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NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.
Tuesday, December 13, 1870.

A TOTAL eclipse of the sun will take place on the 22d inst. It will not be visible in this country.

CONGRESS has gotten fairly to work and already some important bills have been introduced, among them, one to repeal the income tax, from the 1st of January next; one to prepare a way to return to specie payments by prohibiting the issue of fractional currency in less amounts than 25 cts after July 1, 1871, and all denominations after Dec. 31, 1871.

President's Message.

The President's message was laid before Congress last week Monday. It is much longer than was expected it would be, and as it is impossible for us to publish it in full, we give our readers a short summary of the most important parts: The President opens his message by referring to the prosperous condition of the country, and then touches upon the success which has met the efforts for reconstructing the southern States; Georgia being now the only one not represented in Congress, and that state he expects will be properly represented early in the year.

The war between France and Prussia, he says, has rendered it necessary to issue neutrality proclamations, owing to the large population from both of those countries now residing in our midst. The President has evidently caught the Real Estate fever from Secretary Seward, and is firmly convinced of the necessity of adding to our territorial limits. He consequently urges upon Congress the importance of purchasing San Domingo, and suggests that a commission be formed to see what are the best terms that it can be bought for. The "Alabama Claim" is referred to by stating, that as yet, England has shown no willingness to negotiate for the settlement in a satisfactory manner, and suggests the propriety of commissioners being appointed by Congress who shall collect all claims, from private individuals and receive power to settle them. Regarding the difficulties which are so frequently occurring between the fishermen of the U. S., and the Canadian authorities, the President thinks that the St. Lawrence river and its outlet should be free to both countries which would obviate all further trouble.

The subject of encouraging the lines of American steamers is briefly alluded to, and the propriety is suggested of aid being extended to enable them to compete with foreign lines. He suggests the transfer of the pension bureau from the Interior, to the War Department. The amount paid for pensions during the year ending September 1870, was \$27,780,811.11.

In regard to the qualification for civil office, the President makes some remarks which cannot fail to meet the approval of every citizen, regardless of party. We quote from the message on that subject as follows:

"I respectfully call your attention to one abuse, of long standing, which I would like to see remedied by this Congress. It is a reform in the civil service of the country. I would have it go beyond the mere fixing of the tenure of office of clerks and employees, who do not require the advice and consent of the Senate to make their appointments complete. I would have it govern not the tenure, but the manner of making all appointments.

There is no duty which so much embarrasses the executives and heads of Departments, nor is there any such arduous and thankless labor imposed on Senators and Representatives, as that of finding places for constituents. The present system does not secure the best men,

and often not even fit men for public places.

The elevation and purification of the civil service of the Government, will be hailed with approval by the whole people of the United States."

The President approves the present system of taxation, being evidently impressed with the belief that this generation should cancel the national indebtedness, but hopes, if the people will patiently bear their present burdens a few years, the collection of the Revenue can be so arranged that the visits of the tax gatherer may be done away with, and the luxuries may be so taxed that a sufficient amount may be raised from them to meet the requirements of the Government.

We are glad to see the President has placed himself squarely in favor of a Protective Tariff, as he suggests that the interests of our home Mechanics be protected against the pauper labor of the old countries. He calls the attention of Congress to the importance of an increase of the Navy, in order that the government may be enabled to properly protect our line of sea coast, and enforce our foreign policy. The policy of conducting the Indian affairs as a missionary enterprise, has worked to the entire satisfaction of the President and he proclaims his intention of continuing the workings of that department in the same way.

The suggestion of the Post Master General, regarding the repeal of the Franchise Privilege meets the hearty approval of the President, and he urges Congress to take some action on the subject. He declares his approval of the "Homestead Law" but thinks that Congress is too liberal in its grants of land to railroad corporations, believing that the public land should be reserved for the use of actual settlers.

The number of Patents issued during the year was 10,411.

The President closes his message as follows:

"In conclusion, I would sum up the policy of the administration to be a thorough enforcement of every law, a faithful collection of every tax provided for economy in the disbursement of the same, prompt payment of every debt of the nation, reduction of taxes as rapidly as the requirements of the country will admit, reductions of taxation and tariff to be so arranged as to afford the relief to the greatest number, honest and fair dealings with all other people, so the end that war, with all its blighting consequences, may be avoided, but without surrendering any right or obligation due to us.

A reform in our treatment of the Indians, and in the whole civilization of the country, and finally, in securing a pure untrammelled ballot: that every man entitled to vote may do so just once at each election, without fear of molestation or proscription on his political faith, color, or nationality.

(Signed) U. S. GRANT, EXECUTIVE MANSION, Dec. 5, 1870.

Narrow Gauge Railways.

The Lebanon Courier says: "A number of gentlemen from Reading, Lebanon, Harrisburg and Allentown are making arrangement to build a two feet six inch gauge railroad from Allentown via Reading and Lebanon to Harrisburg, running along the Tulpehocken and Swatara creeks for the purpose of carrying local freights and passengers.

They propose using the Farley engines on a narrow track, as the costs of construction and equipment is only one-third that of the wide gauge roads of 4 feet 8 inches. The speed on these roads is from 20 to 25 miles an hour, and freight can be carried at 1 cent per ton per mile and yield a handsome revenue upon the investment.

These roads are used extensively in Wales and in many places on the continent, in Australia and in Canada. In the latter place they are now building a road of this kind a distance of 120 miles. The Pacific Railroad Company are employed building one a distance of ninety miles as a tributary to their main road."

This is the kind of a road that could easily be built and made self-supporting in this county.

A short time ago, a bull belonging to Mr. Doak, of Briarcreek township, fell into a well that was being dug in the barnyard, and a novel expedient was resorted to in order to get him out. The well was filled with straw, until by tramping it down, he gradually rose higher and higher, and finally walked over the top and out of his prison.

Miscellaneous News Items.

An Ohio chiropodist travels in a wagon built and painted like a human foot with corns and bunions all over it.

A mail bag, containing letters for the Washington and Philadelphia distribution offices, was recently stolen from the mail wagon at New Haven.

A wild woman has been discovered on West Mountain, near Keene, N. H. She takes to the thick woods when pursued.

A couple of farmers in Hardin county Iowa, went to law five years ago over \$25. The suit has just ended, and both farmers had to sell their farms to pay the costs.

A man who was lost on the Plains, and who has lived on raw fish, desiring to vary his bill of fare, says he pursued a toad for two days, but without success.

A boy in Franklin county, Indiana lighted a match for the purpose of burning a bug. He succeeded in burning his father's barn. The fate of the bug has not been ascertained.

A physician in Toronto has sued a newspaper of that place for asserting that he was "formerly a coachman." The sum of \$20,000 damages, he thinks, will heal his wounded reputation.

Miss Addie Miller, of Washington Mich., has sued her brother-in-law, the Rev. J. L. Wicker, for breach of promise to marry, estimating her anguish at \$10,000.

Judge Fisher of Missouri, has decided that a white man who had been living with a negro woman before emancipation and after, was under the laws and Constitution of the State of Mississippi, her lawful husband.

Messrs. Willits & Wilson, farmers in North Hempstead, raised this season 2,400 barrels of squashes on eighteen acres of land, for which they received over \$10,000. They also cultivated eighty-five acres of cabbages, and received over \$22,000.

A girl of fifteen years, daughter of David Myers, a well to-do farmer, of Field township, Jefferson county, Illinois, committed suicide, recently, by stabbing herself through the abdomen, because her parents objected to her receiving the attention of a young man of the neighborhood.

Samuel H. Ross, a wealthy farmer of Knox county, O., sent a letter and four papers in one envelope, not long ago, putting four cents in stamps thereon. Last week he settled for the rest of the postage due with the United States Court in Cleveland, and it cost him \$169.80.

A man by the name of Farley, at Rockport, near Cleveland, sold his property for \$10,000, put the money in a belt about his person, and started for Tennessee to buy land, on the night express train. He fell asleep near New London, and on waking at Crestline, found himself divested of the belt and money.

Mrs. John Miller, of Oakland, Allegheny county, Md., recently presented her husband with four children at one birth. At last accounts the mother and children were all doing well. The neighbors have presented the mother with a purse of \$500.

Benjamin Howard, aged 82 years, was found murdered on Saturday morning near his dwelling, three miles from Westport, Mass. He was shot through the body and his head and right leg had been cut off with an axe. He lived alone. An attempt had been made apparently, to bury the body, which was found in the woods.

The hunters of Siberia, when hard pressed by hunger take two thin pieces of board, one is laid, and placing one on the top of the stomach, and the other on the back, gradually draw together the extremities and thus allay, in some degree, the cravings of appetite. A similar practice is known among the South Sea Islanders. This is supposed to be a very economical kind of board.

A man entered a house at Lake View, Illinois, the other night, and made a stirring impromptu discourse, in which he exhorted the inmates to fly to heaven with all possible haste, in order to save themselves from impending doom. He then proceeded to assist them out of the world, and had injured several very seriously before he was driven from the premises.

As a citizen of Long Island, was recently leaving the midnight ferryboat at Hunter's Point, a well dressed and handsome young lady took his arm, and uttering terms of endearment such as are used by newly-married people only begged him to go in an opposite direction. The gentleman is a bachelor, and the familiarity of the lady astonished him. When they stepped under a street lamp, the lady looked up in the face of her protector uttered a shriek, and rushed back toward the ferry. She had mistaken the bachelor for her husband, who unknown to her, had stopped at the ticket office to pay his fare.

A sonambulist in New Haven jumped down the other night sixteen feet upon a tin roof and still asleep, deliberately walked off to another roof six feet lower; then walked through a skylight, and lodged on a table ten feet below, and then in some way crawled back through the dismantled skylight, cutting his feet badly in his struggles. The noise awakened a man in the house, who found the sonambulist standing upon the tin roof with nothing on but his shirt, and entirely unconscious as to how he came there. He was wounded and nearly frozen, and was taken back into the house and properly cared for.

A Good Offer.

It is well known that the regular subscription to DEMOREST'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE is \$3. That we may bring our Journal to every house in this county, we have made arrangements, by which we are enabled to send the Bloomfield Times and Demorest's Monthly for one year for \$3 00.

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BALLOU'S MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY. - The January number of BALLOU'S MAGAZINE is already issued, and a splendid number it is in every respect. The engravings are numerous and well executed, and the stories are of the best quality, and of such variety that even the most fastidious must be suited with three or four. There is an illustrated article on the "Oroslungullion Marriage," something that will be read with interest; there is a "Juvenile Graze," by B. P. Stillaber; the great story of "Greece," by C. A. Stephens; the "Crystal Palace, London," "Panama," "A Leap in the Dark," an interesting novel by Frances M. Schoolecraft; "Sweet-William," a sketch by Theodore Arnold; "A Happy New Year," by May Hamilton; "Copenhagen," a California story; a funny tale by Darling; "Teresa," a love story, by Carrie F. Beebe; "Joe's Reward," by Mrs. Edson; "The Spirit of the Slave-Ship," a thrilling sea-story by Geo. H. Cooner; "The Storm at Sea," by Mrs. Willian; "Jim's Christmas," by Mattie W. Torrey; "A Night in the Old Barn on Bear River," by Kit Carson, Jr.; besides lot of good poetry, burlesques, matter, householders' recipes, comic engravings, etc., &c., and all for the small sum of 15 cents single copy, or \$1.50 per year. It is the best magazine in the county for general readers, old and young. Thomas & Talbot, 63 Congress Street, Boston, are the publishers but the Magazine can be found at any periodical depot in the county.

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County Price Current.

Table listing various commodities such as Flour, Extra, Red Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, etc. with their respective prices per bushel or unit.

Philadelphia Price Current.

Table listing Philadelphia prices for commodities like White Wheat, Red Wheat, Rye, Corn, etc.

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