



Huntingdon & Broad Top Rail Road. DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

Mail train, northward, leaves Mt. Dallas station at 3.40 p. m., arrives at Huntingdon at 6.58 p. m.

Do the People Sustain the War?

The re-election of Mr. Lincoln to the presidency, is regarded by many simple-minded persons as proof positive of the popular approval of the policy of military coercion.

"Copperheads."

The Chicago Platform proposed, by means of negotiation, to make an effort to obtain peace, "upon the basis of the Federal Union."

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.—The next Democratic State Convention will be held at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, June 21st.

EDITORIAL MELANGE.

Source—laborers. Plenty—farms without farmers. Absorbing—the 7-30 loan. Swallows up loose change "munchly."

David Over, Esq., formerly of the Bedford Inquirer, has purchased the Lewistown Gazette, and is now engaged in publishing the same.

For sale. The "Waynesburg Messenger" office is offered for sale. It is said to be one of the best paying country printing-offices in the western part of the state.

How does the Vice President differ from the bulk of Washington society? The latter is principally composed of "loose characters," whilst his excellency is generally a tight one.

The Hancock (O.) Courier, published by Mr. W. L. Glessner, is one of our spiciest and spunkiest Democratic exchanges.

Rich, rare, racy, rollicking and rampant—the Bellefonte Watchman, of last week. The pictorial life of Abraham Lincoln, on the first page, is an excellent thing, in its way.

A detective who was formerly engaged in arresting conscripts and deserters, at \$30 per head, recently enlisted. A letter from the army informs us that the boys put him in a blanket and tossed him about till his bones ached.

HOOPER AND MARSHALL OIL CO.—We have 500 shares of the stock of this company, which we will sell low for cash.

"STUMP ISLANDS OIL CO." ALL RIGHT.—"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." The recent great freshet of the Allegheny River, passed away, leaving upon the territory of the Stump Islands Oil Co., it is said, over \$1,000,000 worth of lumber, barrels, tanks, &c.

HOPEWELL OIL CO.—This company is confessedly upon a better basis than nine-tenths of the concerns gotten up now-a-days.

Middle Woodberry.—Judge, John S. Herick; Inspectors, Thomas Johnston, Michael Hartman; Justice of the Peace, Samuel J. Castner; Constable, John Watson and Sol. Barley, a-tie; School Directors, J. M. Mentzer, and Martin Wolf and W. M. Pearson a-tie; Supervisors, Jacob Kifer, Philip S. Croft; Assessor, Fred. Kauffman; Auditor, John Keith; Township Clerk, Fred. Hartman.

Broad Top.—Justice of the Peace, J. M. Lehman, Judge, J. Taylor; Inspectors, Thomas M. Long, David Brumbaugh; School Directors, David Young, C. W. Ashcom; Supervisors, D. H. Figard, Constable, W. P. Hazard, Auditor, O. P. Dom.

[BY SPECIAL REQUEST.] SONG.

Speak gently, step lightly, O'er the dead soldier's grave; Who died in bloody battle, His country to save.

Speak gently, step lightly, As you pass down that lane; There lives a poor maiden Whose lover was slain;

Speak gently, step lightly, As you pass by that cot; There lives a poor widow, May she ne'er be forgot;

Speak gently, step lightly, As you pass by that mound; There the bones of a traitor Lie deep in the ground.

Speak gently, step lightly, Though terrors have passed, Betwixt the North and the South, May they be the last;

THE WAR. Full details of the contests in front of Petersburg on Saturday last, have been received.

Sherman's army on March 21st, formed a semicircle, the western flank being at Bentonville, and the eastern flank at Goldsboro'.

Important Fights in General Meade's Front.—The Enemy Capture Fort Steadman, but it is Retaken with 1,600 Prisoners.—Unsuccessful Attack on Fort Haskell.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—This morning at 4 1/2 o'clock, the enemy, by a strong and sudden assault, captured Fort Steadman; but after a vigorous contest the fort was recaptured with 1,600 prisoners and two battle flags, and all the guns were uninjured.

The enemy attacked my front this morning at about 4.30 A. M., with three divisions under command of General Gordon.

By a sudden rush they seized the line held by the Third brigade, First Division, at the foot of the hill to the right of Fort Steadman, wheeled, and overpowering the garrison, took possession of the Fort.

The First brigade of Hartranft's division, held in reserve, was brought up and a check given to any further advance.

CITY POINT, March 25, 8 P. M.—To Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War: The number of prisoners reported by the Provost Marshal is 2,200 taken by the Ninth Corps, and 500 by the Second corps.

Capture of Goldsboro' and Smithfield—Sherman, Schofield and Terry in Hourly Communication.

BALTIMORE, March 26.—The following was received this morning from Fortress Monroe: The following advices from Newbern, N. C., have just reached here, via the Albemarle canal:

Gen. Schofield's forces, which moved out from Kinston, triumphantly entered Goldsboro', on Tuesday evening March 21st, meeting with very little resistance.

A portion of Sherman's force which moved from Fayetteville, met the enemy on the same day (Tuesday) at Mount Olive, where quite an engagement ensued.

The utmost enthusiasm prevails in our army, and the troops are sweeping all before them in the shape of an enemy.

Southern Accounts of Sherman's Defeat.—The Advance of His Left and Centre Columns Checked—He Suffers Heavy Loss.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—9 o'clock P. M.—The following extracts from Richmond papers have been received this evening at 8:30 P. M., from Gen. Grant:

CITY POINT, March 23.—Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War: Richmond papers received. The following is from a dispatch from North Carolina:

It is understood in official circles that no fighting has occurred in North Carolina since Sunday, and from all we can learn it appears that Sherman has attempted no advance since his check on that day.

General Hardee's victory on the 16th inst. was a very important one, and as regards the enemy a most bloody affair.

General Johnston's defeat of the enemy last Sunday, the 19th inst., occurred at Bentonville, near the Neuse river.

By these facts we are informed that Sherman has been pushing towards Raleigh in two columns—one moving due north from Fayetteville, and the other northward from Newbern.

General News. Gen. Grant reports to the War Department an extract from the Richmond Dispatch, but the date is not given.

The news from Europe by the Australasian is simply interesting as indicating the general feeling in England in regard to the probability of a war with this country, growing out of the claims and counter-claims of the two Governments for damages inflicted, directly or indirectly, by the war.

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Queen Victoria has at last fully and plumply recognized the Empire of Mexico. She addresses Maximilian as my good brother and the Empress as my dear, good sister.

The greatest freshet ever known on the Susquehanna river, occurred on last Friday and Saturday week. It exceeded, by 30 inches, the great flood of 1846.

Pay of the Soldier.

In the course of a late speech, Senator Saulsbury, the Democratic Representative of the State of Delaware in the United States Senate said:

I shall vote to increase the pay of the soldiers. It is well known that I was no friend of this war in its inception; I have been no friend of it in its progress; but being in it, and the Government calling for the services of men, and they volunteering or being conscripted, I will vote to pay those men, who believe they are doing right, a reasonable compensation.

Sir, what is the compensation of a soldier? I understand it is the sum of sixteen dollars a month. Sixteen dollars a month to go upon the deadly battle-field! Sixteen dollars a month to leave wife, and children, and home, with all its endearments! Sir, it is no compensation at all; and although I believe that the war was a great mistake, and that peace can never come to this country through the bloody track of war, I will vote to pay the men who think differently from me guided by patriotic motives, a just and reasonable compensation.

Proclamation by the President.

WASHINGTON, March 10.

By the President of the U. S. of America.

WHEREAS, the twenty-first section of the act of Congress, approved on the third instant, entitled "An act to amend several acts heretofore passed to provide for the enrolling and calling out of National Forces and for other purposes, requiring that in addition to other lawful penalties of the crime of desertion from the military or naval service, all persons who have deserted from the military or naval service of the United States, who shall not return to said service or report themselves to provost marshals within sixty days after the proclamation hereinafter mentioned, be deemed and taken to have voluntarily relinquished and forfeited their rights to citizenship, and their rights to become citizens, and such deserters shall be forever incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under the United States or of exercising any rights of citizens thereof, and all persons who shall hereafter desert the military or naval service, and all persons who being duly enrolled shall depart from the jurisdiction of the district in which he is enrolled, or go beyond the limits of the United States with intent to avoid any draft into the military or naval service duly ordered, shall be liable to the penalties of this section, and the President is hereby authorized and required forthwith on passage of this act, to issue his proclamation setting forth the provisions of this section, in which proclamation the press is requested to notify all deserters, returning within 60 days, as aforesaid, that they shall be pardoned on condition of returning to their regiments and commands, or to such other organizations as they may be assigned to, until they serve for a period of time equal to their original term of enlistment. Now, therefore, be it known that I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do issue this my proclamation, as required by the aforesaid act of Congress, ordering and requiring all deserters to return to their posts; and I do hereby notify them that all deserters who shall, within sixty days from the date of this proclamation, viz: on or before the 15th day of May 1865, return to the service or report themselves to a provost marshal, shall be pardoned, on the condition they return to their regiments and commands, or to such other organizations as they may be assigned to, and serve the remainder of their original term of enlistment, and in addition thereto a period equal to the term lost by desertion.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington this 11th day of March, A. D., 1865, and of the independence the eighty-ninth.

A. LINCOLN.

By the President. W. H. SEWARD, Sec'y. of State.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS.—THE AMERICAN WATCH CO.—Our readers, we are sure, are not generally aware of the great impetus that has been given to manufactures since the beginning of the war.

The high rates of exchange, and the necessities of the army, have made the Eastern hills and valleys resound with the hum of busy machinery, and nowhere has machinery done more or created a greater revolution in production and trade than in the manufacture of the watch. What was once the toilsome, slow and uncertain result of hand labor only, is now the swift demonstration of unvarying mechanical forces.

The same class of genius that invented the telegraph and the sewing machine invented the delicate and wonderful mechanism that takes hold of the raw material—the brass and steel, and gold, and precious stones, and under competent direction turns out that daily wonder and necessity—a perfect time-keeper. That genius is essentially American, and has been found, collected, assimilated and made productive by the American Watch Co., at Waltham, Mass.

Now is the time to send on subscriptions for 1865.

It seems to be accorded by the universal consent of mankind that Dr. J. C. AYER & Co's Sarsaparilla, Pectoral and Pills are the greatest remedies yet discovered for the treatment of disease; that AYER'S Sarsaparilla is the great Elixir of Life, which Philosophers have sought for purifying the blood. Try it and judge for yourselves.

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DIEHL.—In Friend's Cove, on the evening of March 7th, 1865, Mary M. Diehl, wife of John Diehl, aged 63 years, 11 months, and 5 days.

CORLEY.—On the 25th inst., Henry Corley, of Harrison township, aged 69 years, 7 months and 20 days.

CALLAHAN.—In Bedford, on Saturday, the 18th inst., in the faith and hope of the Gospel, Mrs. Violet Callahan, aged 75 years.

PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE LUMBER.

Will be exposed to public sale, by the subscribers, at Jacob Eitenberger's, on the Glade Pike, nineteen miles west of Bedford, on MONDAY, 10th April, next, about one hundred thousand feet of seasoned White Pine Boards and Scantling. This sale of Lumber will amply pay builders and others wanting good Lumber, as it will be sold promptly. Sale will commence at 12 o'clock, noon, when conditions will be made known, by THOS. C. GARRETT.

Bedford, March 31.

ESTATE OF GEORGE SHARP, DEC'D.

Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned, by the Register of Bedford county, upon the estate of George Sharp, late of Middle Woodberry township, dec'd, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims will present them properly authenticated for settlement. DAVID M. REFLOGLE, Adm'r.

March 31—65.