



ALTOONA, PA.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17, 1864.

The Tongue and the Pen.

It has been well said by one who is entitled to attention from the whole race of man, that the "tongue is an unruly member." We all know this assertion to be true, and the pen as the silent tongue, though not given to so much clatter, nevertheless requires a faithful guard.

To be more particular, we have known individuals to speak the truth in words, who would put such a coloring on their phrases, by the tone in which they were uttered, the holy horror depicted upon the countenance, and the whispered "this is confidential," as to make the hearer really think there was something awfully serious at the bottom of the matter, and cause him to shun the implicated one in all the intercourse of life for years afterward.

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A Picture of Charleston under Fire. A correspondent of the Augusta (Ga.) Constitutionist, writing from Charleston, gives the following picture of that city under the bombardment of the enemy.

ESCAPE OF COL. STREIGHT.—One night last week, some 110 of the Union officers confined in the Libby Prison, at Richmond, made their escape therefrom, and a dispatch from Gen. Butler, at Fortress Monroe, states that Col. Streight and seventeen others had entered the Union lines on the Peninsula. A number of the officers were re-captured before they could get to the lines.

RE-ELECTION.—The special election for State Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Senator White, of the Indiana district, will be held on Friday, Feb. 19th. We learn that Dr. Thos. St. Clair, an old physician of the borough of Indiana, has been selected as the Administration candidate for the State Senate, to fill the vacancy.

RECALL UP.—The enlistments at this time number upwards of 2000 daily. At this rate it will require but a short time to bring up our armies. The bounties offered are having the desired effect. Should the spirit of enlistment be kept up for another month, the army will be fully recruited. All the veteran regiments return with their ranks almost filled.

EMANCIPATION IN TENNESSEE.—The Memphis Bulletin publishes a card signed by three hundred of the best citizens of the city, and addressed to the people of Tennessee upon the subject of the re-organization of the State, and re-establishing its relation with the National Government. It recommends immediate and unconditional emancipation as the best and truest policy and only alternative, and calls upon all to support the same by meeting at Memphis on the 22d inst.

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NEW CONSCRIPTION BILL.—A counterfeited bill on the Bank of Gettysburg has just been issued. It is of the denomination of \$20. It is so well executed that the best judges are apt to be taken in by it, the vignette being pasted on the centre of the note. The signatures on the counterfeits are W. G. McPherson, Cashier, and Smith, President, dated 1845; while the genuine are signed by G. Swope, President, and T. D. Canison, Cashier.

The New Conscription Bill.

The new conscription bill passed the House of Representatives at Washington, on Friday last. After meeting with all sorts of obstacles from the Opposition, who had hoped either to kill it off, or to keep back the act until the time would be ripe for the new bill to have its proper effect in regulating the enrollment, and the carrying out of the draft ordered for the 10th of March, the bill has at last been passed by a majority, which clearly indicates the Administration strength in the House.

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Letter from the 76th Pa. Vols.

HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA, February 2d, 1864. MESSRS EDITORS:—Allow me through the columns of your paper to call the attention of the friends of the soldiers to a few facts, and let them draw their own inferences as to their duty. Since the fall of 1861 there has been two companies of soldiers, viz: Co. F and Co. 76th Pa. Vols., in the service of the country and doing duty in the sands of Carolina. Their term of service will expire during the fall of the present year. The draft is impending in your county. Altoona is called on to furnish 65 men and the other boroughs and townships in proportion.

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ARMY BADGES.—A number of the veterans and furged men have complained of being such annoyed at being so repeatedly questioned as to the meaning of the badges they wear on their caps and coats. For the information of those who may be inquisitive on the subject, we give the following explanation of the badges used in an Army correspondence:—A few words in regard to the army may be of some little interest to the soldier. Men wish to know what they distinguish the and blue "patches" are for. They wear the different corps and divisions distinguished by a circular badge of flannel, the 6th by a clover leaf, the 11th by a lozenge or diamond, the 9th by a Maltese cross, the 8th by a common cross, the 12th by a star, the 10th by a cross, the 13th by a Maltese cross, the 14th and 15th respectively in every corps, divisions and brigades are distinguished by a badge of the same shape and color of the flag. This method, generally used I believe in European armies, was adopted by the gallant Kestey in his division, but more fully adopted by Gen. Hooker in this army, when he led his command. Metal badges are generally badges of honor.

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LOCAL IT. HONORABLE JOHNSTON. Johnson where honored, on last, by the occurrence of a shot the night—the parties concerned indignantly citizens. The parties are hereby these: Mr. Joseph B. Johnston, on his recent month's service in the army, and domestic happiness had been dear by Mr. Jordan Marbury, a war the town. On hearing of the line during his absence, between Mrs. Moore, who is represented appearance and of a gay and de Moore called upon the former, plantation, told him he would Marbury, hearing of Moore's ill him not to take her husband's husband would not listen to her. On Friday morning last, and near the Postoffice, where he was seen eight and nine o'clock passed by. Moore started out caught Marbury by the collar, on your knees; I am going who made a clean breast of it told me all, and gave me a part which you paid her." Saying a voice and fired—the first shot region of the heart. Marbury Moore discharged two balls into a fourth, which took effect Marbury fell over and almost Moore walked to a magistrate's blun-st and was committed to prison of the authorities.

WITHOUT BLOWING OF TRUMPETS OR Beating of Drums! I WOULD SIMPLY ANNOUNCE THAT I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A STOCK OF NEW GOODS! DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, QUEENSWARE, BOOTS AND SHOES, &c., &c. FOR CASH ONLY. I have adopted the Cash System, as I consider it better for both seller and buyer. All accounts are respectfully requested to COME IN EARLY, as I wish to close up my books. Call and examine our goods fully yours, J. B. HILKMAN. Patented October 13th, 1863.

UNION TICKET.—At a meeting party, to make nominations for held on Friday evening last, ten men were placed in nomination. Chief Burgess—Benj. F. Irons. Town Council—Daniel R. Klype. School Directors—Charles Wind. Judge of Elections—E. W. Inspectors—E. Ward—J. Assessor—Joseph B. Hilksman. Auditor—David Irons.

APPOINTMENT.—This. Viet engaged in the Motive Power Railroad, at this place, has been named as Clerk in the Patent at Washington and is ordered of March. We scarcely know on this appointment; Highway on having secured friend Vickroy on having secured friend Vickroy. We may return district, however, to the men his remembrance of this post State, and at the same time to beware of his morals who regard.

EXCELLENT NEW STOCK OF WINTER CLOTHING! Godfrey Wolf would inform the public that he has prepared a stock of goods which may call with a new suit of winter clothing as free as low as any house in the country. The goods are all of the best quality and are all of the same permanent customers. Black Cloth Coats \$7.00 to \$20.00 Pants 2.00 to 3.00 Vests 1.25 to 2.00 and everything else in proportion. Goods are all of the best quality and are all of the same permanent customers. Godfrey Wolf, 10th and 11th streets, Altoona, Pa.

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ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE. Estate of WILLIAM LOUDON. Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of William Loudon, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate of the deceased are requested to make payment to the undersigned at the office of the Administrators, 10th and 11th streets, Altoona, Pa. J. H. LOUDON, Administrator.