

**THE EAGLE.**  
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DECATUR, INDIANA.  
THURSDAY MORNING, JAN 8, 1863

Despotism.

Another step toward despotism has been taken by Congress in passing a bill to indemnify the President and all persons in making illegal arrests. This bill deprives the injured citizen from recovering any damages in the courts from its political persecutors. Tacitly acknowledging that the citizen has been wronged and could recover damages in the courts: they pass this bill, destroying another legal constitutional right, making another inroad upon civil liberty, lowering the American citizen still nearer the condition of the slave of tyrants. To be a Roman citizen, was to be a man and entitled to the rights of a man, and the protection of the Roman government.

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The steamer Spaulding has arrived at New York, from New Orleans the 24th ult. She brings advices that Gen. Banks has marked out a plan of campaign, with Baton Rouge as the base of operations.

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**The President has signed the Bill Admitting Western Virginia.**

Washington Jan. 2d.

All speculations as to the President's action upon the bill for the admission of Western Virginia into the Union are now ended, the fact having been ascertained on inquiry that he approved and signed the bill on Wednesday night and it is therefore a law.

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided to pay in coin the loan of 1842, amounting to \$28,000,000, due yesterday. All bonds to be redeemed must be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, endorsed by the legal holder, to the United States on the reception of which at the department they will be referred to the First Auditor and promptly settled. Drafts for the principal and interest on the assistant treasurer nearest the residence of the owner will be transmitted to the legal holder in the usual manner.

Albany, Jan. 2.

Gov. Seymour was inaugurated yesterday. He said he had solemnly sworn to support the Constitution of the United States with all its restrictions, grants and guarantees, and I shall support it.

Louisville Jan. 1.

Morgan crossed the Cumberland and cut off Nashville at Gainsboro, and appeared in front of Munfordville on the 27th of December.

Col. Hobson of the 13th Kentucky drove back part of his force killing 9 and capturing 13. Col. Harlan of the 10th Ky. overtook him at Rolling Fork, and attacked him killing wounded and capturing a number of his force.

Morgan fled before Harlan to Bradstow and thence attempted to escape between Lebanon and Belleville.

Col. Haskins of the 12th Kentucky, attacked Morgan killing a number and capturing his cessions and ammunition wagons. Morgan is flying precipitately.

Gen. Reynolds marched from Glasgow yesterday, for Greensburg and may intercept him. Col. Halsey of the 6th Kentucky cavalry, was killed. Morgan has paid dearly for what he has done. Our casualties have not been reported.

Gen. Rosecrans occupies Murfreesboro.

**War News.**

Chicago Times, Jan. 3.

A terrible battle took place near Murfreesboro, Tenn., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week,—the Federals being under command of Gen. Rosecrans, and the rebels under Gens. Joe Johnston and Bragg. About 70,000 men were engaged on each side. At last aces—noon of New Year's day—the contest was undecided, and the struggle was still going on. The losses are reported as enormous. Two Federal Generals have been killed—Sill and Willich; and two Rebels—Cheatham and Rains.

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**Murfreesboro, Dec. 31.**

Our whole line suffered terribly this morning. Four regiments of regulars lost half of their men and all their commanding officers. Gen. Anderson's troops suffered terribly. Majors Rozengartner and Ward are killed. Generals Stanley, Rosecrans and Palmer are wounded. 2 o'clock P. M.—Gen. Thomas has just broken the rebel center and driven them a mile. We are advancing our whole line. Gen. Rosecrans is personally superintending the movement. One shot killed two of his staff officers. The 15th Wisconsin has lost 7 Captains. Gen. Negley's artillery is still mowing down the rebels in the center.

Gen. Crittenden's left wing has taken the entrenchments at Murfreesboro.

Louisville, Jan. 1.

Rosecrans captured Murfreesboro Tuesday morning, and now occupies it. The rebels made a slight resistance, and retreated to Tallahassa. Rosecrans lost his train of wagons that were following him. They were captured by the rebels under Col. Morgan. There are rumors here of the approach of Forrest from the direction of Salt River they are probably entirely unfounded.

Louisville, Jan. 2.

Col. Hopkins of the 12th Kentucky regiment, commanding the Federal forces at Lebanon Ky., attacked the guerrilla Morgan South of the Columbia road, yesterday, killing and wounding several, and capturing sixty of his forces, together with their cessions, ammunition wagons and provisions.

Col. Haliday, of the 6th Ky. regiment, Lieut. Col. Ball commanding the 9th Ky. cavalry, and the 6th Ky. infantry, are in pursuit. Morgan is retreating very rapidly in the direction of Columbia.

Nashville, Jan. 2.

At daybreak on the 31st the fight was renewed with great fury. McCook's corps was opposed to Hardee. After desperate fighting, with heavy loss, McCook retreated two miles. He soon rallied and was again driven back. At night he was four miles this side of the ground occupied in the morning. The fight continued until 10 o'clock P. M., at which time we had maintained our ground.

# DELINQUENT LIST.

**A List of Lands and Town Lots, returned and remaining Delinquent for the non-payment of Taxes, for the year 1861, in Adams County, and State of Indiana:**

OWNERS' NAMES.	DESCRIPTION OF LANDS.	Section.	Range.	Townships.	Acres.	Total amount of taxes due.	cts	Total Value of Taxables.	Hundreds.	Acres.	Total amount of taxes due.	cts	Total Value of Taxables.	Hundreds.	Acres.
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## Union Township, No. 1.

Babcock, John	w h f n e	27	28	15	80	270	14 73
Bayless, S. D.	s e r e	34	do	do	40	180	6 64
Harper, John D.	s e s e	33	do	do	40	250	8 67
Meeks, David	s w	3	do	do	160		
Same,	n e n w	10	do	do	40	750	27 93
Stoops, Joseph	n h f s w	34	do	do	80	345	19 59
Woodruff, A. T.	n h f n e	22	do	do	80	740	24 17

## Root Township, No. 2.

Fisher, Thomas, heirs,	p t e s w	28	28	14	15										
Same,	p t e s w	28	do	do	95										
Same,	p t e s w	28	do	do	46	15									
Same,	n e n w	28	do	do	40										
Story, James	p t e s e	29	do	do	60	2100	66 75								
Same,	s w p t s w	28	do	do	15										
Same,	e h f w h f n e	33	do	do	40	895	49 20								

## Preble Township, No. 3.

Mitchell, Elizabeth,	n w s w	33	28	13	40	130	4 94								
Stuckey, A. S.	e h f n w	33	do	do	80	510	19 75								
Same,	w h f n e	33	do	do	80										

## Kirkland Township, No. 4.

Berry, John M.	s e	2	27	13	160	730	26 85								
Brown, Joseph	n w n e	22	do	do	40	135	5 44								
Crum, Daniel	e h f n w	15	do	do	80	270	10 60								
Dugdall, James K.	e h f n w	10	do	do	80	205	8 67								
Davis, Caleb P.	n e n w	5	do	do	40	135	5 45								
Johnson, James	w h f n e	35	do	do	80										
Same,	n e n e	35	do	do</											