheap Side, Nov. 30, 1860.

NEW GOODS. THE undersigned have just received a large and general assortment of FALL AND WINTER GOODS. Our present stock is very complete, and we respectfully invite our friends and customers, to call and examine quality and prices. Cash, or prompt six months buyers, may expect, and will be offered greater bargains than ever before—all kinds of country produce wanted.

A. B. CRAMER & CO. Oct. 26, 1860. NOTICE. Letters testamentary on the last will and testament of Jacob Teeter, late of South Woodbury Township, dec'd, having been granted to the subscriber residing in said Township, notice is therefore given to all persons indebted to said estate, to present their claims against said estate, to the subscriber, on or before the 1st day of January, next, when and where all parties interested may attend if they see proper.

ALEX. HOLSINGER, Nov. 23, 1860.

Administrator's Notice. LETTERS of administration on the estate of Elias Hite, late of Cumberland Valley Township, dec'd, having been granted to the subscriber, residing in said Township, notice is therefore given to all persons indebted to said estate, to present their claims against said estate, to the subscriber, on or before the 1st day of January, next, when and where all parties interested may attend if they see proper.

HENRY HITE, THOMAS FISHER, Admrs. Nov. 23, 1860.

Administrator's Notice. LETTERS of administration having been granted on the estate of Archibald Finley, late of Napier Township, to the subscriber, residing in St. Clair Township, all persons indebted to said estate are notified to make payment immediately, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

GEORGE BECKLEY, Adm'r. Nov. 23, 1860.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. LETTERS of Administration, court testamentary annex, on the estate of John Clark, late of Schellsburg Borough, dec'd, having been granted to the subscriber, residing in said Borough, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate will make payment immediately, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

WM. A. B. CLARK, Adm'r. Oct. 26, 1860.

STRAY HEIFER. CAME to the premises of the subscriber, living in St. Clair Township, about the 1st of Sept. last, a black heifer, with some white on the back and belly, a star on her forehead, the left ear cut off, and a notch out of the under side of the right ear—supposed to be about 3 years old. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take her away. GEO. W. VICKROY. Nov. 23, 1860.

\$5.00 REWARD. THE above amount will be paid to any person finding hair cross, and anchor, gold tipped, by returning the same to H. C. REAMER. Nov. 16, 1860.

Northern Light. THE cheapest and best light in use, can be had by buying Coal Oil perfectly pure, odorless and free from smoke while burning, at \$1.00 per gallon, at H. C. Reamer's Drug Store. Nov. 16, 1860.

some extent that specific duties are necessarily productive duties. Nothing can be more fallacious.—Great Britain glories in free trade, and yet her whole revenue from imports is at the present moment collected under a system of specific duties. It is a striking fact in this connection that, in the commercial treaty of 23d January, 1860, between France and England, one of the articles provides that the ad valorem duties which it imposes shall be converted into specific duties, within six months from its date, and these are to be ascertained by making an average of the prices for six months previous to that time. The reverse of the proposition would be nearer the truth, because a much larger amount of revenue would be collected by merely converting the ad valorem duties of a tariff into equivalent specific duties. To this extent the revenue would be increased, and in the same proportion the specific duty might be diminished.

Specific duties would secure to the American manufacturer the incidental protection to which he is fairly entitled under a revenue tariff, and to this surely no person would object. The framers of the existing tariff have gone further, and, in a liberal spirit, discriminated in favor of large and useful branches of our manufactures, not by raising the rate of duty upon the importation of similar articles from abroad, but what is the same in effect, by admitting articles free of duty which enter into the composition of their fabrics.

Under the present system it has been often truly remarked that the incidental protection decreases when he needs it least, and increases when he needs it most, and constitutes a sliding scale which always operates against him. The revenues of the country are subjected to similar fluctuations. Instead of approaching a steady standard, as would be the case under a system of specific duties, they sink and rise with the sinking and rising prices of articles in foreign countries. It would not be difficult for Congress to arrange a system of specific duties which would afford additional stability both to our revenue and our manufactures, and without injury or injustice to any interest of the country. This might be accomplished by ascertaining the average value of any given article for a series of years, at the place of exportation, and by simply converting the rate of ad valorem duty upon it which might be deemed necessary for revenue purposes, into the form of a specific duty. Such an arrangement could not injure the consumer. If he should pay a greater amount of duty one year, this would be counterbalanced by a lesser amount the next, and in the end the aggregate would be the same.

I desire to call your immediate attention to the present condition of the Treasury, so ably and clearly presented by the Secretary in his report to Congress; and to recommend, that measures be promptly adopted, to enable it to discharge its pressing obligations. The other recommendations of the report are well worthy of your favorable consideration.

I herewith transmit to Congress the reports of the Secretaries of War, of the Navy, of the Interior, and of the Postmaster General. The recommendations and suggestions which they contain are highly valuable, and deserve your careful attention.

The report of the Postmaster General details the circumstances under which Cornelius Vanderbilt, on my request, agreed, in the month of July last, to carry the ocean mails between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Had he not thus acted, this important intercommunication axis had been suspended, at least for a season. The Postmaster General had no power to make him any other compensation than the postage on the mail matter which he might carry. It was known, at the time, that these postages would fall far short of an adequate compensation, as well as of the sum which the same service had previously cost the Government. Mr. Vanderbilt, in a commendable spirit, was willing to rely upon the justice of Congress to make up the deficiency; and I, therefore, recommended that an appropriation was granted for this purpose.

I should do great injustice to their distinguished services in the measures adopted and prosecuted by him for the defence of the Government against numerous and unfounded claims to lands in California, purporting to have been made by the Mexican Government, previous to the treaty of cession. Their successful opposition to these claims has saved to the United States public property worth many millions of dollars, and to individuals holding titles under them to at least an equal amount.

It has been represented to me, from sources which I deem reliable, that the inhabitants in several portions of Kansas have been reduced nearly to a state of starvation, on account of the almost total failure of the crops, whilst the harvest in every other portion of the country have been abundant. The prospect before them, for the approaching winter, is well calculated to excite the sympathies of every heart. The destitution appears to be so general that it cannot be relieved by private contributions, and they are in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to purchase the necessities of life for themselves. I refer the subject to Congress. If any constitutional measure for their relief can be devised, I would recommend its adoption.

I cordially recommend to your favorable regard the interests of the people of this District. They are eminently entitled to your consideration, especially since, unlike the people of the States, they can appeal to no Government except that of the Union. JAMES BUCHANAN. WASHINGTON CITY, 30 December, 1860.

Coughs and Colds! Coughs and Colds! REASONABLE ADVICE. Let no one neglect a cold or a slight cough. Thousands, doing so, have had one cold added to another, until the mucous membrane, lining the air passages, has become excessively irritated, and even permanently thickened, and soon chronic cough, chronic pneumonia, and consumption gallop along. The best time to cure all this is when it begins. If you are so fortunate as to possess a case of Humphrey's Specific Homeopathic Remedies, and if you do, you ought to at once take a cough pill, and then two or three pills per day, with care as to renewed exposure, will bring you all right in a day or two.

If your cough has got further along, then more care and more patience is necessary for a cure, though it lies in the same direction. Our advice is, to keep the feet warm, the head cool, and take Humphrey's Homeopathic Cough Pills.

Price 25 cents per box, with directions. Six boxes, \$1. N. B.—A full set of HUMPHREY'S HOMEOPATHIC SPECIFICS, with Book of Directions, and Twenty different Remedies, in large vials, morocco case, \$5; ditto, in plain case, \$4; each of fifteen boxes, and Book, \$2. These Remedies, by the single box or case, are sent by mail or express, free of charge, to any address, on receipt of the price. Address Dr. F. HUMPHREYS & CO., No. 562 Broadway, New York.

The message excludes nearly everything else. Buchanan says a State has no right to secede, and that the Government has no right to prevent it! How different would an Andrew Jackson have acted!

Won't some of our subscribers who never pay us any money, bring us some flour, wheat, rye, corn, buckwheat and wood? We need all these things, and haven't the money to buy them.