

The Press.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1864. We can take no notice of anonymous communications. We do not receive anonymous communications. We do not receive anonymous communications.

The Old Subject.

Hon. C. M. Pinckney, a slave-owner, who acted as chairman of a congressional committee recently held at Coatesburg, Kentucky, asked this important question: "Can any man for a moment believe that slavery can exist in Kentucky, surrounded by a free people? If not, why not? If yes, why not? If yes, why not? If yes, why not?"

It is the old subject: Slavery, slavery, slavery. The misery, the injustice, the folly, the villainy of slavery; the necessity of destroying it; the means of attacking it; the reasons for its being so long in its decay, disgraceful debates in the national Congress; in the corruption of Administration; in the degradation of our soldiers; in the degradation of our people. We have greater reason now to be three weary of it, having read the black record by battle-light, and finding the suffering written to longer the blood of the negro red, but also in the blood of the Northern freeman. It is that which we find of slavery and anti-slavery; yet, as Christian in the allegory could not rid himself of his burden, the cross, we must endure this curse till we deserve the blessing. We want the American people to read so much of slavery, to know so much of it, that they will be sick of its very name—and that they never again shall we return to the olden apathy, far worse for us than the forest war. On the contrary, we must exchange indifference to slavery for a more active interest in its fate. If we end the war without abolishing slavery, we will have fought to little purpose.

We are afraid that the proposed amendment to the Constitution, which would give the Federal Government the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, will not be passed. It is a measure of great importance, and one which will have a great effect upon the commerce of the country. It is a measure which will have a great effect upon the commerce of the country. It is a measure which will have a great effect upon the commerce of the country.

The Spring Campaign. As winter recedes and spring advances, we are daily led more thoroughly to appreciate the value of the national reform. We are daily led more thoroughly to appreciate the value of the national reform. We are daily led more thoroughly to appreciate the value of the national reform.

Execution and Occupation. A difference exists between the allies who have just returned the Danneberg, and this difference is interesting as a curiosity, if it does not grow hereafter into what is more serious. The perplexities of the Danneberg, if the strategy of the Danneberg, if the strategy of the Danneberg, if the strategy of the Danneberg.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.

Through the story that Gen. Sherman has captured 15,000 rebels under Grant's command, we are enabled to see that we lack no confirmation of the success of his brilliant march in Mississippi. An official telegram to the rebel War Department at length announces his presence at Quilman, about thirty miles from Meridian, on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, and directly on the way to Mobile, in progress of what the Richmond Examiner has lately placed on all the telegrams of the war. From the same authority we hear that SHERMAN's force is thirty thousand strong, marching in close order, and bringing up trains and baggage trains behind.

Petroleum Will be King. Although the abundant existence of Coal Oil, or Petroleum in this State was well known, from the early settlement of Pennsylvania—earlier, perhaps, for the Indians used it as a matter, perhaps, for the Indians used it as a matter, perhaps, for the Indians used it as a matter.

Yesterday. We do not believe that, if the teachings of WASHINGTON had been forgotten by the people, his birthday would have been celebrated with such universal enthusiasm. We answer those who declare that we have forgotten his principles, with the patriotism and pride of yesterday. For years the day has not been welcomed with such general joy.

WASHINGTON. (Special Despatches to The Press.) The National Union Committee. The National Union Committee met at the residence of Hon. Edwin M. Ferguson, at noon to-day, and was called to order by that gentleman as its chairman.

THE WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST. RUMORED RAID OF FRENCH TENNESSEE BY MORGAN. The Rebels Blockading the Tennessee River. LONGSBERRY'S SITUATION. GENERAL GRANT'S HEADQUARTERS. NORTH CAROLINA. ST. LOUIS. CALIFORNIA. TREASURE FROM CALIFORNIA. AFFRIT OF THE DENVER CITY MINT ROBBERS. RECEPTION OF GEN. BURNESIDE IN PORTLAND. HOLMIDALE IN NEW HAVEN. ARRIVAL OF A HUNGARIAN PRIGATE.

COMMEMORATION OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY. The Route of the Procession one Blaze of Patriotism. BUSINESS GENERALLY SUSPENDED. Philadelphia Remembers the First Commander-in-Chief of the Union Army. United Demonstration of our Veteran Volunteers. THE NATIONAL UNION LEAGUE. Speeches by Morton McMichael, Esq., Daniel Dougherty, Esq., George H. Boker, Esq., and others.

The Public and Private Dwellings Decorated with Flags, Banners, Motions, and other emblems of the day. On the occasion of the one hundred and thirty-second anniversary, the memory of Washington occupied an evocation which will bear comparison with the demonstrations of former years. Through all his past career he never could have been in the receipt of more homage than by yesterday.

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PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock this evening, and the motion of Mr. PROVOST, adjourned until Thursday at 4 o'clock P. M. The Bounty in Bucks County. Mr. PROVOST, Feb. 22.—A motion for the adjournment of the Bucks County Court was made today. It was agreed to pay \$500 bounty to every volunteer credited to the county.

Arrival of the Bohemian. From Liverpool, arrived here last night. Mr. PROVOST, Feb. 22.—The following is a statement of the condition of the New York banks for the week ending Feb. 22, 1864. Total assets, \$1,000,000,000. Total liabilities, \$1,000,000,000. Total surplus, \$1,000,000,000.

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