



ALTOONA, PA.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1863.

The News.

From the Department of the Ohio we have good news. General Burnside has been able to hold his position at Knoxville, Tenn., against Longstreet, and the latter, finding that he could not effect anything in that quarter, has fallen back to await reinforcements and prevent himself from being cut off by the advancing army from Chattanooga. Where Longstreet's reinforcements are to come from is not stated. It is evident from the manner in which Gen. Meade is pushing Lee back towards Richmond, that no men can be spared from that army, and the severe drubbing which Bragg has received from Gen. Thomas' army, in front of Chattanooga, renders it certain that he can get none from that quarter. Burnside's position is therefore perfectly secure.

The last engagement at Chattanooga has been a most brilliant one for the arms of the Union: Over six thousand prisoners have been captured, 50 pieces of artillery, over seven thousand stand of small arms and 10 battle-flags have been captured, besides driving the enemy over twenty-seven miles from the position occupied when the battle commenced. Our loss has been about 4,000 men, while that of the enemy has been much heavier. General Bragg will attempt a stand at Tunnel Hill. A new campaign is being projected and will be carried out during the present month.

From the Army of the Potomac we have but little news. The present movements of Gen. Meade are withheld from the public for the reason that several of his plans have been frustrated by premature publication in the daily papers. It is evidently the design of Gen. Meade to force Gen. Lee to a battle. There will be some hard fighting in that neighborhood ere long. We hope the next battle may be a repetition of Gettysburg.

We have nothing from Gen. Butler in North Carolina. He is evidently preparing to co-operate with Gen. Meade or Gen. Burnside. In either case he will make his mark.

From Charleston we have rumors that the city has been burning for several days and that the fire is kept up by shells constantly thrown into it by Gen. Gilmore. It is also reported that the greater portion of the garrison of Fort Sumter were killed by the falling of the remaining wall of the Fort, under which they had taken shelter. Gen. Banks is doing good work down in Texas. He took possession of Corpus Christi, a few days since, and has put a stop to running the blockade by capturing a number of vessels, among them a British ship loaded with valuable stores and several thousand dollars in gold for the rebels in that section.

Taking all these things into consideration, the rebel cause appears rather hopeless at this time. The days of the Confederacy are numbered.

ENLARGED AND IMPROVED.—The Pittsburgh Evening Chronicle, one of the very best daily papers published, has been materially enlarged, and improved, notwithstanding the increased price of almost every article required by publishers. We always regarded it as one of the best news papers on our exchange list, and the variety, in the way of selections, evinces care and good judgment. Those who want a real live newspaper—one which will not only give them the latest telegraphic dispatches, but the news from all parts of the country, carefully collated from a large exchange list, cannot do better, or get their money back more surely, than by subscribing for the Evening Chronicle. Price \$8 per annum, or on trial, 75 cents for one month.

Godey's Lady's Book for December is before us. The fashion plates in this number are more fascinating than ever. Utility, economy and elegance seems to be their motto. It is acknowledged by all, that Godey's is the most complete and practical Fashion Magazine ever issued, and its pages are filled with choice original matter from the best authors in the country. Reduction of prices to the old terms: One copy, one year, \$3—Two copies, \$5—Three copies, \$7—Five copies, \$10. Any person sending a club, at these rates, will receive an extra number. Address, L. A. Godey, 325 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

There was a sight to be seen in broad daylight a few days ago, in front of the Presidential mansion, which gave those who witnessed it a shock of indignation. The carriage of the vice president of the United States, who was in the city on a visit, was being driven by a driver who was not qualified for the duty. The carriage was overturned, and the vice president was injured. The driver was arrested and charged with negligence. The incident has caused a great deal of discussion in the city.

The above is extracted from the Washington correspondence of the New York Independent. It is a lamentable picture of high life in the Capitol of the Nation, and deeply to be regretted. But it is no more lamentable than the ignorance, prejudice and falsehood which characterizes the opponents of the present Administration. The paper from which we clip the above extract, prefaces it with a few editorial remarks in which it charges the Administration with being the cause of this woman getting drunk. Could ignorance or prejudice concoct a more base or silly falsehood? It shows to what extremes bad men will go to accomplish their purposes. The editor who indicted the article referred to, if he knows anything, knows well enough that the Administration had no more to do with that woman's being drunk, than it has to do with the rise and fall of the waters of the Juniata. The desire to injure and vilify, when there was no cause, is too transparent in this instance. As well might the Administration be charged with causing the editor to falsify as with making a woman drunk. It will be well for the editor, at last, if he can succeed in shifting from his shoulders, and placing upon those of the Administration, all the sins of which he has been guilty. The announcement has not yet been made, officially, that the Administration is the scapegoat of the Nation or of individuals.

Escape of John Morgan. John Morgan and five officers confined with him in the Ohio Penitentiary, at Columbus, escaped on Friday night last, by digging through the floor of their cell, getting into a sewer, coming out at the river, dressing themselves as citizens, (in clothes furnished by their sympathizers) getting on the railroad and making their way to Toronto, Canada, where they arrived on Monday last. The Philadelphia Inquirer makes the following allusion to the escape of this noted guerrilla:—

With such expedition was his flight arranged by his hosts of friends and waiters, that he arrived in Toronto in time to read the first announcement of his escape in the evening papers of that city. Although Morgan led a successful career as a guerrilla, and baffled for twenty months all attempts at his overthrow or capture, it must be acknowledged that his movements of the past three days constitute the most brilliant raid of his entire career. Captured in Ohio, confined in the State Penitentiary, guarded by her soldiers, surrounded by officers of the State and General Government, this intrepid "mud-sill" dug himself out of jail, crawled through a common sewer, clambered up the banks of the muddy Scioto, and successfully ran the gauntlet of one hundred and fifty miles of a crowded railroad thoroughfare. As a sequel to this exploit, he will probably proceed to Halifax and book himself for Wilmington, North Carolina, via the "Anglo-Rebel regular Nassau line."

P. S. A Toronto paper denies that Morgan has arrived there.

A "VOLCANIC DEMON" IS RICHMOND.—The Richmond Examiner of the 24th alleged, in a discovery of a plot which has been recently matured for the liberation of the Union prisoners in that city, and adds that General Foster, recently commanding the Department of North Carolina and East Virginia, was aware of the existence of such a plot and gave it aid and countenance, promising a force of cavalry ready to protect the rear of the released prisoners, and to supply them with arms to enable them to cut their way to Fortress Monroe. The Examiner continues: "The plot, it has been further learned, included the destruction of the arsenals, government works, the important bridges across the James' and the gunboats at the navy yard at Rockets. We will not intimate that this disastrous programme could have been carried out, but would like to congratulate the citizens of Richmond on their delivery from the latest possibility of such frightful scenes as must have ensued had the plot ripened into open revolt. Few who slept soundly in their homes at night were aware or even dreamed of the micromedical and feigned slumber in their midst, only waiting for the signal to burst the cords of military restraint and riot in flame and blood."

ALABAMA IRON INTERESTS.—From a war of the character in which we are now engaged, says the Selma (Alabama) Dispatch, there are but few beneficial results to be obtained. Among the few benefits of this desolating war, upon the immense developments of our mineral resources. By the falling back of Bragg to the Georgia line we lost the use of all the extensive coal mines of Tennessee and Northern Georgia, which left us but the almost untried ore fields of Alabama and North Carolina, the Western Virginia works being lost to us early in the war. Alabama, though rich in minerals of all kinds, has lacked the necessary energy and enterprise to develop its wealth.

On Tuesday, the military authorities at Baltimore arrested a young lady, named Miss E. W. Goldborough, at her residence, corner of Courtland and Mulberry streets. She was conducted to the Provost Marshal's office, where a hearing was had in her case. She was charged with being an avowed rebel, and with having corresponded with persons in the South, and also with sending letters to the South. She will be sent South on next Saturday morning not to return during the war.

SAD FATE.—The Democrat (New Hampshire) Gazette is responsible for the following:—A young man in Dover got up one night this week to get some ginger tea for his cold, but by mistake got hold of a bottle of preparation for removing grease, etc., from the clothes; he did not discover his mistake until the next morning, when he found there was nothing left of himself but skin and bones, the preparation having eaten up every particle of fat in his body.

PEN AND SCISSORS.

Look out for our fancy calendars for 1864. Need repairing—a number of street crossings.

Artemus Ward's first lecture in San Francisco yielded \$2,500.

The total debt of Philadelphia is now about twenty-five million dollars.

The yellow fever has disappeared from the blockading fleet off Mobile.

Our nationality must be very dear to us hereafter if that be dearest that costs most.

J. H. O. Corbin, District Attorney for Huntington county, died at Huntington, on the 24th ult.

Two thousand boxes and packages for Union prisoners at Richmond arrived per Adams Express at Fortress Monroe, on Saturday.

Napoleon said that "bayonets think." Yes, and few thinkers had so much keenness, point and penetration as they.

Mr. Seward's report for Congress of diplomatic correspondence since January last, will comprise a printed volume of two thousand pages.

Not being aware of the fact, we omitted to state, in our last issue, that Divine service was held in the Baptist Church on Thanksgiving.

A soldier writing from Vicksburg says: "We are making Vicksburg so strong that nothing can take it, except an earthquake or Gen. Grant."

Notwithstanding coal is so high in price, the production of the Pennsylvania mines for the past year is said to be 1,700,000 tons greater than the previous year.

The publishers of the Hollidaysburg papers have increased their price for publishing legal advertisements—in some cases one-half, and in others double.

The official returns of the late election in Ohio show a majority for Brough of 102,000. But eleven opposition representatives are chosen to the Legislature.

The President has shut himself up from visitors, and from this time till the assembling of Congress will devote himself to the composition of his annual message.

Dr. Johnson defined patriotism to be "a lively sense of favors yet to be received," and Curran described a politician as "one who, buoyant by putrefaction, rises as he rots."

The French gentleman, arrested by Constable Ely, a couple of weeks since, for hotel robbing at Huntington, has been placed in jail at that place, to await a trial at next court.

Col. J. J. Lawrence, formerly Superintendent of the Huntington & Broad Top R. R., has been appointed Superintendent of the Middle Division of the Philadelphia & Erie Rail Road.

In settling up accounts between the Government and the State of New Hampshire, lately, it was discovered that the State has been owing the Government \$10,000 since the war of 1812.

A prize fight came off on Monday, at Valley Green, near Philadelphia, between Martin of New York, and Sennel of Philadelphia. After forty-three rounds had been fought, a drawn battle was pronounced.

Many of the runaways in Canada are represented to be tired of their self-banishment and heartily wish themselves back in their own country, by deserting which, in time of peril, they have forever disgraced themselves.

RYMES FOR THE TIMES.—Some poetaster gets off the following:

The melancholy days have come, The saddest of the year, When toes and fingers both are numb, And coal and wood are mighty dear.

A dispatch, dated Cincinnati, December 1, says:—The Noble county conspirators, who have been on trial in the United States District Court in this city for treason and conspiracy against the United States, have been found guilty.

A stylishly-dressed young lady recently testified before a court in Paris, that she was well paid for fainting away at the theatre, out of pure emotion, at the tragical moment pointed out beforehand by the author of the play.

On Thursday night last a ball was given by the "Press-men's Association" of Boston. Miss Mary A. Bradshaw, one of the ladies present, while dancing, fell to the floor, and before medical assistance could be obtained, expired. It was supposed that she died of heart disease.

When once a concealment or deceit has been practised in matters where all should be fair and open as the day, confidence can never be restored, any more than you can restore the white bloom to the grape or plum that you have once pressed in your hand.

The first instance in the Union army of a commissioned officer being reduced to the ranks is the case of First Lieut. Joseph J. Ennis, 71st Ohio regiment, found guilty of forging an order detaching him to go from Louisiana to Cincinnati to arrest deserters.

Dr. Aitken, of Harrisburg, has been convicted of producing abortion, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 to the Commonwealth, the costs of the prosecution and undergo separate and solitary confinement in the Eastern Penitentiary for the term of three years and four months.

To-morrow is President Lincoln's Sunday. We expect to see it generally observed—over the left.—Junata Register.

The editor of the Register is a church member, a reverencer of the beautiful benefactor, a setter of good examples, and not at all prejudiced, politically.

The following appears in the Richmond Dispatch: "Wanted to sell privately, by a lady who is going out of mourning, an excellent black French merino dress, not soiled. Any one wishing to examine the dress have it sent to their residence by addressing a note to 'Alpha,' Dispatch office. Price \$250."

On the rampage—the Johnston Democrat, because the Government got wind of and defeated the conspiracies in Ohio and Canada for the liberation of rebel prisoners.

P. S. Of course the Democrat will be jubilant over the escape of Morgan and his officers.

The people of Pennsylvania are taking the matter concerning the raising of 38,000 additional troops very easy. To judge from appearances, one would suppose the whole State was asleep. The sleepers will wake suddenly out of that sleep on the 5th of January next, when the State will have to furnish by a draft, over 50,000 men.

Profitable Investments.

The Philadelphia North American gives some excellent advice to those who wish to invest money. It is well for all who are in funds to heed the counsel. It says:—

"Though money has been temporarily scarce, capital continues abundant and the recent tumble in the stock market has brought capitalists to a realizing sense of the unreliable character of many of the securities dealt in. It is greatly to the credit of the Government that its loans, of the several millions daily, in the market, have maintained the integrity of price better than almost anything else. Its Five Twenty year six per cent. loan, the interest on which is promptly paid in gold, has been subscribed to, although the pressure in the money market, at an average of more than two millions per day. And what is not the least gratifying fact in connection with the daily large subscriptions to this popular loan, scarcely any of it is returned to the market for sale."

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