The absence of the editor will account for any

of the INQUIRER. PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND, THE

The informal proceedings, with a view to the settlements of our national difficulties, which have recently taken place, have been received throughout the country as the harbingers of a speedy

peace on the basis of the Union. The undiaguised pleasure with which these no gotiations have been everywhere received and dispeace, provided it can be obtained on terms consistent with our national integrity. Enterprising news-mongers, aware of the feverish anxiety of the public for early and reliable information upon this all absorbing topic, have been circulating all manner of early but not very reliable peace news. Our own view of the subject without regard to rumors is simply this: The two visits of the elder Blair to Richmond, have, though unofficial, certainly made known to the rebel authorities. that no propositions will be entertained, looking to a settlement on any other basis than that of the Union. They have also been given clearly to understand, that no armistice would be granted to give time for negotiations, that Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and Thomas, our regularly authorized Commissioners, would continue to push their negotiations with their usual vigor.

With this knowledge, they have sent Commis-missioners into our lines. These Commissioners could only have one of two purposes in view .-Either to make peace on the basis of the Union with what other terms they could obtain or to delay the progress of recruiting, renewing and strengthening our armies. If they came with the first as their object, we have no doubt but that they will obtain it, notwithstanding the rumors to the contrary, that are being everywhere circulated, but we need not expect to be informed of it, even if they have been successful until the terms are definitely fixed and agreed upon, in fact until peace is definitely concluded, as it would be impolitic for the Government to make the proceedings known while in their incipiency.

In either case we will, no doubt, be officially informed of the result, as soon as it is consistent with prudence and a due regard for the public

Until then we should not relax our efforts to re plenish and strengthen our armies, and prepare them for an efficient spring campaign. Then if the Commissioners have come with the second object in view, which is a very common ruse in war, by the weaker party, in order to give time, their object will be frustrated, and Sherman and Grant will be prepared to push their negotiations, with renewed vigor to a speedy and successful conclusion. With these views of the subject, we would urge every district, as soon as its quota is known, to make every effort to fill it at the earliest moment, and thereby avoid the hardships of a draft, which will no doubt be made unless the quotas are promptly filled

The St. Louis Republican states that Rrigadier General Roddy, who has savned a high reputation during the war as a partisan cavalry commander and who has cooperated with Forrest in several important operations, grew tired of the contest a few weeks ago. He found means to communicate with the Federal authorities, and through them procured a full pardon from the President as a condition precedent to laving down his arms His pardon war forwarded to Gen. Thomas' headquarters by Mr. Lincoln last week, and by this time, doubtless, is in the hands of the rependant rebel for whom it was prepared. He will soon be heard of, therefore, as having resumed civil pursuits at his old home, which we believe was in The information opon which this statement is made comes from a loyal officer, who has just arrived from Tennessee. His position in the army there is such as to give him an opportu nity of personally knowing the truth of what he

Some of the Merchant princes and million aires of New York are contemplating a magnifi cent project. It is nothing more nor less than to relieve the nation of its debt by paying the whole amount (\$2,000,000,000) themselves. It is proposed to make the gift in 200,000 shares of \$10,000 each, of which A. T. Stewart, Wm. B. Astor, and others, will each take fifty shares, making up a least a quarter of the whole amount in New York. The realization of such a project would place both government and citizen in a prouder position than ever government or citizen occupied before.

Major-General Gilmore and staff sailed on Thursday, 2d inst., for Hilton Head. Gen. Gilmore is appointed to the command of the New Department of the South, which includes South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and a part if not the whole of North Carolina. He supersedes Gen. Foster, but Gen. Sherman, of course, still remains in command of the army in the field as heretofore The past services of Gen. Gilmore while in that Department are a guaranty that he will conduct its affairs with the energy and activity for which he is distinguished.

The Buffalo Courier announces the death of Mr. Wm. F. Ketchum, inventor of the mower and reaper which is known by his name. He was also the inventor of a hand grenada. Mr. Ketchum had resided in Buffalo more than thirty years.

Lieutenant-Commander Wm. A. Parker, who was in command of the Monitor Onandago and showed the white feather when the rebel rams came down the James river last week, has been relieved and ordered before a court martial.

Both Houses of Congress have decided that the votes of eleven States-Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Tennessee-shall not be counted in the voto for President and Vice President. This decision is based on the ground that these States were not in a condition to vote on the 8th of November last.

Gov. Hahn, of Louisiana, has issued a proclas mation congratulating the people of Missouri and Tennessee on the adoption of the ordinances abolishing Slavery in those States, and appointing the 24th inst. as a holiday in honor of these events.

Hon. R. C. Winthrop, in his remarks before the Massachusetts Historical Society on the death of Mr. Everett, stated that at the time of his death, Mr. Everett was engaged in preparing a life of James L. Pettingru, of South Carolina, and a volume of Washington's private letters.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE PRESENT TO GEN. GRANT .- The residence re cently purchased by a committee of gentlemen of Philadelphia, and which has been gratuitously tendered to Gen. Grant and family as a permanen home, is on the north side of Chestnut street, we deficiency of original matter, &c., in this number of Twentieth. The building occupies a front of 22 feet, extending back to the distance of 168 feet with a thirty foot street in the rear. It is a fou story double front, with three story double back buildings. It cost over \$30,000. It is now being furnished in very handcome style-In acknowledg ing this magnificent gift of the citizens of Philadel phia, Gen. Grant, in his letter says: "It is with eelings of gratitude and pride that I accept this substantial testimonial of the esteem of your loya citizens. Gratitude, because it is evidence of deep determination on the part of a large number of citizens that this war shall go on until the Unic cussed, exinces the ardent desire of the people for is restored. Pride, that my humble efforts in so great a cause should attract such a token from city of strangers to me. I will not predict a day when we will have peace again, with a Union restored But that the day will come is as sure as the rising of to-morrow's sun I have never doubted this in the darkest day of this dark and terrible rebellion .-Until this happy day of peace does come, my family will occupy and enjoy your magnificent present.-But until then, I do not expect nor desire to se much of the enjoyment of a home fireside.' Speaking of Gen. Butler's Lowell speech, the

New York Commercial says: "No military man would have been trapped into delivery of such harangue, as proof of which recall the reticence o Gens. McClellan, Buell, Rosecrans, Smith, Hooker and others. It is the characteristic of the true sol dier to hold his peace, when under the cloud of de feat, and trust to the future to restore him to his lost position. Success, as Gen. Albert Sidney Johnson wrote to Jeff. Davis, prior to the battle of Pittsburg Landing, is the only criterion by which we can judge of military qualifications; and it is useless for Gen. Butler to waste his time in special pleading. The fact is clear and patent to the world that success has invariably failed to attend his military efforts, and, such being the case, it is folly for him to undo the public verdict."

The Philadelphians, or at least those who ride o the passenger railway cars, are holding a protracted election, to decide the question whether colored people shall ride in the cars. The Press tells how the voting is done in the following paragraph: "Ir several instances of persons voting that came under our notice, the vote was cast with a profane oath that ought to have subjected the voters to eject: ment. Ignorance, brutality, and profanity seemed to be related to each other. In one instance a wo man took the name of the Almighty in vain when she cast a vote against the "nagurs," and yet that woman was permitted to ride in the car in company with several ladies and gentlemen. We heard of many instances of persons voting often. It is said that a dozen of votes were cast by a single person at one time. Some persons received the tickets from the conductors and quietly fold them up, and placed them in their pockets for future use.'

Many of the citizens of Pittsburgh are being put o great inconvenience and loss, by reason of the arcity of houses to rent. Capitalists interested in the prosperity and good name of Pittsburgh, should remove the evil by building a number of mid dle-class houses for small families. It would be a paying investment. The people of Erie are suffering from the same evil. The Dispatch says: "As 'flitting time,'' the 1st of April approaches, the question, "where shall we live," is becoming a seri ous one to those of our citizens who are obliged to ble to procure house room for love or money Lucky is the man who has a house of his own.

One of our Greene county exchanges gives glowing account of the discovery of oil along Fish Creek by a party of gentlemen from Wheeling .-This creek rises in a wing of the Allegheny Moun tains, near the line between Monongalia and Mar ion counties. The aforesaid gentlemen say: "Indications were found to more than realize their

The seal of the rebel States of America is described in the English newspapers. It is designed by Foley, the celebrated Irish sculpteor, and contains in the center a representation of Crawford's vielding the position, as above stated, and which statute of Washington. This is surrounded by a wreath, composed of the most valuable vegetable products of the Southern soil—tobacco, rice, Indian corn, cotton, wheat and sugar-cane. The rim bears the legend. "The Confederate States of America 22d of February 1862 Dec. rindia." America, 22d of February, 1862, Deo vindice."-The seal is of silver and its diameter is four inches.

THE FOOTE FAMILY .-- A note from Alexandria reeived in Washington says that ex-Governor Foote was opposite Point of Rocks on Saturday, intending to cross the Potomac, opposite Berlin, into arts of pacification." Maryland. Mrs. Foote arrived at Nashville on Mon-

The Gift of fifty-one thousand dollars in govern nent bonds to Vice Admiral Farragut has been completed by placing the bonds in the hands, and transmitting to him the letter of presentation, in closed in a beantiful morocco case.

Hon. Fernando Wood intends to leave for Enrope od after the adjournment of Congress, accompanied by his family. He proposes to travel through the Continent, and also go to Holy Land.

The wife of a distinguished citizen of Boston Thursday, gave birth to a fine, hearty boy, and the father is determined to name him "Constitutional Amendment." Good for the father.

GENERAL NEWS.

Prof. Goldwin Smith has written from England a reply to some criticisms on the unfriendly course of England, in which he advances this peculiar view as to who are the real governing class in England:-

"That the members of our aristocracy and hierarchy are animated by an inevitable antipathy to American institutions, and that this antipathy has American institutions, and that this antipathy has broken out on the present occasion, is an undeniable fact, and one which I have never attempted to conceal. But the governing class, in the only practical and relevant sense, is that which decides the conduct of the nation. Repeated propositions have been made by fanatical supporters of the rebellion, with the French emperor at their back; for hostile intervention, and upon all these propositions the 'governing class' in the effective sense of the term, has put an emphatic vote.'

PETROLEUM USED IN TANNING .- New uses for Petroleum are discovered almost daily. It is now coming into use extensively among the tanneries of the whole country, as a substitute for fish oil. The oil is used after the separation of the naptha, and is found to be an excellent substitute for fish oil, the leather being fully equal, if not superior to that made by the ordinary process.

The new three cent shinplaster is to be printed on paper made of corn husks. The Newark Journal says: As this issue bears the same relation to genuine money, that the husk does to the golden grain, the quality of paper selected is very appropriate. The old saying, "not worth shucks," ought

The New Rebell Privatees.—Intelligence deemed reliable has reached Washington that a new rebel privateer has left Nassau, heavily armed, to prey upon our commerce. The vessel is known as the "Col. Lamb," and report says she is both swift and of staunch build. Her crew is mostly foreign, and numbers nearly 200.

SILVER ORE.—The editor of the Grafton paper has been presented with a large lump of what is supposed to be silver ore, found within three miles of Grafton. The bed from which it was taken is said to be from 18 inches to two feet in thickness.

The managers of the Erie Railroad have deter The managers of the Eric Railroad have determined to put a telegraph line in Bergen Tunnel, and to light it up with Drummond or calcium light, to insure safety. Every tunnel in the country used by railroads should be lighted.

OIL IN FOREST COUNTY .- Some samples of obtained in that county have been examined by judges and pronounced good. Big figures are being offered for land in that county by speculators.

The court house at Rensselar, Jasper county, Ind., was burned last week with nearly all its contents.—
The loss will reach \$25,000. The fire was the work

The Nashville papers say that Andrew Jackson Donelson, candidate for Vice-President on the Fill more ticket in 1856, has returned to that city from the South and taken the oath. The Prussian Minister Bismark's regular break fast is said to be half a lobster, two bottles of wine a piece of cheese and bread in proportion. Poor

The voting population of Western Pensylvania has increased 27,692 in four years. The largest in crease is in the petroleum region.

THE WAR FOR THE UNION. SHERMAN MARCHING ON AUGUS-

TA AND BRANCHVILLE. WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.

The Richmond Whig, of February 2d says: General R. E. Lee was unanimously confirm

by the Senate yesterday as commander-in-Chief of the armies of the Confederate States. The Hon. T. S. Flourney, John Goode, Thomas S. Bocock, John Baldurn, of Virginia, and Lestes of Georgia, addressed a large and enthusiasti audience at the Hall of the House of Delegates last night. They advocated a vigorous prosecution of the war as a sure way to an early and honora

CHARLESTON, (S. C.,) Jan. 31. All the movements of the enemy indicate that Augusta or Branchville is their point of destina-Augusta of Dranchvine is their point of destina-tion. The 20th Army Corps occupies Roberts-ville. This place is about fifty miles above Savan nah, and a few miles from the river. A heavy force of infantry, artillery, and cavalry is reported encamped near the junction of the Salkehatchie and the old Union roads. This force is believed

and the old Union roads. This force is believed to consist of the 15th and 16th Army Corps.
Yesterday morning the enemy advanced a considerable force of infantry and artillery from Whitesport, and drove in our skirmish line three miles, to King's Creek. Our infantry afterward advanced, and drove the enemy back to Whitesport, re-establishing our picket line.
Since then all has been quiet on the Combahee.
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The enemy made a demonstration on our position, defending his pontoon bridges over the Salkehatchie, this afternoon, but without result. It is reported that they burned McPhersonville last night. This villiage is five miles northwest of Pocotaligo.

Gen. Lee has issued an appeal to the people, asking that every gun, pistol, and sword in private hands may be turned over to him. He threatens punishment to those opposed to doing so.

The Late Conference in Hampton Roads.

The Result of the Interview Reported Unsatisfactory.--Firm Position of President Lincoln.--The War for the Union to be Continued with Vigor. Washington, Feb. 5.

It is difficult to procure details of the scorfor-ence between the President, the Secretary of State and the rebel commissioners, but it is asser-ted that the President throughout the conversation insisted that he should continue the prosecution of the war on the principle heretofore declar ed, namely, of compelling obedience to the Con-stitution and on the basis of the Union, and ad-mitting peace only on these terms. With him there was to be no deviation from this course, so the commissioners were left in no doubt whatever on this material point. The conversation was dications were found to more than realize their most sanguine hopes. Oil was found oozing from the ground in various localities, and oil springs are numerous. The remarkable upheavals of the rock formation, give evidence that oil may be found in quantity at no great depth."

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The Chronicle says: "The blind fatuity which possessed the rebel leaders, at the outset of the rebellion, rules them inexorably still, and the sword of justice must execute the work which the folly of blinded leaders would not accord to the

Rats Leaving the Sinking Ship-Gens. Chalmers, Morrow and Roddy Secede Chalmers, Mor from the Rebels. St. Louis, Friday, Feb. 3, 1865.

The Paducah correspondent of The Democrat says Gen. Chalmers, in a speech at Corinth in the early part of January, accused Gen. Hood of selling him out; expressed the opinion that the Confederacy had gone under; told his men they could do as they pleased—be should have nothing more

officer of his rank voluntarily returning to his al-

Capture of a Portion of Moseby's Gang-Their Wretched Condition-Ragged and Frost-Bitten.

New York, Feb. 3.—A special Baltimore despatch to the Tribune says: "The 8 o'clock train last evening from Harper's Ferry brought up one hundred and ten rebel prisoners, who landed at the Relay, and thence went by a special train to Wash ington. They belonged to Moseby's gang, and were captured during the recent raid upon our lines in the Shenandoah Valley. While General Sheridan was absent on a reconnoissance, they thought to catch our men napping. All of these thought to catch our men napping. All of these prisoners were in a wretched condition, and nearly a dozen were so terribly frost-bitten about the feet and legs that they could hardly walk. These 'Johnnies' say they are sick of the war, and are glad to get out of it."

REBEL NEWS.

The Blair Mission.

Washington, Jan. 27. The Richmond Examiner of January 25, says We hear of no change in the cabinet.

been captured, was received at the War Depart-

nent at eight o'clock last evening.

Mr. Blair is still in the city. We saw him or the street late yesterday afternoon. It is not be-lieved that Mr. Blair has been authorized to offer any terms of settlement that could be accepted by the Confederate people. What consultations have taken place between him and President Davis, it

presumed is known only to themselves.

The rumor circulated yesterday of an armistic for three months, has its answer in the thunder of cannon below the city. These rumors of peace and of suspension of hostilities can have no other effect than to raise false hopes in the minds of the

The shortest way for peace is to prepare vigorously for war. The enemy will never make terms with us until they are convinced we will fight until we will achieve our independence.

The Feeling in London and Paris over Sherman's Success.

[Correspondent of the N. Y. Herald]

London, Dec. 31, 1864. This week we have had three sensations-Sherman's triumphant arrival at the seaboard, the Can adian imbroglio and the Pope's bull, have each had their share of public attention. Sherman's arrival at Savannah has struck new admiration inarrival at Savannah has struck new admiration in-to John Bull for the pluck, endurance and milita-ry abilities of his trans-Atlantic cousins. In A-merican affairs Mr. Bull is very easily consoled.— If Jonathan gets worsted, he exults, and says with unabashed face that he is "glad of it." If Jona-than wins, then Mr. Bull merely says, "Of course he must win, he has the true British blood in him and blood will tell." So in either case he expres-ses gratification. In one case, you "feed fat the and blood will tell." So in either case he expresses gratification. In one case, you "feed fat the ancient grudge he bears you;" and, in the other, you swell his family pride and egotism. The Lon don Times to use a racing term, begins to "hedge." He is already half on your side, and will be entirely after one or two more big victories. Paris, December, 30, 1864.

The news of Sherman's progress, his having established communication with the coast, and the probability that he has taken Savannah, has created a tremendous excitement among the Americans both of the North and South, in Paris. Our Southern friends have been so sure that he would never get through, but that he would be eaten up alive before reaching the coast, that they are now at a loss what to say, and fall back on the stale assertion that what Sherman has done "amounts to nothing." One Southerner I met to-day however. sertion that what Sherman has done "amounts to nothing." One Southerner I met to-day however, seemed to have have a very different opinion: "I of course hope our side will succeed," said he; "but if the people of Georgia will let Sherman go through their State, and do what he has done, and there is no power in the South to stop him, I see but damped little chance for us."

Hood's Late Army Disbanding. LOUISVILLE, Feb. 2.—Major General Burbridge and Colonel Farleigh returned to-day, the former resuming his command, and the latter, for the present, holds his position as commandant of this

The Nashville Union says that intellige tirely reliable reports that Taylor's, late Hood's, army is rapidly disbanding, and that deserters by hundreds are coming into our lines.

LEGISLATIVE.

Mr. Negley, of Butler, offered the following important bill:

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., that all persons with-SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., that all persons within this Commonwealth being liable to military service, and who have been drafted or may be drafted under any law of the United States or of this Commonwealth for the suppression of rebellion or repelling of invasion, and who have deserted or may desert from said service, or have escaped or may escape from their homes or proper enrollment districts for the purpose of avoiding said service. or have concealed or may conceal themselves from any officer or person charged with their arrest, or have refused or may refuse to report to the proper authorities after being notified of their being so drafted, or have concealed or may conceal themselves in order to avoid the service of any such notice, or of any notice relative to said draft; and who shall continue so to desert, escape, refuse to report, or conceal themselves for the period of one month after the passage of this act; all and every such person or persons are hereby declared to be deprived of the rights of citizenship within this Commonwealth, and shall be incapable of visiting at any election of the citizens or of holding any office of honor, trust or profit within the same, or of inheriting any estate under the intestate laws of this Commonwealth, or of by contract acquiring, possessing or disposing of any real or personal estate within the same.

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Mew Advertisements.

PUBLIC SALE!

THE subscriber will offer at public sale, on TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1885, his personal property, consisting of 1 Two Horse Wagon, a Rockaway Carriage and Harness, Two Good Work Mares, Cows and Young Cattle, Sheep, some Choice Hogs, Horse Gears, Plows, Harrows, a Good Sled, Log Chain, Single and Doubletrees, a Dickerhoof Windmill, a Cross-cut Saw, Planes, Work Bench, Two Scaps of Bees and One Palace with bees in it, One Ten Plate Stove, Cook Stove, Bedsteads, Chairs, Stands, Clock, Cider and Vinegar,—Also One Hundred Keelers and Four Large Iron Kettles, and a variety of household furniture too tedious to mention. A credit of Six Mouths will be given.

NSS. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

Feb. 10, 1865.

25 CENTS REWARD.
Ran away from the subscriber, residing in Harrison Township, Bedford county, on the 31st of Jannary, last, WILLIAM HUFF, a bound boy, aged about 12 years.—All persons are hereby cautioned against harboring or trusting him on my account. The above reward will be

genine money, that the husk does to the golden grain, the quality of paper selected is very appropriate. The old saying, "not worth shucks," ought to come in vogue again.

Iowa has filled its quota under the call for three hundred hunered thousand men, and is the first State to do so.

A New York house sold \$100,000 worth of goods on sixty days, and has already replaced the goods at 15 per cent. less.

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"THE STUMP ISLANDS OIL COMPANY!"

Development Fund - \$21,000 120,000 Shares, par value \$1.00.

No certificates of stock to be issued to the corporator until 21,000 shall have been sold for the benefit of all the stockholders, in the further development of the Company.

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W. D. McKinstry, Mercersburg, Pa.

Hon. Samuel Davis, Bedford, Pa

J. M. Shoemaker, """

G. W. Rupp,

The property of this company is all owned in fee simple and is all paid for, and consists of the following tracts:

1st. That valuable island, known a the "Lower Stump Creek Island," containing 2 acres and 23 perches, situated in the Allegheny river, at the mouth of the Clarion river. On this island a derrick was erected in the spring of 1861, and an engine placed on the grounds, but the war breaking out, the parties sold off and enlisted.

2d. The "Upper Stump Creek Island," situated but a few rods above the lower island, containing 4 acres and 20 perches, 4 acres of which are owned by this company, on which are erected a house, stable, &c. Neither of these islands is liable to overflow, and both are well protected by stone and trees againet washing. By reference to the map of Pennsylvania, it will be observed that the Clarion river empties into the Allegheny at a point due south from Oil Creek, and as oil is found at Freeport, on this line further south, we have every reason to believe that these islands are in the very centre of the great oil belt of Pennsylvania. Besides all this, they lie far below the coal measures.

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The company also owns 1 acre and 61 perches of land about 54 miles above the upper island, at the mouth of Ritchey Run, near the town of Emlenton, Venango Co., Pa., upon which is the celebrated Fox and Widel well, with new engine, derrick, building, &c., &c., and well bored to the depth of 420 feet. This well was tubed at 350 feet, and in a few hours pumping yielded about one barrel of oil, but the proprietors determined to sink it deeper, and the company will, as soon as possible, sink this well if necessary to the depth of 1000 feet or more. The "Stump Islands Company" ownes the whole interest in well, fixtures and land, and "Development Fund" will be amply sufficient to complete this well and sink others in the Islands. There is besides, room enough on the Ritchey Run tract for several more wells.

The property owned by this company is all practical boring territory, and persons acquainted with the lands along the Allegheny and other oil streams, will bear testimony that we have more practical boring surface face than many of the 300 acre tracts contain.

In addition to this, one basis will compare favorably, with the large majority of Cornwaies, whose Capital stock is five times as great.

The services of an efficient Superintendent have been obtained, and the Directors are determined to prosecute operations vigorously.

Persons desirous of securing a portion of the 21,000 shares of stock, must apply soon, to Hon. S. L. Russell, Bedford Penn'a.; at whose office subscription books have been opened for the sale of Stocks, at \$1.00 per share.

Feb. 10, 1865.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

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Letters testamentary upon the last will and testament of Joseph Hewitt, late of Napier township, deceased, having been issued to the subscribers by the Register of Bedford county, all persons having claims against the estate are notified to present the same for settlement, and those indebted are requested to make payment immediately.

THOMAS McOOY,

JAMES ALLISON,
Expenters. Feb. 10, 1865.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Evan Swartzwalter, late of Monroe Township, Bedford county, dec'd., have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate in any way what ever are hereby notified to make immediate payment and those having claims against said estate are requested to present them properly authenticated for settlement.

EMANUEL SWARTZWALTER,
Feb. 3. 1865-61

Executor. Feb. 3, 1865-6t EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
Letters testamentary on the last will and testament of Jacob Snowberger, late of Middle Woodberry township, deceased, having been granted to the subscriber, residing in said township, notice is therefore given to all persons indebted to said estate, to make payment immediately, and those having claim will present them without delay, properly authenticated for settlement.

JOHN B. REPLOGLE,
Executor.

THE HOPEWELL OIL COMPANY .-A Notice is hereby given that the books of subscription to the stock of the Hopewell Oil Company will be closed on the 25th day of February, inst. Agents are requested to make report of all sales immediately after said day. By order of the Board of Directors. J. SIMPSON AFRICA.

\$2 PER ANNUM IN ADVANCE.

One of the very best family papers, with original, second, and carefully prepared news of the day, News from the Army, the Navy, and several columns in General. Also, a very full report of the the Boston Cattle Market, prepared by STILLMAN FLETCHER, late of the New England Farmer. Horticultural and Agricultural

CHARLES HALE & CO., Publishers, Feb. 3, 1865.

OFFICE HUNTINGDON & BROAD TOP MOUNTAIN Philadelphia, Jan. 16, 1864.
The annual meeting of the tockholders of this Company will be held at their office, No. 258 South 3d Street, Phila., on Tuesday, the 7th day of February, 1895, at 11 o'clock, A. M., when an Election will be held for a President and Twelve Directors for the ensuing year. A. M., when an Election will be included.

J. P. AERTSEN,

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

I hereby caution all persons not to hunt, fish, destroy'timber or trespass our our property, in any way whatever, as we will prosecute any person that disregards this notice.

LEVI SMITH, Monroe Tp.,

Jan. 20, 1855-3t

Jan. 20, 1865-3t

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Letters testamentary having been granted by the Register of Bedford County to the undersigned, Executors of the last will and testament of John Weisel, late of St. Clair Township, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased, to make immediate navment and the said secure.

immediate payment and those having claims will protein properly authenticated for settlement. Jan. 6, 1865.6t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Letters testamentary upon the last will and testament of Mary M. Haase, late of the Borough of Schellsburg, dee'd, having been issued to the subscriber the by Regisser of Bedford County, all persons having claims against the estate are notified to present the same for settlement, and all persons indebted are requested to make payment immediately.

DUNCAN M'VICKER, Schellsburg, Jan. 6, 1865-6t.

All those indebted to the subscriber for subscription, advertising and job work, for the Bedford Inquirer, and also for the Patriot, are notified that the books and notes are in the hands of H. Nicodemus, Esq., for collection. Look out and save costs.

DAVID OVER. Jan. 20, 1865.

"Bedford Classical Institute."

THE current school year of this Institution will be resumed Thursday, February 23d, 1865. The Quarter left incomplete by the sudden illness of the Principal will be regularly terminated, and the school-year will extend further into the summer than was at first designed. It is hoped, in view of the inclemency of the mid-winter, and of the peculiar circumstances existing, that this arrangement will be acceptable to the Parents.

JOHN LYON, Feb. 3, 1865-tf.

SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of a writ of vend. exponas to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Court House, in the Borough of Bedford, on Saturday, the 11th day of February, 1865, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the following describ-

February, 1865, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the following described property:

One tract of coal land, containing 60 acres more or less, about 15 acres cleared and under fence, with a cabin house and log stable thereon erected, adjoining lands of Wood, Dearerany & Co., John Lane's heirs and others, situate in Broadtop township, Bedford county. Siezed and taken in execution as the property of Wm. Figard.

ALSO—All that certain messuage and lot of ground situate in the town of Pleasantville, containing about one half acre, with a one and a-half story dwelling house thereon erected, adjoining lots of Charles Orin and others, and taken in execution as the property of Matilda Marshall, formerly Jas. Clossin.

JOHN ALDSTADT,

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Ladies' Furs. CHARLES OAKFORD & SONS, Continental Hotel ORPHAN'S COURT SALE OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE

BY virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Be county, the subscriber will sell at public sale of premises in Hopewell Township, on

FRIDAY the 10th day of February 1864, That large and valuable farm of which Jacob Fluke

Containing 248 acres and 110 perches of limestone land; about three fourths of which is cleare and under fence; the balance being well timbered. The farm land is in a high state of cultivation with water in every field. The improvements are a

Large Frame House, Bank Barn, And other useful buildings; also a good tenant house on one end of the place, also an orchard of choice fruit trees. This farm adjoins William Gorsuch, Eli Fluke's heirs, David Puderbaagh, Stephen Weimer and others and is about two miles from the town of Hopewell. Terms one third of the purchase money to be secured in the bands of the purchaser during the lifetime of the widow; he paying her the interest annually, the one third of the balmos at the confirmation of the sale, and the remainder in two equal annual payments, without interest. Sale to commence at 10 o clock A. M.

J. W. LINGENFELTER

Trustee for the sale of the Real Estate of Jacob Fluke dec'd,

Private Sale. OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE.

THE subscriber will offer until the 1st., day March next his Property in Cumberland Valley township, Bed. ford couny Pa., containing Three Hundred Acres, nore or less, adjoining the town of Centreville. The improvements are a good

TWO STORY LOG HOUSE. with Kitchen attached, Spring house, double Bank Bare and all other necessary out buildings. Also

A Good Grist Mill. with two run of stones. There is also an Engine of eighteen horse power attached to said mill. About 69 acres of this land is cleared and under fence and in a good state of cultivation, the balance well timbered. A great part of this land is underlaid with iron ore and handy to a furnace about being started in the Valley. Al so TWO LOTS with a WEATHER BOARDED HOUSE

on each in the town of Centreville. Any person who de sires purchasing such property will call soon. H. J. BRUNNER. jan. 27,'65-4t.

LIST OF CAUSES
Put down for trial at February Term, 1865, (13th day) Joseph Barley, Daniel Walter, Michael Thomas, Somerset Fire Ins. Co. B. W. Garretson, vs. Jackson Stuckey.

"Abraham Sill's admr.

"John & Abm. Skelly.

James Burns.
Bowser & Nagle.
Adolphus Ake et al.
Josiah Miller.
Wm. P. Hazard.
Josiah Miller.
Wentz & Feather.
O. E. SHANNON. George Snyder, Mary Moser, et al Stephen G. Wright, Mary Moser, F. D. Beegle, Nathaniel P. Reed,) No. 332 April Term, 1861, in the

vs. Common Pleas of Bedford County William Strealy. Debt \$16.49. William Streaty. J Debt 510.49.
And now, August 29, 1864 on motion of Joseph R.
Durborrow, Esq., the Court grant a Rule on the Plaintift
to show cause why the Defendant should not make his
judgement to No. 195 August term, 1864. Sarah A.
Strealy for the use of William Strealy a set off to this

Jan. 20, 1865,

ndgement. November 23, 1864, alias Rule awarded to be served on Nathaniel P. Reed by publication in one newspaper for three weeks preceding next term.

Witness my hand and official seal the sam L.S. day.

JOHN ALDSTADT, Sheriff.

IST OF GRAND JURORS
Drawn for February Term, 2d Monday, 13th day,
A. D., 1865.
Hugh Wilson, foreman, Jacob Fletcher, Wm. Anderson,
David Shefer, John College, Screen Fill, et al. Anderson,
David Shefer, John College, Screen Fill, et al. Anderson, David Shafer, John Calhouo. Samuel Elliott, Jas. Tagler, Solomon Egolf, Jacob Boor, Jacob Hillegass, of P., John Johnson, Stephen Wimer, Peter Keagy. Geo. Hartman. Wm. Fisher, John Barkman, Paniel R. Anderson, Adam Pote, Henry Mills, Rudolph Hoover, Michrel L. Putt, Wm. Cuppett, Geo. Beegle, Baltzer Fletcher.

Wm. Cuppett, Geo. Beegle, Baltzer Fletcher.

List of Petit Jurors drawn for same term.—Saml. Shafer, Wm. C. Wisegarver, John W. Scott, John Dilts, James O'Neal, Lewis N. Fyan, George Mock, Peter Baton, Amos Collins, Wm. Foster, John Berkhimer, John Homan, Thomas Donahoe, Josiah Eider, George Potter, Aaron Reed, Ewalt Burns, Vach. Brangle, Richard McMullin, Wm. Smith, Jacob Bowser, Geo. Knisely, John Wilhelm, jr., John Kemp, David Sams, Abner Sleek, Westly Pordew, Isaac Kensinger, Lewis Anderson, Saml. Logue, John Whetstone, Philip S. Croft, Charles Oras, Samuel Jay, jr., Duncan McVicker, W. W. Sparks, Hiram Shank, Adam Shafer.

Drawn and certified at the Commissioners Office this 22d day of November, A. D., 1865.

22d day of November, A. D., 1865. JOHN G. FISHER, Jan. 20, 1865. TAVERN LICENSES.

TAVERN LICENSES.

Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have taken out petitions for Tavern Bicense, and that said petitions will be persented at the next Court of Quarter Sessions, to be held at Bedford, in and for the County of Bedford, on the 2d Monday, 13th day of February, next, for allowance or rejection:

Patrick Drhew, Coaldale, Broadtop township.
Aaron Reed, Middle Woodbury,
Issae Grove, Bloody Run, West Providence tp.
James L. Prince, Saxton, Liberty tp.
S. R. Bottomfield, Bloody Run, West Providence tp.
Wm. Deatrick, Clearville, Monroe tp.
George Weimer,

Certified January 2d, 1865.

John P. Weaverling, Bloody Run West Providence to O. E. SHANNON, Jan. 20, 1865.

REGISTER'S NOTICE. All persons interested are hereby notified that the following accountants have filed their accounts in the Register's Office of Bedford County, and that the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court, in and for said Courty, on Tuesday, the 14th day of February next, at the Court House, in Bedford, for confirmation:

The account of Michael Diehl, administrator of the estate of Aicholas Diehl, late of Colerain township, deceased. The final account of Henry Whetstone, administrator of the estate of Daniel Means, jr., late of Monroe township. deceased.

The account of Thomas S. Holsinger, trustee for the sale of the real estate of George M. Holsinger, late of St. Clair township. deceased.

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The account of Andrew B. Snowberger, administrator of the estate of Hezekiah H. Miller, late of South Woodbury township, deceased.

The final account of Nicholas Sleighter and Solomen Feight, administrators of the estate of Daniel Sleighter, late of East Providence township, deceased.

The account of Thomas S. Holsinger, administrator debouts non of John Roudabush, late of Union tp., dee'd. The account of J. W. Lingenfelter, Esq., administrator with the will annexed of Ann Eliza Cox, late of the Borough of Bedford, deceased.

The account of James Burns and Emanuel Statler, executors of the last will and testament of James Burnlate of Juniata township, deceased.

The account of Jacob B. Furry, administrator of the estate of John B. Furry, late of Napier township, dee'd.

The first account of Jacob Walter and Jacob Berkhimetexecutors of the last will and testament of Frederick Berkheimer, late of St. Clairsville, Bedford co., dee'd.

Desirer

O. E. SHANNON.

COURT PROCLAMATION. To the Coroner, the Justices of the Peace and Contable in the different Townships in the County of Bedford.

KNOW YE, that in pursuance of a precept to me directed, under the hand and seal of the Hon. ALEX. KING. President of the several Courts of Common Pleas in the Sixteenth District, consisting of the counties of Franklin, Fulton, Bedford and Somerset, and by virtue of his office of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery for the trial of capital and other offenders therein and in the General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and Samuel Davis and James Burns, Jr., Esq Judges of the same Court in the same county of Bedford. You and each of you are hereby required to be and appear in your proper persons with your Records, Recognizances, Examinations, and other remembrances before the Judges aforesaid, at Bedford, at a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace therein to be holden for the county of Bedford, aforesaid on the second Monday of February, (being the 13th day,) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, there and then to do those things to which your several offices appertain.

GIVEN under my had at Bedford, on the 20th of January, in the year of our Lord 1865.

JOHN ALSTADT,

Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Jan. 20, 1865.

Ladies' and Children's Hats.

Latest styles at CHARLES OAKFORD & SONS,
Continental Hotel, Philadelphia.