



ALTOONA, PA.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1864.

The Situation.

The crowd of telegrams have somewhat abated in the daily papers, during the past few days, in consequence of the cessation of hostilities, for a time, on the road to Richmond. After ten days of the most terrible fighting ever known in the annals of war, Gen. Grant has paused for a few days, partly on account of the almost impossible condition of the roads, in consequence of the late rains, and partly to allow his men a season of rest after their hereabout, heroic and victorious labors—

—Ere he did so, however, he had succeeded in pushing Lee from all his strong positions and sending his army back on Richmond defeated, confused and dispirited. We have looked over the lists of killed and wounded, but they are so meagre and imperfect that we cannot make out the names of any from this section who have fallen.

Among the officers killed, we notice that of Col. Geo. Dare, of the fifth Reserves. Col. Dare was from Huntingdon county and was known to many of our citizens. No better officer led his men into that fight, no truer gentleman could be found, and no braver man or firmer patriot fell in that sanguinary strife.

Gen. Sheridan, in command of the cavalry forces, has been entirely successful in his raid upon Lee's communications with Richmond, having destroyed several miles of railroad, recaptured six hundred prisoners which were being sent to Richmond, and destroyed one million rations stored at Beaver Dam. We also stormed and carried the first line of entrenchments around Richmond, and captured six hundred prisoners which were being sent to Richmond, and destroyed one million rations stored at Beaver Dam.

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Rebel Treatment of Our Prisoners

The Committee on the conduct of the War, who have been to Annapolis, to investigate the condition of returned Union prisoners, have made a report. From it we learn that it appears the rebels have determined to subject our prisoners to a course of treatment which is as inhuman as it is unchristian. The choice of this County, he does not entertain a single unkind feeling. We dismiss the subject, and with it the Editor of the 'Register,' by again referring him to the proceedings of the Convention. By a proper study of the action of that body, he will learn a lesson, and it is—that 'honesty is the best policy,' and in the long run, truth the easiest road to travel. The County Convention has answered his charges against Mr. Hall, by passing the following Resolution:

Resolved, That we repose implicit confidence in Hon. L. W. Hall, in his unflinching devotion to the Union cause; in his integrity; and his known and tried industry, readiness and ability to serve successfully a constituency in any representative body; and for these reasons we designate him as our choice for the nomination as the Union candidate for Congress from this District, and empower him to select his own conferees to the Congressional Convention.

Latest News.

The latest from Washington is to the effect that information received at the War Department leaves no doubt that the rebels are receiving large reinforcements from the South to Lee's army. Both armies are actively preparing for the next conflict.—The weather is good for military operations.

It is reported that an order will be issued to-night for the draft for 300,000 men. The time fixed for the draft is the 1st of July.

The rebel prisoners captured by Gen. Grant have been sent north by steamer. VERY LATEST.

WASHINGTON, MAY 18. Although this morning there was no official promulgation of the fact, it is confidentially asserted by knowing Congressional friends of the Administration that it has been determined to call for 300,000 more troops.

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Pay as You Go.

The times are prosperous. Money is abundant, and labor is well required in every channel of industry. Trade has an auspicious future unknown within the experience of the present active men; and fortune seems to smile upon every one whose hand is put forth to welcome her. Our farmers have had a succession of bountiful harvests, and their products have commanded more than remunerating prices.

The present is a good time to guard against future disaster. It is well for all to pause at times and take their latitude for prosperity as capricious as the morning mist, and may vanish without our least expect it. We do not predict early or certain revolution; but as surely as night succeeds day, revolution, more or less terrible in its power, must follow inflation; and if we rush on as if rich beyond measure and as if money were to be ever abundant, it needs no prophet to foretell that disaster will come with the first dispartch of the great business interests of the country.

Let the thoughtful man compare the present with the hard times of our people five or six years ago. Then we should lament that the fruit of our parent of ruin—now every species of debt is regarded with singular indifference. Counties, townships and boroughs, do not hesitate to contract debts of startling magnitude to pay bounties to volunteers. True, we are but doing our duty to our government in exhausting our resources to sustain its supreme and protecting power; but it should not for a moment be forgotten that *now is the time to pay!*

Every district in Franklin county has contracted a large debt to fill its quota of troops. We honor them for it; but the whole of these debts could be paid just now without being seriously felt by the people, while if allowed to remain unsettled under the mistaking notion that they can ever hope to be in a light instalment, they may entail a bitter legacy upon us in after years. Suppose these debts should be to pay in the midst of revolutions, such as 1857 and 1861 witnessed, or with a deranged currency such as 1862-4 produced, would they not bring us to our knees, and beg to be forgiven?

This article may not apply to any of the townships of this county, so far as township bounties are concerned, but we have a county bounty matter yet on hand which should be wiped out at once, and now is the time to do it. We believe it can be done more easily within the next six months than any time in the future. To be sure, it is not heavy, but where's the use in carrying a light weight all the time, when by taking on a little heavier load for a short time we get clear of the weight altogether. The 'pay as you go' motto is applicable to all business transactions, and we have no doubt all our subscribers could now pay us what they owe more easily than they can a year hence. Do not let your liabilities increase when you have the means to get rid of them entirely.

The Manufacturers of Farm Implements and Machinery.

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COMMITTEE FOR A DAY'S LABOR.

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The Committee has a special work to do: to obtain a 'labor' day, a 'labor' day, a 'labor' day. This is a work that the industrial classes can do for their fellow-men. The Committee is fully organized at the store address, and ready to co-operate with all who are in the community for the same end. The Committee is fully organized at the store address, and ready to co-operate with all who are in the community for the same end.

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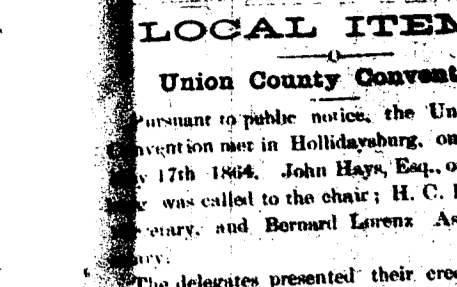
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LOCAL ITEMS.

Union County Convention. Pursuant to public notice, the Union County Convention met in Hollidaysburg, on Thursday, 17th inst. John Hays, Esq., of Hollidaysburg, was called to the chair; H. C. Dem chosen secretary, and Bernard Lorenz, Assistant Secretary.

The delegates presented their credentials and were admitted to seats in the convention. After the Convention was fully organized, Jacob Burley, Esq., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we repose implicit confidence in Hon. L. W. Hall, in his unflinching devotion to the Union cause; in his integrity; and his known and tried industry, readiness and ability to serve successfully a constituency in any representative body; and for these reasons we designate him as our choice for the nomination as the Union candidate for Congress from this District, and empower him to select his own conferees to the Congressional Convention.

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