

THE AGITATOR.
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NOTICE.
White paper, upon which THE AGITATOR is printed, costs now more than 100 per cent. more than it did six months ago.

THE TOUCHSTONE.
The measure of every human act, whether individual or collective, of every human intention, whether selfish or benevolent, of every motive, whether impulsive or deliberative—is its moral bearing and effect upon the welfare of the entire family of man.

We judge of measures and of policy, as a people, without due reflection. Of a measure, before it has a week of life, we are very apt to say, "it will never do. It hears too harshly there and affords opportunity of escape here."

What folly, then, is it for men to speak of the processes of national growth and progress as they would speak of the trifling affairs which run their little race in barely a day!

Now we have a proclamation of freedom to some three and a half millions heretofore in bonds. Nationally, it was the initial act of the New Year.

But we are not of those who measure that instrument by physical forces. That it will have the effect to close this struggle in a few months we do not believe.

The man who would counsel an act unworthy, and insulting to the age in which we live, is not worthy to be reckoned a habitant of a civilized land.

The War.—From New Orleans information comes that the rebels attacked and captured Galveston, Texas, and with it destroyed two of our gunboats.

Western Virginia.—A bill, giving Western Virginia as a State, passed the House week before last. It had not been signed by the President when Congress adjourned.

They are indolent persons, and too short for them? Because they are too long in them.

LOYAL CITIZENS ought to feel much obliged to Governor Seymour for his late Message. It is a characteristic document.

It matters little whether Horatio Seymour, by the will of Providence, Governor of the State of New York, is more knave or fool.

This is but one of many weak spots in this much vaunted State paper. We do not propose to take them up seriatim in this short article, but to make them the subjects of paragraphs from time to time.

The Northern rebel presses and rebel sympathizers are loud in their denunciations of the battle of Fredericksburg as a useless slaughter.

Now will some admirer of Geo. B. McClellan state what real advantage was gained for the Federal cause by this wholesale sacrifice of men?

FROM HARRISBURG.
Correspondence of The Agitator.
HARRISBURG, January 7, 1863.

MY DEAR AGITATOR.—The second day of the session is over, and both houses are in what they term "running order."

The theme of conversation now is the election of a United States Senator. I think Mr. Cameron will be presented by our folks; but as Democracy has a majority of one upon a joint ballot some body will have to be sick in order to insure his election.

The prominent Democratic candidates are Bucklew and Hughes, with the chances in favor of the latter.

You would be surprised to see the men that

sometimes are elected to the Legislature. I have copied a bill for a member in which every word in five was spelled incorrectly.

Another said he was not afraid of the small-pox. He had travelled much in his life. Had been all over the country, and had been where they had the small-pox, dysentery and piles, and he never even caught the piles in his life.

FRIEND AGITATOR.—It is Christmas; but, having nothing more than the fare of the soldier with which to indulge the appetite, (supposing thus much of a soldier to have survived the perils and hardships of this campaign.)

When I last wrote you we were in camp near Fredericksburg. We were then pretty well fatigued out, and were most glad to get a brief respite from the unusual duties lately imposed upon us.

On Monday morning we moved to this place, and are now ordered to build log houses, 12 by 15 feet, to live in.

Notice to Bridge Builders.
PROPOSALS will be received at the Commission Office in Wellsborough, on Thursday, the 5th day of February next, for the building of two spans of seventy feet each, to complete the bridge at Lawrenceville.

CONSUMPTION.
AND Diseases of the THROAT and LUNGS, can be cured. Not however by any medicine taken into the stomach, as has been fully shown recently in a series of essays by Dr. Robert Hunter of New York City, published in the Daily Tribune.

ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
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night was about to set in; and when we did we were assured it was only transiently yet we made a cup of coffee, and when we resumed our march we had only a short distance to go.

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