

The following extract from the Shamokin Register, has been handed to us for publication. We had intended to note the scurrilous article to which it refers, but we will let the writer speak himself so far as relates to the recruiting service. Fault finders are as easily classified and distinguished from patriots as were the Tories of old.

Sir: I saw an article in the Breckenridge bible, published in Sunbury, sneering at the recruiting service, and saying that each officer was paid \$125 per month, and had not obtained a single recruit in six months. Now when Mr. Purdy says that he asserts that this is untrue, according to the late army regulations, every office in the recruiting service is bound to send three men every ten days or he will be removed. And Mr. Purdy should be ashamed of himself to cast reflections on men who are trying to serve their country in this, its darkest hour, when it is assailed by men of doubtful loyalty, and who would like to see the millions of Jeff Davis conscripted us. The Northumberland County recruiting service is doing more to embarrass the recruiting service in this county than all others combined. I think when men talk as Mr. Purdy does, they should go to the South and aid Jeff. Davis, sustain the logus Confederacy, and not stay in the loyal states, and by his influence, if he possesses any, endeavor to crush out freedom by publishing a sheet that is a disgrace to Journalism in the free and loyal states. If you are desirous, as you say you are, to see the present rebellion brought to a successful issue, why not encourage those who have gone to fight the battles of their country, and who are as loyal as you pretend to be. But I say without a fear of contradiction, that there is not a Breckenridge Democrat from Northumberland county in any regiment now engaged in fighting against the minions of Davis, Cobb, Floyd & Co. J. C.

We are expressly requested to call attention to the notice of the Auditors of Upper Augusta township, who have been obliged to alter their time of meeting, as the notice for that purpose was inserted in the Northumberland County Democrat, notwithstanding the board had distinctly ordered it in the "American." The board therefore request us to say that no meeting will be held at the time designated in the unauthorized notice published in the Northumberland County Democrat.

Rev. Joshua Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Williamsport, died very unexpectedly, on the 10th inst. He had been ill for several days previous, but was not considered in a dangerous condition until a few minutes before his death, which, it is supposed, was caused by disease of the heart. Mr. Kelly was about forty years of age.

It certainly does not require a Solomon to decide what the proclivities or feelings of an editor are, who could, at these times, stigmatize such a man as Parson Brownlow (whatever his eccentricities may have been), and yet aid in giving a testimonial to Parson Hedges, whose thin skinned loyalty would not permit him to vote for resolutions in conference, denouncing the wicked and unhalloved outrages of the rebels. These records will loom up fearfully in the future, like Banquo's ghost, and many who have openly avowed these principles, will ask the world for the charity of its silence, and pray that the past may be buried in oblivion.

Our neighbor of the "Breckenridge Bible," fills his paper with the speech of Mr. Dawes, Republican, which, though in itself, not uninteresting, is principally of a personal character. The speech of Andrew Johnson, a life-long Democrat and friend of Gen. Jackson, published in almost every loyal paper in the Union, is set aside for matters of this character. This enables our neighbor to bellow out "thief," in order to divert attention from himself and his voluntary defence of that rebel thief Floyd. But this "stop thief" dodge has been played out, and won't take. The readers of the Breckenridge Bible must be easily pleased if they are satisfied with the selections of the editor, who can throw aside so much important news to make room for stale matter, mostly relating to personal squabbles, and who undertakes, occasionally, to enlighten his readers with the publication of stale speeches of his own, four or five years old.

News.—Neighbor Purdy, whose peculiar friends are notorious for their complaints against the papers, for publishing news that is not reliable, publishes in large caps, the word, that the Monitor had a fight with the Merrimac, and sunk her.—There was not an individual of ordinary discretion, in this place, who did not know, a day before Mr. Purdy made this wonderful announcement, that the story was a hoax. And it is still more strange, our neighbor published only about thirty lines or perhaps "four inches," of the account of the great battle at Pittsburg Landing, while we furnished our readers with a column and a half of that most interesting and important conflict with the rebels, and yet the friends of this sheet endeavor to make people believe that it is a live newspaper.

The editor of the bogus Democrat endeavors, to make his readers believe, that there is no truth in any statement, "that it was announced in the Northumberland County Democrat on the 12th of July last, that a movement was being made to present Rev. Mr. Hedges with a silver pitcher," at the same time finding fault with patriotic preaching—calling them "political meddlers." If any one will examine Purdy's paper of the 12th of July, 1861, third page, he will find the words quoted by us an exact copy from one of his editorials. We hardly expected that he would deny his own language before the year was out.

The Merrimac Makes Her Appearance.—Three Small Vessels Captured by the Rebel Flotilla.

Fortress Monroe, April 11, 4 o'clock P. M. To the Hon. EDWIN M. BRANTON, Secretary of War: The Rebel steamers Merrimac, Jamestown, Yorktown and several gunboats and tugs appeared to-day between Newport News and Sewall's Point. The only damage done us is the capture of three small vessels, one empty and one loaded with coal. These vessels were captured upon Brigadier-General Casey's Division whose battery contains small guns of three inch calibre, some two hundred feet from the shore. JOHN E. WOOL, Major-General.

Fortress Monroe, April 11, 5 o'clock. To EDWIN M. BRANTON, Secretary of War: The Merrimac and the Stevens battery Naugatuck. The latter fired four or five rounds, and the Merrimac one round, when she with her consort, returned to Craney Island. This ends the day. What the night may bring forth I am unable to say. JOHN E. WOOL, Major-General.

Highly Important from the South. News from Rebel Sources. Unconditional Surrender of Fort Pulaski. The Savannah Republic of the 12th inst., announces the unconditional surrender of Fort Pulaski upon the preceding day. Seven large breaches were made in the walls by our batteries of Parrott guns at King's landing, and all the barbette guns at that side and three casemate guns were dismounted.

Three balls entered the magazine and a clear breach was made in it. The balls used were conical, and were propelled with such velocity that they cleared through the walls at nearly every fire. Colonel Olmstead, who was in command, telegraphed the previous evening that no human being could stand upon the ramparts for even a single moment, and that over 1,000 large shells had exploded within the fort.

Death of General Bull Reported at Norfolk. Fortress Monroe, April 15. A rumor was brought from Norfolk which was current there that General Bull had been killed. BALTIMORE, April 16.—The American's special correspondent says, speaking of the visit of the French steamer with the French minister to Norfolk, some speculation was entertained here in many circles as to what course the French minister and the commander of the steamer will pursue at Norfolk. Will he salute the rebel flag and will the rebel guns salute the French flag. It is a nice point of national etiquette. No guns have yet been heard in the direction of Norfolk, and the French steamer must have reached Norfolk long before the time of closing this letter.

The Battle of Apache Pass, New Mexico. Secretary Stanton received early this morning the following despatch, dated Kansas city, April 14: The Fort Union mail brings confirmation of the battle of Apache Pass. Our loss is 100 killed, wounded and missing, but not including the signers of the battle. It soon became apparent that the object of the Merrimac was to draw the Monitor from her position in the channel out towards Newport News, nearer the scene of the late encounter. If she could succeed in drawing the Monitor from her position, it would be easier to get through the channel between the Fortress and the Rip Raps; and for this purpose, more than anything else, it is supposed the Merrimac was sent across to Hampton creek, where she captured two schooners and one brig. It was certainly a very bold move on the part of the enemy, and it was undoubtedly expected that the Monitor would be able to chase them for the bold effort.

The Advance into Alabama. WASHINGTON, April 14.—The following despatch has been received by the Secretary of War, dated Nashville, to-day: "On Saturday morning two expeditions were started from Huntsville, Alabama, in the captured cars. One, under Col. Hill, of the Thirty-third Ohio, went east to Stevenson, the junction of the Chattanooga and the Memphis and Charleston Railroads, at which point they seized two thousand of the enemy, who were retreating, without firing a shot, and captured five locomotives and a large amount of rolling stock. The other expedition, under Colonel Tarchin of the Nineteenth Illinois Regiment, went west, and arrived at Decatur in time to save the railroad bridge, which was in flames. "General Mitchell now holds a hundred miles of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad."

Later from Europe. GREAT BRITAIN.—The question of iron batteries continues to attract great attention. Mr. Bentwick had given notice in the House of Commons, that he would move an amendment to Mr. Osborne's resolution, declaring it inexpedient to proceed with the fortifications, to the effect that the Government be empowered to apply the money voted for fortifications to the construction of iron shelled vessels. The Times says that it is understood that orders are in the course of transmission to all the dock-yards to suspend any further operations upon wooden ships. The leading journals continue to urge, editorially, the necessity for iron fleets. The Morning Post calls attention to the improvement of America in making iron ordnance, the weight of the shot thrown by the Monitor being nearly double that used on board of any of the British ships.

Huntsville, Alabama, Occupied by U. S. Forces. Two Hundred Prisoners Taken. WASHINGTON, April 11. The Secretary of War has received information that Huntsville, Ala., was occupied yesterday, by Gen. Mitchell, without much resistance being offered.

The Pittsburg Battle. CHICAGO, April 14. The Special Correspondent of the Journal at Cairo says:—Beauregard called a Council of War of all the best Generals in his army before the battle of Pittsburg. There were present Gen. Pillow, Floyd, Breckinridge, Hardee, Bragg, Cheatham, A. Sidney Johnston and Bushrod Johnston. The Rebel Provisional Governor of Kentucky, and a few other Generals.

The following policy was fixed on:—If they beat us they would follow up their victory, and drive us North as far as possible. If they were beaten they would withdraw their forces from the Border States, and make a desperate stand in the Gulf States. General Van Dorn did not reach Corinth till the fight was over. It is now believed by the latest arrivals from Pittsburg, that the Rebel force in the action numbered 65,000 men.

The Ninth Illinois Regiment could count but two hundred effective men on Monday morning, the Eleventh Illinois only forty-five, and the Twelfth Illinois only seventeen men. A gentleman from Pittsburg Landing says that the wounded are well provided for, and that the transports and trains are plentiful. No battle is expected for some days yet. The heavy rains have made the road impassable for artillery and army wagons.

General Grant's Official Report. ST. LOUIS, April 15. General Grant, in his official report, estimates our loss at 1500 killed and 3500 wounded. The loss of the enemy in killed and left on the field is greater than ours. An estimate of their wounded cannot be made, and many must have been sent to Corinth and other places.

Correspondence Between Gen. Grant and Beauregard. HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, Pittsburg, April 9, 1862. A flag of truce was sent in to day from Gen. Beauregard. Enclose herewith a copy of the correspondence. Your obedient servant, U. S. GRANT, Major-General Commanding.

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Local Affairs. WARM WEATHER.—Thursday last was one of those early warm and genial days such as we are led to believe are or should be the halcyon days of May.—Everybody was delighted with the weather, and when that is all right, other things wrong may be partially excused.

GARDENING.—The recent fine weather has set our citizens at work in their gardens, and great is the demand for laborers for that purpose. The consequence is that men, women and children are, in some cases, impressed into the service.

TREES, VINE, &c.—Mr. J. B. Jones requests us to say that owing to the lateness of the season he cannot be along with his trees until the week after his previous appointment. On the 18th and 19th of April he will be on hand, hoping that this notice may be satisfactory to all those concerned.

ADMITTED.—We neglected to notice, last week, the admission of our young friend, S. P. Wolverson, to practice in the several Courts in this county. Mr. W. passed a creditable examination, and is a gentleman of excellent character and standing.

THE LUMBER TRADE.—The Susquehanna during the past few weeks has been well filled with rafts of lumber, quietly and slowly floating to market. The "run" has been very heavy, and unless prevented by extra high water, we may expect a continuation for several days. Much of the lumber, shingles, &c., finds a market at Harrisburg, but the greater portion of it passes down the river to Columbia and Tidewater.

MYSTERY.—A man named Lewis Dieffenbacher, an old man, about 60 years of age, residing about a mile below Georgetown, well known in the lower end of this county and upper part of Dauphin as a pedler of certificates of birth, disappeared mysteriously on the night of the 1st of April. He was last seen in the evening, somewhat intoxicated, on his way home, in company with some young men from the neighborhood, but neither his family nor any one else has heard of him since that night. The old man was known to have had some money, about \$20, on his person at the time.

FIRE IN LOWER AUGUSTA.—We regret to learn that the clover chopping and saw mill of Benjamin Heffer, about five miles below this place, was consumed by fire on Friday morning last. Mr. Heffer's loss, we understand, about \$800, and we believe insured for \$650.

NEW MILLINERY.—Miss M. L. Gussler has just arrived from the city with a handsome assortment of new Millinery and Fancy Goods, as will be seen by her advertisement in another column.—Miss Gussler has had long experience in the business and is well known in this community for her taste and enterprise, the best evidence of which is that she gives publicity to her business.

THE SUSQUEHANNA EPISCOPAL CONVENTION will meet in this place on Tuesday, the 22d inst. Services will be held in St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, and in St. Mark's Church, Northumberland, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, at 7 o'clock. A sermon will be preached at each service—the Convention sermon on Wednesday morning. A Sunday School service will be held and address delivered on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

SHAMOKIN COAL TRADE. SHAMOKIN, April 11, 1862. Sent for week ending April 14, 27,229 1/2 Per last report, 32,618 09 To same time last year, 45,427 08 Decrease, 18,898 19

WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, LL. D.—The famous correspondent of the Times keeps on writing letters to the Times, steering things as usual, but never happens, and anticipating things that never will come to pass. The fact is the "Doctor" had better give up writing about American affairs, and be content with writing in new papers, and let us learn for himself a few lessons night schooling, and try and learn something of American manners, customs and usages. By perseverance and practice he might yet attain sufficient skill and judgment to be trusted to write an occasional notice of the suits made at the law office of Messrs. Hall, Hockley & Wilson, 603 and 605 Chestnut Street, above Sixth.

TO DESTROY.—Hats, Bonnets, &c. To Destroy—Mice, Mole and Ants. To Destroy—Bed Bugs. To Destroy—Moles, Fleas, Clarks, &c. To Destroy—Insects on Plants and Fowls. To Destroy—Insects on Animals. To Destroy—Every form and species of Vermin. See Coster's advertisement in this paper, for the destruction and extermination of all forms and species of Vermin. Sold in Sunbury, Pa., by Felling & Grant, and by the Druggists, Grocers and Storekeepers generally.

EMPLOYMENT. 875. AGENTS WANTED! We will pay from \$25 to \$75 per month, and all expenses, to active Agents, or give a commission. Particulars sent free. B. JAMES, General Agent, Milan, Ohio. October 5, 1861.

MARRIAGES. On the 8th inst., in Upper Mahanoy by the Rev. J. F. Stiehl, Mr. ADAM M. SNYDER, to Miss MARY M. daughter of the Rev. J. Fritzing. On the 6th inst., by the Rev. J. Fritzing, Mr. JOHN SWEETZ of Dauphin Co., to Miss HANNAH C. SWALM, of Schuylkill Co. On the same day, by the same, Mr. HENRY REED, to Miss CATHERINE WALTON, both of Dauphin Co. On the 13th inst., by the same, Mr. HENRY DERK, to Miss MARY WAGNER, both of Little Mahanoy.

DEATHS. In Turbut township, on the 5th inst., ANDREW FOLLMER, aged 66 years. Also, the same day, in Milton, REUBEN, son of Andrew Follmer, aged 37 years. On the 3d inst., in Turbut township, MARTIN BILLMEYER, aged about 45 years. LOUISA, wife of William Kutz, aged 35 years. In Milton, on the 6th inst., ELLEN, wife of J. F. Wolfinger, in the 33th year of her age. In Shamokin on the 12th inst., Mrs. ELLI ZABETH HINE, aged 70 years, 9 months and 8 days. In Northumberland on the 10th inst., MARY WILKINSON, daughter of William and Rebecca Gaskin, aged 1 year and 1 month.

SUNBURY MARKET. Flour, 6 00 Eggs, 10 Butter, 10 Wheat, \$1 1/2 to 2 1/2 Butte, 10 Rye, 10 Corn, 25 Pork, 10 Oats, 25 Lard, 10 Beans, 10 Meal, 10 Flaxseed, \$1 12 Ham, 12 Cloverseed, \$1 00 Shoulder, 10 Potatoes, 10 Dried Apples, \$1 25 Dried Peaches, \$3 00

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. FOR SALE OR TO RENT. THAT fine two-story Brick Dwelling House, occupied by Cranberry and Blackberry streets, occupied by J. H. Zimmerman, in Sunbury. Also, a lot and frame building, corner of Fawn and Blackberry streets, occupied by JAMES CAMPBELL. Enquire of CHAS. PLEASANTS, Agent, or D. M. BLAUPTIGAM, Northumberland, April 10, 1862.—3t

Auditors' Meeting of Upper Augusta Township. NOTICE is hereby given that the Auditors of Upper Augusta Township, on Friday and Saturday, the 24 and 25th of May next, meeting at the office of the Auditors, in the town of Upper Augusta, are requested to attend. The Overseers of the Poor and Supervisors elect, for 1862, are requested to enter security on Friday, the 24th of May, according to law. The School Treasurer is requested to meet the Auditors on Saturday, the 25th of May, to have his accounts audited. JAMES RACHTEL, WM. S. SNYDER, NEW Augusta tp., April 19, 1862.

NO. 166, Pittsburgh, Penn'a. Select Lists of Strawberries. For \$5 we will furnish 100 plants each of the following kinds: Triumph de Gand, Trollope, Victoria, Burr's New Pine, Jenny Lind and Wilson Albany.

For \$10 we will furnish 100 plants each of the following kinds: Triumph de Gand, Trollope, Victoria, Burr's New Pine, Jenny Lind and Wilson Albany. For \$15 we will furnish 100 plants each of the following kinds: Triumph de Gand, Trollope, Victoria, Burr's New Pine, Jenny Lind and Wilson Albany. For \$20 we will furnish 100 plants each of the following kinds: Triumph de Gand, Trollope, Victoria, Burr's New Pine, Jenny Lind and Wilson Albany.

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Notice. A MEETING of the Stockholders of the Shamokin & Bear Valley Coal Company will be held at the Counting Room of Fales, Loshoff & Co., No. 21 Chestnut Street, on Tuesday, the 22d inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., to elect five Directors and for other purposes connected with the interest of said Company. By order, D. C. WILKINSON, Secretary of the Corporation. April 19, 1862.

Administrators' Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned, of the estate of Frederick Calkins, late of Jackson township, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, deceased, all persons indebted are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, or to present their claim for settlement. JACOB CABLE, Administrator. Sunbury, April 19, 1862.—6t

Lackawanna & Bloomsburg Railroad. On Train will arrive November 25, 1861, Passengers. Leave Scranton, 7:00 A. M. Leave Kingston, 8:30 A. M. Leave Bloomsburg, 9:30 A. M. Leave Danville, 10:15 A. M. Arrive at Northumberland, 10:30 A. M. Leave Northumberland, 1:30 P. M. Leave Danville, 2:15 P. M. Leave Bloomsburg, 3:45 P. M. Leave Kingston, 4:30 P. M. Leave Scranton, 5:00 P. M. Arrive at Scranton, 9:00 P. M. A Passenger Train also leaves Kingston at 8:30 A. M., for Scranton, to connect with a train for New York, leaving Kingston on Tuesday, the 22d inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., to arrive at New York at 10:30 A. M. The Lackawanna & Bloomsburg Railroad connects with the Delaware and Lancaster and Western Railroad at Scranton, for New York and intermediate points east. At Rupert it connects with the Catawissa Railroad, for points east and west. At Northumberland it connects with the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad and Northern Central Railroad, for points west and east. JOHN P. HULSEY, Sup't. J. C. WELLS, General Ticket Agent. April 5, 1862.

1862. Spring and Summer 1862. CLOTHING FOR ALL. THE undersigned has just received the largest assortment of SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING ever brought to Sunbury, and takes pleasure in informing his friends and the public generally that it is enabled to sell CHEAPER THAN EVER! His stock is of the best material, manufactured in the most recent and latest styles, and consists of: BREEZE COATS, FINE \$3 to \$7. Cashmere or Business Coats of different prices. PASTES—Plain and Fancy Cashmires of the latest styles. A large assortment of Plain and Fancy Vests well made Shirts, Woven Shirts and Overshirts. CARPET BAGS AND TRUNKS. And also a number of other articles of gentlemanly wear. We announce to every one that our CLOTHING EMPORIUM is unnecessary by any other in State for quality, cheapness and durability. We safely say to those who are purchasing Hedges' Clothing, at retail, they can buy their goods at a cheaper Cash Price than any other establish in Pennsylvania. The Purchasing is calling it. It gives me a call before purchasing elsewhere. JOSEPH SCHWEITZER, Agent. Nearly opposite Weaver's Hotel. Sunbury, March 20, 1862.

Washington House. NORTHUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA (Near the Bridge). THE subscriber having leased this well situated and commodious building, he is respectfully informing the public that he is here ready to receive the public, and will be prepared to furnish the best of accommodations, at the most reasonable rates. Friends throughout the county, and all patrons his establishment. JOSEPH VAN DER BRUG, Proprietor. April 12, 1862.

SOLOMON MALIC. A Land Office, Pennsylvania. For more information, apply to the Proprietor of the OFFICE, Market street, one door E. of a Street's Store, and nearly opposite the Court House. JOSEPH SCHWEITZER, Agent. Board 31, 1862. The St. Louis. THE undersigned, having been appointed by the Board of Directors of the St. Louis & Northumberland Railroad, to act as Agent for the sale of tickets, and to receive the fares, and to take care of the baggage of passengers, he is respectfully informing the public that he is here ready to receive the public, and will be prepared to furnish the best of accommodations, at the most reasonable rates. Friends throughout the county, and all patrons his establishment. JOSEPH VAN DER BRUG, Proprietor. April 12, 1862.