

all this within a reasonable time... as we have announced the world... suppression of a civil war... beyond the control of any government...

The Department... under its present direction, is accomplishing much in developing and utilizing the vast agricultural capabilities of the country...

I have dwelt thus fully on our domestic affairs because of their transcendent importance... Under any circumstances, our great extent of territory and variety of climate...

Andrew Johnson... Washington, Dec. 4, 1865.

and which, by its good results has improved itself to both continents.

The correspondence between the United States and France, in reference to questions which have become subjects of discussion between the two governments...

When, on the organization of our Government, under the Constitution, the President of the United States delivered his inaugural address to the two Houses of Congress...

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THE DEMOCRATIC ADVOCATE.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1865.

THE MESSAGE.

We lay before our readers to-day the whole of the President's Message to Congress, believing that its importance at this time, when all are in anxious suspense as to the future of our country...

There were those inspired with the hope that the President, by securing from the people of the South an acquiescence in measures of his dictation...

THE LEGISLATURE.

Governor Bradford has issued his proclamation convening the General Assembly of Maryland in extra session at Annapolis, at noon on Wednesday, the 10th day of January, 1866...

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The long agony of the Senatorial caucus upon the Thad. Stevens resolution is at an end. Rightly apprehending an executive veto if they passed it they put the thing in the shape of a "Call for a Joint Committee" of nine from the House and six from the Senate.

Horace Greeley on Monday addressed a card to the National Intelligencer, in which he sets forth his earnest desire for peace and harmony and reconciliation with everything and everybody.

Publications.

Beadle's Monthly, January 1866.—Is of that class of Magazines doubtless very popular in New England. It certainly does not contain anything of a political nature that would be very acceptable to a conservative or liberal mind.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Sales of Property.—On Thursday next, 21st December, the executors of Adam Gilbert, deceased, will sell the splendid property situated near Westminster, containing 208 acres, divided into eligible lots.

On Saturday next, the 16 inst., Mr. Josiah Adlesperger, trustee, will sell an excellent farm of 168 acres, situated in Taneytown district, 14 miles northwest of Wiest's Mill. J. Henry Hoppe, auctioneer.

Western Maryland Railroad.—An adjourned meeting of the president and directors of the Western Maryland railroad was held last week in the rooms of the company, Sun Iron Building, Baltimore.

Protracted Meetings.—For several weeks past an interesting series of meetings have been held in the Methodist Protestant Church, under the pastoral supervision of Rev. R. Scott Norris, assisted during the first week of the meetings by Rev. J. J. Murray, President of Conference, and Rev. P. Light Wilson, the former pastor.

The Sabbath School Cause.—Mr. Hunter, a gentleman who for years has been laboring to promote the welfare of Sabbath Schools in North Carolina, has been in our midst the past week, his mission being to secure aid for the purpose of reopening the Schools which have been broken up by the war in his State.

Property Withdrawn.—The hotel in this place known as "Grass" Hotel was offered at public sale on Saturday last, and after reaching an offer of \$3,050 was withdrawn, the owner not being willing to dispose of the property at that figure.

Change of Time.—Since Monday last the time for running the trains on the Western Maryland Railroad has been changed somewhat. The following is now the schedule: Leave Union Bridge at 4.45 A. M. and 9 A. M.; leave Westminster at 5.40 A. M. and 9.50 A. M.; leave Baltimore at 9 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

It has been discovered that the plates on which hundreds of thousands of counterfeit greenbacks and legal tender notes have been printed were the genuine and original plates that belonged to the Government!

Forney's Press says that "an increase of taxation is the only true economy." What say the taxpayers? Do they want more taxes?

Governor Pierpont, of Virginia, at the request of a public meeting held in Matthews county, has appointed an officer to organize a militia force in that county in consequence of the threats of the negroes to get up an insurrection.

It has been ascertained that the negroes are receiving ammunition and buying arms wherever they can procure them. They are uttering serious threats. General Terry, it is said, is thoroughly aroused to the importance of taking prompt action, as he has received convincing proof that a spirit of insubordination exists among the freedmen in other portions of the State.

The Extra Session.—The Hon. Peter W. Crane, has been appointed by the Court of Appeals of Md. to preside at the coming extra session of the Circuit Court for this County, to be held in Westminster, on the 8th day of January next. An official notice of this fact signed by the Clerk will be found in another column of this week's issue.

Sale Bills.—We are prepared to print at the shortest notice every variety of sale bills. Farmers and others intending to dispose of property will do well to call on us.

The Approaching Holidays.—As the holidays are almost upon us, we would call the attention of business men to the fact that the Advocates presents superior advantages for the advertisement of their goods.