

Growth in the Midst of War.

Some of the results of the late election, would go far to confirm the truth of Mr. Madison's observation to Harriet Martineau that the United States was destined to prove many things before thought impossible.

chaban proved false to the Nation, he kept straight ahead, an able and consistent advocate of the principles of freedom and progress.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16, 1864.

When politicians take to romancing, it is pretty good evidence that the old tricks and dodges no longer serve to deceive the people.

There was a time when the Democratic party was, emphatically the champion of labor.

This percentage would suffice to account for the increase to which we refer, if we had reason to suppose that it had all been called out, but such was not the case.

Petroleum.

Seven years ago, Venango county, Pennsylvania, was regarded as one of the poorest, as it is one of the smallest counties in the State of Pennsylvania.

The people kicked these fellows out of doors in October. They returned and asked for an explanation. The people kicked them into the gutter in reply, in November.

The first indication of the new policy of these defunct leaders appears in the bill introduced by Sunset Cox & Co., in the House on the second day of the session.

There need be no fear of the failure of the supply. The extent of the bearing territory and the richness of the deposits, is such that it may be considered inexhaustible.

What an Army Corps Requires.

In the Army of the Potomac an army corps of 30,000 infantry has about 700 wagons, drawn by 4,200 mules. Including the horses of officers and of artillery, about 7,000 animals have to be provided for.

Yet they know, if they know enough to occupy seats in the Congress of the United States, that both poverty and crime root in grog-shops and beer saloons.

The conduct of these coffee and tea philanthropists remind us of the old couplet—

"When the devil got sick, the devil a monk would be; But when the devil got well, the devil a monk was he."

The philanthropy of these leaders is born of wholesome castigation, perhaps. But we incline to the notion that it is only another of the almost inexhaustible arts of a radical set of hypocrites as ever cursed Jerusalem with their long prayers.

and the Union. That didn't work. They now "go back on themselves," and present themselves before the people as their dear, devoted friends.

We shall see how that will work.

M. H. C.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 1864.

Happening into the House the other day, I noticed four individuals who are somewhat notorious in current politics.

Of all the defunct Copper leaders, Cox is most of a philosopher. He takes his defeat as a joke of the first water and contemplates retiring from public life with apparent good humor.

But Fernando Wood being a gentleman by neither birth nor culture, takes his dismissal from service most sullenly. He looks like a man who hated most intensely.

In the Senate we are to have a lesson of patience and forbearance in enduring the indignities of Senator Davis. He is again on his feet and suffering fearfully from negro on the brain.

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WAR NEWS.

FROM SHERMAN'S ARMY.

The correspondent of the American at Annapolis telegraphs as follows:

The steamship Varuna left Charleston Bar on the 14th inst., at 8 o'clock in the morning. The report had reached there by the Rebel flag of truce boat that Sherman was in possession of Savannah after an eight hours' fight, capturing eleven thousand prisoners.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 16, 8.15 p. m.

To Maj. Gen. Dix, New York: Official dispatches from Gen. Canby have been received to-day, showing the complete success of an expedition sent out by him from Vicksburg to co-operate with Gen. Sherman's operations, and cut Hood's communications with Mobile.

Gen. Canby also reports the probable success of another expedition from Baton Rouge, under command of Gen. Davidson, the details and object of which it is not proper now to disclose.

The Richmond papers of to-day confirm the reported capture of Bristol by an expedition supposed to be under the command of Stone- man and Burbridge.

They also contain Gen. Hood's official report of the battle of Franklin, in which he acknowledges the loss of many gallant officers and brave men, among whom he enumerates Maj. Gen. Cleburne, Brig.-Gens. John Williams, Adams, Gist, Sirohi and Granberry, killed; Maj. Gen. John Brown, and Brig.-Gens. S. Carter, Mangault, Quarles, Cockrill and Scott, wounded, and Brig.-Gen. Gordon taken prisoner.

They also state that on Wednesday Gen. Sherman carried Fort McAllister commanding the entrance to the Ogeechee River, by storm, and the capture of this position puts Sherman in communication with the Yankee fleet, and necessitates the re-enforcement of Savannah.

FROM THOMAS' ARMY.

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Maj.-Gen. Dix: The Western telegraph lines are working very badly, on account of the snow storms prevailing.

"Nashville Dec. 16, 1864. Just returned from the battle-field. Battle severe and terrific. Our forces victorious."

"Hood has fallen back, and is apparently doing his best to get away, while Thomas is pressing him with great vigor, frequently capturing guns and men."

There is nothing since my last dispatch from our other quarter.

Edwin M. Stanton, Sec'y. of War.

What Emancipation Will do for the South.

The downfall of slavery will open the road to property for the poor laboring men. Slavery once abolished, the great landed estates, based upon and supported by slave labor will go to pieces, and the pieces will fall into the hands of the poor laboring man.

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A letter from a traveler in the new oil regions of Pennsylvania says—"We were paddled across the creek by an oil price, aged fifteen, heir to a million, careless and hatless, and with but one suspender to keep his courage and his trousers up."

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