

The Press.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1864.

In consequence of the unprecedented demand for our special report on the oil regions of West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, we have to announce that it will be republished in THE WAR PRESS of this week.

Since the hour when GEORGE WASHINGTON wrote his Farewell Address to the people of a chastened but united and triumphant Republic, no Chief Magistrate has ever had the theme and the audience of Mr. President LINCOLN.

The occasion might suggest a similarity in the two men, but the habit of reverence which attracts us to WASHINGTON is not to our religion would make this inappropriate. The America of today is in many respects the America of that morning when the retirement of WASHINGTON had passed through a long, exhausting, desolating war—not so majestic, but almost as important, as our present war for Freedom.

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shows in the value thereof, and affords a certain proof for which it is not to be purchased. The Mississippi river has risen eighteen feet at Memphis in one week.

THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC RAILROADS. The nomination of Hon. JAMES SWAN as Attorney General was in the Senate to-day referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, which has the honor of examining the nomination.

THE READING OF THE MESSAGE. The reading of the President's message in the House was several times interrupted by applause, and the concluding portion, in which he says he will not be the instrument to reinstate such persons as are made free by the action of Congress, and by any of the acts of Congress, and, in stating a single condition, no means simply to say, "we will restore them to the Government whenever it shall have ceased on the part of those who have been made free."

THE WAR.

GEN. GRANT'S ARMY.

Firing near the Jerusalem Plank-Road. PROMOTION OF GENERAL MEADE AND OTHER OFFICERS. The Rebels Acknowledge a Driven Battle. Union Reinforcements Going Up Broad River. ADVICES FROM NEW ORLEANS.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

In presenting to Congress his annual report in the form of a statement of the condition of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Treasury has the honor to state that he has the pleasure to announce that the Treasury is in a condition to meet the demands of the Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 1864.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 1864. SALMON P. CHASE CONFERS AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT. The Senate to-day confirmed SALMON P. CHASE as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

slightly over the estimate of the Department, that to increase the amount authorized to be borrowed, the Government has authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000.

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. ADVISORS FROM PANAMA.—THE PRISONERS FROM THE HETTERUS REPUBLIC.—THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONGRESS AT LIMON.—THE DEPARTURE OF THE STEAMER CALIFORNIA.

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