



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, (D. V.) will be celebrated in the Presbyterian Church of this place, on the first Sabbath of March.

The Conscription Bill.

We take up our pen not to condemn the measure whose title forms the caption of this article, but to warn Congress and the President against its passage.

We are under obligations to our old friend, John Kinton, of Napier township, for a copy of the "Bedford Gazette," of November 2, 1865.

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We call attention to the sales of Real Estate advertised in the Gazette. Valuable real property will be sold by J. Cessna, Joseph Dull, David Howsare, S. G. Statler, George Blackburn, Weimer Reininger, and Geo. W. Householder and John Manspeaker.

John Forney, the drafted man who shot Lieut. Ford, when the latter was attempting to arrest him, has been released from the Old Capitol Prison, at Washington, and is now awaiting his trial before the Fulton county court.

Nicholas Longworth, the great Cincinnati winegrower, died, a few days ago, at a ripe old age.

We publish the following with great pleasure. It verifies every word we said in regard to the speech to which this letter refers.

Dear Sir:—In an editorial article in the Gazette of the 18th inst., in reference to a meeting held in the Court House, on Tuesday evening of Court week, you say, that one of the speakers uttered the following sentiment: "Tear the Constitution in shreds, but save the Union, and make a new Constitution afterwards!"

Bedford, February 18, 1863.

The Frauds in the N. Y. Custom House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20th.—Secretary Chase communicated to the Senate, in answer to a resolution, a statement of Edward Jordan, Solicitor of the Treasury, relative to frauds in the New York custom house, showing that frauds upon the revenue had been committed for at least two years past, effected by making out false invoices, representing different descriptions and lower prices of goods than were actually imported, and then securing the passage of such invoices by various devices through the Custom House.

One lawyer says he has, in fifteen months paid eighteen hundred dollars to one Record Clerk. Van Vechten admits having received twenty-five hundred dollars per annum. A Bank Clerk, on a salary of one thousand dollars, in eight years accumulated thirty thousand dollars.

Second. New regulations concerning invoices and entries of foreign merchandise. Third. The criminal punishment of the guilty. Fourth. The prohibition of all emolument from importers. Fifth. Provision for securing proof against such frauds.

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The National force now in service is to be divided into two classes, the first class embracing all between 20 and 35 years of age, and all unmarried men between 35 and 45 years of age.

When necessary to make a draft, the President shall indicate the number for each district, taking into consideration the number already furnished since the beginning of the war, so as to fairly equalize the burden; the enrolling officers shall then make the draft with 50 per cent. addition, and within ten days serve notice upon the drafted men.

The bill provides for the proper surgical examination of drafted men, and the punishment of surgeons who receive bribes.

When the draft is finished, all those not taken are allowed to travel pay to their homes. Those who furnish substitutes are exempt for the entire time of draft, and the substitute has the same pay, &c., as though originally drafted.

The bill also provides that volunteers now in service who re-enlist for one year shall have a bounty of \$50, one-half paid down; those who enlist for two years receive \$25 of the regular \$100 bounty.

There are also provisions for the consolidation of skeleton regiments; also that Generals in the field may execute court-martial sentences against spies, deserters, mutineers, or murderers, without reference to the President; courts-martial may reduce absentee officers to the ranks; clothing, arms, &c., shall not be sold, pledged, or given away, and may be taken wherever found in illegal hands; persons who entice soldiers to desert, or harbor them, or buy their arms or uniforms, and ship captains or railroad conductors who knowingly convey deserters, may be fined \$500 and imprisoned for six months to two years.

Any person who resists a draft, or counsels others to do so, or dissuades them from performing military duty, shall be summarily arrested, locked up until the draft is finished, then tried by a civil Court, and fined \$500 or imprisoned two years, or both.

The President, on the passage of this act, shall issue a proclamation recalling absentees from the army, who may return without punishment within the time indicated, except the forfeiture of pay for the time of absence; those who do not return will be deserters.

Officers absent with leave, except for sickness or wounds, receive half-pay; officers absent without leave, no pay at all. There are other provisions, but chiefly of details not particularly important.

This bill, it will be observed, confers new and extraordinary powers upon the President. In effect, it establishes martial law over the whole Union. It over-rides the constitutional and statute authority of the State Governments over their citizens, in respect to military service, and consolidates the supreme power in all things pertaining thereto, in the hands of the President.

It would be useless to discuss the constitutionality of this or any other measure, in view of the present policy of the administration; but we may be permitted to question the necessity for so radical a change in the established Militia System of the country, in consideration of the fact that every requisition heretofore made by the Federal Government upon the State authorities, has been promptly and patriotically answered; and in no case, except that of Massachusetts, has there been the slightest indication on the part of the Governors of any of the loyal States, of an intention to withhold from the President the support of any portion of the whole war power of the nation in the effort to suppress the rebellion, and restore the constitutional relations between the seceded States and the Federal Government.

The vote on its final passage in the Senate, is not given.—Reading Gas. & Dem.

ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

COMPANY G, 101st REG'T, P. V. Newbern, S. C., Feb. 11th, 1863. FRIEND MEYERS:

The weather just now is very pleasant for our door sports, such, for instance, as drilling! And I can assure you the officers that have the big straps on their shoulders, are having a good time of it, in the way of buggy and horse-back riding with the ladies.

Death has entered another family and broken down the parent stem—the father lies mouldering in the grave—the husband's place has been made vacant. And yet, both wife and children have reason to magnify the grace of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, who has not left them without hope.

ASHCOM.—On the 5th inst., at Hopewell, at the residence of her son, C. W. Ashcom, Mrs. Anna Mary Ashcom, aged 77 years, 4 months and 9 days.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.—In the Senate the committee of conference on the miscellaneous appropriation bill presented a report, striking out the mileage proposition, leaving the old law for the payment of mileage to members in operation.

THE WAR NEWS.—A Press dispatch from Memphis, dated Saturday last furnishes advices from Vicksburg to Wednesday, the 18th inst. On that day the mortar boats of the Federal fleet attacked the Confederate works, three of their batteries responding. It was soon found that the Federal position was too much exposed and it was changed, and the bombardment renewed, but the effect of the firing is not known.

THE COST OF CLOTHING AN ARMY.—Speaking of ethos, the Philadelphia Inquirer calculates that an army of three hundred thousand men will require an outlay of eighteen millions of dollars for each new cloth uniform, exclusive of overcoats. The overcoat cannot be supposed to cost less than thirty dollars.—This will be an additional sum of nine millions.

Public Sale OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, the undersigned will sell at public sale on the premises, on SATURDAY, THE 21st DAY OF MARCH NEXT, the following described real estate:

A tract of land containing about 120 Acres of limestone land, with the following improvements: A GRIST MILL, SAW MILL, LOG-FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, MILL HOUSE AND TWO TENANT HOUSES, frame barn, log stable and other outbuildings thereon erected; also, two apple orchards thereon. The land is nearly all cleared and under fence, situated on Will's Creek, and adjoining lands of James Mattingly, Benjamin Valentine, John Cook and others.

Also, A mountain tract of timber land containing about 400 acres, adjoining lands of John Cook, Kerns heirs and others.

Execution of Charles Hoyman, dec'd. Feb. 27, 1863.—J. W. LINCOLN FELTER, KIMMELL & LINGENFELTER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, BEDFORD, PA.

-MARRIED-

BURKET—WENTZ.—On Tuesday the 14th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by A. H. Hull, Esq., Mr. Isaac Burket to Miss Elizabeth Wentz, all of Union township, Bedford co., Pa.

-DIED-

BENEDICT.—On Saturday, the 21st inst., at Fort Littleton, Fulton county, Pennsylvania, of Typhoid Pneumonia, Dr. D. T. Benedict, aged 44 years.

RADEBAUGH.—On the 18th inst., Mr. Samuel Radebaugh, aged 48 years, 1 month 22 days.

Death has entered another family and broken down the parent stem—the father lies mouldering in the grave—the husband's place has been made vacant. And yet, both wife and children have reason to magnify the grace of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, who has not left them without hope.

DIEHL.—In Bedford township, on the 17th inst., Amanda Diehl, aged 9 years, 7 months and 10 days.

A munda, thou wast mild and lovely, My times were smiling on thee, And you reward is rich and happy N o more on earth thy face we'll see.

KREICHBAUM.—At the residence of his son, in Snake Spring Valley, on the 17th inst., William Kreichbaum, in the 95th year of his age. The deceased was a native of Berks county, and emigrated to Bedford county in 1809, where he lived ever since, adorning the humble walks of life in habits of industry, honesty and economy.

ASHCOM.—On the 5th inst., at Hopewell, at the residence of her son, C. W. Ashcom, Mrs. Anna Mary Ashcom, aged 77 years, 4 months and 9 days.

It will not be death to her again, Whose life to God was given, Gladly to earth her eyes she closed, To open them in Heaven.

MORGRET.—In Friend's Cove, on the 6th of Feb., Mr. Peter Morgret, in the 81st year of his age.

[Deceased was a prominent and highly respected citizen of our county and died regretted by a large circle of friends. A life of steadiness, frugality and virtue, lengthened his years beyond the usual span, and now he has gone to his rest like one

Who wraps the drapery of his couch around him, And lies down to pleasant dreams."—ED.

BULGER.—In Woodbury, on the 5th inst., Andrew M. Bulger, son of Margaret and Dan-Bulger, aged 20 years, 5 months and 21 days. The funeral of the deceased, was preached, in the afternoon of the 16th, in the Methodist Church, in this place, by the Reverend Fouse.

The church was filled to overflowing, and as many more outside, all eager to pay the last tribute of respect to a brave and gallant soldier, ere his body should be consigned to its narrow home, to mingle with the dust.

Andrew entered, as a volunteer, the service of the United States, August 24th, 1861. He was a member of Company C, 110th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, (that veteran, but alas! shattered regiment which time only can sufficiently honor and Eternity reward) and it is but just to the memory of the deceased, to say that he was one of its most faithful and devoted heroes.

After marching with his regiment some two thousand miles, and enduring the privations and perils of war for a year and a half, his physical constitution, though formerly very healthy, wasted away; he received his discharge from the service, and returned home, where he remained until he died.

A few weeks previous to his death, he received the ordinance of baptism, and became a member of the German Reformed Church. His dying words were, "Mother, I am going home. I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." O, how consoling is such a tho't to weeping parents,—one son given to God and their country!

WHOPPING COUGH OR CROUP, however severe, may be alleviated and cured by the use of Mellin's Food, Peppermint Cure, &c. This invaluable Medicine possesses the extraordinary power of relieving immediately Whooping Cough, Hoarseness, Difficulty of Breathing, Tightness and Tickling in the Throat. It loosens the Phlegm, and will be found to be very agreeable to the taste. It is not a violent remedy, but emollient—warming, soothing and effective. Can be taken by the weakest person or youngest child. For sale by all Druggists, at 13 and 25 cts. per bottle. January 23, 1863.—1 y.

NEW JERSEY LANDS FOR SALE.—ALSO, GARDEN OR FRUIT FARMS.

Suitable for Grapes, Peaches, Pears, Raspberries, Strawberries, Blackberries, Currants, &c., of 1, 2, 5, 10 or 20 acres each, at the following prices for the present, viz: 20 acres for \$200, 10 acres for \$110, 5 acres for \$60, 2 1/2 acres for \$40, 1 acre for \$20. Payable by one dollar a week.

Public Sale OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

In pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, there will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on SATURDAY, 21st OF MARCH, NEXT, the following Real Estate, late the property of Daniel McDonald, dec'd., to wit: One tract of land situated in Union township, adjoining lands of John Claycomb, John McDonald's heirs and others, containing 55 acres and 17 perches, being the Mason tract, with a TWO STORY LOG HOUSE, DOUBLE LOG BARN AND OUT-BUILDINGS, an orchard, and about 45 acres cleared.

Also, One other tract of land, situate in St. Clair township, adjoining lands of John Claycomb, John McDonald's heirs, George Vickers, Frederick Stambaugh and others, being that on which Henry McDonald resides, containing 168 acres and 110 perches, about 75 acres cleared, of which about 12 acres are good meadow, with a Two Story Log Dwelling House, Double Log Barn and out-buildings, and a young Apple Orchard thereon. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock of said day.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third to remain in the hands of the purchaser during the lifetime of the widow, the interest thereof to be paid her annually, one-third of remainder on confirmation of sale, the balance in two equal annual payments thereafter.

HENRY McDONALD, MICHAEL WERTZ, Administrators of Daniel McDonald, dec'd. Feb. 27, 1863.—ts

Public Sale OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of the County of Bedford, there will be exposed to public sale on the premises, on FRIDAY, 20th OF MARCH, 1863, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following described real estate, late the property of Mary Burns, dec'd., to wit:

The undivided half part or moiety of that certain tract of land, situate in Napier (now Junata) township, adjoining lands late of Richard Harts, lands of Jacob Kinley, James Burns Jr., said others, containing

110 Acres and 92 Perches, nett measure, seventy acres of which are cleared and under fence, and in a good state of cultivation, about ten acres being first-rate meadow—and having thereon a good apple orchard and other fruit trees. The improvements are a two story ROUGH CAST HOUSE, a Good Bank Barn, and other outbuildings.

TERMS.—One half of the purchase money to be paid in cash, at the confirmation of the sale, and the balance in two equal yearly payments thereafter, to be secured by mortgages or other convenient bonds.

ALEX. KING, Trustee. Feb. 27, 1863.—ts.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Take notice that I have purchased the following property belonging to Jacob Fisher, and sold at Constable Sale on Wednesday, the 11th day of February, 1863, and have left the same in his possession during my pleasure:

One cow, one sett Blacksmith tools, one Cooking stove, three Beds and Bedding, Corner Cupboard, one Table, Meal Chest, Chop Chest, one Shovel.

R. E. McMULLEN. Feb. 27, 1863.—3ts.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned appointed by the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, to Report a distribution of the funds in the hands of O. E. Shannon, Esq., Trustee for the sale of the Real Estate of James Smith, late of Southampton township, dec'd., will attend to the duties of his appointment, at an office, in the Borough of Bedford, on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, A. D., 1863, at 10 o'clock of said day when and where all parties interested can attend.

JOHN P. REED, Auditor. Feb. 27,—3ts

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned appointed by the Orphans' Court, of Bedford county, to examine and settle the exceptions, against the account of Henry Taylor, Receiver of the last will, &c., of Thomas McCree, dec'd., and report a distribution of the funds &c., will attend to the duties of his appointment on Friday, the 13th day of March, A. D., 1863, at 10 o'clock, A. M., of said day, at his office in Bedford, when and where all parties interested can attend.

JOHN P. REED, Auditor. Feb. 27, 1863.—3ts.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration with the will annexed on the estate of Jacob Stouenhour, late of Colerain Township, dec'd, having been granted to the subscriber, residing in said Township, notice is therefore given to all persons indebted to said estate to make payment immediately, and those having claims will present them forthwith for settlement.

HENRY P. DIEHL, Adm'r. cum. test. ann. Feb. 27,—6ts.

FOR SALE OR TRADE!

80 acres of land—10 cleared and under fence with a log house thereon erected, adjoining George Troutman, George May and others, partly in Junata and partly in Londonderry Townships, lately owned by Andrew Wolford.