



ALTOONA, PA. TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1863.

The News.

The news of the past week has been somewhat exciting, although no extensive engagements have taken place.

We had a report, a few days since, that the black brigade, organized in South Carolina, and recently sent on a mission to Florida, had been captured.

We are sorry to record the death of Major General Edwin Vose Sumner, who died at Syracuse, N. Y., on Saturday morning last, of congestion of the lungs.

In yesterday's papers we have the report that Lee's army is falling back on Richmond.

On the 19th inst., a small rebel force was captured six miles below Port Hudson, together with the signal books of the rebel army.

PUTTING THIS AND THAT TOGETHER.—Among the news in our recent files from Richmond, we find in close juxtaposition the following:—A universal and fearful cry of distress for food from all parts of the "Confederacy," a very large number of pathetic complaints about persons brought up in affluence who are reduced to penury, and almost to beggary; a well authenticated statement that the privation throughout large districts, but especially in Texas, is so terrible that it can only be understood by those who have seen it; a corresponding statement that the "poor people who suffer so severely are turning an anxious gaze towards "the Union as it was," a quotation of gold at Richmond at \$4.25 premium, and a significant declaration in the Richmond Examiner, "that the destiny of the Confederacy is staked upon the struggle of the next three months."

Let any intelligent reader "put this and that together," and he will be able to see further towards the end of the Rebellion than he can by any other mode. The result depends upon the struggle of the next three months. The foe understands this, and is preparing. Do we fully realize the situation? Are we prepared?

Old "Botherer" must not imagine that because we condescended to come down and notice his attacks upon us, that we will attempt to drag others down also. We had no intention to support our assertions in reference to his attempt to collect another man's ticket money, by obtaining cards from the candidates to that effect.

Our Army Correspondence. HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA. Feb. 26th, 1863. MASSAS, EDITORS.—I haste to drop you a few lines once more, for the purpose of letting you know that I am still above the sod. I have several items which may prove interesting to your readers. We have just returned from an excursion to Jenkin's Island, where we were doing out-of-door duty for the last ten days.

The expedition to Charleston is still talked of, and preparations are still being made for it, but how soon it will sail, is more than I can say.

The weather is fine. Gardens have been planted, and we will soon have an abundance of vegetables of all kinds. Think of this, ye Northerners

this, issued an order pretending all communication between our pickets and those of the enemy will still hold, notwithstanding the rebels following us a close watch to prevent being surprised by the enemy, who were prowling around and up to all kind of mischief.

The post on Jenkin's Island is of the utmost importance, for were the rebels to succeed in landing on this Island, they would experience no difficulty in crossing from there to Hilton Island.

For the present I think I will close, lest I "eat out my welcome," as the saying is. You may expect to hear from me soon again and in the future I will endeavor to write at least two letters per month for the Tribune.

Letter from Senator Douglas. A friend of Senator Douglas has handed us for publication a copy of the following letter from him on the State of the country:

My DEAR SIR: Being deprived of the use of my limbs, I am compelled to avail myself of the services of an amanuensis in reply to your letters.

It seems that some of my friends are unable to comprehend the difference between arguments used in favor of an equitable compromise, with the hope of averting the horrors of civil war, and the urging in support of the Government and flag of our country, when war is being waged against the United States with the avowed policy of producing a permanent division of the Union, and a total destruction of its Government.

All hope of compromise with the Cotton States was abandoned when they assumed the position that the separation of the Union was complete and final, and that they would never consent to a reconstruction in any contingency.

These startling facts, taken in connection with the boastful announcement that the ravages of war and carnage should be quickly transferred from the cotton fields of the South to the wheat fields and cornlands of the North, and the knowledge that it was the fixed purpose of the secessionists utterly to destroy the Government of our fathers, and obliterate the United States from the map of the world.

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A Cavalry Fight. HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, March 18.—A most brilliant cavalry fight occurred on the Rappahannock yesterday, beyond Kelly's Ford.

The battle lasted about five hours, and was a series of charges and hand-to-hand conflicts resulting in the enemy falling back. The force engaged was about two thousand on each side.

DEBENTURE SHOT.—Samuel Wade, of Co. A, 7th Regiment, P. V., a deserter from Parole Camp, was shot near Buena Vista Springs, on Saturday last, while attempting to make his escape from the Provost Guard of this place.

A GOOD MOVE.—The Agricultural Bureau is about to inaugurate an important system of obtaining monthly reports of the condition of the crops in all parts of the country.

STRIKES BY LIGHTNING.—On March 15th, the wife of John Luther, near Carrollton, was struck by lightning, while sitting in the house a short distance from the stove.

A CASE IN POINT.—A great deal is said about the extravagance of the War Department by the Copperheads. The Nashville Union, in criticizing this fault-finding spirit, calls attention to the fact that the Utah expedition, which consisted of 10,000 men, and lasted only a few months, cost six millions of dollars.

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LOCAL ITEMS. Our inability to process a paper on which to print this edition, will account for its late appearance. The article secured, after writing and telegraphing to three different parties, is rather inferior, but in these times of scarcity and high prices, we are glad to get anything in the shape of a paper.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT FUND.—The Treasurer reports the following contributions to the above fund, for the week ending Saturday, March 21st, 1863.

UNION LEAGUE.—Pursuant to notice, a meeting was held in Patton's Hall, March 20th, for the purpose of forming a "Union League."

ARRESTED.—Our readers will remember that on the morning of the 20th of October, 1862, an unknown man was found lying on one of the railroad tracks, at the lower end of the yard, in this place.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE. A VALUABLE GRIST MILL SITE. WATER on Black Lick creek, three-fourths of a mile below Altoona, Pa., on the Indiana Branch, P. R. R., is propelled by a dam and runs over a series of falls, and is of the best quality of water.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE. THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS for sale or exchange property in Altoona, Pa., consisting of a house and lot, situated in the village of New Washington, Indiana county, Pa.

FOR RENT.—The basement of Work's new building, on Virginia street, adjoining Koster's property, is offered for rent. Possession given immediately. For further information, apply to LAWRENCE P. WOOD.

FOR RENT.—M. McCormick's store room, in North Ward, is offered for rent. Possession given at any time. For further particulars apply to R. H. MCCORMICK.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN! A house and lot in the West Ward, a good stable on lot and adjacent to the dam. Possession given immediately. Altoona, March 16, 1863. JAMES WILSON.

WANTED.—\$600 for one of 1500 square small onions, 1 1/2 cts. per bushel, and 400 lbs. small onions, 1 1/2 cts. per bushel. Apply at this office.