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MARIETTA, PA:

Faturday, December 3, 1864.

Congress will meet on Monday next. There will doubtless be a quornm on the first day, and the President's Message will be sent in on Tuesday at oon. Its main contents can only be guessed at .- That it will recommend, the passage of an amendment to the Constitution providing for the total abolition of slavery, throughout the United States there is every probability. That it will also refer to another invitation to the rebels to lay down their arms and submit to the laws, by the eighth day of January next, is also probable. The resources of the country with respect to the supply of men and money to meet all demands in the present great emergency, will form an important part of the document. Nobody can doubt the broad and consistent levalty of this State paper in every respect, or that it will fully meet every expectation and requirement of the expressed sentiment of the nation.

A most diabolical attempt, was made on Friday night last, to burn down the city of New York. Ten or a dozen hotels and other large buildings eminent station, but we speak the solwere simultaneously set on fire, leaving no doubt of a pre-concerted plan to burn the city, evidently done by rebel emissaries. The efforts of the conspirators being in each case foiled, by the early discovery of the fires, and before they had gathered any dangerous strength. The plan of operations seems to have been for the incendiary to pile together in some one of the upper rooms of a hotel bed clothes and other combustible materials, and having scaked them with turpentine or sprinkled them with phosphorus, to set them on fire; then having locked the door, to disappear, taking the key with him. The hotels fired were the St. Nicholas, Astor, Metropolitan, St. James, Howard, Lafarge, New England, United States, Brandreth, Fifth Avenue, French's, Belmont, Barnum's Museum, Wallach's Theatre. A number of arrests have been made, but as yet no clue has been discovered to the perpetrators.

There is considerable feeling in regard to the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Several names besides that of Mr. Chase have been named as likely to be appoin- and that her offence, in extending aid ted to this high position; but it is be- and encouragement to such a public enlieved, nay it is regarded as altogether emy, freebooter, and highwayman as certain that the late Secretary of the Gilmor, was an act not only against the Treasury-of all men perhaps the most nation, but the State of Maryland-a try expects it, and it is not at all proba- punishment—such as will deter many ble that the expectations of the country. will be disappointed.

The New York Times thinks that Secretary Fessenden will not retire from the Treasury, as Mr. Hamlin will be a candidate for his place in the Senate, and that nothing but positive failure of health will justify Mr. Stanton's withdrawal from the War Department. The vacant Chief-Justice-ship will be filled from a Western State, and this may lead to the resignation of the Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Upshur, Secretary of the Interior, will be appointed Judge of the United States District Court for Indiana. This will leave another vacancy in the Cabinet, which, it is said, will be filled by the Hon. Joseph J. Lewis, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The executor of the will of the late Stephen A. Douglas has paid to Mrs. Douglas over \$7500, and to the two children over \$7000—being proceeds from the estate after paying all the

We hear nothing more of the res-Stanton, and it will not be likely to ocpressure of his friends shall prevail.

It is understood that General G. B. McClellan has received the appointment of engineer-in-chief of the Morris press have carried off from Boston withand Essex Railroad—an important line in the last three days of last week, upin the State of New Jersey.

Paul R. Shipman, late associate editor of the Louisville Journal, who was ordered beyond the lines, has since

The trial of Col. North, the N. Y. State election agent, has been postponed to the 7th of December, by concurrent agreement.

Attorney General Bates has concluded to retire from the Cabinet. He is new 75 years old and desires rest.

General Sheridan was born in State Street.

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THE NEXT CHIEF JUSTICE :- In the New York Independent, a leader concludes thus: "The duty of filling the Supreme Bench of the United States with a man who, succeeding Taney, shall revive Marshall. De Tocqueville has drawn a striking, almost an alarming, picture of the political power of the judiciary in this country, and the immense influence of the Supreme Court. Thomas Jefferson uttéred a sorrowful prophecy that the liberties of this nation would probably suffer more from encroachment by the Supreme Court than from any other cause. Is not our recent national history darkened with the shame of a Chief Justice who turned back Liberty upon the dial of the world? That court will be called upon before long to deal with the most momentous questions it can ever handle—questions involving the dearest rights of millions

of human beings, the sacred honor of the Government, and the entire future of the Republic. If the next Chief Justice of the United States should have either a wrong head or a wrong heart if he should be another Taney-who could measure the far-reaching extent of such a national calamity? Mr. Lincoln, who will make the appointment, will be President only four years; but the man whom he appoints may be Chief Justice for forty years. If, therefore, in all the land, there is one man who towers above the rest of his countrymen in fitness for this high station, in skill of jurisprudence, in judicial aptitude, in native breadth of mind, in unswerving integrity of character, in unfaltering allegiance to justice and libertylet that man be appointed. We are far from saying that there is but one man in this country who is competent to this emn conviction of the whole people when we say that there is but one man whose appointment will fulfil the general expectation. The moment the shadow of death fell upon that bench, leaving it empty, all men's eyes were simultaneously turned to an illustrious American citizen, a profound Constitutional lawyer, a consummate statesman, a massive-minded thinker, a chief justice by nature and education, and altogether one of the greatest men on the continent, Salmon P. Chase. Will the President hesitate about his duty? We believe not."

The case of Mrs. Sarah Hutchins, of Baltimore, who has been convicted by the military commission of sending arms to Harry Gilmore, and sentenced to five year's imprisonment, attracts much attention and strong efforts are being made to procure a mitigation of her punishment. Many of the most earnest portion of the loyal citizens of Baltimore earnestly protest against any such leniency, considering that the social position of the lady should not shield her from the full responsibility. high crime, meriting the most rigorous other of her sex in that city and State from like offences.

Zachary Taylor Edwards, a grandson of Gen. Taylor, was killed about midnight last Friday night in Hardin county, Ky. With six companions he went to the house of John Tabor, and demanded admittance, which was refused. They then fired a volley of musketry into the house. One of the inmates returned the fire with a shot gun, and killed Edwards. The other scoundrels fled; in a gray of the

A woman in Brooklyn, hearing that her husband was killed at Fisher's Hill, bought a coffin, and made preparations to wake and bury him, but, on receiving a letter from her husband, concluded she wouldn't, put the coffin up at raffle, and the winner, not liking a man in that ward, sent the coffin to his house, preceded by a hand-organ, playing "Hail Columbia."

The Louisville Journal, so long the leader of public opinion in Kentucky, under the gifted Prentice, now admits that Slavery in Kentucky and everywhere else is doomed. This had been ignation of the Secretary of War, Mr. the honest conviction of Prentice for some time, but he had been overruled cur if his health will permit and the by Shipman, his late associate, who was a fanatical worshipper of the Ebony

> It is estimated that Adams exwards of thirty tons of thanksgiving "fixins" for the soldiers in the army of the Potomac.

In Bavaria the new king is not been ordered to return by the Secretary | merely a boy, but a boy who has been reared in such seclusion, that he never, it is said, had money in his pocket until he was eighteen years old.

> It is said that there are 60,000 spiritualists in Paris, and that spiritualism has its priests, altars and paraphe. nalia, as a constituted religion.

Rat-catching has become quite a fine art in Paris. One professor has caught 2,500 rats within 18 months. Boston, and used to be a newsboy on Their skins are used to make "kid" gloves.

Pen, Paste and Scissors.

Sarah Jane Smith, of Washington county, Ark., has been sentenced to be hung on the 25th of the present month, by a military commission at St. Louis for cutting government telegraph wires.

It is said that 1200 women and children of Chambersburg, are yet without homes-dependent upon the charity of friends. Cannot something be done to relieve them?

The coolie slave trade is still going on Vessels under the French flag are contiqually taking cargoes of coolies from M. ca and Canton to Cuba.

The entire vote of Pennsylvania at the October election was as follows:--Union, 255,981; Democratic, 241,122; Union majority, 13,859.

It is a significant fact that the late Presidential canvass has been the means of depriving the army of two of its ranking major-generals-McClellan and Fremont.

A young nobleman just dead in London had his life insured for half a million of dollars.

Abraham Lincoln is the first President from the Northern States who has been twice elected.

The estate of the late Senator Doug-

las has been settled up, and leaves \$14,-500 for the widow and two children. A man named Fritz was put into jail at Cincinnati, on Saturday, for a debt

of \$18. Sunday night he hung himself. In his pockets were found \$111 in greenbacks. Female compositors in some of the

daily newspaper offices in Massachusetts

are earning from \$7 to \$10 per week. Among the curiosities of the Sailor's Fair, at Boston, there is a miniature steam engine, made by two soldiers of the army before Petersburg, from materials picked up on the battle fields. It

is a perfect machine, and works admira-

The last new State is called "Nevada," from the old Spanish nomenclature, that word signifying "snowy," from the word "neive," which means snow in the Castilian language.

The retailers of New York charge poor folks double price for coal, and the Masons of the city are taking steps to provide them at cost price.

Another Democratic paper, the Detroit Free Press, has withdrawn from politics since the election.

A woman in Canada has had and used for thirty years one paper of pins, and has lost but one or two.

With the aid of machinery, a man in Chicopee, Mass., manufactures three

barrels of hair pins every day, The Illinois State Register has sus pended publication.

Bringnoli was hissed off the stage a Madrid for refusing to repeat an air.

Alexander Dumas, the French romancier, the dark mulatto nearly sixty years of age, yet called one of the handsomest men in Europe, leaves the next or following month for New York. He is to write a book in this country, which will be published simultaneously in New York, Paris and London.

The Chicago Journal claims that, if the soldiers from Illinois had been allowed to vote, Mr. Lincoln's majority in the bay fishing. that State would have been 32,000.

New Orleans papers of the 12th say that Gen. Canby's wound is not serious, that he will be confined to his quarters 169,353. In 1830, there was no such only for a short time.

Gov. Seymour of New York, has is sued a proclamation in accordance with the request of the Provost Marshal General, ordering a more careful examination into the number of persons liable to military duty in that State, in the event of another draft,

Commodore Nutt sailed for Europe on Saturday. Some of his lady friends presented him with a gold medal, as a mark of their esteem. The Commodore acknowledged the compliment in a neat speech, in the course of which he vowed his attachment to the Union, and to the ladies.

Fred. Douglas, while delivering an address in Baltimore, the other evening, was accompanied by his sister, a freed Maryland slave, whom he had not seen since he made his escape, thirty years ago. 1 land we say a

The latest novelty proposed to amuse the French is the exhibition of two elephants who dance a polka.

Professor Benjamin Silliman, Sr., died bridal presents. at New Haven, Ct., on the 24th ultimo, aged 84 years.

Guerrillas are still rampant in Kentucky. Murders are of daily occurrence, alternated with robberies of every kind. Missouri is being afflicted in the same

The ladies of Rochester , have a new style of raising money for the soldiers. They intend on Christmas day to hold what they call an "encampment." This is nothing more than several tents pitched on the floor.

Excellent for these hard times is the name of a St. Louis firm—Grinn & soldiers were found at Winter Hill, near 

DEATH OF SENATOR HAMMOND.-The Richmond Whig records the death, on the 13th inst., of ex-Governor James Hamilton Hammond, of South Carolina, at the age of fifty seven years. He had been a prominent nullifier in youth, and was a life-long advocate of slavery. To his writings and speeches the country owes much of the bad feeling which brought on the rebellion. His famous speech wherein he declared that free laborers of all classes were "the mudsills of society," will long be remembered, and its influence in stirring up the indignation of all the sons of toil, will not soon cease. He had been Governor of South Carolina, and a Representative and Senator at Washington. Since the opening of the war, which he helped to bring about, he has remained in retirement.

Rebel Vice President Stephens is out in another letter, in which he

"The old Union and the old Constitution are both dead, dead forever, except in so far as the Constitution has been preserved by us. There is for the Union as it was no resurrection by any power short of that which brought Lazarus from the tomb. There may be, and doubtless are, many at the North and some at the South, who look forward to restoration of the Union and the Constitution as it was; but such ideas are as vain and illusory as the dreamy imaginings of the Indian warrior, who in death clings to his weapons in fond expectation that he will have use for them beyond the grave in other lands and new hunting grounds."

A frightful affair occurred in Jersey City, on Saturday, when an Liish man named Beruard Fitzpatrick, residing at No. 113 Morgan st., while under the influence of liquor, threw a stove-lid at his wife, accidently striking his infant daughter in the head, dashing out its brains, and causing death half an hour later. An inquest was held by Coroner Farrell, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the above facts.

The Louisville Democrat of Wed nesday says that the Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky, R. T. Jacob, who was recently ordered through the Confederate lines by the military authorities of that State, is now at Gallipolis, Ohio. The rebel authorities refused to receive the exile, saying that "they do not intend to let President Lincoln make a Botany Bay of the South."

Hon, William G. Moorehead, who has so ably filled the position of President of the Philadelphia and Eric Railroad Company for a number of years. has resigned, and left for Europe on Monday last. E. F. Gay, Esq., the energetic Vice President, succeeds Mr. Moorehead.

Wars and rumors of wars are very plentiful just now. There is war in our own country, war in Poland, war in Algeria, war in Tunis, war in Mexico, war in Peru, war in New Zealand, war in China, and Kachgar, war in Japan, war in Afganistan, war in twenty countries

The Gloucester fishing vessels are nearly all home. The catch of mackerel has been good, and will pay a comfortable profit. Nine vessels and seventy-eight men were lost in the cod fisheries, while but two vessels were lost in

The rapid growth of Chicago, in population is unparalleled. In July, 1837, it was 4,170; in October, 1864, city-only a military post, consisting of a small wooden fort, with two or three houses in sight.

A notable feature in the curiosity department of the Sailors' Fair, at Boston, is an ox saddle from Dedham, dating from 1638, by means of which one John Fairbank and his wife were accustomed to ride to church on Sundays.

The report now is that John P. Stockton is likely to get the New Jersey Senatorship, set down for General McClellan it is said, has accepted of a lucrative position in Russia, as a "civil engineer."

Hon. Erastus Fairbanks, Ex-Governor of Vermont, who died a few days since, was a poor boy, but invented the celebrated platform scales which bear his name, and made his fortune from them.

A daughter of the Rev. Dr. Adams, of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church at New York, lately married a banker and had \$50,000 worth of

Miss Molinda Coryt, aged seventeen, died at Pittsburg, Pa., on Friday, from the effects of chloric ether, which she had inhaled preparatory to a dental operation.

Mr. Ten Broeck. the American horse jockey of England is about to retire from the turf. His horses are advertised for sale in one lot.

Montgomery Blair will run for Senator in Governor Hicks' place, the latter taking the Baltimore post office.

The remains of five Revolutionary Boston, a few days ago.

SIZE OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH AT ROME. -President Fairfield, in endeavoring to give an idea of the size of St. Peter's Church in Rome, refers particularly to the dome, which is of massive stone work, and supported by four large columns and arches connecting them. Each of these four pillars, he says, occupies as much space in the church as an edifice eighty feet long and fifty feet wide; which is larger, probably, than any church building in the United States outside of the principal cities. The dome, if provided with seats as economically as Spurgeon's chapel in London, would hold six thousand persons; and if lifted from the top of St. Peter's, and let down over Henry Ward Beecher's church, in Brooklyn, would cover it completely, without touching it in any part. And yet it does not appear too large for the edifice on which it stands ; and the immense columns which support it are but little in the way in the interior of St. Peter's.

The colored laborers, in number 250. at Maltby's cyster packing house, in Baltimore, have struck because the boss opened another store where he emplozed white women.

ET It is alleged that an agent of the Sultan of Turkey has been arrested at Paris for endeavoring to procure young women there for the Sultan's harem.

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