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SCHWEFFLEBRENNER.

We are permitted to extract the following from a letter received by a friend from a gentleman in Göttingen, Hanover, Germany...

REBELS COMING.

Under the supposed protection of Andrew Johnson's Amnesty Proclamation, John C. Breckinridge has ventured back to the United States.

OH, SHAME!

On the 11th inst., at Richmond, Va., the Attorney General of the U. S. had no pros. entered in the cases of Jeff Davis, Wade Hampton, Gen. Lee, II, A. Wise, and a large number of other leading rebels...

Here ends another chapter in the history of the rebellion, and it is not only humiliating, but a tame and disgraceful submission to the right of any section of the country to make war upon the flag, without fear of punishment.

THE FRUITS.

The appropriation bill as reported verifies our prediction of yesterday, that the expenses of the present House will be some fifty thousand dollars less than they were in former years...

A NEW CANDIDATE.

The Mauch Chunk Gazette is out in favor of General William Lilly, as the Republican candidate for Governor.

BRIDGES.

"A paper published in this city," (we will not give its name, or we might advertise it, you know) which represents the "monument," (may-be it will be known by that!) comes to the rescue of the Commissioners on the Bridge building business.

January 13, 1869.—Jesse Lutz being duly affirmed by Samuel Shoeh, one of the Auditors, did declare and say that the bridge at Lutz's mill, built by E. McMellin, for the Commissioners, could be built for \$1000, and less, say from \$800 to \$900.

A NEW ERA.

It is a very encouraging sign of the times to hear every now and then an unmistakable intimation from General Grant that he means to insist upon thorough and radical reform in every department of the general government...

A NEWSPAPER REFORM.

The size of the Reading Daily Eagle has been reduced about one-half, and the price from ten to six cents per week.

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