

The Year 1863 and 1863. Our paper has closed the eventful year in American history of 1862. It has been a year of blood and plunder—a year of carnage and conflagration—a year of imbecility, falsehood and corruption—a year of bastilles, persecution and tears—a year of despotism, pride and vain glory—a year of sorrow, desolation and death.

THE ABOLITION PROCLAMATION. THE SOLEMN PLEDGE. "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery where it exists. I believe I have no lawful RIGHT to do so."—Lincoln's Inaugural Address, March 4th, 1861.

Sombody to Blame. Letter from Barnside's army, written, a few days before the late disastrous battle, states, that in one night alone, twelve of our soldiers were brought into camp, FROZEN TO DEATH while on picket duty! Many of the men were on guard without pantaloons—having been for three weeks without that garment—wearing overcoats! The thermometer stood 13 deg. below zero. Many were bare-footed, having been furnished with Massachusetts contract shoes with soles glued on, which went to pieces in a few days. Moreover, the men were half starved.

RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER. TO THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT. The following is a list of the names of the subscribers to the Columbia Democrat for the month of December, 1862.

SHERIFF'S SALES. By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, will be exposed to public sale, on Saturday, the 10th day of January, 1863, at one o'clock, p. m., at the Court House in Bloomsburg, the following Real Estate to-wit:

PURPOSES OF THE WAR! CONGRESS, BY A VOTE NEARLY UNANIMOUS, PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, WHICH EXPRESSES THE VOICE OF THE NATION AND IS THE TRUE STANDARD OF JUSTICE.

What Mr. Helper Thinks. On the subject of "compensated emancipation," the President's friend, Mr. Helper, of "Helper Book" memory, treats us to an outpouring of indignant eloquence. He is fervently honest Abe on that question, decidedly so. Hear him:

The Perfidious Violation. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1st, 1863. By the President of the United States of America. A PROCLAMATION. Whereas: On the twenty second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a Proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

Follow Law as far as Convenient. The following extraordinary paragraph appears in recent letters from President Lincoln to Gen. Grant, Governor Johnson and others exercising authority in Tennessee, in which he recommends to their consideration one Thomas K. Smith, who goes to that State for the purpose of securing the election of representatives to the next congress. Mr. Lincoln says:

IMPORTANT NOTICE! TO THE PATRONS OF THE STAR OF THE NORTH. Notice is hereby given, that the subscription and advertisement herein, for the publication of the Star of the North, is now closed.

Another tract or parcel of land, situated in Greenwood township, Columbia county, containing thirty acres, well timbered, bounded on the north by the line of the State of New York, on the west by the line of the State of Pennsylvania, on the east by the line of the State of Maryland, and on the south by the line of the State of Virginia.

The Editor-in-Chief of this Journal, has been absent from home the past week, at the Seat of Government.

OUR LATE REVERSE.—A correspondent of the Berwick Gazette, and a Member of the Eighty-Fourth Regiment, in speaking of the Battle of Fredericksburg, says:—

Army Correspondence. Extract of a letter from Lieut. A. B. Tate near Fredericksburg, Va., Sunday, Dec. 21, 1862.

Who Began the War? Secretary Chase, in his report, deserves great credit for setting at rest the question under which administration the war commenced. Radical abolitionists have labored hard to make the impression that the war was begun under Democratic rule.

MARRIAGES. In Bloomsburg, at his own residence, by Rev. J. R. Dimm, on New Year's day, Mr. LEMUEL DRAKE, to Miss EMILINE BOGART, all of Fishing Creek, Cal. Co., Pa.

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NEW YEAR'S GIFT.—Some lady friends of the Lutheran congregation of this place, on New Year's day, presented their pastor, Rev. J. R. Dimm, with a "purse" of \$22.00, and a few valuable articles, swelling the sum to \$25.00.

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