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Mr. JOHN BRENNAN, of Camden, has our thanks for the new subscribers he has sent us.

Fourth of March.

To-day (Wednesday) is the Fourth of March, and the day which JAMES BUCHANAN assumes the duties of the President of the United States...

Advertise.

The Spring time is coming. The world is waking up from the long repose of winter. Soon the Merchant will return from market with his large assortment of new and valuable goods...

The Ohio Legislature.

This "reform" body still progresses "annually, every day some." The question a la Putnam, "have we a Legislature among us?" being propounded, we are searching for an answer.

Every member of the present Cabinet has held office through all four years. It is the first instance of the kind in the history of our Government.

A letter from Governor Geary to a friend in Washington estimates the population of Kansas at 25,000.

Report of the Committee On Corruption.—Extraordinary Effort of Black Republicans to Screen the Parties Implicated.

The House of Representatives, says the Washington Union, was thrown into extraordinary excitement on Thursday by the announcement of Mr. Davis, of Maryland, that the special committee on Congressional corruption was ready to make their report.

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The Kansas correspondence of the Missouri Democrat, (says the Albany Argus), a paper which has uniformly taken sides with the free-State party, represents that party to be in a very unpromising condition in Kansas.

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The Utica Daily Gazette, dating back to 1786 in its weekly issue, and generally, one of the ablest as well as oldest papers in Oneida county, has ceased to exist.

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Breaking Contracts.

The present Legislature of Ohio, says the Statesman, is in a predicament with which their worst enemies might sympathize. Not having really business enough for one session, they undertook to cut out cloth enough to make two.

In such times, of course, the sacred things are the first to attract attention and seized as the objects of their demolition. It shows courage of purpose, as well as contempt for the owner, and hence the renown is increased in proportion to the sacredness of the household relic and the eminence of the owner.

For the last quarter of a century our ears have been filled with the music of "vested rights," "sacred contracts," "inviolable privileges," &c., &c., from a party of which Senator Kelly has never failed to be, or assumed to be, the leader.

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The Traitors at Home.

The Pennsylvania Democratic press continue their bitter denunciations of the traitors who elected Cameron to the Senate. We copy the following from the York Gazette:

Don't DROWN THEM.—The Chambersburg Valley Spirit says: "Several weeks ago we said that any Democrat who would support the opposition candidate for Senator ought to be thrown into the Susquehanna. We now object to the carrying out of our own suggestion, on the ground that it would destroy the value of the shad fisheries. Horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, dogs cats, raccoons and skunks are frequently drowned in the Susquehanna, but this does not deter people from eating Susquehanna shad. But if Lebo, Maner and Wagonseller were thrown in, there is not a dog in the world that would smell at a Susquehanna shad from that day forward.

The Indianapolis Journal mentions the death in that city, on Sunday last, of Thomas Magruder, an old negro, aged about 110 years. He is supposed to have been the one who suggested the name and the leading features of the character in Mrs. Stowe's novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

There are very curious notions or fancy among the people, in regard to the proper conduct of a newspaper. Some think it should be conducted in such a way as to give offence to none, and at the same time, give every body a "smart drubbing" when they need it!

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The Admissio of Minnesota.

It will be seen by the following proceedings in the United States Senate, which we take from the Washington Union of the 26th ult., that that body has receded from its amendment to the Minnesota Bill, which amendment restricted the right of suffrage to citizens of the United States, instead of giving it to inhabitants of the Territory, who were permanent residents and had given evidence of their intention to become citizens.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment. A long discussion ensued, in which Messrs. Biggs, Brown, Bell of Tennessee, Crittenden and others participated; when the amendment was rejected—yeas 24, nays 33.

We presume that early in the next session of Congress the new and flourishing State of Minnesota will be duly represented by Senators and Representatives, and be a sovereign State of the Confederacy.

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Millionaires.

We hear a great deal about the rich men of New York city, and one would suppose, from the common talk, that there are hundreds of men there who are worth millions of dollars.

The English journals speak in terms of warm commendation of a new kind of fuel, the ingredients of which are simple coal dust and coal tar pitch, in certain proportions, amalgamated by chemical means peculiar to the inventor.

The Lancaster Express says that a few days since a personal and political friend called at Wheatland to take a final leave of Mr. Buchanan, where he found the President surrounded by fifteen or twenty pilgrims.

My dear sir, I shall be most happy at any time to see you, either here or at Washington, the more especially as I know you are not after an office, having been so fortunate in your business enterprise as to rise above such a necessity.

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Spanish Small Coin.

There seems to be much unnecessary misunderstanding in the community, in regard to the object of the proposed law in relation to Spanish small coin. Most persons appear to think it is designed to forbid the circulation of fractional Mexican or Spanish coin at anything above the decimal rates next below their respective denominations.

Those coins are not now a legal currency, and all persons may take them or not at their pleasure. The quarters and eighths of a dollar were at one time refused at the post offices and at all the banks, but after the reduction in the weight of American silver coin, they were again received into favor, being worth more than coins of the corresponding nominal value issued from the U. S. Mint.

The public debt was \$69,876,937. The new tax debt 2,750,000. 71,879,937.

In the extinguishment of this debt and premium there has been paid \$15,825,219 and the balance of debt is \$39,953,309, "all of which," says the message, "might be extinguished within a year without embarrassing the public service, but being not yet due, and only redeemable at the option of the holder, cannot be pressed to payment by the government."

FROM KANSAS.

A few days since we were informed by telegraph of an affair in which Gov Geary was concerned. The following are the particulars as we clip them from the St. Louis Republican.

The meeting organized with O. C. Stewart, Mayor of the city, in the chair; and its object was to condemn the conduct of Sherrard and sustain Geary. A committee, which was appointed to draft resolutions, split, making two reports. The majority report condemned Sherrard, and, after some vote on it, he being present, got up and denounced all who voted that way as "traitors and cowards."

FRUIT PROSPECTS.—The New York Tribune learns that the prospect of a good crop of fruit next season in the western States is flattering. The wood-natured well last summer, and the cold of autumn came on so gradually that fruit buds were not injured, as they frequently are in early winter, and it is therefore thought that the greatest danger of winter-killing is already past, and that the next now bids fair to be a great fruit season.

They do say that Greeley actually thinks the public will swallow his story about how he came by the thousand dollar draft, and what he did with it. If he does, he is greener than the greenest countryman that ever we saw.

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The Administration of President Pierce.—The Public Debt.

As the term of President Pierce approaches to its close, we everywhere meet with the most emphatic and glowing eulogies on his brilliant administration. Mr. Pierce has been perhaps the most thoroughly abused Executive since the days of Jackson; but, like the immortal old hero, he will continue to grow in popular esteem until his name becomes another word for greatness through all the land.

The able and lucid exposition of the affairs of the government in the message of President Pierce has compelled many of the opposition newspapers to admit the vigor, wisdom, and integrity of his administration.

These concessions are more remarkable as they come from quarters which have not been apt to regard a just, equal, and economical management of public affairs as the object of good government, but have been impatient of such qualities, and discontented unless some scheme of favoritism to class interests were adopted by the government.

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