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Lines. For the Argus. Oh, say, what is that which booms o'er the land? To the temple of war, shakes our country's...

The Nation. The glorious old Union Who would not choose to stand Beneath the Stars and Stripes...

FOREIGN.—We have London dates to Oct. 20th.

At the Lord Mayor's banquet the Mayor proposed the toast of the American minister, who replied that he had come to participate the friendly feeling between the two countries.

Intelligence from the West of Ireland justified the fear of an approaching famine; five sixths of the potato crop had been destroyed by blight and recent floods.

A large number of the Creek Indians have strayed themselves against the Southern Confederacy, refusing the overtures of Gen. Pike, of Arkansas.

Aspythe holds, one of the chief leaders of the old Creek party, is at the head of 2,000 Indians, in arms against the South.

The War Tax.—The S. F. Herald thinks Congress should authorize the assessment and collection of the national tax, full due in April next, through the medium of the revenue laws of the different States.

The Road to Salmon River.—The meeting called for last Wednesday evening to make measures for opening a road from this point to the Salmon river mines, was well attended, and the interest evinced on the part of our leading merchants afforded the best guarantee that the road will be built.

ITEMS.—A recent census of the Nez Percés tribes of Indians, make their number about 2800—of which over 2200 are entirely friendly to the whites.

The Van Norman Children.—Henry M. Chase communicates to the Walla Walla Statesman that these children were in the custody of the Indians, in the Goose Creek mountains, last winter.

Some treaties designed chiefly for the interests of commerce, and having no grave political importance, have been negotiated and will be submitted to the Senate for their consideration.

I invite your attention to the correspondence between Her Britannic Majesty's Ministers, accredited to this Government, and the Secretary of State, relative to the detention of the British ship Perthshire, in June last, by the United States Steamer Massachusetts, for a supposed breach of the blockade.

THE NAVY. The report of the Secretary of the Navy presents in detail the operations of that branch of the service, the activity and energy which have characterized its administration, and the results of measures to increase its efficiency and power.

The President's Message.

Fellow citizens of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

In the midst of unprecedented political troubles we have cause of great gratitude to God for annual good health and most abundant harvests.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

You will not be surprised to learn that in the peculiar exigencies of the times, our intercourse with foreign nations has been attended with profound solicitude, chiefly turning upon our domestic affairs.

By Act of the 5th of August last, Congress authorized the President to instruct the commanders of suitable vessels to defend themselves against, and to capture pirates.

For the more effectual protection of our extensive and valuable commerce, in the Eastern sea especially, it seems to me that it would be advisable to authorize the commanders of sailing vessels to receive any prizes which pirates may take, of United States vessels and their cargoes.

If any good reason exists why we should persevere longer in withholding our recognition of the independence and sovereignty of Hayti and Liberia, I am unable to discern it.

The operations of the treasury, during the period which has elapsed since your adjournment, have been conducted with signal success. The patriotism of the people has placed at the disposal of the Government the large means demanded by the public exigencies.

The revenue from all sources, including the loan, for the financial year ending on the 30th of June, 1861, was \$86,835,900 and the expenditures for the same period, including payment on account of the public debt, were \$4,878,634.33 leaving a balance in the treasury on the 1st of July, of \$2,557,265.57.

Estimates for the remaining three quarters of the year, and for the financial year 1862, together with his views of ways and means of meeting the demand contemplated by them, will be submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury.

It is gratifying to know that the expense made necessary by the rebellion are not beyond the resources of the loyal people, and to believe that the same patriotism which has thus far sustained the Government, will continue to sustain it until peace shall again be a fact.

I respectfully refer you to the report of the Secretary of War, for information respecting the numerical strength of the army, and for recommendations having in view the increase of its efficiency and the well being of the various branches of the service intrusted to his care.

The recommendation by the Secretary, for an organization of the military upon a uniform basis, is a subject of vital importance to the future safety of the country, and is commended to the serious attention of Congress.

I presume you are aware that Congress has failed to provide chaplains for the hospitals occupied by volunteers. This subject was brought to my notice, and I was induced to draw up the form of a letter, a copy of which was properly addressed to each of the persons, and at the dates respectively named and stated in a schedule, containing also the form the letter, marked "A" and herewith transmitted.

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I repeat the recommendation of my predecessor, in his annual message to Congress in Dec. last, in regard to the disposition of the surplus which will probably remain after satisfying the claims of American citizens against China, pursuant to the awards of the Commissioners under the Act of the 3d of March, 1859.

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most of those who were in office before that time have espoused the insurrection cause, and assumed to exercise the powers of agents, by virtue of commissions from the insurgents. It has been stated in the public press that a portion of these Indians have been organized as a military force, and are attached to the army of the insurgents, but I have nothing official upon the subject.

Letters have been written to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs by several prominent chiefs, giving assurance of their loyalty to the United States, and expressing a wish for the presence of the Federal troops to protect them.

Agriculture, confessedly the large interest of the nation, has not a department or a bureau, but a clerkship only assigned it in the Government.

The execution of laws for the suppression of the African slave trade has been confided to the Department of the Interior. It is a subject of congratulation, that the efforts which have been made for the suppression of this inhuman traffic have recently been attended with much success.

The Territories, Colorado, Dakota, and Nevada, created by the last Congress have been organized, and civil administrations have been inaugurated therein, under auspices especially gratifying when it is considered that the haven of treason was found existing in some of these new countries when the Federal officers first arrived there.

The present insurrection shows, I think, that the extension of the District across the Potomac River, at the time of establishing the Capitol here, was extremely wise. Consequently, that the relinquishment of the portion which lies in the State of Virginia was unwise and dangerous.

The report of the Secretary of the Interior, with the accompanying documents, exhibits the condition of the several branches of the public business pertaining to that department.

The cash receipts from the sale of public lands during the last quarter have exceeded the expenses of our land system by about two millions of dollars.

The demands upon the Pension Office will be largely increased by the insurrection. Numerous applications for pensions, based upon the casualties of the existing war, have already been made.

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