

THE EAGLE.

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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. To be an American is to have the most sacred rights and liberties invaded, and be denied all redress for such grievances; to be ruined by political persecutions, and denied the remedy sanctioned by law, demanded by justice and guaranteed by the constitution. Evidently this Congress thought that to be an American is to be a dog, unless he be of "African descent," in which case his rights are of more value by this administration than millions of money, thousands of lives and rivers of blood.

An American citizen guilty of no crime can be kidnapped in violation of all law, and secreted in a loathsome prison, and refused every right of a free man and when set at liberty denied any redress for his grievances; but what man dares point his finger at or lay his hand upon a negro? None. His rights are sacred.—Free and a sacred animal at the price of American liberty.

The Proclamation.

President Lincoln has made his edict. Like the Kings of old, published his will to the people and it is the law of the land none dare dispute or disobey it. Where is the will of the people? Where is the Constitution? Where are the settled principles of the Government? All bow to the President, all submit to his will.—The will of majorities, not of his faction are nothing to him. Constitutions to his mind are rolls of parchment, nothing more. The settled principles of a government are as the trifles of an hour. The liberties of the people secondary to the demand of his party. The liberty of the African race of more value than the Constitution as it is, and the Union as it was. The publication of his will like an Emperor gives him more satisfaction than to conduct the war according to the expressed will of the people as their servant.

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 Mumfordsville on the 27th of December.

Col. Hobson of the 13th Kentucky drove back a part of his force killing 9 and capturing 13. Col. Harlan of the 16th Ky. overtook him at Rolling Fork, and attacked him killing, wounding and capturing a number of his force.

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

Col. Haskins of the 12th Kentucky, attacked Morgan killing a number and capturing his caissons 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. Rosecranz 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. Rosecranz, and the rebels under Gens. Joe Johnston and Bragg. About 70,000 men were engaged on each side. At last at six—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.

The President has issued his promised proclamation of emancipation. It includes within its scope the States of Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and parts of Virginia and Louisiana. All slaves therein are declared henceforward free; and it is made known that such persons of suitable condition will be received into the armed service of the United States.

The ubiquitous Stuart made a dash on Harper's Ferry last Tuesday, captured a quantity of stores, and tore up the railroad track. Rumors continue that Sigel has been defeated.

Morgan has been completely routed in Kentucky, and has fled into Tennessee.

By an arrival at Cairo from Helena, we learn that an engagement had taken place on the Yazoo River between the Federal gunboats and a Rebel battery. The result is not stated. Gen. Sherman's forces had crossed the Yazoo, and was pressing on the rear of Vicksburg. The attack on that place was to be made simultaneously by the army and navy.

The President, on Wednesday night, signed the bill for the admission of West Virginia into the Union. The constitution of the United States—article IV., section 3, clause 1—says that No new State shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other State, without the consent of the Legislature of the State concerned, as well as of the Congress; and the President, before entering on the execution of his office, took an oath that he would, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the United States.

The constitution, however, forms, but a slight obstacle in the pathway of abolitionism. The Washington Republican, a semi official organ of the administration, says that important changes are to be made in the Cabinet and in various departments of the government. The rumor continues to prevail that Butler is to be Secretary of War, and Fremont General-in-Chief.

The belief is expressed by a Baltimore paper that Gen. McClellan is to be assigned to command at Fortress Monroe, and that he will move up the Peninsula against the rebel capital. Gen. Hunter has been restored to the command of the Department of the South, and will soon leave for Port Royal.

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.

Gen. Butler was a passenger on the steamer.

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, Rosseau and Palmer are wounded. 2 o'clock P. M.—Gen. Thomas has just broken the rebel center and driven the enemy a mile. We are advancing our whole line. Gen. Rosecranz 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.

Rosecranz captured Murfreesboro Tuesday morning, and now occupies it.

The rebels made a slight resistance, and retreated to Tallahassee. Rosecranz 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 caissons, ammunition wagons and provisions.

Col. Halliday, 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.	Sections.	Townships.	Range.	Acres.	Hundredths.	Total Value of Taxables.	Total amount of taxes due.
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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 s e	34	do	do	40		130 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 w n w	10	do	do	40		750 27 93	
Stoops, Joseph	n h f w	34	do	do	80		345 12 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 s e s w	28	28	14	15			
Same.	p t s e s w	29	do	do	95			
Same.	p t s w f r a e	28	do	do	46	15		
Same.	n w s w	23	do	do	40			
Same.	p t e a e	29	do	do	60		2100 66 75	
Story, James	s w p t a w f r	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 w w	33	28	13	40		130 4 94	
Stuckey, A. S.	e h f n w	33	do	do	80			
Same.	w h f n e	33	do	do	80		510 19 75	

Kirkland Township, No. 4.

Berry, John M.	s e	9	27	13	160		730 28 85	
Brown, Joseph	n w n e	23	do	do	40		135 5 44	
Crum, Daniel	e h f n w	15	do	do	80		270 10 60	
Duggall, James K.	e h f n w	10	do	do	80		205 8 67	
David, 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	40		405 16 11	
Morris, John S.	p t w h f s e	3	do	do	5 75		20 1 03	
Newman, John H.	e h f e e	13	do	do	80		270 10 60	
R. R. Co. Cin U & Ft. W.	n w n w	1	do	do	40		135 5 47	
Spangler, Hannah	n p t e h f n w	1	do	do	62		205 7 96	
Shady, Lewis	s h f n w	4	do	do	80		231 9 43	
Shaffer, Casper	w h f n w	11	do	do	80		255 10 18	
Silvers, Joseph C.	e h f s w	33	do	do	80		270 10 60	
Young, Cyrus	w h f n e	33	do	do	80		270 10 60	

Washington Township, No. 5.

Addington, David	s e s w	31	27	14	40		150 5 93	
Humphrey, Charles	n e n w	21	do	do	40		235 8 60	
McClelland, Wm.	e h f	34	do	do	320		1350 50 58	
Reed, John	s w s e	19	do	do	40		200 7 55	

St. Mary's Township, No. 6.

Catterlin, J. & S.	e h f a e	31	27	15	80		375 13 55	
Galloway, Mary	s w s w	34	do	do	40		200 7 33	
Majors, Jonathan heirs	u n d h f r a w	27	do	do	32			
Same	u n d h f n e s w	24	do	do	20		420 14 42	
Place, George	e h f n w s w	31	do	do	20		190 10 78	
R. R. Co. Cin U. Ft. W.	e n e	22	do	do	80			
Same	n p t f r	23	do	do	13		675 23 16	

Blue Creek Township, No. 7.

Boardman, N. B.	n w n w	31	26	15	40		30 6 72	
Hill, W. heirs	s w s w	3	do	do	40			
Same	e h f n e	9	do	do	80			
Same	p t e n w	10	do	do	43		875 28 70	
Johnson, W. P.	p t e a e and p t n e	22	do	do	100		895 44 80	
McAlhany, A. J.	n e c o r n w	17	do	do	10		35 2 38	
Penick, Caleb	s p t n w s w	31	do	do	30			
Same	n e s w	31	do	do	40		360 17 34	
R. R. Co. C. U. Ft. W.	e h f s e	9	do	do	80			
Same	n w n w	17	do	do	40			
Same	e h f n w	31	do	do	80		510 23 21	

Monroe Township, No. 8.

Addington, David	n w s w	6	26	14	40		105 4 56	
Adams O. B.	s p t e h f a w	36	do	do	10			
Same	w n w	36	do	do	80		275 11 40	
Atkinson, Henry	w h f n e	7	do	do	80		255 10 63	
Bussel Henry	w h f a e	28	do	do	80			
Same	e h f s w	24	do	do	80		420 17 81	
Bolinger, Jacob	e h f s e	6	do	do	80			
Same	s w h f s w	6	do	do	45 35		315 13 69	
Duggall, J. K.	e k f s e	23	do	do	80		210 8 88	
Hall Amos	n h f a e	27	do	do	80		310 12 91	
Kirkwood, Samuel	n e	3	do	do	144 50		400 16 47	
Reeder E. B.	w a w	9	do	do	80			
Same	n e s w	27	do	do	49		370 15 18	
R. R. Co. C. U. Ft. W.	n w s w	5	do	do	40			
Same	e s e	7	do	do	80		330 15 50	
Sapper, Elizabeth	w s e	59	do	do	81		160 7 23	
Except one and one-half acres before sold.								
Tissel, Sarah C.	s w s w	3	do	do	40		100 4 43	

French Township, No. 9.

Mechand, D. L.	s e s w	1	21	13	40		130 5 89	
Stockstill, James	n w s e	1	do	do	40			
Same	e h f a e	1	do	do	80		330 13 67	

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Schantra, Jacob	n w s e	4	26	13	40			
Same	n e s w	4	do	do	40		430 14 81	
Except four acres, heretofore sold.								
Wireck Henry	s w s e	2	do	do	44 50		190 7 42	

Hartford Township, No. 10.

Colehan, Thomas	s h f s w	25	25	13	80		220 8 92	
Jacobs, Stevens P.	n e n w	33	do	do	40		125 7 29	

Wabash Township, No. 11.

Arnold, Joseph	u n d h f e h f s e	4	25	14	40		110 4 24	
Currington, Fremant	w p t n w n e	22	do	do	27			
Same.	p t n h f n w	22	do	do	64 30		405 35 37	
Cann, Daniel	u n d h f e h f s e	4	do	do	40		110 4 46	
Hubbard, C. H.	s w f r s w	15	do	do	1	62		
Same.	s w f r n w	22	do	do	2 14		10 3 33	
Jenkinson, Moses	s e	11	do	do	160		445 19 06	
Mason, Sarah	n w s e	23	do	do	40		230 8 21	
Robins, James	n h f n w	2	do	do	80		135 6 44	
R. R. Co. Cin U & Ft. W.	s h f s w	2	do	do	80		130	
Same.	u n d h f n e							