



CLEARFIELD, PA

Wednesday Morning Feb. 5, 1862.

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THE LEGISLATURE.—This body has now been in session over a month, but have accomplished very little that pertains to the general good of the people of the State...

Mr. Irish, an Abolition Senator from Allegheny, has introduced a series of resolutions, for the restoration of Major Gen. John Charles Fremont to a command in the army...

The "scalping" senator, (Lowry,) from Erie, is attempting to entail the fruits of the "Irrepressible Conflict" upon the people in the shape of general taxation...

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LATE FROM EUROPE

The Trent Affair.—Lord Russell's Reply to Secretary Seward.—Vices of the British Press.

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—The Steamer Anglo-Saxon has arrived. She left Liverpool on the 10th, and brings, via London, derry, advices to the 17th inst.

The steamers Teutonia, America, Nova Scotia and Edinburg had arrived out. Additional official correspondence has been published in regard to the Trent affair...

Mr. Gladstone, Chancellor of the Exchequer, made a speech at Leith, which was very friendly towards America, hoping that the concession of the American government would be received in a generous spirit...

In view of the anticipated arrival of Mason and Slidell, various expedients were being adopted at Liverpool to secure anything but a flattering reception for them...

The London Shipping Gazette says that war or else further diplomatic strife is inevitable between England and America...

The Morning Post says it is clear that the law of stronger is the only law ruling in the United States.

The London Herald says that the last four lines in Mr. Seward's dispatch is the only part that can be accepted as an answer to the British demands.

It was rumored that the rebel steamer Nashville had been sold to English ship owners. The United States gunboat Tuscarora, however, continued to blockade her.

Financial writers in the English journals indulge in all sorts of gloomy foreboding for America under the suspension of specie payments.

The London Globe makes the announcement that the cabinet at Washington has given orders for the release of two Americans, Messrs. Zacharie and Rogers, taken from the English schooner Eugenia Smith...

The frigate Warrior is expected at Plymouth in a day or two, on her way to the North American station.

But little business was doing at Lloyd's in war risks.

There was continued activity in all departments at the Portsmouth dock yard. It is understood that the United States gunboat Tuscarora has orders never to lose sight of the steamer Nashville...

The London Times says that mercantile letters from New York represent the cry for promoting insurrection among the slaves as gaining force, and looking at the threatened horrors whisped were at length heard of a wish that for the sake of humanity European intervention might be found practicable.

It is said that the Emperor is making considerable reductions in his private establishments. The French journals generally compliment the Cabinet at Washington for their action in regard to the Trent affair.

The pirate Sumter remained at Cadiz at last advices.

THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY.—The London Herald, the organ of Lord Derby, states that the rebel agents in London have offered on the behalf of the Confederates the basis of a treaty of commerce with England...

and's Trent dispatch, says that although it contains much that is questionable in law, its main positions are correctly based on acknowledged legal principles.

It is reported that when Minister Dayton submitted the names of twenty or thirty Americans to Count Thovend for presentation to the Emperor on New Year's day, the latter inquired as to the character of the Americans, and Mr. Dayton replied that they were all eligible for presentation to the President of the United States...

The Relief of Prisoners of War.—The following order has been issued by the War Department: "This Department recognizes as the first of its duties to take measures for the relief of the brave men who, having imperilled their lives in the military service of the Government, are now prisoners and captives."

It is therefore ordered that two commissioners be appointed to visit the city of Richmond, in Virginia, and wherever else prisoners belonging to the army of the United States may be held, and there take such measures as may be needful to provide for the wants, and contribute to the comfort of such prisoners...

Bishop Ames, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Hon. Hamilton Fish, have signified their acceptance of their appointment, by the Secretary of War, as commissioners to visit and relieve the prisoners of the United States in the hands of the rebels.

Edward Ames is a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, born at Athens, Ohio, in 1806. After receiving his education in the Ohio University, he was for three years instructor in a college in Illinois...

Hamilton Fish, one of the commissioners to the South, though of late not very intimately identified with public affairs, is still a man well known and esteemed throughout the country.

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THE NEWS

We have nothing of special importance from the seat of War. There seems to be no advance making by the Federal forces in any quarter...

We hear of no movement either in Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia or Maryland. Gen. Beauregard is transferred from Manassas to Columbus, in Kentucky...

Among the most important movements that have taken place at Washington, is the determination of the Administration to treat the privateers—"pirates"—now imprisoned in New York and Philadelphia, as prisoners of war...

Messrs. Hall of the Senate, and Early, Ziegler and Tate, of the House, are invited to our thanks for documents.

Some men are not masters of their own house, nor even half masters—only about quartermasters.

When war closes, trouble ends; when armies close trouble begins.

He who never laughs without knowing why, must be a sad dog.

SELLING OFF. H. W. SMITH & CO. are now SELLING OFF, at a very low figure, their stock of WINTER GOODS.

TWO NEW ONE HORSE SLEIGHS for sale by REED, WEAVER & CO.

GRAIN OF ALL KINDS, FLAX SEED, BEANS and PORK will be taken on account, at the highest market price by REED, WEAVER & CO.

THOMAS J. McCULLOUGH, Attorney at Law. Office on Market street, opposite Messop's Store.

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PRICES REDUCED! COAL: HEAL.—M. CONLEY announces that he has reduced the price of his superior COAL to suit the times...

LATEST OPENING AT SMITH'S! MEN'S MAUD SHAWLS! CHILDREN'S ELEGANT CHENILLE TIES!

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CHAIRS. PARLOR, ROCKING, AND ARM CHAIRS, SIMING SEATS, CAIN BOTTOMS, &c.

SOFAS. OF ALL KINDS, VARIETIES AND PATTERNS, BUREAUS, SIDE-BOARDS, BOOKCASES, WARDROBES, &c.

BEDSTEADS. JENNY LIND, HIGH-POST COTTAGE, FRENCH POSTS, &c.

MATTRESSES. Hair, Hair top, Cotton top, and Corn Husk, of the best material.

COFFINS. Made to order on short notice, and hears furnished. Poplar, Cherry, and Linwood Lumber, taken in exchange for work.

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VULCANITE BASE FOR Artificial Teeth! A is especially called for in dentistry as a substitute for Gold in inserting Artificial Teeth.

STRIKING TIMES IN PHILADELPHIA!—Exciting Foot Race between the Philadelphia Bell and the notorious Forger and counterfeiter, James Buchanan Cross!!!

WANTED.—Good eighteen inch Shingles in exchange for an excellent RIFLE and a splendid new SIDE-SADDLE.

WATCH & JEWELRY STORE. THE undersigned respectfully informs his customers and the public generally, that he has just received from the East, and opened at his establishment in GRAHAM'S ROW...

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