

The delegation from the North American British Provinces, who are in Washington for the purpose of securing, if possible, an extension of the reciprocity treaty...

The arrangements are nearly completed for Gen. Grant's removal from Georgetown to the residence he recently purchased in what is known as the "Douglass Block," Washington.

The Hon. B. B. French, Commissioner of Public Buildings, examined on Monday preliminary reports on the removal of the Executive Mansion from its present site.

The name of the Knoxville Railroad has been changed to the Tennessee and Pacific Railroad, the intention being to connect the city of Memphis and its rock with the Southern Pacific Road through El Paso.

The announcement of the speedy execution of the Heffernan murderers affords general satisfaction to the community at Nashville. The persons received the announcement of their execution with apparent unconcern.

Ex-Mayor Opsydie and a delegation of influential New-York capitalists have arrived in Washington to remonstrate against the foreign loan authorized by the new finance bill.

Secretary McCulloch opposes the project of the equalization of bondsmen on the ground of the inability of the Treasury to meet the enormous demand contemplated.

Gen. Woods, commanding in Alabama, has issued an order allowing the churches to be reopened and the ministers to resume their religious duties.

The Joint Committee of Fifteen on Reconstruction commenced the examination of witnesses Wednesday.

The United States Convention, to nominate a candidate for Governor, will hold its session in Harrisburg on Wednesday, the 7th of March.

The rebel John Early arrived in Vera Cruz about the close of December, accompanied by several rebel friends. It is understood that he will leave for the city of Mexico.

TAXATION.

The government is making an effort to reduce the subjects of taxation, and so far as possible, relieve the labor of the country to this burden. This is right, and every well-wisher of the nation will applaud the measure.

A country is rich, strong, and great in proportion to the numbers, the strength, and the activity of its laboring population. It is therefore the aim of every good government to stimulate labor, and not to retard it by imposing burdens.

But we digress. We started out to commend the efforts which the financial officers of the government are making to confine the objects of taxation. We quote two brief paragraphs from the report of the Controller of the Currency, as follows:

It is believed that from a few sources a revenue can be raised sufficient to meet the interest on the public debt, pay the ordinary expenses of government, and contribute to the sinking fund that will pay the national debt in thirty-two years and a half.

We like this, especially the one hundred millions of dollars to be raised on whisky, malt liquor, and domestic wines, and the fifteen millions on tobacco. These pernicious luxuries should be taxed to the fullest extent. People will use them, and let them pay for their indulgence.

GOV. CURTIN'S RETURN.

Governor CURTIN returned to Harrisburg, on Monday last. The Telegraph announces his return, in the following terms: "When Gov. Curtin left Harrisburg for the Island of Cuba, some of the best professional men and many of his warmest personal friends were apprehensive that he would not return alive."

His nervous condition was such as to render it difficult for him to move. His entire system had been reduced fearfully, and the man seemed to have been utterly exhausted by the Herculean labors and incalculable responsibility of his position.

The correspondent of the Press, speaks of a measure which has reference to this locality as follows: "Bills have been offered in the Senate and House in which the North Branch Canal Co. are interested. It appears that when the canal was nearly finished it was sold to the North Branch Canal Company, who were obligated to pay all damage which had been incurred by their predecessors."

We find the following complimentary notice of the Member of Congress from this District in the Danville American: "Hon. Clydes Mercier, our representative in Congress, though a new member, occupies a responsible position, on the standing committee of the House, and judging from his known ability, energy and integrity of character, we predict for him a distinguished place among those who have represented the Bradford district in the councils of the Nation."

DELAY IN THE TRIAL OF DAVIS.—President Johnson has sent to the Senate a message, accompanied by reports of the Secretary of War and the Attorney-General, in response to the resolution that body asking on what charges Jeff Davis and other leading are kept in confinement, and why they are not brought to trial.

From the oil regions of Western Pennsylvania further important intelligence is received. The citizens of Titusville have appointed a vigilance committee, and three incendiaries were on trial. The gallows were already erected, and the authorities are resolved to make thorough and prompt work of ferreting out and effectually removing the desperadoes.

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The Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery was passed by the New-Jersey Legislature Tuesday, the vote in the Senate being—yeas, 13; nays, 8, reversing the vote of last year. One hundred guns were fired at Trenton in celebration of the event.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.—THURSDAY, JAN. 18th, 1866. SENATE.—A resolution was presented to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to grant registers to British-built vessels owned by American citizens. The bill for the admission of Colorado was reported by the committee.

It is said that some parts of the South unscrupulous parties are influencing the negroes against the Freedmen's Bureau, and advising them not to make contracts with the old planters, their design being to force the sales of the plantations at low prices, and then to purchase, expecting to secure the services of the freedmen by promises and appeals to their prejudices against their old masters.

SUFRAGE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from all laws and parts of laws, and prescribing the qualifications of electors for any office in the District of Columbia, the word "white" be and the same is hereby stricken out, and that from and after the passage of this act no person shall be disqualified from voting at any election held in the said District on account of color.

In the Senate yesterday a bill was introduced to amend the act for the relief of seamen and others on the books of vessels lost at sea. A bill was reported to restrict the expenses of collecting soldiers' claims. Mr. Sumner gave notice of an amendment to the bill for the admission of Colorado.

It provides that Colorado shall not be admitted except upon the condition that all inhabitants, without distinction of color or race, shall be made equal in the eye of the law. Notice was given of an intended amendment to the law regulating the sale of postage-stamps. A petition was presented from artisans in government employment asking for the adoption of the eight hour system.

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The Chicago Lake Tunnel.—The work upon the great lake tunnel is advancing with the utmost rapidity. The shore end now extends a distance to be excavated 10,630 feet, or 110 feet over two miles. There are, at the present time, five chambers, or side-adits, used for the purpose of storing brick, lime, sand, cement, etc.

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My goods are new and well selected, and for GOOD GOODS. Will not be undersold by any. Call and examine my stock before purchasing. I retain the Workmen of the old establishment, and

MR. N. H. HART. Will have charge of the business and Manufacturing. In short we have the finest Stock of Goods in our line west of New York, consisting of

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COFFEINS AND BURIAL CASES. Our Undertaker's Department will at all times be well supplied with everything in that line. We have the FINEST HEARSE. In this section, not excepting anything west of New York, and will attend Funerals with a client of Twenty Miles, on reasonable terms.

CLOTHING! CLOTHING! READY MADE AND MADE TO ORDER. J. M. COLLINS. Let door South of Coddling & Russell's, has just received from New York a large and attractive assortment of NEW WINTER CLOTHING.

PIANOS, AMERICAN ORGANS AND MELODIANS. The undersigned most respectfully announces to the citizens of Towanda and vicinity that he has purchased the Music business of G. T. COLE, and will herewith supply any of the above articles, together with VIOLINS, GUITARS, ACCORDIONS, STRINGS, &c., on as good terms as they can be had elsewhere.

CELEBRATED AMERICAN WATCH, and has always on hand, a good assortment of Swiss Watches, with a general assortment of JEWELRY AND FANCY GOODS, Silver and Plated Ware of the BEST MANUFACTURERS, which will be sold at unusually low prices.

REPAIRING AND JOBBING. Done with neatness and dispatch, and warranted. To those who can't see, we would say go to Chamberlain's and get a pair of glasses that will make you see as well as ever. Don't forget the shop, nearly opposite the Court House.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned, administrator of the estate of H. Woodruff, dec'd., will be at the Law Office of Peter A. Fack, in the borough of Towanda, on the 29th day of January, 1866, and remain three days, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are requested to file and prove the same.

INTERESTING TO FARMERS. From the various Agricultural papers which have been published in the United States, the following have been selected and translated from the English into the German language.

WARD HOUSE, TOWANDA, PENNSYLVANIA. JOHN G. WARD. Respectfully informs the public that he has just received from the West a fine assortment of

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