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FROM WASHINGTON.

Editorial Correspondence of The Agitator.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 1865.

The principal topic of conversation here, at present, is the fall of Wilmington and its probable effect upon the rebellion.

The only cause for concern among thinking men now is the liability of human nature to over-act. There is great need of circumspection in dealing with the questions which already suggest themselves.

But theorists always flourish in troublous times. As in the reign of a mysterious epidemic, quackery experiences a new and prolific birth.

During the discussion I have never yet been able to find an intelligible definition of the status of a State that, after having seceded, remained in this anomalous condition for a longer or shorter period.

The doctrine of relapse from sovereignty into a state of pupillage—a falling back into a territorial condition—seems a most hasty and unwarranted conclusion.

I have examined the evidence submitted in the Louisiana case, and the remonstrance against the admission of the Senators and Representatives by alleged citizens of Louisiana.

By all means, the Congress ought to strive to render the return of the rebel States as easy as possible.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, 1865.

I have to record, at once a great public calamity and a great public sensation—the destruction of the Smithsonian Institute on the afternoon of Wednesday, 24th instant.

smoke in spirals and rings, the effect of the engines was not at any time visible.

Twenty minutes later the entire roof of the main building was a surging sea of flames.

The fire now broke out in the south-eastern tower, and the embrasures became so many outlets for the fiery fountain within.

Soon the fire broke out in the cone-capped tower on the north side, and communicated itself to the lofty tower of the north entrance.

The fire raged until it had consumed everything combustible in the second and third stories.

The building was one of the first in Washington in point of beauty and importance.

It is time that the thin mantle of pretense was stripped from the shoulders of the Blair family.

But the Blair mission has its apologists among radicals as well as conservatives.

Horace Greeley, touched by the mild madness of the time, consents to patronize this "fool's errand."

It was not a strictly party vote. Sixteen of the opposition voted "aye."

The vote on the amendment to the Constitution to abolish Slavery will be taken to-day.

What a triumph this would be! Civilization and Christianity never won so glorious a victory.

millions of serfs! These are crises in the fate of nations.

This city was last evening the scene of another of those sorrowful tragedies in real life which arrest, for the moment, the ever divided attention of the public.

And behind this act lies the old, old story; an engagement of long standing; betrayal of her who did this deed and her consignment to the horrors of a house of ill-fame in Chicago.

Drop a pebble into a still and deep pool.—The waves will go out in broadening circles until they touch the rim of the pool.

As for me, if her story be true, I say she did well.

How many equally guilty men tremble for the time lest such retribution tread closely upon their heels, too! How many, indeed!

M. H. C.

WASHINGTON, February 1, 1865.

Yesterday, marking the greatest moral victory ever achieved by any nation, ancient or modern, will forever stand prominently out as the foremost day of days of this remarkable age.

The original question was now before the House. "Shall the joint resolution pass?"

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I was amused, on my way to dinner, by the expression of opinion on the part of persons in the cars.

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Williamsport, Feb. 6, 1865.

It is stated that a few days before the surrender of Savannah, General Sherman intimated to his division commanders that the first one to enter the city should be made Military Governor after its capture.

Senate. Sumner's speech against the original resolution, which called for "retaliation in kind," was a most eloquent effort.

I send the following health bulletin of the Tioga boys in hospital here:

Morgan Burley and James Wilkinson have gone home.

H. H. Darrit, at Douglass Hospital, is only tolerably well.

One portion of Major Gen. Sherman's army moved direct from Savannah, and the other, consisting of two corps, moved from Beaufort, S. C.

The latest intelligence received from the army represents it to be at a distance less than forty miles from the city.

The army commanded by Gen. Foster was co-operating with the main army under Sherman, and the movements of our troops through South Carolina since the capture of Savannah, Ga.

WELLSBORO PETROLEUM COMPANY. Articles of Association.

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ARTICLE 1. The association shall be known under the corporate name of the "Wellsboro Petroleum Company."

ARTICLE 2. The purposes for which this association is formed, are, to mine or bore for petroleum and other minerals.

ARTICLE 3. The location of said company shall be Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE 4. The capital stock of this company shall be one hundred thousand dollars, which shall be divided into ten thousand shares.

ARTICLE 5. The business of the company shall be managed and conducted by a President, a board of nine Directors, of whom the President shall be one, a Treasurer, a Clerk, and such other officers, agents and factors, as the company shall from time to time authorize.

ARTICLE 6. Until the first election of officers, and until the officers elected at said first election shall enter upon their duties, the following persons shall act as officers of the company.

ARTICLE 7. The annual election of officers of said company, shall be held in Wellsboro, at the office of the company, the first Monday in March in each year, commencing at two o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 8. Every share of stock on which all assessments due are paid up, shall be entitled to one vote at every regular election held for officers of the company.

ARTICLE 9. This company shall not commence business, except to procure leases, until three-fourths of the stock is subscribed for, and ten per cent. of the same paid to the treasury.

ARTICLE 10. Any stockholder may withdraw from the company, upon surrendering his stock to the company and renouncing any claim against the same.

Wellsboro 6, Ellkand 7, Delmar 6, Onondaga 9, Charleston 8, Oswego 10, Union 14, Brookfield 20, Ward 22, Chatham 22, Richmond 28, Cayuga 20, Cortland 8, Yates 4, Madison 2, Hamilton 2, Sullivan 4, Lawrenceville 8, Ruffalo 31, Lawrence 12, Meigsburg 2, Farmington 25.

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Notice is hereby given that the annual election of officers of the Wellsboro Petroleum Company will be held at the office of said Company, in Wellsboro, on the first Monday in March next, being the 6th day of the month, for the election by ballot of nine Directors.

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