

Franklin Repository

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PROMPT SETTLEMENTS.

The publication of the REPOSITORY costs more than double now that it did before the war, and we are compelled to enforce prompt settlements.

The expenditures of a printing office are all cash, and we could not if we would do an extended credit business with our patrons.

Protracted credits are destructive to any business, but they are more fatal to publishers than any others, because of the small sums in widely scattered accounts.

The REPOSITORY spends no reasonable expense to meet all the wants of its patrons, and its publishers, alike from principle and necessity, will invariably enforce prompt payment of all accounts.

OUR NATIONAL FINANCES.

The recent public statement of Mr. McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury, that he would direct his energies to a steady contraction of the currency, has elicited much discussion from the press.

There are fixed rules which govern all heavy debtors inexorably, and the government is not an exception. The individual who would meet a non-interest bearing indebtedness by substituting interest-bearing bonds therefor, would be regarded as little less than a sleight-of-hand.

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only allow business to regulate itself, ever looking earnestly and acting sternly against increased expansion. In time, and we hope at no distant day, our expenditures will fall within the resources of the government, and then, and not till then, can currency be retired legitimately and with legitimate results.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON and Major George L. Stearns (of Massachusetts) recently had a private interview on the subject of reconstruction, and by permission of the former, the substance of the remarks are published.

A REGISTER of all volunteer officers who have served in the army since the rebellion commenced has been prepared at the War Department, and is being printed at the Government printing office.

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Of the eleven new Senators elected, seven have been members of the Senate before. Messrs. Ridgeway, Conell, Graham and Wallace are re-elected to succeed themselves, and Messrs. White, Landon and Glatz have served heretofore, but were not members of the last Senate.

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NATIONAL THANKSGIVING DAY.

President Johnson has issued the following proclamation, appointing Thursday, December 7, as a day of National Thanksgiving:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God during the year which is now coming to an end, to restore our beloved country from the fearful scourge of civil war, and to permit us to secure the blessings of peace, unity, and harmony, with a great enlargement of civil liberty; and

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has also during the year graciously averted from us the calamities of a disastrous and protracted famine, and our granaries are full of the fruits of an abundant season; and

Whereas, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, while sin is a reproach to any people";

Now, therefore, I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, do hereby recommend to the people thereof, that they do set apart and observe the first Thursday of December next as a day of National Thanksgiving to the Creator of the Universe for these deliverances and blessings.

And I do further recommend that on that occasion the whole people make confession of our national sins against the infinite goodness and with one heart and one mind implore the Divine guidance in the ways of national virtue and holiness.

Done at the city of Washington, this 28th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the independence of the United States the nineteenth.

By the President: Wm. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.