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## COUNTY CONVENTION.

The members of the Union Party of Northumberland County, are requested to meet in the different Townships and Boroughs of the County, on Saturday the 6th of August, to elect delegates to attend a County Convention, which will assemble in Sunbury, on Monday the 8th of August, to nominate candidates for Congress, Legislature, and County Offices to be elected at the October election. It is of the greatest importance that each District in the County should be represented.

C. B. SMITH,  
Chairman of Standing Committee.

**22d** The news from Grant's army is that will certainly capture Richmond.

**22d** Sherman's army in the Southwest accomplished wonders. His march from Chattanooga to Atlanta, has been a triumphal one. Our losses in the recent battles, estimated at 3000. Our men found 3000 ad rebels on the field, which, according to usual proportions of killed and wounded, would make the rebel loss 18000.

**22d** THE LADY'S FRIEND.—The August number has come to hand, and is handsomely illustrated with engravings and fashion plates. It contains the usual variety of dicing matter.

**22d** THE AMENDMENTS.—We again call attention of our Union readers to the importance of turning out to the election Tuesday next, the 2d of August. It behoves the friends of the soldiers to turn and poll every vote. There is no doubt, the majority of the people of Pennsylvania in favor of the soldiers amendment, but it is dangerous of defeat through apathy and indifference. We exhort, therefore, every man of the soldier to turn out and do his duty on Tuesday next.

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The enemy was thoroughly whipped and driven from the field. After the battle General Hooker reported to General Sherman as follows:

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NOVEMBER, July 26.—Official news from the front at Atlanta is meager; but no reverses are reported.

General Sherman still maintains his position and is vigorously advancing.

Gen. Rousseau has successfully fulfilled his orders, and reports a loss of only twelve of his command.

Gen. Garrott's expedition has been successful in destroying the bridges at Covington, forty miles east of Atlanta, destroying the public stores at Covington and Conyers, including 2,000 bales of cotton and a locomotive and train of cars, and capturing two hundred prisoners and a number of horses.

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We have found over 1,000 dead rebels, which with the usual proportion of wounded, will make their loss over 7,000.

Our army is in good condition and the situation favorable.

## The Great Battle at Atlanta.

LOUISVILLE, July 23.—To-day's Nashville Union says that a telegram from General Sherman says the enemy attacked General Thomas on Wednesday fiercely and was handsomely repulsed and roughly handled.

The Union adds that the two armies are now on level ground, and the fighting is more general.

New York, July 23.—A Washington despatch dated last night, says that the battle of Thursday between Sherman's and Hood's (Johnston's) armies, was very severe, bloody, and the defeat of the Rebels most complete. They were driven back into their fortifications with a loss of six to eight hundred killed, and our forces held the field with about four thousand wounded and prisoners.

All the lines of retreat had been cut off by Sherman except the one via Macon, and that has probably been attended to before this time.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Atlanta was virtually in our hands yesterday, so completely was it under the guns of Sherman from his positions gained, and we are satisfied that he now occupies it fully, all the fighting with Johnston and with his successor, Hood, having resulted disastrously to the enemy. Sherman cut the rebel telegraphic communications with Montgomery, near Notasaga, on the 17th, by a cavalry expedition, which was at Talladega on Saturday, and which will undoubtedly be heard from very soon as having played the mischief generally with the Rebel communications at Atlanta.

The Rebel General John B. Hood, heretofore only a division commander, took command of the Rebel army in Georgia on the 18th. He owned his appointment over Hardee and others to the fact that he alone of Johnston's captain has been fiercely opposed to Johnston's retrograde movement at Dalton. He was counted upon to resist Sherman's advance at every hazard, but it seems he has been no more successful than Johnston.

General Bragg reached Atlanta on the 12th.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The Republican, extra says:

The Government is in receipt of a despatch to-day from the telegraph operator at Chattanooga, via Louisville, in the following words:

"Atlanta is not ours yet. Our forces find strong opposition. It seems that we are in possession of a part of the city, but the enemy holds the rest."

The Republican extra also announces the following official news of the battle before Atlanta on Wednesday last:

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One may circulate the lie, that the adoption of the amendments will also give the soldiers the right to vote. Negroes not qualified electors, and, therefore, it is possible for them to vote under this amendment.

**22d** A Mississippi steamer—**FIGURE**—**FIGURE**—Lives Lost.

JULY, 25th.—The steamer Jameson, from New Orleans, on the 18th arrived here to-day and reports that the steamer M. R. R. from Natchez, struck a when off Griffith's Landing, fifteen below Greenville, Mississippi, on the instant at 10 o'clock at night, and to the hurricane roof in five minutes, she had nearly 600 people aboard, including 40 of the 16th Missouri Cavalry, 50 rebels and burroughed soldiers and quite a fair of cabin passengers.

But fifty lives were lost and half of number belonged to the cavalry. The interior, with two exceptions were rebels and negroes. But two cabin passengers, a young man named Chapman of Alton and a boy, are believed to have lost.

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**ANOTHER REPORT.**

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(Special to the Tribune.)—A despatch from our army at Atlanta, received by the Government, this evening, estimates our losses in Friday's battle at about 3,000, and that the rebels at about 6,000. About 800 dead rebels were buried in front of our left wing.

The firing is described as having been continuous, the rebels making repeated charges on our lines with the bayonet, each time being repulsed with much slaughter, and finally driven into their fortifications.

The rebels had destroyed all their immense depots of provisions in Atlanta, and it was believed were retreating by the main road. Our cavalry would probably intercept their retreat long enough to enable our infantry to come up.

The rebel lines were to have been assaulted on Saturday.

Two rebel brigadiers were killed and two wounded.

**Frightful Accident in a Coal Mine—Twenty-one men killed.**

SCHUYLER HAYES, PA., July 24.—A terrible accident occurred at the Phoenix Colliery on Saturday evening, which resulted in the instant death of twenty-one men who were on a slope car coming out of the mine from their day's work.

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on the descending car was killed.

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