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The Harrisburgh Telegraph thinks some idea of the immense magnitude and labor of the executive duties since the rebellion has engaged the attention of the local Governors, may be inferred from the fact that in three years, or since the war began, Gov. Curtin has signed thirty-five thousand commissions for officers in the volunteer service.

Paper from Corn Husks. New York, Jan. 22.—In a fortnight or less, an Australian patent for making paper out of corn husks will be thoroughly tested in this country.

The Union Convention of Tennessee met at Nashville, and nominated W. G. Brownlow for Governor by acclamation. A delegate asked if he would accept the nomination, whereupon he responded in the following language:

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The State Library.—The report of the State Librarian is brief, but informs the Legislature that the expenditure for books during the past year was about eleven hundred dollars one hundred dollars more than the usual annual appropriation; but as there was a surplus from the preceding year, the entire amount could easily be spared from the Treasury for such a commendable object.

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Gen. Tom Thumb and "family" are in Paris. Four thousand deaths are reported in Chicago the past year. Belle Boyd's husband is now confined in Fort Delaware.

The extra income tax of President Lincoln was \$1,379. The oil fever has appeared in New Jersey, but the oil has not. There are 382 vessels laid up at the Chicago wharves for winter.

They are making tar extensively in Carroll county, New Hampshire. The Russian telegraph is now complete to the frontiers of China. Admiral Farragut received his commission as vice admiral on New Year's day.

The Spanish squadron has been sent to the Pacific, but not for a pacific purpose. Ostan E. Dodge is in San Francisco, and intends to write a book on California. 110 earthquakes have occurred in Great Britain and Ireland the present century.

The Portsmouth spool factory turns out 25,000 dozen spools of cotton every week. The Chicago & St. Louis Railroad is now open the entire distance between those cities.

The Richmond Examiner calls Lord John Russell a "venomous little abolitionist." Oh! The rebels in Texas are spinning cow hair mixed with cotton as a substitute for wool.

The real name of "Josh Billings," humorist, is Henry G. Shaw, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. North Carolina has furnished 118,160 men for the rebel armies, of whom 18,585 were conscripts.

The English are talking of building small batteries to be used in the cross-trees of men of war. Col. Seaton, just retired from the National Intelligencer, has spent over 60 years in the editorial chair.

In Philadelphia they talk of abolishing the fire department and letting the contract of extinguishing fires. Oregon sends a fresh backwoodsman to Congress, who had never seen a railroad till he came on this season.

The Confederates have a machine in Richmond capable of turning out 340,000 percussion caps in 8 hours. The general impression in Mexico is said to be that Maximilian rule cannot stand more than six months.

Eleven regiments of twelve month volunteers are to be raised in Indiana by proclamation of the Governor. A citizen of Nashville who went out to see the attack on Hood had the top of his head taken off by a shell.

An immense mine of emery has been discovered in Cheshire, Mass., of a quality unsurpassed by any in the world. George N. Sanders takes pains to deny that he was concerned in the plot to burn the hotels of New York city.

Dr. Keith, the well known mineralogist of Connecticut, has found a vein of gold on his land, and is working it. The compensation of the clerks and messengers in the war department and its bureau reaches the sum of \$1,200,000.

Internal revenue receipts for December were \$21,688,882.81, and for six months ending Dec. 31 were \$96,558,307.70. Thousands of sheep have been lost in Interior California from cold weather. They were sheared too late in the fall.

The President has signed the bill imposing a tax of \$2 per gallon on all distilled spirits manufactured after Jan. 1st. A number of young ladies have gone to St. Louis from New England for the purpose of acting as teachers in negro schools.

It is stated that the culture of cotton in the western provinces of India has increased 54 per cent. during the past year. A Hartford soldier, who went into the service weighing two hundred pounds, has returned from a rebel prison reduced to 56 pounds.

Eight thousand dollars is saved to the nation this year by omitting the usual Christmas gift of a knife to each Government clerk. A Hog was recently sold in Atchison, Kansas, which weighed 1,122 pounds net. It brought ten cents per pound, making \$112.20.

The Emperor of Russia has recently abolished serfdom in Trans-Caucasia—the last of the Russian provinces in which it existed. The Portland Argus says there is not a paper in Maine, with a single exception, which is paying the interest on the money invested.

At Providence, last year, the transaction in printing cloths amounted to 2,697,150 pieces—a falling off from the previous year of 1,225,650 pieces. Twelve sheep belonging to D.K. Chase, of Calais, Maine, was killed by a dog one day last week. He had paid seven dollars each for them the day before.

Semmes boasts at Mobile that he wiped American commerce from the seas, and that it is rare that the Yankee flag is found floating in foreign waters. The Yankee flag is engaged in putting a stop to rebel communication with the rest of the globe. Semmes took good care to keep out of its way, which is one reason why he saw so little of it.

The result of his encounter with it proved the prudence of his previous avoidance of it. SHERIFF'S SALES. BY VIRTUE of sundry writs of Vendition Expromas, Fieri Facias and Levam Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Potter County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, I shall expose to public sale or outcry, at the Court House in Coudersport, on MONDAY, the 20th day of Feb., 1865, at 1 o'clock, p. m., the following described tracts or parcels of land to wit:

Certain real estate in Sharon township, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the south-east corner of a lot surveyed to D. C. Chase, thence south 133 and 3-10ths perches to a post, thence west 130 perches to a post, thence north 133 and 3-10ths perches, thence east 130 perches to the place of beginning, containing One Hundred and Eight and Three-tenths Acres, being part of Warrant No. 2160, about ten acres of which are improved, with one log house and one board stable thereon. To be sold as the property of John Bosworth.

ALSO—Certain real estate in Hector Tp., bounded north by lands of the Bingham Estate, east by lot No. 28, south by lands of B. F. Tubbs and Bingham Estate, being lot No. 29 of the allotment of lands of H. H. Dent in said township, and part of warrant No. 1396, containing One Hundred and Twenty-seven and Nine-tenths acres more or less, about Twenty-five acres of which are improved, with one log house, one log barn and some fruit trees thereon. To be sold as the property of Joseph Penning.

ALSO—Certain real estate in the Borough of Coudersport, bounded on the north by lot No. 107, on the east by premises owned by Mrs. G. C. Marcy, on the south by Second Street and on the west by West Street, being the west half of lots Nos. 103 and 109 on square No. 11 of the plot of the Borough of Coudersport aforesaid, upon which is erected one frame house one frame barn some fruit and shade trees thereon. To be sold as the property of John Warner.

ALSO—Certain other real estate in the Borough of Coudersport being lots Nos. 61, 62 and 63 on square 5 of the plot of said Borough, upon which is erected one frame house and one board stable. To be sold as the property of Phineas Goodwin and Ezra Starkweather.

ALSO—Certain real estate in Hebron Tp., bounded as follows: On the north by lot No. 96 and Isaac Frink, east by Isaac Frink, south by George Stillman and A. R. Stillman and west by Alonzo Dwight, containing Seventy-nine and Three-tenths Acres with the usual allowance for roads &c., of which about Forty acres are improved, with two frame houses, two frame barns, an apple orchard and other fruit trees thereon. To be sold as the property of Foster Reynolds.

ALSO—Two Hundred and Fifty acres of land in Wharton township, bounded on the north and west by lands of Hunsicker, on the east by lands of Joseph S. Silver, Jr., and on the south by lands of Fish & Benseley; about Thirty acres of which are improved with one frame house, two log houses, one log barn and some fruit trees thereon. To be sold as the property of Gershon S. Corwin, Christopher A. Corwin and Smith Corwin.

D. C. LARKABEE, Shff. Coudersport, Pa., Jan. 30, 1865. Auditor's Report. Balance Due from Lewis W. Lyman, Treasurer of Potter County for 1863 and 1864, to the various Township and School Districts January 1, 1865, as per Auditors' Statements filed in the Commissioners' Office and in the Prothonotary's Office.

Table with columns: School, Town, Amount. Lists various schools and towns with their respective amounts.

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We do certify that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Potter County for the year 1864 is correct as appears from the records and vouchers in this Office. Commissioners' Office, Jan. 18, 1865.

STATEMENT OF THE FUNDS OF POTTER COUNTY on the first day of January A. D. 1865. To amt of Cons orders outstanding \$1687 42

Table with columns: Judgt in favor of Warren County Bank, Int. on same, to Jan. 1, 1865, etc.

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