



ALTOONA, PA.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1864.

High Prices—The Cause.

It is the custom just now to attribute the present high prices to an expanded currency. We are flippantly told this is the one great cause of commercial derangement...

There is but one exception to this advance in prices, and that is the Government bonds, and they are no exception to the rule...

A reduction of the currency will be well, and we have the official assurance of the Secretary of the Treasury that it is now taking place...

The Legislature has gone to work upon militia bill, and appears likely to agree upon something akin to the recommendation of the Governor...

War News.

From Sheridan the news are to the effect that he has driven the invaders back to Winchester, defeating them in a number of engagements...

An attempt is being made to invade Indiana. On Saturday last, about 500 rebels, under Col. Johnson, crossed over into Illinois and captured five steamboats...

Sherman's army is gradually closing in around Atlanta. The rebel papers state that their army in that locality has been re-inforced...

From Mobile we have the official report of Admiral Farragut, detailing his operations in Mobile Bay. On the morning of the 6th inst., he entered the Bay with 14 vessels...

For some time past, a rebel piratical craft, known as the Tallahassee, has been plying her vocation almost within the harbor of New York...

Letter from the 110th P. V.

We are permitted to publish the following extract from a private letter. HEAD QUARTERS CO. H., 110th REG'T P. V., RICHMOND ROAD, 9 MILES FROM RICHMOND, July 25th, 1864.

Dear Sir: I am sitting in the front line of skirmishers, waiting for my breakfast of coffee, salt pork and "hard tack."

Since writing the above we have been relieved from the skirmish lines and now lie in a more wholesome place than when I commenced. I cannot tell the object of the present move. We now lie near Turkey Bend on the North side of the James River.

AN INFALLIBLE CURE FOR DYSENTERY.—Dr. Page, of Washington, communicates to the Redemptorists of that city the following simple remedy, long known in family practice...

THE ART TRAP.—As the season is now at hand for these pests (the ants) he advises and others who are troubled with them may probably use the following trap to advantage...

THE INDIANS have made an outbreak in Kansas, massacring the settlers and destroying the crops in a number of localities. The people are organizing to drive them off.

BURNING OF CHAMBERSBURG.

BY AN EYE WITNESS.

About three o'clock on Friday afternoon, July 29th, Gen. Couch informed us that the enemy were advancing in force from Mercersburg, that they could reach Chambersburg in three hours, and yet they might not come at all...

For miles around the frightened inhabitants fled, they knew not whither; some continuing the flight until they dropped to the ground with exhaustion. Pockets bulged, and hands were white with whistles; bundles, shawls and valises were thrown away...

One skinned and accepted five dollars from a frightened female to carry her trunk to a place of safety where she could get her children. The officer who was sent to burn Col. McClure's property had received orders to detain his wife to witness the burning...

About two hundred and sixty houses in the heart of the town were burned to the ground, the left, comparing with that destroyed as the fire raged on the right...

OBSTRUCTING MOUNTAIN PASS.—The instructions for barricading and obstructing mountain passes, which we give below, were drawn up by General Couch, and with the order which appeared in last evening's Chronicle...

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of James Siders, late of Altoona, Pa., dec'd., have been granted to the undersigned...

TO TRACHERS.—An Examination of the County Books for Altoona District, will be held by the County Supt., on Saturday the 13th day of Aug. 1864, in School Room No. 2, West Ward...

Mountain scenery of California.—Professor J. D. Whitney, who is making the geologic survey of California, gives glowing descriptions of its mountain scenery...

The peach trees throughout Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey are almost broken down by the great weight of their crops...

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SPECIAL ADVANTAGES OF THIS LOAN.—It is a NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK, offering a higher rate of interest than any other, and the best security...

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DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Board of Managers have this day declared a Semi Annual dividend of FOUR PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of State Tax, payable on and after July 15th, 1864.

NOTICE.—The following regulations of the Altoona Gas and Water Company will go into effect to-day, June 15th: All householders having water conveyed to their rooms will be charged \$20 per annum...

A BODY OF TIMBER LAND IS OFFERED for sale or trade for property in Altoona, and is situated in Cambria county, four miles North of Altoona, Pa. on the P. E. R.; there is erected on said premises one of the very best Saw and Lath cutting mills...

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