

THE BEAVER ARGUS.

April 26th, 1865.

SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS.

The war—what is left of it—still progresses satisfactorily toward its certain conclusion. Stoneman has captured Salisbury, N. C. with 19 pieces of artillery, 1200 prisoners and an immense quantity of military stores...

The latter General moved from Goldsboro' of the 9th toward Raleigh and it is reported that city was occupied three days afterward, without severe fighting...

The cavalry expedition under Gen. Wilson has effectually overrun eastern Mississippi and western Alabama, captured Montgomery and Selma, and destroyed the public property, arsenals and government workshops at the latter point...

From the army of the Potomac our latest advices are that the infantry is concentrated in the neighborhood of Burkeville Junction. Sheridan with the cavalry is reported as having moved some days ago in the direction of Danville and North Carolina.

Official intelligence shows that Sherman is at Raleigh, and has entered into an agreement with Johnston for an armistice, and for terms of peace between the States in revolt and the National Government.

The new President is in constant receipt of the most gratifying evidences of the confidence of the people in his administration. Addresses are presented and delegations are daily waiting upon him...

Political.

The municipal election in Chicago, on the 18th inst., was like the handle of a jug—all on one side. Rice (Rep.) was elected Mayor by a majority of 5000 or 6000.

The Pursuit of Booth.

The authorities are actively investigating all the circumstances attending the late assassination, and are unflagging in their efforts for the arrest of the perpetrators. Several arrests have been made of persons who may be in some degree implicated...

A curious letter from Booth to which we give place in another column shows his intense secessionism, and that a conspiracy existed last year to capture the President and deliver him over to the enemy.

State Senate.

Of the eleven retiring Senators Messrs. Wallace, Stark, Bucher, and McSherry, four, are Democrats, and seven Republicans, Messrs. Ridgway, Connell, Turrell, Wilson, St. Clair, McCandless, and Graham.

The Senate at present stands 19 Republicans to 14 Democrats, and there is no probability that the next election will change those figures. Our own county under the gerrymandering apportionment of 1864, is attached to Washington Senatorially...

Personal.

Col. Richard White, of the 55th Pa. Vols., died at his home, near Indiana, Pa., on the 14th inst., of disease contracted in the rebel prisons...

The Funeral of the President.

The remains of President Lincoln are being conveyed to his home at Springfield, Illinois, by way of Harrisburg, Philadelphia, New York, Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland and Chicago. The route was selected contrary to the wishes of his family, in order to gratify the people of Pennsylvania and New York...

EXTRAORDINARY PROCEEDINGS OF SHERMAN.

He Assumes to make Peace with the Rebels!

Special Dispatch to Associated Press. WAR DEPARTMENT. WASHINGTON, April 23. Yesterday evening a bearer of dispatches arrived from Gen. Sherman...

1st: It was an abuse of authority, Johnston knew that he, General Sherman, had no authority to enter into any agreement. 2d: It was a practical acknowledgment of the rebel government.

[Signed] EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

The orders of Gen. Sherman to Gen. Stoneman to withdraw from Salisbury and join him will probably open the way for Davis to escape to Mexico or Europe with his plunder...

Reports have been in circulation for some time of a correspondence between Generals Johnston and Sherman. The memorandum on basis of what was agreed upon, and the results, are as follows:

MEMORANDUM ON BASIS OF AGREEMENT.

MEMORANDUM ON BASIS OF AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of April, A. D. 1865, near Durham's Station, in the State of North Carolina, by and between Generals Jos. Johnston, commanding the Confederate Army, and Major General W. T. Sherman, commanding the Army of the United States in North Carolina, both present.

of war and abide the action of both State and Federal authority, the number of arms and munitions of war reported to the Chief of Ordnance at Washington city, subject to the action of the Congress of the United States, and in the meantime to be used solely to maintain peace and order within the borders of the States respectively.

Fourth—The re-establishment of all Federal courts in the several States, with powers as defined by the constitution and laws of Congress.

Sixth—The Executive authority of the Government of the United States not to disturb any of the people by reason of the late war, so long as they live in peace and quiet, abstain from acts of armed hostility, and obey the laws in existence at any place of their residence.

Seventh—In general terms war to cease, a general amnesty so far as the executive power of the United States is concerned, on condition of disarmament of the Confederate armies...

Not being fully empowered by our respective principals to fulfil these terms we individually and officially pledge ourselves to promptly carry out the above programme.

W. T. SHERMAN, Major General. Com'dg U. S. A. in North Carolina. J. E. JOHNSTON, General Com'dg. C. S. Army in North Carolina.

WASHINGTON, April 22. The proceeding of Gen. Sherman was disapproved for the following reasons:

1st: It was an abuse of authority, Johnston knew that he, General Sherman, had no authority to enter into any agreement.

2d: It was a practical acknowledgment of the rebel government.

3d: It undertook to re-establish the rebel State governments that had been overthrown at the sacrifice of many thousand loyal lives...

4th: It would be enabled to re-establish slavery.

5th: It might furnish the ground of responsibility by the Federal Government to pay the rebel debt, and certainly subject loyal citizens of the rebel States to the debt contracted by the rebellion to the name of the State.

6th: It kept in dispute the existence of the loyal State Government in the new State of West Virginia, which had been recognized by every department of the United States Government.

7th: It practically abolished the execution law, relieved rebels of every degree, who slaughtered our people from all pains and penalties for their crimes.

8th: It gave terms that had been deliberately, repeatedly and solemnly rejected by President Lincoln, and better terms than the rebels had ever asked in their most prosperous condition.

9th: It formed no basis of true and lasting peace, but relieved rebels from the pressure of our victories, and left them in a condition to renew their efforts to overthrow the United States Government and subdue the loyal States, whenever their strength was recruited and opportunity could offer.

10th: The following important order of Gen. Sherman was received here this forenoon:

Headquarters Military Division of Mississippi, in the Field. RALEIGH, N. C., April 19, 1865. SPECIAL FIELD ORDER NO. 58.

The General Commanding announces to the Army the suspension of hostilities, and agreement with General Johnston and high officials which, when formally ratified, will make peace from the Potomac to the Rio Grande.

Until absolute peace is arranged, the line passing through Tyrrell's Mount, Chapel Hill University, Durham's Station, and West Point, on the Neuse river, will separate the two armies. Each army commander will group his camps entirely with a view to comfort, health and good police.

All details of military discipline must still be maintained, and the General hopes and believes that in a very few days it will be his good fortune to conduct you to your homes.

The fame of this army for courage, industry and discipline, is admitted by all the world. Then let each officer and man see that it is not stained by any act of vulgarity, rowdiness and petty crime.

Cavalry will patrol the front of the line. Gen. Howard will take charge of the District from Raleigh to the left of Raleigh and Gen. Schofield in Raleigh, and to the right and rear. Quartermasters and Commissaries will keep their supplies up to date.

Rebel opportunists will arrange their depots for the convenience of each separate army. By order of W. T. SHERMAN.

L. M. DATTON, A. G. The armistice order was received very coldly by the army.

BOOTH'S DEFENCE.

The following verbatim copy of a letter, in writing, which is the handwriting of John Wilkes Booth, the murderer of President Lincoln, has been furnished us by the Honorable William Millward, United States Marshal of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The inclosure was preserved by the family without suspicion of its nature. After the afflicting information of the assassination of the President, which came upon the family of Mr. Clarke with crushing force, it was considered proper to open the envelope.

My Dear Sir: You may use this as you think best. But as some may wish to know when, why and why, and as I know not how to direct, I give it (in the words of your master) "To Whom it May Concern."

Right or wrong, God judge me, not man. For my motive good or bad, of one thing I am sure, the lasting condemnation of the North.

I love peace more than life. I have loved the Union beyond expression. For four years have I waited, hoped and prayed for the dark clouds to break, and for a restoration of our former sunshine.

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the greatest and only virtue of the whole Republican party. Strange transmigration! Vices to become a virtue, simply because more indulgent in it.

I thought then, as now, that the Abolitionists were the only traitors in the land, and that the entire party deserved the same fate of poor old Brown, not because they wish to abolish slavery, but on account of the means they have ever endeavored to use to effect that abolition.

I have also studied hard to discover upon what grounds the right of a State to secede has been denied, when our very name, United States, and the Declaration of Independence both provide for Secession.

I have never been upon a battle field; but oh, my countrymen, could you all but see the reality or effects of this horrid war, as I have seen them (I know you would think like me, and would pray the Almighty to create in the Northern mind a sense of right and justice, (over, should it possess no seasoning of mercy), and that He would dry up this sea of blood between us, which is daily growing wider.

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NOTICE IN PARTITION. In the matter of the partition of the estate of Robert Ritchie, deceased, the following is the list of the names of the legal representatives of said estate...

FOR SALE. A New Solid Rubber... Only one now being made...

NOTICE. Subscribers to the... will please do so immediately.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. WHEREAS, the testator, deceased, has been granted to the undersigned, executor of his estate, the authority...

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. WHEREAS, letters of administration on the estate of the late John B. Hurst, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned...

FOR SALE. THE subscriber offers at private sale a brick house recently constructed by the borough of Rochester...

CHARLES B. HURST, NOTARY PUBLIC. OFFICE IN THE DIAMOND ROCHESTER PA.

TO FARMERS. I will offer at private sale, for cash, one and one-half acres of land, with a good new and in perfect order...

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NOTICE. Smith's Ferry and Little Beaver Trolum Company.

NEW BARBER-SHOP. SHAMPOOING, HAIR-DRESSING, AND SHAVING, done by JOHN LISTER, in the Union Hotel, Beaver, who has just opened a Barber Shop...

ELECTION NOTICE. THE Stockholders of the Darlington Canal Coal Railroad Company, are hereby notified to meet at the "Beaver House" in Darlington, on Tuesday, the 16th day of May next...

ORPHANS' COURT SALE. By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of the county of Beaver, to be directed, I will expose to sale by public vendue or outcry, on the premises, on SATURDAY, MAY 27th, 1865, at 2 o'clock, p. m., of said day, the following real estate...

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ANDREW WRAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW. BEAVER, PENNA. OFFICE in the Southern Hotel.