



CLEARFIELD, PA., DEC. 11, 1867.

The President's Message.

We print the message of President Johnson entire, this week, to the exclusion of our usual variety of reading matter.

The Great Land Case.

The case of Samuel C. Smith (alias Pruner & Burley) vs. Dr. D. Houtz, which has been on trial in the U. S. Circuit Court at Pittsburg, for a month past, terminated on Friday last, in a verdict for the Defendant.

The trial lasted twenty-six days. The Jury was composed of ten members of the Legislature; and two private citizens. The Hon. Wilson M'Callister, one of the most distinguished Judges in the country, presided.

The case involved the location of thirteen surveys, containing 433 acres and 153 perches each, in Woodward and Decatur townships, Clearfield county. The land immediately in controversy, about 800 acres, is valued at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The costs of the trial have been enormous. From what we hear, the expenses will not fall short of \$10,000. The case may, probably, be taken by the plaintiff to the U. S. Supreme Court, at Washington.

We learn that Dr. Houtz, the winning party, presented each of his counsel, Mr. Purviance and Mr. Swoope, with an elegant gold-headed cane, in addition to handsome fees.

IMPEACHMENT KILLED.—On Saturday, Dec. 7th, in the House, the impeachment resolution was rejected by a vote of 57 to 108. Of the majority 69 were Republicans.

The women of Paraguay have offered to sell all their silver, gold, and jewels to aid their country. President Lopez thankfully declined the gift, excepting one twentieth part of the gold offering, from which he will have coins made.

New Advertisements.

Advertisements set up in large type, or set in plain type, will be charged double usual rates. No cuts.

CAUTION.—My wife having left my bed and board without any just cause of provocation, during my absence from home, I hereby caution all persons against trusting her on my account, as I will pay no debts or bills contracted unless compelled by due process of law.

Luthersburg, Dec. 11-31. ELI HARMON.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE SALE.

The following valuable property will be sold at public outcry, on

Saturday, January 4, 1868.

In the town of Glen-Hope, to wit: One hundred acres of choice timber land, situated in Beccaria township, Clearfield county, Pa., lying within one mile of Big Clearfield creek, and well covered with choice Pine, Oak and Hemlock timber.

The conditions of sale are as follows: One half to be paid down on confirmation of sale, and the other half on the first day of May following, to be secured by Bond and Mortgage, with interest from day of sale. Possession will be given immediately. The owner reserves one bid.

Grampian Hills, SAMUEL WIDEMER, December 1, 1867.

CABLE CHAINS—a good article, on hand and for sale by MERRILL & FIDLER.

still vigorously maintained. On the other hand, actual hostilities between the Pacific States and Spain have been more than a year suspended.

The Exposition of Universal Industry at Paris has passed, and seems to have fully realized the high expectations of the French Government.

On the 25th of February, 1862, Congress declared by law that the Treasury notes without interest authorized by the act of March 3rd, 1862, should be paid to the holders of such notes.

The West India Islands were settled and colonized by European states, and the American continent and colonization of the American continent.

During the last fiscal year seven million forty-one thousand one hundred and fourteen acres of public land were disposed of, and the cash receipts from sales and fees exceeded one-half million dollars the sum realized from those sources during the preceding year.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy states that he has seven squadrons actively and judiciously employed, under efficient and able commanders, in protecting the persons and property of American citizens maintaining the dignity and power of the Government and promoting the commerce and business interests of our countrymen in every part of the world.

The report of the Postmaster General shows the business of the Postoffice Department and the condition of the postal service in a very favorable light, and the attention of Congress is called to the necessity of providing for the payment to Russia the sum stipulated in the treaty for the cession of Alaska.

The bill offered in the House of Representatives on Friday, by Mr. Hooper, restricting the amount of revenue to be raised to three hundred millions of dollars annually, instructing the Committee on Appropriations to keep all the expense within that limit, and providing for the necessary revision of the revenue laws, looks to important results.

Still in real estate business—Secretary Seward. At least, it is said that he is now negotiating for the purchase of Cuba, and that the Spanish Government looks favorably upon the proposition.

The Vermont House of Representatives has fixed the salary of the State Treasurer at \$1,200, that of the Secretary of State at \$500, and that of the Quartermaster General at \$700.

is a question upon which political economists have not agreed. Nor can it be controlled by legislation, but must be left to the irrevocable laws which everywhere regulate commerce and trade.

These are important facts, and show how completely the inferior currency will supersede the better, forcing it from circulation among the masses, and causing it to be exported as a mere article of trade.

Every man of property or industry, every man who desires to preserve what he honestly possesses, or to obtain what he honestly earns, has a direct interest in maintaining a safe circulating medium—such a medium as shall be real and substantial, not liable to vibrate with opinions, not subject to be blown up or blown down by the breath of speculation, but to be made stable and secure.

The condition of our finances and the operations of our revenue system are set forth and fully explained in the able and instructive report of the Secretary of the Treasury. On the 30th of June, 1866, the public debt amounted to \$2,783,425,879.

The attention of Congress is earnestly invited to the necessity of a thorough revision of our revenue system. Our internal revenue laws and impost system should be so adjusted as to bear most heavily on articles of luxury, leaving the necessities of life as free from taxation as may be consistent with the real wants of the Government, economically administered.

The production of precious metals in the United States from 1849 to 1857, inclusive, amounted to \$579,000,000; from 1858 to 1860, inclusive, to \$1,375,500,000; and from 1861 to 1867, inclusive, to \$457,500,000—making the grand aggregate of products since 1849, \$1,414,000,000.

The report of the Acting Commissioner of Agriculture, presented to the condition, progress and progress of an interest eminently worthy of the fostering care of Congress, and exhibits a large measure of useful results achieved during the year to which it refers.

The Republic of Mexico, having been relieved from foreign intervention, is earnestly engaged in efforts to re-establish her constitutional system of government. A good understanding continues to exist between our Government and the Republics of Hayti and San Domingo, and our cordial relations with the Central and South American States remain unimpaired.

The report of the Secretary of War and