

Our Advertising Columns. The crowded condition of our advertising columns, compels us to condense the matter for our editorial, telegraphic and local news departments.

Another New Gold Field.—There is no longer doubt of the existence of gold in paying quantities in Idaho and Montana. Old Californians and Oregonians who have had great experience in mining, pronounce the gulch diggings equal to any they ever struck in richness and extent.

Payment of the Public Debt.—The Commissioner of the Internal Revenue closes his report with a statement showing that if the war were to end leaving us a debt of four thousand millions of dollars, an annual expenditure of fifty per cent. more than in the year preceding the war, our present revenue would yield enough to pay the current expenses of the nation, including the six per cent. interest on our debt, and leave a surplus that would extinguish the debt in ninety years.

The New York Herald predicts an open winter. It says Nature foresaw it, in preparing the coats for the ears of corn, and gave them but scanty covering; the streams and ponds are not yet full, which indicates that much rain instead of snow is yet to fall.

The extent of the oil production may be inferred from the fact that if Petroleum were taxed one dollar per barrel, it would produce a revenue of two millions of dollars in Pennsylvania alone.

Personal and Political. It was hoped that the good sense and willingness of a portion of the Democratic leaders in Congress, would induce them to give way to the pressure of public opinion, and thus secure their support of the Amendments to the Constitution abolishing slavery.

Daniel Dougherty, the eloquent War Democrat, who rendered such effective service in the late campaign, is now in Washington city, where he is to deliver a lecture before one of the Literary Societies of the metropolis.

We are happy to know, from very good authority, that the re-election of Henry Wilson, whose term of service as Senator in Congress will expire on the 4th of March, is among the "fixed facts" of the future.

Mr. Renan, the author of the Life of Jesus, is writing the biographies of the Apostles, which he expects to have ready for the press early in 1865.

The wives of the rebel Generals Gustavus W. Smith and Mansfield B. Lovell, formerly Street Commissioners of New York, are now in that city, as also are the sisters of the rebel General B. H. Chesatham, of Kentucky.

Hon. O. V. Culver, M. C. elect from the Clinton District, has presented ten thousand dollars to Allegheny College, Meadville, to purchase a cabinet of Natural History.

donated \$2,500 to pay for a telescope and other astronomical instruments for the use of the same College. The Governor and Council of the State of Maine have made official declarations of the vote for President and Vice President.

Majority for Administration.....21,012 In the whole State there were thirty-four scattering votes; of these twelve men chose to vote for the President direct; ten voted for "McClellan," without any title, and two for "A. Lincoln."

Lincoln's majority in the State of Missouri will reach forty thousand. Passports are hereafter to be required of all persons coming to New York from Nassau and other resorts of rebel pirates.

By Telegraph. SHERMAN! HIS OFFICIAL DISPATCH. CAPTURE OF FT. WALLISTER Savannah Completely Isolated.

Splendid Condition of the Army. A Very Agreeable March. ABUNDANCE OF SUPPLIES. 200 Miles of Railroad Destroyed.

NOT A WAGON LOST ON THE MARCH. Mules, Negroes, Horses, &c., Brought in. Communication Open With the Fleet. Savannah Regarded as Already Captured.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1864.—9 P. M. To Major General Dix, New York: An official dispatch from General Sherman was received to-day, dated near midnight, December 13th, on the gunboat Dandelion, Oossabow Sound, Georgia.

ON BOARD "DANDELION," OSSABOW SOUND, 11.50 P. M., Dec. 13, 1864.—To-day, at 5 P. M., General Hazen's Division of the Eleventh Corps carried Fort McAllister by assault, capturing its entire garrison and stores.

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Later from General Thomas. Additional Particulars of the Late Battle. THE REBEL FORREST REPORTED KILLED.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1864.—9 P. M. Major General Dix, New York: The following official reports were received this evening from General Thomas, dated at his headquarters, near Franklin:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND, NEAR FRANKLIN, TENN., December 17, 1864. A report just received from Major General Wilson, states, that at 6 P. M., to-day, he attacked and dispersed Stevenson's division of rebel infantry and a brigade of cavalry, capturing three guns.

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