

THE AGITATOR

WELLSBOROUGH, PA. WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 16, 1861

The Cabinet had a meeting on Monday, and decided not to send any reinforcements to Major Anderson at present.

Florida and Alabama have seceded from the Union. An ordinance of secession was passed by the Florida Convention on Thursday of last week, with but seven negative votes.

In Virginia, the question of Secession is to be submitted to a vote of the people, to be given at the time the delegates to the State Convention are elected.

South Carolina has defeated the United States in the first conflict. The Star of the West has landed her men at Fort Columbia and not at Fort Sumter, and the Administration are considering the question whether the fact that a vessel bearing the stars and stripes shall henceforth be a reason for her exclusion from an American port.

The New York papers of yesterday contained but little news of importance from Charleston. The South Carolina Legislature has declared that any attempt by the Federal Government to reinforce Fort Sumter will be regarded as an act of open hostility and a declaration of war.

It will be admitted on all sides that a prime necessity to the existence and perpetuation of the Union of these States, is an Administration devoted heart and soul to the Constitution as it is, and the enforcement of the laws.

It is suggested that if South Carolina will not come back into the Union, all the States shall go over to her. She could hardly refuse so magnificent an offer.

Oliver Byron Young, "the chain lightning sensation orator of the West," wants to assassinate the Hon. Abraham Lincoln.

The future Presidential family.—A correspondent of the Tribune writes as follows of Mr. Lincoln's family:

A niece of Mr. Lincoln—a beautiful and accomplished young lady of eighteen—will grace the Presidential party on their journey, and will become a member of the family at the White House.

To-day Mr. Lincoln received a present of a very beautiful hat, fitting him exactly, from a lady in New York, a descendant from one of the old Knickerbocker families, and whose paternal ancestor was a member of the first American Congress which met in Philadelphia in 1774.

A soft traveling hat came with the other, both in a very elegant and substantial case. Young Lincoln, the "Prince of Bails," now in Harvard College, and who is highly spoken of at Springfield, will join his parents on their way to Washington.

If patriotism, intelligence, and virtue shall be appreciated at the seat of Government, then shall this most excellent family occupy a position second to none which has preceded it.

administration, we shall have a wise and just Government, and that Mr. Buchanan, aided by the patriotic advisers by which he is now surrounded may retrieve much of the character which he has lost by his former acts.

FROM WASHINGTON. Summary of the News of the Week. [Specially prepared for The Agitator.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 1861. THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The final caucus of the Republicans was held on Friday night last, with closed doors. Mr. Howard, of Michigan, in the Chair. The proposition of Hon. James T. Hale, of the Lycoming District, was submitted. It was in effect that all the territory of the United States north of thirty-six degrees and thirty minutes—the old Missouri compromise line—should be free, and all South of that line to remain as it is, with liberty to the People to organize into States wherever they please, with or without slavery.

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THE AGITATOR. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. A sufficient Exposition.—Tom. "What ails your eye, Joe?" Joe—"I told a man he lied."

It was wittily, but somewhat ungallantly said that a woman in the very reverse of her mirror—the one reflects without talking, the other talks without reflecting.

It seems that Fred ordered Major Anderson to return to Fort Moultrie "even if he should die in the last ditch," and that the latter ironically replied, "I prefer to die at Fort Sumter."

General Scott is the largest man in the American service. He is six feet six inches tall, and weighs two hundred and sixty pounds. He is 74 years old, yet his health is good, and his whole system is apparently vigorous.

It is stated that the original table on which the Declaration of Independence was signed, is in Charleston, owned by a lady there, who indignantly refused it to the seceders, when they asked to be permitted to make use of it in signing the secession ordinance.

The ex-King of Naples is by no means a pauper, notwithstanding the loss of his dominions. His treasure has been conveyed to Paris. According to the reports, it is wholly in silver—9,000,000 of silver ducats, or \$9,000,000.

A sharp case is now pending before the Supreme Court, Ohio. One smart rogue traded off a tract of land upon another for gold chains, put in at \$30 each. The land was three feet under water, and the gold chains are sold at \$9 a dozen.

It is stated in public papers, on both sides of the Atlantic, that there are about thirty thousand Americans. This is a low estimate that one-half of these are absent a full year, and that these, on an average, spend two thousand dollars each annually. This amounts to thirty millions of dollars!

A woman named Mrs. Mary Ann German, died in a state of great prostration in Syracuse, on Monday last, and was buried at the public expense. She was the widow of Obadiah German, who resided at Norwich, Chenango county, and represented New York in the United States Senate from 1809 to 1818.

Illinois has done pretty well for one year. She has not only furnished the country with an honest man for President, but has produced food enough for nearly all creation. Her exports of grain for 1860 amount to 37,000,000 bushels, and her farmers have a surplus of 40,000,000 bushels on hand, ready to market in the spring.

Mr. Church has at last commenced upon his undertaking of passing an iceberg, studies for which he made two years ago in Newfoundland. The canvass is the same size as the Heart of the Andes. The sole object in the picture will be a vast and solitary iceberg, a mountain of glittering ice with domes, and fantastical pinnacles, rising out of the ocean.

Senator Trumbull is having his Washington residence put in first-rate order for the reception of his expected guest, the President elect, who is expected in February. Mrs. Lincoln will be accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Edwards, from whose office she is said to have eloped with Young "abe," then a briefless attorney.

as the only human power capable of arresting the current tendency of affairs. They alone can preserve the peace now.

It describes at length the glorious state of freedom and prosperity to which the country had attained at the opening of the present difficulty; and predicts calamities upon all conceivable now, from the distraction of the English which is threatened. It alleges that the trouble at the South arises from misapprehension there of the purposes of the great mass of the northern people, and urges that the question should promptly be remitted to the people at the ballot-box, by Congress.

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COURSES COMING HOME. In 1836, Caleb Cushing was a member of the House of Representatives, and made a magnificent Union speech. See how some of his malcontents now come back upon himself.

I pray to God, if in the decrees of his providence, He have any mercy in store for me not to suffer me to behold the hour of its dissolution; its glory extinct; its banner of its pride rent and trampled in the dust; its nationality a dismembered spirit, brooding like the genius of the past, amid the prostrate monuments of its old magnificence.

To him that shall compass or plot the dissolution of this Union, I would apply language resembling what I remember to have seen of an old anathema: Wherever fire burns or water runs; wherever ships float or lands is killed; wherever the skies vault themselves, or the lark carols to the dawn, or sun shines, or earth greets in his ray; wherever God is worshipped in temples or heard in thunder; wherever man is honored or woman loved; thence, from henceforth and forever, shall there be to him no part or lot in the honor of man or love of woman. Ixion's revolving wheel, the over-mantling cup, at which Tantalus may not slake his unquenchable thirst, the insatiable vulture gnawing at the immortal heart of Prometheus, the rebel giants writhing in the volcanic fires of Aetna are but faint types of his doom.

SPECIAL NOTICES. A CARD. We, the undersigned, having in use "P. P. Stewart's Celebrated Summer and Winter Air Tight Cooking Stove," purchased of Parker Brothers, Wellsboro, take pleasure in testifying to the complete satisfaction with which we have used them. For all the practical uses of a Cooking Stove, as well as for economy in fuel, they are unequalled by anything with which we have ever been acquainted.

TO CONSUMPTIVES. The Advertiser, having been restored to health in a few weeks by a very simple remedy, after having suffered several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease, Consumption—is anxious to make known to his fellow-sufferers the means of cure.

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL AND TOILET Receipt Book. This book contains Recipes and Directions for making all the most valuable Medical preparations in use; also Recipes and full and explicit directions for making all the most popular and useful Cosmetics, Hair Dressings, Unguents, Hair Restoratives, and all Toilet Articles.

DR. J. BOYCE DODD'S VEGETABLE IMPERIAL WINE BITTERS? All who are afflicted with Incontinent Consumption or Weak Lungs should use them.

TIoga CO. COURT PROCLAMATION. Whereas, the Hon. Robert G. White, President of the 4th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, has appointed A. Humphrey and J. C. Whittaker, Esq's, Associate Judges in Tioga county, have issued their precept, bearing date the 15th day of December, 1860, and to me directed, for the holding of Orphan's Court, Court of Common Pleas, General Quarter Sessions and Orphan and Terminals of the County of Tioga, on the first Monday of February (being the 4th day), 1861, and to continue two weeks.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the following Administrators and Executors have filed their accounts in the Register's office of Tioga County, Pa., and that the same will be presented to the Orphan's Court on Monday, the 4th day of February, for confirmation and allowance, viz: Account of Calvin Reynolds and P. P. Smith, Administrators of Joshua Smith, dec'd. J. B. ARCHER, Register. Jan. 16, 1861.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Administration having been granted to the subscriber on the estate of Fanny Greenleaf, late of Delmar township, dec'd, notice is hereby given to those indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them properly authenticated for settlement to the subscriber, in Delmar, Jan. 16, 1861. JACOB HILTBOLD, Adm'r.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Administration having been granted to the subscriber on the estate of George Mattison, late of Farmington township, dec'd, notice is hereby given to those indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them properly authenticated for settlement to the subscriber. Farmington, Dec. 5, 1860. H. MERTY, Adm'r.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned, appointed Auditor to distribute the proceeds of the Sheriff's Sale of the property of Daniel Wilson, late of Covington, will attend to that duty at his office in Tioga, on Thursday, the 31st day of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M. F. E. SMITH, Auditor. Tioga, Jan. 9, 1861.

YOUNG CATTLE WANTED. HORSES, a new covered Buggy, a Sulky, Lamb, or Shingles, will be exchanged for Cows, Yearlings, or two year old ones. COL. JOHNSON, Brooklyn, (near Tioga) Dec. 18, 1860.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the P. O. at Wellsboro, Pa., for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1860.

- Andrews Rev Thos (4)
Applegate Miss Tabitha
Barstow Mrs Mary
Bayle Edward
Burley W W (2)
Beange B
Bartholomew Charles
Barber George
Baker Charles
Conyer Caleb
Crowl Mrs Nancy
Conyer William
Conyer Miss Clarissa
Coburn P M
Coompan James
Devison Rev Alva
Ferguson W F
Freeman E H
Ervey Nelson
Gardner H
Glen John O
Hogben Sylvester
Harkness Miss Alice J
Hoffman A W
Impton Nat
Jensen John A
Jensen C
Kris F W
King Samuel
Lockwood R C
Langer George E
Lansden & Ensign
Young Mrs Elizabeth

NEW GOODS. FALL AND WINTER HATS AND CAPS. Just received, and having bought my Silk Hats unusually low prices.

BRIGADE ORDERS. OFFICE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL, Covington, Jan. 14, 1861. The Field Officers within the bounds of the 2d Brigade, 13th Division of the Army of the Potomac, are hereby notified to meet at the house of E. H. Potter, in Middlebury, on Friday, the 25th day of January inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., as Board of Officers, to audit the accounts of such persons and Military Companies as may be laid before you.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Court will be held at the Court House, in Wellsboro, by the Hon. David Wilnot, commencing on the fourth Monday of March next, to continue one week, for the trial of the following causes, under the provisions of the act of Assembly of the 14th April, 1854.

- Samuel M. Rex vs J. Thompson
Geo Wallace et al vs I. Inghel
S. Pierce vs J. Duffey et al
S. Pierce vs Stephen Babcock
Tioga County vs John W. Maynard
J. S. Bryden's Adm'r vs Hiram Inghel
Bingham Trustees vs Stephen Potter
J. N. Bach vs G. E.
Sarah L. Keene vs Amos Birby
Amos Birby vs Amos L. Keene
Bingham Trustees vs Anson Buck et al
Bingham Trustees vs Timothy Brace et al
A. Furness vs H. C.
M. M. Converse vs Henry Colton

APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE.—Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have filed their petitions in the office of the Clerk of the Courts of Tioga Co. for License to keep public house, viz:

- R. F. Wilson, Keeneyville.
James Miller, Jackson.
John Irvin, Union.
Jos. W. Bignon, Wellsboro.
Geo. W. Lloyd, Middlebury.
C. A. Whittemore, Covington township.

IMPROVED FARM.—The subscriber offers for sale a farm on Middle Ridge, in Delmar township, known as the Poltius Wilson place, containing 62 acres, 45 acres improved, frame house, frame barn and apple orchard.

NOTICE.—The Tax-Payers of Delmar township, are requested to meet at the house of E. S. Farr, in Wellsboro, on Wednesday, the 23d inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., to select suitable persons for township officers the coming year.

CONSTABLE. We are requested to announce that C. S. FIELD will be a candidate for re-election to the office of Constable of Wellsboro at the approaching election.

DONATION VISIT. The friends on Chatham Charge have agreed upon Tuesday, the 22d day of January, afternoon and evening, to meet at the new Parsonage in Farmington, to be by the Rev. J. H. AUSTIN a Donation Visit, in which all the friends of religion are respectfully invited.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary having been granted to the subscribers on the estate of Ira Clark Baxter, deceased, late of Nelson township, Tioga county, notice is hereby given to those indebted to said estate, to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them properly authenticated, for settlement, to the subscribers. G. H. BAXTER, Executor. Tricactors, Steuben Co., N. Y., Jan. 2, 1861.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned having been appointed Auditor by the Court of Common Pleas of Tioga County, to adjust the proceeds of Sheriff's Sale of the real estate of Charles Boynton, will attend to the duties of said appointment at the Hotel of Morris Kahoy in Middlebury, on Friday, the 1st day of February next, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, when and where all persons interested will please take notice. JOHN W. GUERNSEY, Auditor. Jan. 2, 1861.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned, appointed an auditor to settle the account of C. Robinson and Jas. Barber, executors of O. B. Goodman, deceased, and make distribution of the proceeds of said estate, will attend to the duties of his appointment on Saturday, January 12, 1861, at one o'clock P. M., at the office of A. P. COLE, in Wellsboro, Dec. 26, 1860.

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