



ALTOONA, PA.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1865.

War News.

The country was considerably startled, on Monday last, by the announcement that Sheridan had attacked Early, near Waynesboro, defeated him and captured 1800 prisoners. The news was startling from the fact that Sheridan was not known to be moving. The first reports were discredited, but later news confirms the defeat of Early and the capture of 40,000 men, 1300 men and 100 wagons. Waynesboro is at the west base of the Blue Ridge, between Staunton and Charlottesville, and about 70 miles from Lynchburg.

In speaking of the defeat of Early, a correspondent of the New York Herald says: Early was found near Waynesboro, on a range of hills, with five pieces of artillery in position. Gen. Custer dismounted two regiments as skirmishers. On the rear of either side of the road were two solid regiments. The movement upon the enemy's works was made at once. The rebels fired one volley, and then fled like sheep. Their attempt to escape was fruitless, as Custer closed his lines upon them and surrounded nearly the entire force. General Early did not attempt to rally his men, but rode off on a fleet horse, attended by an orderly. The victory was almost a bloodless one, as we only lost ten or twelve killed and wounded.

Sheridan is reported to have formed a junction with Gen. Schofield. The rebels say Gen. Sherman has about 70,000 men, and it is estimated that Schofield has 40,000.

Rebel prisoners report a heavy Union force advancing from East Tennessee on Lynchburg, of the capture of which place we have unconfirmed rumors.

In order to shut up the back door retreat from Richmond by way of Tennessee, Gen. Thomas is reported to be concentrating a force at Knoxville and Chattanooga.

How Thin Spread Can Be Rolled.—Several interesting communications on the subject of this roll from having been published, the Birmingham Post gives an account of an experiment in rolling steel. It seems to us that in this case the experiment was continued beyond the limits of endurance, for the texture was destroyed in the operation.

To the five competition in iron rolling, executed by the receipt of an iron bar from Pennsylvania, we have now to add an interesting note on the degree of thinness to which steel can be rolled. The samples we have seen were rolled at Mr. Gilliam's works, and have been sent to Messrs. Holtzappel & Co., to be measured by their micrometer gauges. Messrs. Holtzappel & Co. say: "We have carefully measured three sheets of steel, and find the average thickness to be one eighteenth-hundredth part of the English standard inch. The thinnest paper we have been able to purchase at the stationer's shops measures one twenty-hundredth part of an inch; those samples of cast steel show very small holes, and have a porous surface, but are perfectly smooth and easy to write on, and the porous can only be seen when they are held up to a good light. It is believed that steel may be rolled still finer than other experiments are made."

It is estimated that the average daily production of oil is about 60,000 barrels. Of this at least 40,000 barrels come from Pennsylvania, at a cost of two cents per gallon upon this product, says the Erie Dispatch, would give the State an annual revenue of \$4,000,000, or enough to pay off the public debt and its interest in four years. If there is any one who thinks such a tax would be exorbitant or oppressive, let him compare it with that upon alcohol, the principal ingredient in the manufacture of all burning fluids except kerosene.

Mr. Jeremiah McCracken, seagr maker, of Lancaster, Pa., met with a horrible death on Thursday evening last. He had accompanied his brother-in-law to the depot, and stepped on the train to bid him good-by, when the train began to move, and Mr. McCracken, on stepping off, slipped and fell, and was dragged under the wheels. His right arm was completely crushed and his head almost severed from his body. He leaves a wife and six children.

A collision occurred on the Philadelphia and Triadelphia Railroad, on Tuesday morning, by which five persons were instantly killed and a large number injured. Four of the killed were paroled Union prisoners just discharged from Southern dungeons and sent on their way home on a farm wagon.

Henry Thompson, son of A. Thompson, Esq., of Staunton, Va., on Friday last went to join his regiment in the west, was seized with hydrophobia, at Columbus, O., which resulted in his death. Some months ago he was bitten by a small dog.

Gen. Grant writes that "General Sherman's success continues a few days longer, the country can safely indulge in exultation." In a private letter from the Lieutenant-General, he expressed his opinion that peace is not far distant.

Cardinal Wiseman, the most prominent champion of the Catholic faith in England, and one of the most influential of all the Catholic hierarchy, is dead.

Stop. Hugh McCulloch, late Comptroller of the Currency has assumed the portfolio of the Secretary to President Lincoln's Cabinet.

The Second Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Such a wet, dirty morning as this of the second inauguration-day of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States hardly ever happened in Washington. Rain had been falling all yesterday and last night, making the proverbially filthy streets of the political metropolis filthier and more unpleasant than ever.

It continued to rain until about nine o'clock this morning, when it ceased; but the clouds still hung heavily and the atmosphere looked lead and fat. Notwithstanding all this, Pennsylvania avenue soon began to fill up with people, and the windows and porches of all the houses were arranged for the accommodation of those who wished to get a view of the Presidential procession from the White House to the Capitol. Many flags were out, though they hung wet and drooping.

The hopes of a clearing up were widely dispelled about eleven o'clock, for the rain began to pour down again, and the vast masses of people in the avenue got well drenched. It was then understood that the inaugural ceremonies would take place in the Senate Chamber, instead of on the platform over the east part of the Capitol.

At the President's home and its vicinity there was quite a large crowd assembled to see the President and the procession depart. A strong police force was detailed to keep order in the crowd. The tide of the crowd at half-past eleven changed again, and this time it was toward the White House, with hopes of having the out-door spectacle at the Capitol after all.

At noon a special escort of United States Marshals to the President, headed by Marshal's Lamson and the aid-de-camp, Major's Bennett, mounted on cavalry, rode through the avenue, surrounding the President's carriage, which they took to the Capitol, where the President had been engaged all the morning signing bills. He immediately entered the carriage and was seated in the rear, where he took his place in the procession which was formed there.

The procession moved at 11.10 from the President's house. The head of it reached the Capitol in an hour. The President rode in a close carriage. The horse-troops were crowded, as were the sidewalks, and there was much cheering as the procession moved along the avenue.

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From North Carolina. By the arrival of the Daily Buck, which left Newbern Monday evening at six o'clock, we learn that up to the 4th inst. warm showers had been falling for a week, making the roads bad. It cleared off on Saturday night. The enemy had felt great numbers of trees across the roads and paths leading from Newbern to Kinston, which were being removed by the force advancing from Newbern, which force was within a short distance of Kinston.

Refugees arrived in Newbern state that Fayetteville, N. C. was in our possession, and that Sherman was within forty miles of Raleigh. Rebel soldiers were deserting in companies and in some cases by regiments. Some of them were returning to their homes. The people say little attention is paid to the proclamation, and are calling to arms, and in most places in North Carolina the people go forth to meet Sherman with words of welcome, and are not particular about placing their stock and supplies out of their reach.

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NEW FIRM! THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY ANNOUNCE that they have just opened a splendid lot of FRESH GROCERIES, CONFECTIONERIES, NOTIONS, WOOD AND WILLOW WARE, &c., &c., at the lowest prices.

VALUABLE HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—The undersigned, desiring to remove from the town of Altoona, has for sale a fine and desirable lot, situated on Main street, Altoona, a few doors above Catherine street, and adjoining the McMillan House. The house is well built, two-story frame, containing three rooms on the first floor, and two on the second floor. The lot is well enclosed and has a stable and other conveniences. Possession given April first.

THE BEST TEA FOR YOUR MONEY. NRY, is to be had at the National Grocery, Virginia street, two doors from the McMillan House. Altoona, Jan. 27, '65. RUSSELL & POSTLEWAIT.

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VALUABLE PROPERTY PUBLIC SALE.

THE SUBSCRIBER WILL EXPOSE TO SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the premises, on Saturday, March 11th, 1865, his horse stable in Leopolis, Pa. Property of the late John J. Baker, Esq., comprising two acres of land, one of which is a half mile from Leopolis, Pa.

Log-Frame Weather-Boarded House, with Kitchen, Wash-house, Smoke-house and Pump-house all under one roof, and very convenient.

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STILL IN THE FIELD. EXCELSIOR Hat & Cap Store. THE UNDERSIGNED WOULD INFORM the public that he has taken charge of the business heretofore conducted by Jesse Gardner, who has now on hand a large and varied assortment of FASHIONABLE STYLES OF HATS, CAPS,

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BEANS AND HOMINY FOR SALE at the National Grocery, RUSSELL & POSTLEWAIT.

TIP TOP SEGARS, CRANKTON'S Superior Virginia and other choice tobaccos for sale at the [?] NATIONAL GROCERY.

PRICE-MEAT—MOST CAPITAL, at the NATIONAL GROCERY.

Altoona Trib LOCAL ITEMS.

The Robberies.—Last week a probable discovery of the persons who some time past, have been engaged in stealing from freight cars while at this station, in charge of the Transportation Dept. P. R. has been much annoyed, and is looking for the guilty parties. That was the robberies were employees of the C. & D. carried cars, with which they closed the cars, there could be no doubt the expediency resorted to, in order to be unavailing. "Order will out, or other crimes. It appears that two of who were concerned in the robberies, and during a dispute in the hearing of other persons, another a clue, an officer was put on to Bishop Cozens and wife, and North wife were arrested. A search of it was made and some of the missing goods were recovered.

FOUND DEAD.—The dead body of a well-known woman Elizabeth Snow, known as Lizzie Irons, was found on town, on last Thursday night, near her mother's residence in the evening school, and not returning in the morning, and a post mortem examination, Mrs. G. W. Smith and W. C. O. showed very clearly she died of typhoid fever. The condition of the body was such, that it was ascertained that she was about 25 years of age, followed the occupation of dress making, and was much esteemed by the ladies of this place for her many qualities.—Holiday Review Standard.

CHILD BURNED.—A little child, at Hotel, was seriously burned by its fire, one day last week. It was the case of a day lighting a piece of pipe means communicated the flames burning the front part of its body in a frightful manner. At first its life was in danger, but it is now improving, and it is believed its recovery.

Asottish.—We learn that a little Schaffer, of this borough, was not dangerously scalded, on Friday a kettle of boiling water off the stove, and he recovered rapidly. Journal.

OIL COMPANY.—An oil company of the "Oil Creek and Pitt Hole" is about to be organized in this place, the Company owns twenty-five simple, on Pitt Hole Creek, and sets of one acre each on said Creek. The stock of the Company is \$100,000, and from the representation we are acquainted with the business to think it will prove a good investment.

RETURNED.—It gives us pleasure to change made in the description of Church, in the last General Conference, in charge of circuits or returned the third year, has been appointed by Rev. W. R. Mills, at this station have his services for another year membership of his charge did not change from the two years to the they will, nevertheless rejoice over in the present instance.

BRITISH RULE IN INDIA.—Relative missionary to India, will be subject in the Methodist Church, Thursday Evening next. Having for some three or four years, the workings of British rule, he can say of it. From our knowledge of the promise our readers an entertainment not often presented. Price of 50 cents.

New Company.—Daniel She County Commissioners, has in the Board and gone into the Captain of a new company, recruited within the past few days first rate man, and will no doubt officer. We also understand it Enq., another of our Commissioners, Lieutenant in Capt. Shock's company.

Funny.—The man who smokes wedding ring was sarcastically bride, that "no gentleman ever at the torch of Hymer's" "My said he, "excuse me, I buy National Grocery, and they are help it." Of course she excuses at once, and she has been the new family as the cheapest. "Go on!"

New Goods.—Our friend H. East Altoona, notwithstanding fever which prevails so extensively fellow merchants, has had the heavy stock of Boots, Shoes, &c., and children, and a choice lot of family use, which he pledges to supply at the cheapest. "Go on!"

Appointments.—Jos. Irvin, has been appointed County Coroner, the unexpired term of Capt. S. An excellent building.—Stone for sale at the [?] NATIONAL GROCERY.

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