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MONDAY MORNING, JAN. 14, 1861.

THE LATEST.

Alabama and Florida seceded from the Union on Friday last—Mississippi on Wednesday. Hon. Philip P. Thomas, on Friday, resigned the Secretaryship of the Treasury, and Hon. John A. Dix, of New York, is appointed in his place.

THE ISSUE.

What is to be gained by war?—Senator Douglas, in a patriotic word for conciliation, said in a strong speech, by simply stating things precisely as they are, has presented the momentous issue fairly before the country. Most forcibly does Senator Douglas say: "A war between eighteen States on the one side, and fifteen seceding States on the other, is to me a revolting thing. For what purpose is the war to be waged? Certainly not for the purpose of preserving the Union. I have too much respect for gentlemen on the other side of the chamber, collectively and individually, to believe there is one among them who does not know what war is. You cannot expect to exterminate ten millions of people under the pretext of love for the Union with the belief that you mean to invade their homes and light the flames of insurrection in their midst. You must expect to exterminate them, or subjugate them, or else, when you have got tired of war, to make a treaty with them. No matter whether the war lasts one year, or seven years, or thirty years, it must have an end at some time. Sooner or later both parties will become tired and exhausted, and when rendered incapable of fighting any longer, they will make a treaty of peace, and that treaty will be one of submission. The history of this world does not furnish an example of a war of secessions, or between States of the same nation, where the war ends in reconciliation. Such a war always ends in a treaty of peace, and a final, irrevocable separation. I don't understand, then, how a man can claim to be a friend of the Union, and yet be in favor of a war upon ten millions of people in the Union. You cannot cover it up much longer under the pretext of love for the Union. Now, the question must be met and whatever concessions I am called upon to make, I choose to make voluntarily, before blood is shed, and not afterward. No man has more pride of country than I. It makes me more proud of our country than the government questioned, but we are not the first nation whose pride has been humbled. Republics, empires and kingdoms, alike in all ages, have been subject to the same humiliating fact. But where there is a deep-seated discontent, and a million of people, penetrating every man, woman and child, and involving everything dear to them, it is time for inquiring whether there is not some cause for the feeling. If there be just cause for it, in God's name let us remove it. Are we not entitled to the right of Heaven and posterity, if there is no cause, and yet they believe there is, so much the greater the necessity for removing the misconception.

CONGRESS.

On Monday, in the Senate, Mr. Sumner presented the petition of a citizen of Massachusetts, asking for an amendment to the Constitution, recognizing the existence of God. Mr. Seward offered a memorial of a large number of citizens of the United States, constituting a religious community, who asserted that they were the recipients, by a Divine law, of a plan for saving the Union—said order.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, on the 14th inst., nominations were made for United States Senator, to succeed Hon. Wm. Bigler. Mr. Smith nominated Morton McMichael; Mr. Welsh nominated Henry D. Foster; Mr. Herdich nominated Thaddeus Stevens; Mr. Meridith nominated Edgar A. Cowan; Mr. Bound nominated James Pollock; Mr. Landon nominated David Wilmont; Mr. Mott nominated Wm. Bigler; other nominations were made.

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Local Items.

TO DISTANT SUBSCRIBERS.—We this week make an urgent appeal to our distant subscribers for money—the most of whom have now been receiving the paper three, four, five, years, without paying us. We have asked time and again for money—yet we have almost begged for it—but no attention is paid to our call. We can get along in this way no longer. Our stock of ink, Paper and Type must be kept up—for which we have to pay cash. How can we do this and lay out of our hard-earned money for years. Come, friends, reflect a moment and see the reasonableness of our request. Send us immediately what is due us—or as much of it as you can. If you know how we are cramped on every hand and the great inconvenience we are put to by your tardiness, we know you would be more prompt in your payments.

TO DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS IN THE COUNTY.—We appeal to them, too—the January Court, to commence on next Monday, will afford many opportunities to remit money to the printer. SEND IT ALONG—BRING IT ALONG—any way so it comes ALONG.

PUBLIC LECTURES.—Hon. DANIEL S. STAYES delivered a Lecture in the German Reformed Church, (for the benefit of that Church,) on Tuesday evening last, on "The Cardinal Virtues of the American Citizen in the Present Crisis." The Lecture was carefully prepared and highly interesting.

LECTURE.—Dr. L. H. STRAKER, of Baltimore, will deliver the second Lecture of the series, at the same place, on Saturday evening next, Jan. 19th, (a change of evening asked by himself,) on "The Beginnings of History and Science." Dr. S. is one of the leading Lecturers of the country, and his appearance among us should insure a full house.

PUBLIC MEETING.—A meeting of those without regard to party, favorable to a PEACEFUL ADJUSTMENT of the country's difficulties, will be held at J. E. Smith's, at Mount Rock, in Mount Pleasant township, on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 20th. In this hour of the nation's peril, it becomes the PEOPLE to SPEAK. A large attendance is expected.

NEW COMPANY.—The "Union Rifle" is the name of a new military company forming at Mount Rock, by gentlemen of Mount Pleasant, Oxford and Conowingo townships. They will be regularly organized by the Brigade Inspector in about two weeks. The uniform they have adopted—blue—is very neat and attractive. The company is composed of good material, and will be a credit to the county.

LADIES' FAIR.—By an announcement in another column, it will be seen that the Ladies connected with St. James (Lutheran) Church in this place, propose holding a Fair during Court Week, in the Blues' Hall—the proceeds of which are to pay for taking the Gas into the Church. Active preparations are going on for the occasion, and the Fair promises to be one of the best ever gotten up in Gettysburg. It is hoped that our citizens generally, of all denominations, will be liberal and encourage this commendable undertaking.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The first annual election of the "Adams County Agricultural Society" was held, under the new charter, for Officers and Managers to serve for one year, on Monday, the 7th of January, 1861. The result was as follows: President—John Burkholder. Vice President—Jacob Pitzer, William Walkey. Secretary—George Wilson. Corresponding Secretary—William B. Wilson. Treasurer—Barnet Myers. Managers—William Peters, Jonas Routzahn, Jacob Bear, Eliza Penrose, Josiah Griest.

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