WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25, 1878.

THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. The report of the Commissioner of Lands as presented to Congress Indian Government. The Ameer, through the Secretary of the Interior, shows that during the past year nearly eight and three quarter milflons of acres of the public domain Government, and alludes to its action have been disposed of, more than in the past, especially its interceshalf of which has been taken up un- sion in behalf of Yakoob Khan, as der the provisions of the "Home- contradictory of such intentions. stead Law." Of the remainder 878,. The Ameer explains that his refusal 555 acres have been sold for cash, to receive General Sir Neville Chamand the rest, absorbed under the berlain's mission was not intended provisions of special acts of Con- to be hostile, but arose from a fear gress for particular purposes, nearly of the loss of his independence, an 2,000,000 acres having been entered apprehension which was confirmed under the law of Congress which by the allusion in the ultimatum to Take Our Advice and Save Trouble provides that any person who shall protection being given to the Khyplant and cultivate acreage of tim- berees who had been engaged in esber, shall be entitled to enter a quar- corting the mission. The Ameer ter section of land, and receive a declares that no enmity exists bepatent therefor at the expiration of tween Afghanistan and the British a specified time, in return for so do- government: that he desires to reing. Some idea of our vast area of sume the former friendly relations, public lands may be formed from the and, finally, that he will not resist statement, derived from the same the visit of a small temporary missource, that although nearly 730,- sion. 000,000 acres of the public lands have heretofore been surveyed and placed upon the market, there yet remains to be surveyed over 1,000,.

by prosperous settlers, whose productions will add largely to the national wealth. THE CIRCULATING MEDIUM.

000,000 acres. By far, the larger

portion of this amount is of compar-

atively little value for agricultural

purposes, but there is still a vast

area of well timbered and fertile

lands, which will in time be peopled

We publish below a carefully prepared table from the New York World, which indicates the possible amount of circulating medium after Jan. 1, 1879. We think these tables will be found accurate. It is not possible, perhaps, to predict the exact effect, but the last table seems to indicate an easier money market: Our currency was at its maximum

of volume in 1865, when President Lincoln died. The quantity and description at that moment has been declared at the Treasury in this

State bank circulation .... \$142,919,638 National bank circulation, 146,137,860 472,608 Demand notes..... Legal tender notes. . . . . . 432,687,966 One and two year notes... Compound interest notes .. 25,005,828 any. Fractional currency.....

Then was the perfect fruition of inflation. If we take the same description of circulation for subsequent years, the total sum of it and the increase or reduction of it can be seen at a glance:

1865 (Lincoln)..... \$983,318,685 1869 (Johnson)...... 693,946,057 1872 (Grant)..... 738,570,904 1874 (Grant)..... 781,490,916 688,597,275 of the possibilities of our circulation which will be in the hands of the

Treasury if Mr. Sherman's plan prospers. But the following is, we think, a fair exhibition of it: 426,504 State bank circulation .... \$ National bank notes, includ-

Compound interest notes.... Fractional currency...... 16,150,342 Legal tender notes...... 346,681,016 Gold coin and bullion in the country Oct. 1, 1878, as estimated by the Mint Dir'r 259,353,390

Silver coin and bullion as aforesaid ...... 99,090,557 Total ..... \$1,044,589,994

The World further explains these figures: If it be said that State bank notes, demand notes, one and two year notes and compound-interest notes ought not to be counted as "circulating," that no one can tell accurately how much of coins are in the country and that bullion should not be included, then this will be the statement:

National bank notes, etc. \$322,460,715 Fractional currency..... 16,150,342 

sible circulation not far short of that of 1865. But, in considering this element,

it must be remembered that the World always gives a rose color to national bank circulation and to the amount of the present circulating medium.

### THE AFGHAN WAR.

General Roberts telegraphs from Peiwar-Khotal as follows: During the night of December 1 the Afghan position was turned by a flank march over the Spengwai Pass. We surprised the enemy at daybreak on the 2d inst., when the 72d Highlanders and the 5th Goorkward endeavored to reach Peiwar-Khotal, but the assault could not be delivered on that side. We then threatened the enemy in the rear, and attacked and carried Peiwar-Khotal at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The enemy had, on the previous examination of the previous examination of the previous examination of the previous examination of the previous examination and Foreign Patents, have had 34 years experience, and now have the largest extablishment in the world. Patents are obtained on the best terms A special notice is made in the scientific American of all inventions patented through this Agency, with the name and residence of the Patentee. By the immense circulation thus six continued Stories; from six to Eight Delight full Steeches, and Several Pieces of Exquisite Powers, Answers to Correspondents in reference to matters in law, Domestic and Friendly Relations Ancient and Modern History.

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killed and eight wounded.

It is rumored that an advance on Jellalabad has been ordered, and that the Ameer of Afghanistan has fled to Turkistan.

The reply of the Ameer of Afghanistan to the Viceroy of India's N. ultimatum has been received by the

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Ring out the want, the care, the ain, The faithless coldness of the times, Ring out, ring out, my mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Bing out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good. Ring cut old shapes of foul disease,

Ring out the narrowly lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old, King in the the thousand years of peace. Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kindlier hand; Ring out the darkness of the land,

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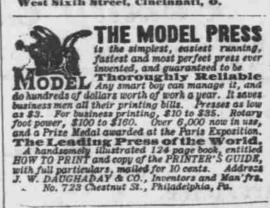
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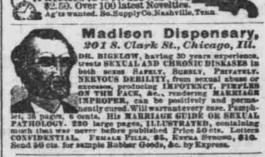
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