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THE STAR OF THE NORTH

Office on Main St., 3rd square below Market.

THE SOLDIER'S WIDOW.

She kneels beside his dying bed, And kisses his pallid brow;

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives: During the past year the people of this Commonwealth have had reason to be grateful to Almighty God for many blessings.

THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE STATE.

Table with 2 columns: Description of financial items and their values. Includes Treasury balance, sinking fund, and public debt.

THE SINKING FUND.

The sinking fund during the year 1864 was \$2,147,331.79. It was used to pay the interest on the State debt.

THE TAX ON TONNAGE.

The tax on tonnage imposed by the act of 23rd April and 25th August, 1864, has yielded something less than \$200,000.

ceeding the rate of taxation imposed on other similar property, and part of the deficiency may be thus provided for.

It is now in progress under the charge of Col. Todd, whom I appointed Inspector General. A draft by the United States was then in progress, and it was not thought advisable to harass our people by a con-emporaneous State draft.

I have made efforts to ascertain the value of this product during the last year but have failed in procuring information sufficiently accurate to justify me in estimating its amount.

I strongly recommend the repeal of the act passed the 18th day of July, A. D. 1863, entitled "An act relating to corporations for mechanical, manufacturing mining, and quarrying purposes."

The banks and other corporations refused to advance the money unless I would pledge myself to ask an appropriation from the Legislature to refund it.

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A SQUAT AT REPUTATION - In the course of his remarks in regard to the speculation in coin, and the dependency which exist between the receipts of it for duties and the payment of interest on the government debt, the Secretary of the Treasury in his recent report makes the following remarks:

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Major General Wm. H. Hancock, commanding First Corps.

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