

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1860.

HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

President Buchanan has issued the following Proclamation, appointing Friday, the 4th of January, next, as a day of humiliation and prayer.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. A RECOMMENDATION.

Numerous appeals have been made to me by plant and patriotic societies and citizens, in view of the present distracted and dangerous condition of our country.

In compliance with their request and my own sense of duty, I designate Friday, the 4th day of January, 1861, for this purpose, and I recommend that the People assemble on that day, according to their several forms of worship, to keep it as a solemn Fast.

The Union of the States is at the present moment threatened with alarming and immediate danger; public and distress of a fearful character prevail throughout the land; our laboring population is without employment, and consequently deprived of the means of earning their bread.

In this hour of our calamity and peril to whom shall we turn for relief but to the God of our fathers? His merciful ear is open to the supplications of his afflicted people, and He will bestow His aid and His blessings abundantly.

Let us, then, with deep contrition and penitential sorrow, unite in humble supplication before the Most High, in confessing our individual and national sins, and in acknowledging the justice of our punishment.

Let us with deep reverence beseech Him to restore the friendship and good will which prevailed in former days among the people of the several States; and, above all, to save us from the horrors of civil war and "blood guiltiness."

WHAT HAS FOREIGN INFLUENCE TO DO WITH OUR PRESENT DIFFICULTIES.

That the monarchical governments of Europe have assisted in creating the difficulties now enveloping our country there is no doubt. It has been charged for years that British Gold was freely used to influence our Presidential elections.

There is your Declaration of Independence, a hypocritical piece of special pleading, drawn up by a "batch of artful pettegowers, who, in speaking of the rights of man, meant but the privilege of a set of aristocratic slaveholders, but styled it "the rights of man."

When such language passed unrepented, and the utterer thereof continued to be courted and petted, it shows that there is a want of patriotism in the breast of the people, and that reverence for patriotic men and deeds is indeed at a low ebb.

These things are not news, because they have been proclaimed in every nook and corner of the whole country, and although it is now probably too late to avert the evils threatening from foreign interferences in our domestic affairs, yet a reflection over them may prepare us better for the emergency.

Scott, of California, has expressed the opinion that his State will, in case of secession, declare for immediate independence.

Hon. Lewis Cass, Secretary of State, resigned on Saturday. The difficulty in the Cabinet which occasioned his withdrawal, arose from the fact that Mr. Cass insisted that a Naval and Military force should be sent immediately to Charleston to reinforce the forts in that harbor, and that the President was of the opinion that there was no necessity for any such measure to secure the forts against attack.

Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, Attorney General, has been appointed to the vacant Secretaryship of State, and Edward M. Stanton, of Pittsburg, succeeds Mr. Black as Attorney General.

The Auditor General of Pennsylvania has prepared his report of the finances of Pennsylvania. Nearly \$700,000 has been paid into the Sinking Fund during the year, reducing the State debt that amount, while an equal sum of \$700,000 remains in the Treasury to meet the February interest.

The Morning Light is breaking even in Massachusetts. The Municipal elections took place in that state on Monday of last week, and resulted in the election of quite a crowd of Democratic and Union candidates.

The Congressional Committee of 83 on the Perilous Condition of the Country, adopted on Thursday last, by a vote of 22 yeas, 7 nays, the following resolution, offered by Mr. Rust, of Arkansas:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, the existing discontents among the Southern people, and the growing hostility among them to the Federal Government, are greatly to be regretted; and that whether such discontents and hostilities are without just cause or not, any reasonable and Constitutional remedies and measures should be resolutely and promptly resorted to, and that whether such discontents and hostilities are without just cause or not, any reasonable and Constitutional remedies and measures should be resolutely and promptly resorted to.

Meetings are being held all over the country, for the purpose of testifying affection for the Union of the States, and expressing a determination to stand by the constitution and the laws. Had a patriotic devotion, accompanied by humility and hypocrisy, we passed counterfeit sentiments as genuine, and obtained arms and money and assistance and sympathy on false pretenses.

ITEMS OF NEWS. Hon. Howell Cobb, Secretary of the Treasury, resigned last week. The President appointed as his successor, Philip Frank Thomas, formerly Governor of Maryland, and late Commissioner of Patents.

Michigan gave Lincoln 20,000 majority. Michigan has 4,000,000 bushels of wheat to sell, which before Lincoln's election brought readily \$1.08. It is now a drug at 80 cents.

Senator Cameron denies that he is a candidate for a place in Lincoln's Cabinet.

There is some serious talk in New York city, and it has even been mentioned in Congress, that that city should, in the case of secession of any state, either declare herself also independent, or form a separate state of the Union distinct from the rest of New York state.

At a meeting of prominent citizens of New-York on Saturday, in reference to the condition of the country, Hon. Millard Fillmore, Grege C. Bronson, and Richard Lathers were appointed Commissioners to proceed to South Carolina with a view to prevent precipitate action there.

The session of Congress on Wednesday was an extremely quiet one, though the proceedings were interdicted. In the Senate, an amendment to Mr. Morrill's Tariff bill, referred to the Committee on Finance on Tuesday, was offered by Mr. Bigler, of Pennsylvania, and was similarly referred.

The House bill authorizing the issue of Treasury notes for the relief of the Government was reported by Mr. Hunter, from the Finance Committee, amended by inserting fifty instead of one hundred dollars as the minimum value, and providing that the proceeds of the sales of the public lands be set aside as security for their redemption.

Isaac G. McKinley, some years ago editor of the Harrisburg Democratic Union, died a few days since.

Curtis, the abolition Lecturer, who came very near creating a riot in Philadelphia, one year ago, by a John Brown harangue, was advertised to lecture again in the same city last week, but he was properly stopped by Mayor Henry, and tholecture did not take place.

Senator Cameron thinks that the Union may be preserved by compromise and concession on both sides.

MATTERS IN CONGRESS. The session of Congress on Monday, the 10th inst., was attended with far less excitement than was anticipated.

Both Houses of Congress, after a short and interesting session on Thursday, adjourned over until Monday. The Treasury Note bill was perfected and sent to the President for signature.

FROM THE SOUTH. The South Carolina Legislature is taking preliminary steps to establish foreign intercourse with other nations, and also to create a Navy.

THE THREATENED DISRUPTION OF THE CONFEDERACY. Had they attended to their own business, and let their neighbors alone, peace and harmony would have prevailed throughout the Union.

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THE DISUNION MOVEMENT. The impression is gaining ground here that the secession of the Gulf States will force the border States to go with them, to avoid being left in a hopeless minority in the present Confederacy.

Information has just been received from Annapolis, that Gov. Hicks is determined to call the Maryland Legislature together to consider the national crisis. If Maryland and Virginia go with the South, it is contended that the District of Columbia will be in the Southern Confederacy, and the South will claim the Capitol.

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The question is being mooted if the Union breaks up, whether the policy of New-England and North-Eastern New York will not be at once to establish an independent Confederacy, and build up a Government peculiarly adapted to the capital and manufacturing interests of that section.

Senator Latham represents California as loyal to the Union, and not willing to break allegiance with it, while Burch and Scott, of the House, think she will inevitably secede.

Private accounts from Alabama, received by members of the Government to-day, say that the conservatives think they will carry the State. If so, time will be gained, and South Carolina will go out alone.

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A SHAMEFUL STORY. The New York Sun has a terrible story of wrong. Of two sisters in Maine, several years ago, the younger was engaged to be married after a six months' visit to an aunt's in Boston, but while in that city she mysteriously disappeared and no other cause could be assigned than that she had been betrayed and had sought by shame; and yet, no one among her male acquaintances was suspected of being the villain, and the whole affair was involved in such mystery that the mother died of grief, and the disappointed lover went insane.

The elder sister came to live with her cousin in New York, and there married, as all thought, very fortunately. A week or two since she was entering her carriage with her husband, when a poor, bloated and dogged young woman passed and asked alms. He gave her a pittance, when she instantly recognized both, and with a shriek fainted. Although unrecognized by either of them, the wife had her ear for, and during the night watched her history, discovering in her her own lost sister, and in her husband the seducer who had caused the separation, and the elder sister has devoted herself to the care of the other sister. The guilty husband will make no opposition to a peaceful and quiet divorce.

—SHOCKING CATASTROPHE.—A dormitory of the Episcopal Seminary, at Ecopia, Parma, in which fifteen of the pupils slept, being damped from being newly white-washed, a stove was lighted in on 15th of November, to help to dry the walls. During the night, the carbonic acid gas from the stove, filled the room, and the pupils were found dead the next morning, suffocated by the noxious vapor.

—DON'T TALK THEM.—The notes of the following Pennsylvania Banks are quoted no sales in Philadelphia. They have gone under in the financial crisis which is now sweeping the country:

Table with 2 columns: Bank Name, Status. Lists banks like Bank of Commerce, Erie, Bank of Crawford, Meadville, etc.

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CENSUS OF PENNSYLVANIA. Table with 3 columns: County, Population, Increase. Lists all counties from Adams to York.

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