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TO ADVERTISERS! Next week we will circulate Five Thousand Five Hundred Copies of FATHER ABRAHAM.

THE PHILADELPHIA COLLECTORSHIP. Hon. Henry D. Moore was on Wednesday week appointed Collector for the port of Philadelphia.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. The official returns from the "old Granite State" show a falling off in the aggregate vote of 9,346, a Republican majority of 2,739, against 2,521 in 1878.

RIGHT! We notice that the bill authorizing the Commissioners of this County to remit fines in certain cases, was defeated in the House of Representatives, on Tuesday evening last.

REPUBLICAN VICTORIES! W. H. Hildebrand, was on Friday last, elected Burgess of the Borough of Easton, by a majority of 23 votes, being a gain of 102 votes on the election last year.

WHAT OF IT! The Philadelphia Sunday Republic of the 4th inst., contains the following: "State Senator Fisher called yesterday morning on Mayor Fox, and had an extended, and we presume, satisfactory interview."

ANDY AT HOME. On Thursday of last week Andy left Washington for Greenville, Tenn. At Lynchburg, Va., he was received by his rebel friends, and made a speech.

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OUR HARRISBURG LETTER. HARRISBURG, Tuesday, Mar. 23, 1893. DEAR FATHER ABRAHAM: The acts allowing parties in interest to be witnesses, and creating a Board of State Charities, were the subjects of the Senate last week.

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PASTING AND FOLDING SWINDLE.

We have it from good authority that the Legislative Treasury plunderers have the general appropriation bill "set up" for the payment of the twenty-seven extra pasters and folders of the House, appointed in open defiance of law, common decency, and in spite of the most emphatic protest of nineteenth-twentieths of the Republican papers throughout the State.

But, it seems that the gamblers and bummers and hangers-on about Harrisburg, knew what they were doing when they bought up the claims of these extra "officers," at half price. A ring has been formed by certain members of the House, (in which Lancaster county is represented), and the jobbers, brokers, gamblers and bummers, hanging about the rotunda and the lobby, to force a section into the general appropriation bill directing the State Treasurer to pay their salaries—service or no service performed, and law or no law for their appointment!

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WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

[CULLED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.] There is no department of the Government that needs more thorough weeding out of Copperheads and political leeches than the Treasury Department.

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When Andrew Johnson left the White House he carried off with him all the record books and official papers belonging to the establishment. These books contained the records of laws approved or disapproved by the President, lists of promotions and changes of army and navy officers, and everything relating to the civil, military and diplomatic business during Johnson's term.

The colored people of the District of Columbia are making arrangements to celebrate, on an extensive scale, the anniversary of the abolition of slavery in this District.

General Longstreet is still here, awaiting confirmation by the Senate, but his prospects of success grows poorer daily, as a large number of wounded Union soldiers who are here, claim consideration in the distribution of patronage.

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