

We have only space to wish our patrons, one and all, a pleasant, happy and prosperous New Year—and may they so live, and so act, as to merit such happiness and prosperity—bearing in mind that they cannot reasonably expect either unless they take the Republican.

Gov. Bigler's first annual Message, we expect to receive in time to lay before our readers in our next issue.

The Legislature of this State will meet at Harrisburg on Tuesday next.

We have received another communication from our correspondent "Lawrence," but too late to appear this week. We wish the author would save us the trouble of printing this lengthy record. We are sure he will gain nothing by its publication—for it totally fails to make out his case, or to prove what he wishes to prove, in our opinion.

Vol. IV No. 1. With this number commences the 4th volume of the Republican. We are sorry that we cannot congratulate ourselves with a more favorable prospect. But few new subscribers, comparatively, have been added to our list.

This, perhaps, is owing to the extreme scarcity of money in our country at this time—for this fact was generally remarked among all classes at our late court—as well as to the fact that but few people were in town last week, from the country. But still there were a few good names handed in, and we hope that these may be the means of encouragement to others; of whom we know there are some hundreds in our county, who would be vastly the gainers by spending a dollar thus for the benefit of themselves and families.

There are quite a number of our subscribers who are in arrears for the three past years—as well as a few whose accounts run back to the books of the old "Banner." We can assure all such that they cannot expect to gain any thing by delay. We have suffered many inconveniences for the want of these dues, and it would be unreasonable to expect longer indulgence.

The Log question bids fair to be a fruitful source of discussion among our citizens, during the present winter. Petitions are now extensively circulating in favor of the passage of a law to prevent the floating of loose logs, in the navigable streams of this region. That the throwing of multitudes of logs promiscuously into the water, and letting them take their own course, is a serious impediment to the descending trade, particularly where the streams are narrow, or where the channel is confined, cannot be denied. Great injury has been, and will be done to valuable property; and it is alleged by the anti-log men, that the two systems, i. e., that of running rafts and arks in the usual manner, and the floating or driving of large numbers of loose saw-logs, cannot be both practised together, and that one or the other systems must be abandoned.

On the other hand the log men point to our statutes declaring these streams to be public high-ways, and triumphantly demand to be pointed to where any preference is given to one system of transportation to produce over another. They thus claim a right to use the public highways equally as extensive as the raftmen, and say that they, like the rest of mankind, can only be made responsible for whatever damage they may do, or cause to be done to others.

The log men are not without supporters and advocates. Many farmers owning small lots of timber convenient to the streams, allege that the selling of saw-logs is the most profitable means of disposing of their timber—that they can get a better price, than if they would manufacture it into square timber, or boards, and have no risk to run; and that the passage of a law to prevent the floating of logs would be vitally detrimental to their interests.

What may be the result is difficult to tell. All we now know about it is, that it will afford the people of our county a fruitful subject for discussion during the long winter nights—and if they would only take the Republican we are sure it would help them out of the difficulty.

HIGH WATER.—The West Branch, at this point, wanted but two or three inches of being as high on the 24th inst., as it was at the memorable flood of October, 1847. Clearfield Creek was not as high as three or four feet. Much timber and thousands of shingles, were carried off; but we have heard of no serious injury to any of the mills, or other real estate.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS. Those of our citizens who wish to prepare a careful account of the proceedings of the Legislature, should subscribe for the Democratic Union. See the prospectus.

From the Washington Union. CONGRESSIONAL. Wednesday, Dec. 22d 1852.

SENATE.—Mr. Borland introduced a joint resolution explanatory of the act appropriating money for the removal of Red river raft; which was considered and passed.

Mr. Gwin introduced a bill in relation to a railroad communication with the Pacific; and, after some debate, the subject was made the special order for Monday, the 10th of January next.

The bill giving further remedies to patentees was taken up, and postponed until Tuesday next.

The bill to change the mode of compensating members of Congress was taken up, and, after debate, it was ordered to be indefinitely postponed—yeas 21, nays 19.

HOUSE.—The House agreed to the action of the Committee of Ways and Means on the bill before, referring the subject of the improvement of rivers (as treated in the message) to the Committee on Commerce, by a vote of yeas 84, nays 63.

Mr. Gorman reported from the Committee on Printing a resolution directing the printing of two hundred additional extra copies of the message and accompanying documents for the use of the different government bureaus; which, after discussion at some length, was agreed to.

Petitions, and also reports, from the Committee on Elections were then presented by many members, all of which were disposed of.

After which the House adjourned. In our summary of Tuesday's congressional proceedings we accidentally omitted to mention that Messrs. Meade and Venable participated in the debate on the tariff.

Thursday, Dec. 23d 1852. SENATE.—Mr. Borland introduced a bill granting lands to the States of Arkansas and Missouri in aid of certain railroads therein.

Mr. Mason introduced a resolution calling upon the President for certain correspondence in relation to the island of Cuba; which was considered and debated at length by Messrs. Mason, Cass, and Underwood; after which, it was postponed until Tuesday, January 4th.

The Senate adjourned until Monday next. HOUSE.—On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Arkansas, the House took up and passed a joint resolution from the Senate explanatory of the law of the last session making an appropriation for the removal of the Red river raft.

The joint resolution from the Committee on Printing, according to the superintendent of the public printing two clerks and a messenger, was next taken up, and occupied the attention of the House for some time; being finally rejected.

Mr. Houston reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the "deficiency bill" and the annual civil and diplomatic and army appropriation bills for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1854; which were duly committed.

The Speaker then laid before the House the various usual annual communications from the executive departments of the government, embracing returns, estimates, &c.; which were severally read and disposed of.

Mr. Ashe reported from the Committee on Elections a joint resolution for the relief of Charles J. Ingersoll which was not disposed of when the House adjourned.

From the Washington Union, Dec. 24th 1852. HEALTH OF SENATOR KING.—We rejoice to learn that the health of Senator King has much improved during the last two days. He no longer needs the attendance of a physician, and it is confidently hoped that he may soon appear in the Senate chamber.

MARRIED.—In Union township, on the 22nd ult., by D. Dressler Esq., Mr. Dan'l Mann, of Union township, to Miss Hannah Hays, of Elk co.

DIED.—In this place, after an illness of several weeks, on Sunday last, Hugh Leavy, aged about 50 years. Our town and community in the death of Mr. L., loses one of its most useful, enterprising and exemplary citizens. But few men discharge all their obligations as citizens and as christians more worthily than he discharged his. Though long afflicted with disease, he yet attended faithfully to all the requirements of a good neighbor, a kind husband and a worthy parent, and was seldom heard to complain or repine. If a fellow creature was in want, his hand and his purse was ever ready to relieve, and this he would do without first inquiring into his place of nativity, the color of his skin, or the shrine at which he knelt.

New Advertisements. Valuable Farm IN DECATUR TOWNSHIP FOR SALE.

102 Acres. The improvements are a Store and a half Hewed Log House, Log Barn, Thriving Young Orchard, & about 60 acres cleared.

Proposals. Will be received by the Commissioners at their office until Monday the 3rd day of January, 1853 for furnishing...

Bridge Election. The Stockholders of the Clearfield Bridge Company will meet on the 1st day of January, 1853, to elect a President...

1,000 BOOK AGENTS WANTED. TO SELL PICTORIAL AND USEFUL WORKS FOR THE YEAR 1853.

Crocks, Crocks. THE subscriber respectfully announces to the Public that he has on hand a large assortment of the best quality of Crockery Ware...

Democratic Union. Semi-Weekly During the Session of the Legislature at Dec 30.

CRAYDON'S FORMS. NEW AND FOURTH EDITION. "No Attorney, Magistrate or man of Business should be without it."

COMPANION TO THE ABOVE, BINN'S JUSTICE, AND BUSINESS MAN'S LEGAL GUIDE.

WALLACE & HILLS. WOULD respectfully announce to their old patrons, and the "rest of mankind," that they have just received...

Ladies' Dress Goods. The attention of the Fair Sex is particularly invited to those of Ladies, French, German, &c. &c. GENTLEMEN'S WEAR.

READY-MADE CLOTHING. A very fine stock of all sizes, and qualities, made in the most durable style, of the best materials, and at the very low prices.

DISSOLUTION. The partnership heretofore existing between Robert Lytle and Daniel Houtz, is dissolved as of the 1st day of December, 1852.

Tailor Wanted. THE subscriber wishes to engage a partner in the Tailoring business, at an established stand, in the town of Clearfield, Pa.

England Whipped, Tariff or no Tariff. THE subscriber attends to the making of a large assortment of English Whipped, and is prepared to furnish the same on the most reasonable terms.

Cabinet & Chair Making. JOHN GULICH WOULD respectfully announce to the citizens of Clearfield, Pa. that he has on hand a large assortment of Cabinet-Ware...

A Journeyman Cabinet-Maker Wanted. GOODS Wares and cabinet employment will be given to any one who can do the work of a Journeyman Cabinet-Maker.

Stray Steer. A Steer of the color of a Bay Horse, with a white blaze on his face, and a white star on his forehead, was strayed from the farm of J. M. Smith, on the 10th day of December, 1852.

THE ONLY TRUE PORTRAIT OF WASHINGTON. JUST PUBLISHED. T. B. WELCH'S MAGNIFICENT PORTRAIT OF WASHINGTON.

Engraved by permission from Stewart's only original portrait, in the Athenaeum, Boston. THIS superb picture, engraved under the superintendence of the artist, is the only correct likeness of Washington ever published in this country.

TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION! Fire! Fire! Fire!!! GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PRICES AT BLOOMING STORE, IN CURWENVILLE.

Dry Goods. Merinoes, Alpaca, Cashmere, &c. &c. Bleached Muslins, Cottons, &c. &c.

Cassimeres. Hats & Caps. Over Coats, Dress Coats, Frock Coats, &c. &c.

Boots & Shoes. Ladies' Shoes, Gaiters, &c. &c. Men's Boots, &c. &c.

Queensware. White Granite Tea Sets, Spotted Tea Sets, &c. &c.

Hardware. Mill, Cross-Cut, Hand, Wood, Compass and Tread Saw, &c. &c.

Groceries. White Havana Sugar, Sugar Syrup Molasses, &c. &c.

Medicines. JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT, Anodyne, Vermifuge, Hair Tonic, &c. &c.

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Notice to Mill Owners. THE SUBSCRIBER HAS THE AGENCY, FOR THIS AND OTHER COUNTIES IN PENNSYLVANIA, OF THE celebrated direct Action Water Wheels.

A New Wrinkle! UNION CLOTHING STORE. WM. A. MASON.

WOULD respectfully announce to the citizens of Clearfield, Pa. that he has just opened in Clearfield, Pa. a new and elegant store, for the sale of Ready Made Clothing, &c. &c.

Terrible Conflagration! Fire! Fire! Fire!!! GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PRICES AT BLOOMING STORE, IN CURWENVILLE.

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Phila'da's Advertis. REGISTERED MEDICAL HOUSE.

Established 18 years ago by Dr. KINKELIN, at the corner of Third and Union streets, between Spruce and Pine sts., Philadelphia. Dr. KINKELIN has been practicing his profession in Philadelphia for many years.

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