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J. R. DURBORROW, ATTORNEY AT LAW, BEDFORD, PA. Office one door south of the 'Mengel House'.

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JOHN LUTZ, ATTORNEY AT LAW, BEDFORD, PA. Regularly licensed agent for the collection of Government claims.

M. A. POINTS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, BEDFORD, PA. Respectfully tenders his professional services to the public.

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DR. B. F. HARRY, Respectfully tenders his professional services to the citizens of Bedford and vicinity.

J. L. MARBOURG, M. D. Having permanently located respectfully tenders his professional services to the citizens of Bedford and vicinity.

DANIEL BORDER, Watchmaker & Dealer in Jewels, Spectacles, &c. HARRISBURG, PENN'A. CORNER SIXTH AND MARKET STREETS.

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ANNUAL MESSAGE OF THE Governor of Pennsylvania.

To the Senate and House of Representatives: During the past year the people of this Commonwealth have had reason to be grateful to a Almighty God for many blessings.

The balance in the Treasury, Nov. 30, 1864, was \$2,147,231 70. Receipts during the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1864, 4,738,318 02. Total in Treasury for fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1864, \$6,885,549 72.

The operations of the sinking fund during the last year have been shown by my proclamation of the 27th day of September last, as follows: Amount of debt of Commonwealth, redeemed, \$268,569 50.

The fiscal year accounted for in the statement of the Treasury Department, embraces the time from the 1st of December, 1863, to the 30th of November, 1864. The sinking fund year commenced the first Monday in September, 1863, and closes the first Tuesday in September, 1864.

The banks and other corporations refused to advance the money unless I would pledge myself to ask an appropriation for the amount of the money. It will be noticed that the pledge of the President is clear and distinct, but notwithstanding the money was paid and the accounts settled and placed in the hands of the President before the meeting of Congress.

The Commonweath holds bonds received from the sale of Public Works, amounting to ten million, five hundred thousand dollars, (\$10,500,000 00) as follows: Pennsylvania Railroad Company bonds, \$6,800,000 00.

These bonds are in the Sinking Fund, and reduce the public debt to \$29,079,603 94. The tax on tonnage imposed by the acts of 30th April and 22d August 1864, has yielded something less than \$200,000—a much less sum than anticipated.

The amount of debt extinguished by the Sinking Fund during the year is unusually small, which is to be accounted for by the extraordinary expenses which have been incurred. Seven hundred and thirteen thousand dollars (\$713,000) have been paid to refund to the banks the money advanced by them to pay the volunteers in service during the invasion of the State in 1863.

In my opinion this matter of donations to charities is fast running into a great abuse. Houses of Refuge, and Inmate, Blind and Deaf and Dumb Asylums, appear to be proper subjects of State bounty, because their objects are of public importance and to be secured, and well and economically managed it seems to be necessary, that they should be more extensively than would be required for the wants of a particular county.

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It is not necessary here to recapitulate them at length. The case was peculiar, and it is believed none quite like it has occurred. The call for volunteers was made by the Legislature, and the advance of the Commonwealth into grants of aid to the volunteer militia of 1863.

By the act of 22d August, 1864, I was authorized to cause an immediate enrollment of the militia to be made, unless that recently made by the United States should be found sufficient, and to raise by volunteering or draft a corps of militia, to be sent to the defence of our Southern border.

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It is a subject of just pride to the people of this Commonwealth, that this great work is completed,

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sacrifices the rights of the State under existing laws, and would leave the men unprotected under them, so far as concerns future provision for their comfort and that of their families. I will further observe that it appears by the report of the Adjutant General, herewith transmitted, that the State, under the system established by law, has put into the military service of the United States, since the commencement of the war, the following number of men, viz:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Number. Includes 'Troops sent into service during 1864', 'Organizations for three years' term', 'Organizations for one year term', etc.

The twenty-five thousand militia of 1862 are not included in this statement. I call the attention of the Legislature to the Report of the Surveyor General, herewith presented, and commend the suggestions made by that officer to your consideration.

This message is accompanied by full reports of all the military departments. They exhibit the large amount of service performed during the past year, and contain a full history of all the military operations of the State. Many valuable recommendations are made in them to promote the efficiency of our volunteers, and the comfort of the sick and wounded, which I commend to your earnest and immediate attention.

The gallantry of our soldiers in the field still sheds lustre on the Commonwealth, and that their merit is appreciated by a generous people is shown by the continued and cheerful liberality with which the men and women of the State contribute of their means for their comfort and welfare. May it be the lot of those brave men who have stood by the country through the dark hours of her trial.

REMARKABLE EXPLOSION OF AN OIL WELL.—As Mr. Jacob Crowe, of George's Creek Fayette Co., Pennsylvania, was engaged on Monday week, in boring for oil on his farm, the augur struck upon a deposit which began at once to rush upward with irresistible force, flowing over the ground and saturating everything in the vicinity.

THE OIL PRODUCT OF PENNSYLVANIA. From the Cleveland (Ohio) Leader. To those who are unacquainted with the facts in connection with the discovery and development of oil in Pennsylvania, an exhibit of the actual production of oil furnishes material for important reflection.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for sinking a vast number of wells during the coming summer, so that in one year from this time the number of wells in operation will be three or four times those now pumping or flowing.

THE YOSEMITE SECRETLY SUPPRESSED.—Prof. Whitney's party of geological explorers in California have found, during the past season, even more wonderful regions for mountain and rock scenery than the famous Yosemite, and a grove of bigger trees than those of Calaveras, which have heretofore been the pride of California for natural wonders and curiosities, and the great object of interest to all travellers to the Pacific States.