

THE BONNIE BLUE FLAG.

We are a band of brothers, and native to the soil, Fighting for the property we gained by honest toil...

As long as the Union was faithful to her trust, Like friends and like brothers, kind were we and just...

Ye men of valor, gather round the banner of the right; Texas and fair Louisiana join us in the fight...

These here's to our Confederacy, strong we are and brave, Like patriots of old we'll fight, our heritage to save...

Then cheer, boys, cheer, raise the joyous shout, For Arkansas and North Carolina now have both gone out...

FROM THE OIL REGIONS.

PETROLEUM CENTRE, VENANGO CO., February 20, 1865.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE WATCHMAN: After devoting several days to the acquisition and gathering of facts connected with and relating to the rise and progress of the oil business...

The history of the discovery of Petroleum in Venango county must be known to every intelligent person in the country; but in passing, I may remark that, nowhere in the world...

From the waters of the Alleghany to Titusville, the general appearance of that portion of Venango county which may be strictly termed Oil Territory, presents a rugged, uninviting aspect...

The traveller entering Oil City, situated on the right bank of the Allegheny river, observes here and there a derrick; as he pursues his course up Oil Creek...

The Democratic Watchman.

"STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION." Vol. 10. BELLEFONTE, PA., FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1865. No. 11.

In 1861 and 1862, when oil sold at fifty cents and twenty-five cents per barrel, Their projectors abandoned them in disgust...

As the traveler pursues his intricate course upwards through this forest of derricks, his ideas expand in proportion as the high oil tanks increase in size...

Perhaps I could not better illustrate the working and profits of the business than by giving here a brief history of the famous Hyde & Egbert farm...

Graft and Hassan well, began flowing July, 1861, three hundred barrels per day; Maple Shade well, began flowing August, 1862, nine hundred barrels per day...

In addition to these flowing, there are sixteen pumping wells, yielding three hundred and fifty barrels per day. The Maple Shade flowed eighty months—now yields but eighty barrels per day...

The history of the location of this famous well is a bit of romance, and borders closely on the marvellous. The present energetic manager of the well, prior to his first visit to the oil territory, had a remarkable dream...

Notwithstanding the difficulty of obtaining tanks to receive the vast amount of oil which has flowed from this wonder among wells, not a single barrel of oil has been lost...

A large meeting was held at Mobilio on the 15th February, at which resolutions were adopted with "Victory or death" as the watchword.

Passengers on the road experience difficulty in passing the thousands of teams constantly hauling the oil. The carriage is high, rising from three to four dollars from this point to Franklin, fifteen miles...

I had the curiosity to learn the price of a farm lying due east of the Hyde & Egbert farm, and divided from the latter by one or two small narrow leases...

The society is superior to that commonly supposed to occupy the country by the denizens of our largest cities. However, it must be admitted that in more respects than one the general tone and bearing of the men who have "pitched their tents" in the valley of Oil Creek resemble in a strong degree the outspoke, hearty, informal western people.

In looking over the country and listening to the conversation of the oil prices—in view of the enormous amount of oil stored up and awaiting transportation, my surprise has been excited by the dilatory movements of our leading railroad companies...

To sum the matter up in brief, when the road is laid through the valley, not only will the shippers and dealers have the advantages which accrue from a convenient market; but the world at large will then be enabled to purchase their light at rates never dreamed of, for which consumption let us devoutly pray.

VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

The editor of the New York Independent, Henry Ward Beecher, who was personally present in Washington during the inauguration, gives the following notice of the appearance of the Vice President on that occasion...

And now, concerning the Vice President and the humiliating spectacle which on that day he furnished to the world, shall we speak or remain silent? Perhaps there exists some good reason why the sad truth should be suppressed, but no such reason have we yet discerned...

Notwithstanding the difficulty of obtaining tanks to receive the vast amount of oil which has flowed from this wonder among wells, not a single barrel of oil has been lost, the assertions of various correspondents to the contrary notwithstanding.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

ARREST OF P. GRAY MECK, Esq.—The Editor of the Bellefonte Watchman was arrested by the military on the 21st inst., without any specified charge against him, and no opportunity was given for a trial...

RELEASER.—P. Gray Meck, Esq., editor of the Bellefonte Watchman, whose arrest by the military authorities we noticed a few days since, has been unconditionally released. The charges brought against him were of the most frivolous character, and not deemed worthy of consideration...

ARREST OF AN EDITOR.—P. Gray Meck, Esq., editor of the Bellefonte Watchman, one of the oldest Democratic papers in the State, was arrested and sent to prison for some time on some sort of charge, referred by somebody, somehow, and it is said he is to be tried by some kind of military tribunal...

ABOLITION OUTRAGE.—Mr. Meck, editor of the Democratic Watchman, Bellefonte, Pa., was arrested from a Lincoln Post Office that flourishes under the nose of Andy Curtin, at Harrisburg, on Wednesday last...

P. GRAY MECK, Esq., Editor of the Democratic Watchman, Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa., was arrested on Friday last, and carried off to some dungeon by some agents of the despotism now ruling this country...

P. GRAY MECK, Editor of the Bellefonte Watchman, was arrested by the military authorities at Bellefonte, on Thursday last, and taken to Harrisburg. No one who has ever read the Watchman will inquire the cause of this arrest...

ARREST OF AN EDITOR.—On last Thursday, P. Gray Meck, Esq., editor of the Bellefonte Watchman, was arrested by the military authorities, and dragged from his home from Centre county to Harrisburg, where he

has been thrust into the common guard house amongst disorderly soldiers and deserters, without even the common comfort of a bed to lie upon. We know him well, and presume however he has offended some of the minions of the despotism that now rules with a rod of iron over what was once a free people...

P. GRAY MECK, Editor of the Democratic Watchman, the organ of the Copperheads of Centre county, was arrested a few days since, in Bellefonte, on the charge of having used the columns of his journal to encourage the ignorant and factious to resist the Government. It will require little effort to substantiate this charge...

STANTON'S REPORT ON ARBITRARY ARRESTS.—Secretary Stanton's report to Congress on arbitrary arrests is a remarkable document. It is official, and a part of the history of this war. There is nothing alarming now. The people cannot be alarmed. They would have no fears for their liberties...

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HANNER TIFLIN TO HER DEAR NEAMIRE.

(The following letter was presented to our own correspondent by an intelligent gentleman who said he found it on the field of battle.)—Freeman's Journal.

DARRENSVILLE, MASS., Feb. 10, 1865.

My dear Neamire: Your last letter has just come to hand, and the ear-rings too. Keister says she's much obliged to you; she looks just like in 'em. I guess that southern gal felt kinder shabby when you took 'em out o' her ears. Serve her right, the cruel trol'p for livin' on the sweat o' the poor colored men's brows...

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