

Speak to the truth. Let others fence, And trim their swords for pay; In pleasant sunshine of pretence Let others bask their day.

Old Buck's Meanness.—The Lancaster Examiner relates the following incident of old Buck's parsimony and meanness:

We understand that when the committee appointed by the citizens of Lancaster for the purpose of collecting funds for the purchase of arms, waited upon an elderly individual named Buchanan...

The Kinderhook Rough Notes.—The following is a copy of a letter written by many unthinking persons in the manner that they read through a newspaper—taking out anything they read in a literal sense...

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Gen Sherman's Expedition.

[From the Nashville Union, March 8.] The mystery which has so long shrouded the designs of General Sherman is beginning to be dispelled by the course of events.

This question, then, naturally arises—what were his designs, and how far was he enabled to accomplish his purposes? And preparatory to answering it, it will be necessary to briefly refer to the situation of affairs in Mississippi.

The farmers of the northern and central portions of the State, relying on a Union advance, and feeling secure, on account of their isolation, from rebel impressments, had planted largely, both of corn and potatoes.

In the next place, the railroad from Selma to the Big Black was in running order; and we have reason to believe that it was meditated at Richmond to seize and hold some point on the Mississippi; at least to hold it long enough to interrupt communication for some time, and perhaps to draw reinforcements from Arkansas or Texas.

The expedition of Sherman has not only cut off the rebel supplies, to which we have referred, but it has also rendered an attack on any point on the Mississippi untenable.

But this was not all. The extension of this road was destroyed as far as the Tombigbee, and perhaps farther, though we have no positive information upon that point; and the Mobile and Ohio road was rendered equally worthless as far south as Quitman, and to a place twenty miles north of Meridian.

This will effectually cut off the corn fields of North Mississippi, and will cut off all apprehensions of a rebel raid on the Mississippi river.

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We will also refer to one thing more it effected. It is not now out of place to refer to the weakness of our army during the winter, in account of the absence of two thirds of the men on veteran furlough; the return of the greater portion of these troops, with the arrival of large bodies of recruits, has rendered it useless to hold the secret longer.

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Lieut. Gen. Grant in the Field.

The whole country, except the fraction still held by the rebels, has learned from the General Order issued by President Lincoln, that Gen. Grant will not be withdrawn from active service, but that he will continue in "in the field."

There is a small army here that is known by meadows, the children do not die of weakness and starvation, and the poor starved children are all well and happy.

The mothers themselves look like hungry wolves, without feeling like their dead children, and only seen one woman crying. I said a kind word, such as "summer is coming, and better times are ahead, and they sob as if they were into hysterics from weakness.

We are inclined to adhere to the opinion that Gen. Grant will, for some time to come, be found more in the East than in the West, and that the Army of the Potomac will be made to play a very important part in the next campaign.

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Remember that self-interest is more likely to warp your judgment than all other circumstances combined; therefore, look well to your duty, where your interest is concerned.

Let your expenses be such as to leave a balance in your pocket. Ready money is a friend in need.

Keep clear of the law; for even if you gain the case, you are generally a loser.

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Another Call for Troops.

The following is an order by the President of the United States: EXECUTIVE MANNING, WASHINGTON, March 14, 1864.

In order to supply the forces required to be drafted for the army, and to provide an adequate reserve for February 1st, 1864, the call is hereby made a draft ordered for two hundred thousand men for the military service of the army, navy, and marine corps of the United States.

The proportionate quotas for the different wards, towns, townships, precincts, election districts, and counties will be made known through the Provost Marshal General's bureau, and account will be taken of the credits and deficiencies on former quotas.

The 15th day of April, 1864, is designated as the time up to which the numbers required in each ward of a city, town, &c., may be raised by voluntary enlistment, and drafts will be made in each ward of a city, town, &c., which shall not have filled the quota assigned to it within the time designated for the number required to fill said quotas.

The government bounties as now paid will be continued until April 15th, 1864, at which time the additional bounties cease.

Official: E. D. TOWNSEND.

THE NOTORIOUS BILL HARPER KILLED.—Most of our readers have heard of the notorious guerrilla and bushwhacker Bill Harper, who has been a terror to the loyal people of Randolph, Tucker, Pendleton, and adjoining counties, ever since the breaking out of the rebellion.

Two years ago, when compensation to slaveholders for emancipating their slaves was offered by Congress, Wendell Phillips caustically remarked: "Gentlemen slaveholders, now is your time to sell." They have found it out.

The American Tract Society have expended since the war began, nearly \$100,000 in furnishing and distributing publications for the army.

How Tecumseh was Killed.

The Christian Advocate of last week contains an "obituary" notice of Tecumseh, who died at his residence near Bloomfield, Ind., a few months since, aged about 36 years.

Mr. Hummel was a man of deep piety and unquestionable veracity. He was in the battle of the Thames, and the writer gives the following as a statement in regard to the manner in which Tecumseh was killed:

He says he was standing but a few feet from Col. Johnson when he fell, and in full view, and saw the whole of that part of the battle. He was well acquainted with Tecumseh, having seen him before the war, and having received many a cursing from him.

Another Ground for an Attack on Gen. Butler.—Gen. Butler has given rebels and copperheads another ground for attack, and denunciations of him will, no doubt, henceforth ring louder than ever.

Once settled by free American working men who carry with them, wherever slavery does not prevent, schools and churches, books and newspapers, the South must quickly rival the North in wealth, intelligence, and as in loyalty.

How Sam was Caught.—An old lady who was making some jam was called upon by a neighbor: "Sam, you rascal, she said, 'you'll be eating my jam when I'm away.' Sam protested he'd die first; but the whites of his eyes rolled hungrily towards the bibbling temptress.

Rebel Congressmen.—In order to continue the rebel Congressional delegation from the State of Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee, the local polls have been mostly given up, and the votes of soldiers from those localities have been made to answer the purpose.

A "Fat Tax" Lost.—Austin B. Williams, a highly respectable printer for twelve years past an employee in the New York Times, died of apoplexy on the 21st inst.

It takes three months pay of a rebel soldier to buy one dollar in gold.

NATIONAL CURRENCY ACT.

The principal amendments proposed to the national currency act by the committee of the currency are as follows:

National Banks are to be required to redeem their circulating notes in the city of New York at a small discount. A uniform rate of interest (seven per cent) is to be established throughout the United States for national banks.

The lawful money reserve that is to be kept on hand is to be reduced from 25 to 15 per cent, for country banks, and 25 to 20 per cent, for city banks.

Seventeen Highwaymen Hung.—They seem to have a committee of vigilance out in Idaho Territory. Recent accounts from there state that the miners had hung four highwaymen, who confessed that they belonged to a gang of eighty others, and killed over one hundred men.

Requested to Leave.—A correspondent of the Dubuque Herald says that Fitz John Porter arrived in Denver City on the 15th of February, as the agent of August Belmont, and other New York capitalists, to examine into the condition of the gold mines of Colorado.

A Rebel Howl.—The Richmond Examiner contains the following: "More raids! The capital, insalubrious, farm houses burning, stacks of corn in flames, plantations plundered, the enemy, dividing his forces and riding according to fancy, in sight of the steeples and canons of Richmond.

Ulric Daligren was scarcely more than twenty years old. He was wounded in the leg last summer, just after the battle of Gettysburg, in the daring dash by which he succeeded in capturing the rebel despatches from Jefferson Davis to General Lee.

Mr. Wynfield, an English photographer, is said to excel all his competitors in his art. He does not require immobility in the sitter, but directs him to move slightly, so that all the lines and boundaries of his form shall be modified and softened.

A man named Oats was hauled up recently for beating his wife and children. On being sentenced to imprisonment, the brute remarked that it was very hard that a man was not allowed to thrash his own oats.

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