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**Gen. Butler's Command.**  
WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, Oct. 28, 1863.—General Orders, No. 359. By direction of the President of the United States, Major General B. F. Butler, United States Volunteers, is appointed to the command of the 18th Army Corps, and of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina. Major Gen. John G. Foster, on being relieved by Gen. Butler, will report, in person, for orders, to the Adjutant General of the army.

**The Coal Trade.**

POTTSVILLE, Oct. 31, 1863.

The quantity sent by Railroad this week is 69,624 tons—by Canal, 29,088 tons—by the week. 89,709 tons against 79,099 tons for the week before last year.

Notwithstanding the dreariness of this region for recruits for the Union Army, the new hands that keep pouring in upon us more than compensate for it, as the shipments show.

The opening of the Malmsey Region has given us the ability to furnish all the coal the increased demand has required so far.

The only drawback seems to be the scarcity of cars. The Hunting Railroad Company added about two thousand additional cars to their rolling stock this year, but even this large number has not been sufficient to supply the demand. The increase by Railroad for the eleven months this year over last year's coal traffic on Schuylkill country is 1,000,000 tons, or 700,000 tons. This is an extraordinary increase, and we have no doubt it will reach three-fourths of a million tons by the close of the fiscal year. The traffic of this road in tonnage is now greater than the traffic of any other road in the world.

## Local Affairs.

**Rev. Mr. Norton.**—Driving service will be held in the Presbyterian Church, in this place opposite the depot, on every Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. L. Norton, Pastor.

**The Company of soldiers stationed here have gone to Selinsgrove, where the board of enrollment is now examining drafted men for Snyder county.**

**Our Seminary Boys.**—We stated last week that the boys who broke up Judge Dredge's son, had taken from Northern Central Faculty Company Board of 5000 \$, belonging to Mrs. Wilson. We are pleased to learn from Judge Jordan, that he has since found them among other papers. The robbers had taken the ringlet which they were laying on the floor, but, as it appears, stuck the 100 \$ bills in among some other papers in the safe.

**Our Soldiers' Dinner.**—A Soldier's dinner will be given at the public house of Elias Enechuk, in Lower Augusta township, on Thursday the 19th inst., in honor of the late Union victory. Capt. Gold's company, now home on furlough, and who have been stationed for nearly two years at Key West, Florida, and other stations in the United States-service, will be present. The friends of the Union are invited to participate. Tickets for the dinner can be had at this office.

**Thanksgiving Proclamation.**—Gen. Curtis has issued a proclamation setting apart the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving. This having been selected by the President as a national thanksgiving day, we presume it will be observed in all the loyal states. A number of our friends have already named it in their publications, and urged its observance. No doubt the great mass of Pennsylvanians will abstain from all mirth and merriment in a general thanksgiving for the numerous blessings that have been bestowed upon us as a people.

**Our Camp Recreations.**—Headquarters of Capt. H. B. Buckwalter, late of this place, will be pleased to learn that he has been assigned to the honorable and responsible position of commander of Gen. Meade's Body Guard, comprising one hundred men, composed of Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, and the 1st Cavalry. He is to be held to strict and exact discipline. His 1st班 complement to the talents and character of our brave friend, and his numerous friends in this place, and vicinity, congratulate him upon his success.

**Our Westerners.**—This is the common season, and a number of our citizens usually take a turn as amateur hunters and indulge in the chase. We are indebted to our friend and neighbor, Wm. M. Rockefeller, Esq., for a general road and steaks.

"Thanks," my friend, for your venison for dinner &c. &c.

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