

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 24, 1865. BELLEFONTE, PA.

The War.

Tuesday of Wednesday last (the time is un- certain) after several days of rest, General Sherman's army at Fayetteville began crossing to the east side of the Cape Fear river.

Great questions are involved in the issue of this struggle, and the funda- mental principles upon which our govern- ment is based.

The Joker Joked.

On our outside to day will be found a pictorial life of Abraham Lincoln, the President of the United States. It amounts to about as much as do the services of the man whose acts are therein recorded.

Andy Johnson, the Drunken Vice-President.

On our outside will be found an editorial from the Sunday Mercury holding up to the gaze of the people and the world the doings of our worthy Vice-President on Inauguration day.

It is our history as a nation, has such a sight been presented to the world. Americans may well hide their heads in shame.

Some excuse is attempted to be made for Mr. Johnson on the ground of his past services to the country. What these services have been, it is not worth while to inquire.

The only way in which Vice-President Johnson can atone for the humiliation he has brought upon the country is by resigning his office and thus relieving the minds of the people of the fearful apprehension that he may some day become the Chief Magistrate of the country.

End of the War.

We have been occasionally remarking that the war has been a fearful drain upon the wealth and life of the nation for the past four years.

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For ourselves, we believe that this war is the result of great wrongs committed upon a portion of our people, and we are not willing to see those brave men who have so manfully stood up for the right, at so great a sacrifice to themselves, now trampled under foot and destroyed by the mere weight of numbers.

Reader, peruse it and smile, but remember that your liberties are in danger at the hands of this very man and his unscrupulous advisers.

The question of State Rights is no new one—it has occupied the attention of the wisest statesmen we ever had, and the most extreme doctrines insisted upon by the South were advocated by some of the men who made our country great.

These are our sentiments. From them may be gathered our opinion as to what party to the war is in the right and which in the wrong, and no matter how long the war may continue, we pray God that the right may in the end be triumphant.

The recent arrest of the editor of this paper has made him hosts of friends. The people of Centre County do not approve of high handed arrests of citizens by military power.

A Voluntary Testimonial to Postmaster Cook.

After a long and most satisfactory term of service as postmaster at this place, Mr. Cook is about to be succeeded, for political reasons, by another gentleman.

The following correspondence which has taken place between our citizens, without regard to party lines, and Mr. Cook, will explain itself.

To William Cook, Esq. We, the citizens of Bellefonte, and its vicinity, without distinction of parties, have learned, with regret, that you have been superseded in the office of postmaster.

Your fellow-citizens, Sam'l Linn, John P. Wilson, Evan M. Blanchard, W. F. Reynolds & Co., Geo. H. Wilson, Isaac Miller, James Harris, McAllister & Beaver, Thos. Burnside, J. W. Cooke & Co., Geo. Livingston, Geo. M. Yocum, D. G. Bush, Wm. McCallister, S. M. Irwin, J. H. Stitzer, John G. Kurtz, J. A. Alexander, S. T. Shugart, J. W. Furey, Wm. Furey, R. O. Durbin, P. Gray Meek, P. F. Condon, Jas. Macmaus, James T. Hale.

With respect, I remain yours truly, WM. COOK.

The Inauguration ball, which came off in Washington at the Patent Office, on the night of the 6th inst., is said to have been a great humbug, though "shoddy" was there in all its glory.

One thing was noticeable, and was somewhat significant. This was the absence of all the old aristocracy of Washington city who did not choose to mingle in such a rabble.

The Lock Haven papers which reached us on Wednesday, have nothing to say in regard to the inundation of that town by the recent flood, and about which we have heard so many fearful rumors.

P. S.—A closer examination of the dates of these papers shows us they were issued prior to the great flood in the water. We shall, no doubt, have the particulars in their next issues.

The Age is condemning in severe terms, but merited, nevertheless, the officious intermeddling of the Legislature with corporate authority of the city of Philadelphia.

There has been a vast amount of corrupt and uncalculated legislation this winter. The grand object of the majority of the members seems to be to make money, and no scruples are made as to how this great desideratum is to be obtained.

Blood or Gold? We asked this question but a little while ago, and the answer of the past week would seem to reiterate it.

These are no fanciful questions. No honest and candid citizen can look his neighbor in the face and deny that they are the true, ruling questions of the hour.

When it has come to this it is like for the most desperate and reckless to pause. Better a distant land, a foreign shore, than a land which is capable of trafficking in the hearts' gore of its children.

The Kentucky Legislature last week voted against the Constitutional Amendment, by a vote of two to one.

Negro Equality. The loose and disgusting principle of negro equality seems to be gaining on the bright and shining lights of the party in power.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE. By virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Centre County, will be exposed to public sale at BELLEFONTE, PA., on the 27th inst. at 10 o'clock A. M., at the residence of the late Rebecca Gunkle, deceased, late of Howard Township, the following described real estate, to wit: The undivided fourth part of a certain mortgage, lease, and tract of land in Howard Township, bounded by lands of M. J. Mitchell, J. Z. Long, James Whitman, and others, containing about EIGHTY ACRE, more or less.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE. Two valuable Tracts of Land, one thereof containing 1144 acres situated in Liberty Township, the other 120 acres, situated in Virginia Township, Warren county, Iowa, a distance of about 25 miles from Bellefonte, the county of the State, and about 15 miles from Bellefonte, the county seat.

leges which are intended to be conferred. It has been a common assertion with the Abolition party that in granting negroes equal political privileges with the whites the special distinction between the races had not necessarily been distributed.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the Senate, That so much of the sixth section of the act relating to the payment of bounties to volunteers approved March 25, 1864, as limits the amount of bounty payable to each and every non-commissioned officer and private soldier who may hereafter volunteer and enter the service of the United States, to the sum of three hundred dollars and the same is hereby repealed; and that hereafter it shall and may be lawful for the authorities mentioned in the act to which this is a supplement, and the several supplements thereto, and in the mode therein prescribed, or by any special commissioners appointed by or for the courts of quarter sessions in this Commonwealth by authority of existing laws, which commissioners are also hereby specially authorized, conferred by the act to which this is a supplement, together with the several supplements thereto, upon the authorities therein specially mentioned, to raise a sufficient sum to pay a bounty to each volunteer entitled under the present law, who may hereafter be enlisted under the pending or future calls, not exceeding four hundred dollars; Provided, That the authorities mentioned in the act to which this is a supplement, and the several supplements thereto, are hereby authorized to levy and collect a per capita tax not exceeding twenty dollars each upon persons liable to military duty, and upon all able bodied taxable inhabitants not liable to military duty, between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years; Provided further, That non-commissioned officers and privates now in actual service of the United States or in this State, and paragon who have been honorably discharged, and who were previously permanently disabled in said service, shall be exempt from the per capita tax herein specified, and the property of widows and minor children, and widowed mothers of non-commissioned officers and privates who died in such service, is hereby exempt from the payment of a per capita tax; and provided further, That it shall and may be lawful for the authorities mentioned in the act to which this is a supplement, to pay the amount of bounty herein prescribed to any person drafted into the military service of the United States, and serving therein, or to the next of kin of the same, at any time and in such sums as the said authorities shall deem proper or to any person furnishing a substitute for said service who may be credited to the quota of any county, city, ward, borough, township, or enrollment district of this Commonwealth; And provided further, That any county or district having a special bounty law, shall be entitled to the provisions of the same, or of this supplement.

The Rev. Mr. Baldwin, who absconded from the Ohio Female College, a week or two ago, taking with him about \$10,000 belonging to the institution has been arrested in Baltimore. It appears that Baldwin had become a fugitive from justice, and that he named Haidice Allison, and the two left the city together, he remaining concealed while she prepared for the journey. This unfortunate infatuation is not the least remarkable part of the affair, as the absconding treasurer is quite a man and a woman one for a class that could have been estimated by none but a mercenary motive. So says the Cincinnati Gazette. O! the saintly old villain!

"I am bound to keep our old owl till he is blind." "What makes you think the owl will ever be an eagle?" "Why, because Jim Smith says that pollywogs turn into large frogs, and caterpillars into butterflies, and if he tells the truth my old owl will be an eagle when General Grant takes Richmond."

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