

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—The President has addressed a short message to Congress in which he advises a reconsideration of the law paying a bounty of \$800 to veteran volunteers up to the fifth of January, earnestly recommending that the time be extended to February 1st.

INTERESTING TO MINERS.—The Scientific American has the following piece of information interesting to miners: We have received a letter from Mr. Alexander Kable, editor of the Hamburg Germania, in which he states that, by some effort, he would be able to induce from 4,000 to 5,000 experienced miners of Saxony, Hannover, &c., to emigrate to the United States.

LETTER FROM THE 72d REG'T. INDIANA MOUNTED INFANTRY. HENRYVILLE, (Ind.) Dec. 19th, 1863. H. B. MASSER, Esq. DEAR SIR:—I should like to correspond with your most true and patriotic paper.

IN 1854, at the adjournment of the State Senate, Mr. B. D. Hamlin was elected Speaker. The Democrats, when the Legislature re-assembled in 1855, had the majority, but Mr. Buckalew, who had been appointed by the President bearer of despatches to South America, did not take his seat, owing to the failure of the vessel, in which he had sailed for home, to arrive in time.

HON. ROBERT J. WALKER'S LETTERS. In a masterly manner Mr. Walker exhibits to the people of Europe the difference in condition one of the working classes would experience by emigrating to the United States, and the other by remaining in Europe.

THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.—The members elect of both Houses assembled in the Capitol on Tuesday last. The House of Representatives was duly organized by the election of H. C. Johnson, of Crawford county, as Speaker, and A. W. Benedict, of Huntingdon, as Clerk.

REMARKABLE PETRIFICATION OF AN ENTIRE TREE WAS LATELY DISCOVERED IN THE BALTIMORE MINE, AT WILKESBARRE, PA., BY THE MINERS WHILE BLASTING FOR COAL.

JOHN MORGAN, THE ESCAPED GUERRILLA CHIEF, HAS REACHED RICHMOND, AND DAVIS HAS GIVEN HIM A COMMAND IN THE ARMY OF GEORGIA.

IT IS STATED BY A GENTLEMAN RECENTLY FROM TENNESSEE THAT AT AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THIRTY PROMINENT SLAVE HOLDERS OF THAT STATE, ALL BUT ONE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE ADVANTAGES TO BE DERIVED FROM COMING AGAIN UNDER THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD MORE THAN COMPENSATE FOR ANY LOSS OF SLAVE PROPERTY THEY MIGHT SUFFER, AND THAT THEREFORE NO REMUNERATION SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

WM. H. GRAHAM, FORMERLY PROPRIETOR OF "GRAHAM'S MAGAZINE," DIED IN A GROVE STORE IN ANN STREET, NEW YORK, ON FRIDAY, INTERMEDIATE. MR. GRAHAM WAS FIFTY YEARS OF AGE AND WAS A NATIVE OF PHILADELPHIA.

PROFESSOR WOODS' MEXICO.—The Washington (Washington) lecturer and geologist, in a lecture of nearly four hours, delivered last night, and which was attended by a large number of persons, he proposed to publish a book on the subject of the geology of Mexico, and to issue it in the form of a series of papers.

SEIZURE OF CONFEDERATE BONDS. SEIZURE OF MILLIONS OF NOTES—MACHINE PLATES, DIES AND STAMP TAKERS—ARREST OF THE GUILTY PARTIES. [From the New York Times.] One of the most important Government cases ever worked up in this city was completed at a late hour on Saturday night, and has resulted in the seizure of about \$6,000,000 in Confederate bonds, \$1,000,000 in Confederate Treasury notes, and a large quantity of dies, printing presses, lathes, and other machinery for doing fine bank note engraving.

HOW THE MONITORS ARE CLEANED. A correspondent of the Baltimore American tells how the bottoms of the monitors of Charleston are cleaned, as follows: "During a recent visit to Port Royal I witnessed with considerable interest the operations of the divers employed to clean the bottoms of the monitors, and perform other similar operations under the water. Messrs. Joseph H. Smith and James B. Phelps have a contract with the government for the performance of this work, and have been of great use here. Their principal diver—appropriately named Waters—is so used to this work that he has become almost amphibious, remaining for five or six hours at a time under water.

THE COLD WEATHER. DETENTION OF TRAINS BY ICE IN THE SUSQUEHANNA. BALTIMORE, Jan. 3.—The train which left New York last night reached here at 7:30 to-night. The detention was caused by ice in the Susquehanna river. The train leaves to-night at 10 o'clock, expecting to get through the ice in the morning.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH. CHARLESTON ON FIRE. Tremendous Bombardment Christmas Morning. A FIGHT AT LEGAREVILLE. U. S. Gun-Boat "Marblehead" Wins. A Brilliant Victory.

THE REBELS ABANDON THEIR FORTIFICATIONS. HEAD-QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH, FOLLY ISLAND, S. C., December 31, 1863.—The Commander of this army, knowing that the arrogant and opinionated Charlestonians always "kept Christmas" and thinking their festivities required meteorological and prophetic adjuncts, gave orders on Christmas eve to the rebel batteries on that city, while the dance and the wassail were at their height.

DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA. AN EXPECTED REBEL RAID. HARTLEY'S FERRY, Jan. 1. There has been considerable movement of troops in this neighborhood to-day, it having been reported here that the Rebel Gen. Early, with the cavalry commands of Imboden and Jones, are moving down the Valley with the intention of attacking our troops at Winchester.

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