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Resources of the United States. The Secretary of the Treasury, in the course of his current annual Report, thus sums up the resources of our country:

No country possesses the true elements of a higher credit—no country in ordinary times can maintain a higher standard of currency and payment than the United States. The Government is less costly than that of most other great Powers.

Without reckoning any other resources than those already provided, the revenue therefore will annually exceed the expenditures by fifty-five millions, which sum may be used for the reduction of the public debt.

But the American Republic possesses immense resources which have not yet been called into contribution. The gold-bearing region of the United States stretches through near eighteen degrees of latitude, from British Columbia on the north to Mexico on the south.

And there are other mines than those of gold or silver, or copper or iron, in the wide territory which includes the public lands of the United States.

When the opportunities thus offered to industry shall be understood by the working millions of Europe, it cannot be doubted that great numbers will seek American homes, in order to avail themselves of the great advantages tendered to their acceptance by American law.

With such resources at the disposal of the Republic no one need be alarmed lest the United States may become unable to pay the interest on its debt, or to reduce the principal to whatever point the public interest may indicate.

But, while resources are thus ample, it is not the less the dictate of prudence and of good faith to a generous people that the greatest pains should be taken to reduce the public burdens to the lowest point compatible with justice to honest public creditors.

resources and impair the firmest credit.—To retrench superfluities; to economize expenditure; to adjust accurately measures to objects; to infuse resolute vigor and a just sense of responsibility into every department of public activity, are not less important to credit and revenue than to general success in administration.

A Land of Promise. Clekakat Prairie, situated in Washington Territory, near the Dalles, on the Columbia river, is a region abounding with every inducement to the industrious settler. It lies north of the Dalles, about two hundred miles from the ocean, along the course of the Columbia river.

A remarkable feature of the Upper Columbia Valley is Cheleon Lake, between the Cascade Mountains and the Columbia river, about latitude 48°. There is some very rich and beautiful land about this lake, with a fertile soil, abundant grass, a healthy climate, and just enough timber for the convenience of settlers.

A BIT OF SECRET HISTORY.—It has transpired that the rebel Gen. Albert Sydney Johnson killed at Shiloh concerted a nice plan to possess the secessionists of California at the beginning of the rebellion. He was in command at San Francisco.

FEROCITY OF A BAYONET CHARGE.—In the history of European wars, it appears that but few soldiers were actually killed with the bayonet. But in late battles with the rebels it is not so.

KLAWATH LAKES.—These lakes are all well filled with water, and we have no record of them ever before being so full. The immense quantity of rain and snow during last winter has given them a supply that will not be diminished by their former standard for years to come.

MARRIED FIGHTS.—One of the worst features in modern fashionable society, is a disposition to flirt, existing among married people of both sexes. The wife arrays herself in silks and satins, loads her fingers and ears with jewelry, and rigged in flounces and laces, lays siege to some poor puppet arrayed in broadcloth, who has more money than brains, and very little of either.

CRUELTY OF GUERRILLAS IN MISSOURI.—It would be an anomaly in history if this war were prosecuted without leaving in its wake unpleasant reminiscences.—If many things were not done that we could wish had not been impelled by stern necessity, it is possibly natural that rebels should howl when the guillotine descends upon their friends that they themselves have called into action; but it is not natural that a loyal man should advocate the surrender of Gen. McNeil.

DEATH OF REV. DR. LYMAN BEECHER.—The venerable Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher died at his residence in Brooklyn on Saturday evening, January 10th, aged 81—nearly one year older than the Declaration of Independence.

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OUR NAVY.—It is stated on good authority, in the New York papers, that at the commencement of the present year, the United States Government had in commission in its Navy sixty vessels more than England had.

COPPER IN JOSEPHINE.—We are told that large and rich veins of copper ore have been discovered in Josephine county.

Details of Eastern News.

New York, Feb. 9.—The Herald has the following: Stafford Court House, Va.—No date.—An order has been issued dissolving the reserve of the grand division, and returning to Gen. Sigel's command the 11th corps.

Jackson, Feb. 4.—The Federal rank, Queen of the West, which passed Vicksburg on Monday morning, arrived at the landing at Vidalia, opposite Natchez, on the same evening.

The Houston (Texas) Telegraph of the 25th states that the guns of the gunboat Westfield, which was blown up in Galveston Bay, have been fished up.

A Port Royal correspondent says that the attack by the Montauk and the gunboats Seneca, Wassaken, and Dawn, assisted by the mortar steamer C. H. Williams, upon Ft. McAllister, Ogeechee river, Georgia, was resumed on Sunday morning.

Under the guidance of a negro pilot the Montauk was taken, early in the morning, to within six hundred yards of the battery, and commenced work at once, continuing until 12 o'clock, when the ebb tide compelled her to retire.

St. Louis, Feb. 10.—A dispatch from West Plains, of the 7th, says that Col. Warren's cavalry drove Gen. Marmaduke's forces out of Batesville on the night of the 4th, killing and wounding many, and capturing some prisoners; among the latter was Col. Adams.

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GEN. BUTLER ON SLAVERY.—Gen. Butler, who has treated the slavery question in a broader and more comprehensive manner than any other of our soldiers and statesmen, expresses it as his conviction, and the conviction of his most intelligent officers, that slavery is doomed.

First.—That labor can be done in Louisiana by whites more economically than by blacks. Second.—That black labor can be as well governed, used and made profitable in a state of freedom as in slavery.

EARLY MARRIAGES.—She stood at the altar when she was but sixteen. She was in love; her destiny rested on a creature as delicate as herself. She looked lovely as she pronounced the vow.

THE PROCLAMATION OF EMANCIPATION is not a "Pope's Bull against the Comet," for with the advances of our armies, the blacks are actually set at liberty, and it is difficult to see where the power can be found to re-enslave them.

THE TEST OF LOYALTY.—There is but one test of unconditional loyalty that never fails. When you find a man so intent on finding fault with the loyal Government that he has no waste of breath to bestow on a conspiracy to break up the Union and destroy the republic, set him down as a doubtful patriot.

A CURIOUS ILLUSTRATION.—Mr. Cobden, in his speech at Rochdale, told the people of England that it would be cheaper to feed the starving operatives of Lancashire on turtle, champagne, and venison than to send to America to obtain cotton by force of arms.

THE BEST SOIL FOR SORGHUM.—Each year's experience establishes the fact that light sandy loam, or gravel, or clayey soil is much better for this crop than the black, mucky prairie soils.

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U. S. Internal Revenue.

We publish below, the recent decisions of Commissioner Boutwell relative to stamp duties upon legal instruments required by Act of Congress in the internal revenue law.

OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,) October, 1862. DECISION IN REGARD TO STAMPS UPON INSTRUMENTS.

In stamping promissory notes or other instruments requiring stamps, under the provisions of the Excise Law, two or more of a smaller denomination may be used in numbers sufficient to amount to the sum of the stamp required.

CERTIFICATES. A stamp will be required upon every certificate which has, or may have, a legal value in any court of law or equity.

MESSAGES TRANSMITTED BY TELEGRAPH and railroad companies over their own wires, on their own business, for which they receive no pay, are not taxable.

SEC. 95, provides: "That if any person or persons shall make, sign, or issue, or cause to be made, signed or issued, any instrument, document or paper, of any kind or description whatsoever, without the same being duly stamped for denoting the duty imposed thereon, or without having thereupon an adhesive stamp to denote said duty, such person or persons shall incur a penalty of \$50; and such instrument, document or paper, shall be deemed invalid and of no effect."

OTHER PORTIONS OF THE LAW impose penalties upon persons who receive documents or articles subject to stamp duty from the person who makes, signs and issues them, without affixing the stamp, etc.

THE RECEIVING OF AN UNSTAMPED paper is a violation of the law. The attaching and cancelling of a stamp on a document so received, is also unlawful, and the cancellation of a stamp on a paper (other than lawfully issued), by other than the party executing the paper to which the stamp is affixed, is equally improper.

THE ONLY EXCEPTION that exists in the law to the above ruling, is in the case of a bill of exchange, or order for the payment of any sum of money drawn, or purporting to be drawn, in any foreign country, but payable in the United States, in which case the acceptor or acceptors, shall, before paying or accepting the same, place thereon a stamp, indicating the duty upon the same, as provided by Sec. 101, of the excise law.

JOHN CONNESS WAS ELECTED U. S. Senator from California, on the 10th, in joint convention of the Legislature. Benj. Shurtliff was his opponent. Conness received 98 votes and Shurtliff 15. The latter was voted for by Union Democrats and Secessionists, who nominated him at a reconstruction love-feast. It is believed that the election of Conness will greatly strengthen the Union party.

A STATE SORGHUM CONVENTION is to be held at Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 6. It is estimated that 12,000,000 gallons of syrup have been made during the past year by some ten thousand mills.

THE FACTIONAL MAN is apt to mistake himself for a patriot.