

With the present number we close our sixth volume. Our circulation has steadily increased during the past year without any effort on our part...

Independence of the Press. No one doubts that the newspaper press exercises a greater influence on public opinion in a civilized country than any other agency.

When journalism becomes independent, free from the control of party causes and demagogical politicians its usefulness as a teacher will be greater than that of the pulpit school.

The Congressional Election. We are unable to say who has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Judge Mercer to the Supreme Bench.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.—The Electoral College in twenty-nine States, aggregating 286 Electoral votes, have cast them for Ulysses S. Grant for President, and Henry Wilson for Vice President.

The Seizure of Business Books. Not the least atrocious of the many wrongs on commerce developed by the Custom-house Investigating Committee in the early part of this year was the lawless seizure of business men's books.

A Remarkable Case. A very unusual and wonderful phenomenon was announced with the body of William Millar, aged about thirty years, son of Mr. Joseph Millar, of Cedarville, North County township, Chester county, who died on Monday morning, December 9.

That the Constitutional Convention will amend the libel laws, we take it, absolutely certain. The States on this subject are illiberal, unjust, and unworthy of the age we live in.

The Nation's Shame. If there is a spectacle to bring a blush of shame to the cheeks of an American citizen it is the recent scenes in the three States of Louisiana, Alabama, and South Carolina.

These events, shameful to free institutions, and disgraceful to all concerned, have sprung from causes which are now happily fading away.

This hath the sound of wisdom. It reeks with political economy. But there is somehow a familiar taste about it.

While at home Mr. Gould used to call at his house occasionally: and as I had heard that he was a Wall street operator I always improved the opportunity to talk to him.

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It matters little to us whether the incidents in the life of this good and great man be correctly chronicled or not, so long as the truth of the facts is admitted to be correct.

In Germany when the vote of the jury stands six against the prisoner is acquitted. A vote of seven affirmative leaves the decision to the Court, and in a vote of eight against, four the prisoner is convicted.

Moving the Crops. There is the smack of an ancient and familiar flavor in one portion of Secretary Boutwell's report, to wit, the learned and laborious paragraph which relates to the crops and their transportation.

There is a necessity every autumn for moving the crops without delay from the south and west to the seaboard, and that the power to tighten or loosen should reside in his hands, and this is his way of putting it.

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More Trouble. We have been anticipating legal and political difficulties in Arkansas, and they have come to a head. A gentleman who was a candidate on the Liberal State ticket has applied to the United States Circuit Court for an injunction to prevent certain persons claiming an election on the Republican State ticket from exercising the duties of the office to which they claim to be elected.

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Edwin Forrest was born in Philadelphia on the 6th of March, 1806, and in his twelfth year performed female parts at the old South street theatre.

The Secretary of the Treasury has recommended that the appropriation for the new Post-office in Philadelphia be increased to \$300,000.

A locomotive on the Cincinnati, Wabash and Michigan Railroad became disabled between Warsaw and Goshen, Ind., on Saturday night.

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The House Judiciary Committee have agreed to report a bill increasing the President's salary to \$50,000 per annum, after March 31, 1873.

The U. S. Senate has confirmed the nomination of Ward Hunt as Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Samuel F. Phillips as solicitor of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

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and sent back to the House for concurrence in an amendment. After an executive session the Senate adjourned until January 6th.

The floods in England are unprecedented. Windsor and Eton are inundated. In some sections of the midland counties only the tops of trees and bushes are visible, and at Peterborough, Northamptonshire, many residents have taken refuge in the upper stories of their houses.

George Palmer Putnam, the well-known publisher, of New York, died suddenly on Friday last, in the 59th year of his age.

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The U. S. Treasury Spinner decides that national banks have the right to refuse U. S. fractional currency offered in payment of debts due them—on condition that when \$10 is offered in ten-cent notes, when offered as a deposit, to the credit of the depositors' account, the banks may receive or refuse it at their discretion.

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A. T. Stewart, Esq., of New York, was seriously injured by a fall on the steps of his house in Fifth Avenue, on Saturday night. His leg was broken and ankle dislocated.

New Advertisements. NOTICE: All persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm of Geo. Masters & Son or that of J. W. Masters & Son, are requested to make immediate settlement with William Masters, at Millville, in the county of York, Pa., on or before the 1st of the present month.

NOTICE: The Commissioners and Treasurer's office will be closed as to any outside business, from December 27th to January 1st, 1873.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE: The undersigned appointed Auditor to distribute the funds in the hands of the Administration of the State of Arkansas, and to meet the parties interested at the office of the Auditor, at Little Rock, Arkansas, on Saturday, January 19th, 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE: The estate of Isaac Fox, deceased, of the county of Essex, State of New York, is being administered by the undersigned, Executors, at the office of the Clerk of the County of Essex, New York, at the City of New York.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION: The co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned and John J. McHenry, in the business of the firm of J. J. McHenry & Co., is hereby dissolved.

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