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Columbia, Pa. Saturday, AUGUST 20. 1870. Communications, letters, contributions, generally of merit and interest to the reader, will be acceptable from friends from all quarters.

POLITICAL.

We are authorized to announce the following persons as candidates for the offices respectively named, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the ensuing primary election:

CONGRESS.

O. J. DICKEY, Lancaster city.

JAMES P. WICKERSHAM, of Lancaster city Mr. Wickersham can be seen at Room No. 2, Cooper's Hotel, on Mondays and Saturdays.

JOHN E. WILEY, Conoy Township. JULIUS L. SHUMAN, Washington Borough. THOMAS A. CLARK, Drumore Township. Dr. J. C. GATCHELL, Martic Township. MAJ. A. C. REINOEHL, Mahneim Townshir CAPT. SAM'L D. MILLER, the old soldier

GEORGE WHITSON, Bart Township, DAVID SHULTZ, SR. (hatter) City. A. J. KAUFFMAN, Esc., Columbia. DR. P. S. CLINGER, Conestoga Township. HENRY M. ENGLE, of East Donegal twp. JOSEPH McCLURE, of Bart twp. JOSEPH MCCLURE, of Bart twp.
C. L. HUNSECKER, of Manhelm twp.
SOLOMON DILLER, Earl Township,
D. K. BURKHOLDER, East Hempfield twp.
I am unalterably opposed to the passage of
the Omnibus Railroad Bill or the Border Raid
Sill; and further, I am opposed to railroad or
any other corporation controlling the Legislaure.

D. K. BURKHOLDER. FOR RECORDER,

PETER DIFFENBACH, East Lampeter twp.

J. W. FRANTZ, East Lampeter twp. GEORGE J. HIGH, East Lampeter twp. Dr. C. J. SNAVELY, Manheim bor.
BENJ. URBAN, Conestoga twp.
DANIEL WERNIZ, Strasburg bor.
LEWIS S. HARIMAN, of Lancaster City, late private Co. B, ist Regiment Penn's Reserves, who carried the musiket for three years, and was severely wounded on the 30th of May, 1854, on the last day of his three-year term of service, at the battle of Bethsada Church, in Grant's campaign in front of Richmond.
MARTIN D. HESS, of Paradise twp., who at the death of Isaac Hollinger, late Recorder, assumed the responsible position of Recorder for the unexpired ten months, and paid to the deceased's family \$1,748.77 out of the proceeds of the office. Dr. C. J. SNAVELY, Manheim bor,

DANIEL BROWN, West Earl twp.

PETERSEURG, April 25th, 1870.

I hereby certify that Martin D. Hess has made a full, final and satisfactory settlement with me for the the time he held the office of Recorder. For his disinterested kindness in assuming a very responsible trust for the benefit of myself and fatherless children, he merits our kindest regards, and should receive the unanimous support of my deceased husband's friends and the Republican party, for the office of Recorder of Deeds, for which he is a deserving and competent candidate.

tent candidate.
ELIZABETH HOLLINGER,
Widow of Isaac Hollinger, deceased. COUNTY COMMISSIONER.
JOHN K. REED, City. ISAAC L. ROYER, Ephrate twp.

PRISON INSPECTOR.
EZRA REIST, Warwick township.
SAMUEL CURTIS, (Miller), of East Lampeter CHRISTIAN R. LANDIS, Upepr Leacock twp

LEWIS SPRECHER, 2d Ward, City.
DIRECTOR OF THE POOR.

JOHN J. FRY, of Rapho twp.
DAVID LANDIS, (miller,) of East Lampeter township. township.
JACOB S. WITMER, of Manor twp. LEONARD PICKLE, Bart twp. HENRY LANDIS, Manheim Township

DANIEL HERR, (Pequea) Strasburg Twp. COUNTY SOLICITOR. COUNTY SOLICITOR.

B, C. KREADY, Lancaster City.

WILLIAM LEAMAN, Lancaster city.

CAPT. D. P. ROSENMILLER, JR., of Lancaster City, Inte Act. Muster U.S. Navy, and who served in the Mississippi River Gunbont Flotilla during the Rebellion.

Republican Primary Election.

The Republican voters of the several election districts of Lancaster county are requested to meet at the places where the last primary meetings were held, (except in the districts hereinafter named), on Saturday, August 27th, 1870, and hold primary elections, subject to the rules adopted by the Republican County Committee, to select candidates, to wit:

ONE person for Congress, Four persons for Asser ONE person for Recorder, ONE person for jury Commissioner ONE person for County Commissioner Two persons for Prison Inspectors, Two persons for the Directors of Poor ONE person for County Solicitor.

EACH district will also elect one person to serve on the County Committee. A vote will also be taken on the continuanc of the Crawford County System.

ONE person for Auditor.

The election in West Hempfield town ship will be held as follows: Northwestern District at the public house of John L. Duttenhoffer.

Western District at Norwood Graded Silver Spring District at the public house of - Monegomery.

Mountville District at Graded School Rohrerstown District (East Hempfield) at the public house of Daniel Hess.

The polls open at 3 o'clock P, M. and close at 7 o'clock P. M. The Return Judges will meet in the Or-

phans' Court Room on Monday, August 29th, at 111 o'clock A. M.

By order of County Committee.

A. J. KAUFFMAN, Chairman.

AMONG other county officers to be elected this year, are two Jury Commissioners. No officers are of more importance to the people than these. Many, very many complaints have been made as to the conduct of jurors selected, and there are not wanting those who do not hesitate to assert that our Grand Juries have not met public expectation in many matters of public interest, but have acted in such a manner as to induce the suspicion that they are little else than political conventions and used for political purposes. Let us, therefore, unite and select two good, honest, upright, well-informed men, who will take a pride in doing their duty faithfully, and select for Jurors such men, and such only, as will feel the obligations of an oath, and perform their duty without

fear, favor or affection. WE are no doubt right in asserting that it is a conceded proposition that candidates are elected by forming combinations. But the difference is this: Corrupt men will seek to form secret rings, a bargainand-sale transaction, while unaspiring men, good and honest, are publicly made the units of concentration and combination. No one can file reasonable objection to the recommendation of his neighbor or of a newspaper, but he can, if a "set up" ticket is determined an, if a "set up" ticket is determined upon during the midnight watches, and where political tricksters most do congregate. Hence we do not hesitate in naming Messrs Engle and McClure as gentlemen deserving the support of the Republicans of Lancaster county, and we hope the friends of reform everywhere will combine their strength in support of these gentlemen.

Our neighbors of the copperhead organ have embarked in the "show" business. This, with their paper, and printing bills paid by benefits for poor widows, will prove sufficiently remunerative to maintain the new editorial staff including the Runner. We hope Assessor Clair will assess the usual license tax for this additional branch of business.

The Primary Election

Let Republicans who attend the prinary election on the 27th inst. not forget that the question of continuance or discontinuance of the Crawford county system—that of the people making their own nominations—is to be decided by a vote, for or against it, upon that occasion. Let no one neglect to vote upon this question, ves or no. The Chairman of the County Committee in his official advertisement of the Primary election, as first published, omitted to refer to this important matter; vhich gave rise to a well-grounded suspicion that there was a deep-laid scheme to keep the people in the dark respecting it, in order that the opponents of the Crawford system might carry their point by a sudden surprise. When attention was called to the matter, the omissien was supplied in the Examiner and Inquirer, whether by direction of the Chairman or not, we are unable to say.

The Chairman also omitted from the advertisement any reference to the fact that a member of the County Committee for the ensuing year is to be chosen in each election district, which is another strange and suspicious circumstance. This omission was also corrected afterwards in the Examiner, but not in the Inquirer. There can be no doubt that certain scheming politicians have laid their plans to get possession of the next Committee as they did of a majority of the present one for the purpose of promotive case its condidates for office so each election district, which is another the present one, for the purpose of promo-ting their own selfish ends by the most lishonorable means, but we trust that the nonest Republican masses will take care that the scheme is frustrated.—Express.

COL A. K. McClure, one of the most tion. He refers to the marked decline in makers, and as the efforts of the press of

an improvement, it must be sought through a revision of the State Constitution. Such a body would alone have power to make the changes that are demanded by the increase of our population and the development of our resources. Col. McClure suggests an enlargement of the Legislature to one hundred Senators and five hundred Representatives; the restriction of legislative power to the enactcall of the yeas and nays, to pass any bill; State Treasurer to be elected by the people, tance. He submits the draft of an act of the Legislature providing for a Convention to be elected in June and held in September of next year, which will be presented next winter.

No one of his proposed reform measure so much deserves our cordial endorsement as the election of the State Treasurer by the people. Were this the case, now the disgraceful fight about Irwin and Mackey would be ended, and Lancaster county politics would assume a shade of respecta-

Whose Omission was it?

The Express has called attention to the omission of the Chairman of the County Committee to give notice of the election of a County Committee man in each district, as well as the coming vote on the Crawford County System. On Saturday ast we clipped the official advertisement as it appeared in three of our county pa-

The call in the Express says nothing in reference either to the Committee man or to the change in the method of nominat-

The Inquirer refers only to the change in the manner of nominating, but says dorsement of the York county convennothing in regard to the County Com-

The Examiner, however, refers to both. Wednesday previous, and of course agrees

Why the omission? Have the editors of the Express and Inquirer purposly left out these important paragraphs, or did the Chairman fail to insert them? Whoever is at fault in the matter has neglected an strict accountability. It is important that every voter should know just what will to have the advantage of the circulation of all the papers in the county.

MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY .- We must con gratulate the people of Lancaster county on the prospect of electing. Messrs. Engle and McClure to the Legislature. With such men as representatives, we have nothing to fear. They will not vote for Pasters and Folders, for no railroad swindles, for respect conduct themselves as honest men inference as to how Mr. Haldeman carried York county. And this action of the be. The interests of the people will be safe in their hands. From every information received, we have no doubt of their election. Wherever known, they are properly

oportunity to announce Mr. Levi L. Reist | and more deadly, war becomes less and of Warwick as a candidate for the office of

the Thugs and Roosters we have heretofore

Jury Commissioner. Mr. Reist is a very suitable person to discharge the duties of this most important and responsible position. No better selection can be made. He is an houest, sober and intelligent man. Having been a County Commissioner, he is well known throughout the county and familiar with the best men in it, and can well judge who vill and who will not make the best Jurors He is independent of all cliques and rings, and cannot be swayed from an honest puroose. We hope he will be elected...

The Crawford County System. At the meeting of the County Commitmittee on the 4th of April, the following

resolution was adopted: Resolved. That the next election to be held under the rules of the Republican party, for the purpose of nominating a party, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, the present system of nominating candidates for the different offices—popularly known as the Crawford County System—be submitted for confirmation or rejection; and that the chairman of this Committee be, and is hereby instructed, to cause the tickets to be so prepared as properly to execute this resolution. Our people will remember this and be

prepared to vote on this all important

THE State Department is in receipt of a letter from the United States vice-Consul at Stockholm, stating that he is in receipt of a report of the General Land Office, translated into what is said to be Swedish, but unfortunately none of the Swedes can read it.

It is an unknown tongue to them-even LAST Sunday Napoleon was to have the title-page is unintelligible. Somebody held his fete at Berlin, according to the has been imposing upon Commissioner Parisian bet. He had a defeat instead. Wilson,

In our local colums will be found the excellent advice from the Tribune to our colored citizens. Colored men, read it. Study it carefully and profit thereby. Do not let demagogues, either Republican or Democratic, lead you astray. You are now full citizens, you have votes, you have influence for good or evil. How will you use it? Do not be embroiled in political fights. Be united. Educate yourselves and your children. Give your children employment. Bring them up in some honest calling. Shun political tricksters. Be sober and industrious. Show yourselves worthy of the rights which the Republican party has secured for you. As the West Chester Republican says the battle with you and for you is not yet ended.

Thus far, the brunt of the struggle in your behalf, has been born by the Republican party, and we have no hesitancy in saying that it will continue to stand by you in the future. But whether or not it will be successful in defeating your foes, and thus enable you to retain your present privileges, will depend very much on yourselves. Of one thing, however, be assured, your will need all the friends you can secure nominates as its candidates for office, so long as they are your friends. If you espouse the candidate, of necessity, to a port. He deserves it. When men like greater or less extent, you alienate the Mr. Reed consent to fill such offices it is friendship of the other. It should be your aim and effort to avoid this until you have stute politicians of the State, and one demonstrated to the world that you know who is unusually familiar with public af- how to appreciate the high privileges that fairs, has recently written a letter to the have been conferred upon you, and that Inquirer discussing the necessity of a fun- | you are worthy to bear the noblest title on damental reform in our system of legisla- earth-that of an American citizen. When the day arrives for the general electhe character and capacity of our law- tion to be held, go quietly but with a united front, to the polls, and vote for both parties have thus far failed to effect | your friends. Then go away! Don't stop, and thereby get into quarrels and controversies. Such things can only result to your harm. Politicians who wish to avail themselves of your votes at the Delegate elections, will advise you differently. Don't be governed by them. They have either personal ambition or private feuds to gratify. Think and act for yourselves. Above all, act unitedly. "In union there is strength." Remember, that "a house ment of general laws; the requirement of | divided against itself, cannot stand." a majority of the whole Legislature, on a | Therefore, do not suffer designing white men to distract your councils. If you do, the session to be limited to sixty days; the | they will use you, but as soon as you cease to be of service to them, will cast you off. and several other matters of minor impor- In volunteering this advice, we have no personal interests to promote, or private feelings to gratify. We simply wish you

> own welfare as a class. THERE is a lively Congressional fight in York county. It appears that Cumberland county, by the turn of the wheel claims the right to name the candidate, though all three counties of the district have a voice. Haldeman the free trader

well. Calmly consider the suggestions

may seem best calculated to promote your

is a democrat. The democracy of Cumberland have the nations, and at the election referred to, Mr. Haldeman received less than onethird of the votes cast. Thirty five hundred out of about 4,000 in the county voted. John B. Bratton, editor of the Carlisle Volunteer, led the ticket and se-McLaughlin District Attorney, came next, and Mr. Haldeman brought up the Such men are readily obtainable in all the rear. Nothing daunted, however, by his defeat before his own people, Mr. Haldedeman came to York on Tuesday, and managed in some way to secure the en-

A glance at the situation will give us, least inferentially, by what means Mr. The advertisement as it appeared in the | Haldeman carried his point. The candi-SPY was clipped from the Examiner of date for Congress was, two years ago, conceded to Cumberland county, and Mr. Haldeman succeeded in securing the nomination. This year the democracy of that county desired a change of candidate. without, however, relinquishing their right to name the man. If the nomination is conceded to Cumberland county, it imperative duty and should be held to a is a difficult matter to see how York county has any right to interfere and to do so is to ignore the rights of the people. be required, and this information ought If a candidate cannot carry his own county, he certainly has no right to force himself upon the people against their wishes. Cumberland county has seen fit to express herself in unmistakable terms, and to indicate her preferences for two gentlemen before Mr. Haldeman, and if the majority have any rights they should be respected, and when they are outraged the people have the remedy in their own hands, and if they are freemen they will assert their manhood and vindicate their self-respect. no scheme to rob the Treasury, and in every Under the circumstance, there is but one Convention should bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every honest man, and if the honest youmanry of York countv democracy shall ratify their action at the ballot box, they will make themselves appreciated, and the people are ripe for parties to this corrupt transaction. So the support of such men in preference to says the True Democrat.

It is a curious fact of which no really satisfactory explanation has ever been JURY COMMISSIONER .-- We are glad of the given, that as firearms are rendered more less destructive of human life. At Borodino the loss was one-third of all the men engaged. At Waterloo it was one-fourth. At Inkerman, where there was neither a rifled cannon nor a breech-loader on the field, the English lost one-third. At Magenta and Solferino, with vastly better weapons, the casualties were one-eleventh; at Chattanooga, one-thirteenth; while at Koniggratz, where the terrible needle-gun caused such consternation, the losses were only one-twenty-third.—Tribune.

THE State debt must be paid, paid honestly and to the utmost farthing, and as soon as it can reasonably be done. To this doctrine I am irrevocably pledged in every possible manner, and the credit of the State must be kept up to its highest point in order that this important object may be most readily accomplished. No belief or suspicion of bad faith or of profliganet or suspicion of bad faith or of proliga-cy, on our part, should be permitted to get abroad or to derive the slightest support or countenance from the conduct of our government in any of its branches. It should be understood everywhere that we have an incorruptible and faithful judi-ciary; a Legislature and an Executive disposed to work together, and to co-oper-ate heartily in maintaining the honor of the Commonwealth.—Gov. Geary's Ad-dress.

WE hope to see a published list of all candidates for Assembly, who have signed the caucus pledge on or before next Saturday. The people ought to know who they are. Capt. W. W. Hopkins has withdrawn from the fight, intimating in his card of withdrawal that he would compromise himself by the pledges required.

FROM the number of candidates for the Legislature who expect to get on the slate, one might suppose that Lancaster county will send eight or ten members to the Legislature this willter.

THE question now is: Have the editors of the Herald taken out license for the show husiness?"

The New York Post thinks it was shameful for Napoleon to leave Eugenie and go to Nancy, seeking another engage-

FATHER ABRAHAM devotes a long editorial to the abuse of J. P. Wickersham, one of the candidates for Congress. That won't hurt Mr. Wickersham, or help Mr Dickey.

WE have the pleasure to announce that our townsman Col. Samuel Shoch has consented to be a candidate for the office of County Auditor, subject to the decision of the voters of the Republican party on the 27th inst. The Colonel has consented to the use of his name only after repeated solicitation.

County Commissioner.

Mr. John K. Reed of Lancaster city is prominent candidate for the office of County Commissioner, and if elected will give great satisfaction to the people. Mr. Reed is the very kind of man for the office, Besides his competency, he is unimpeachably honest and will protect the interests of the county against all improper demands. No better can be elected, and we will be much disappointed if Columbia does not give him a hearty sup-

a favor to the public.

The Primary Meetings. But a few days yet remain to intervene between the date fixed by the Union Republican County Executive Committee for holding of primary elections throughout the county, for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the convention to be held on Monday, August 29th. At the same primary meeting, the question of retaining the present convention or delegate system of making nominations, or the adoption of what is known as the Crawford county system, will be voted upon. It is to be hoped that there will be a full and general attendance at those meetings on the part of these Republicans who are interested in the welfare and preservation of the party in Allegheny county. It is a matter of more than ordinary importance that none but good and true men should be sent to the Convention to make the nominations, and to act and speak for the great majority of the people. The Republican masses demand that a good ticket be put forward for support, for the Democracy are moving heaven and earth to accomplish the overthrow of our party next October, and they will be aided in their efforts by the here made, and adopt that course which coalition of those disappointed politicins who figured so prominently in the late third party fiasco, for the latter will prove too stubborn to acknowledge they have no nfluence outside the regular ranks, and will help on the opposition to secure a Democratic triumph. With a good ticket in the field there can be no fears as to the result of the campaign. It is therefore an object of much importance that every citizen identified with the Repulican party Crawford county system of making nomi- | should attend and take interest in the primary meetings. The very best way to secure the nomination of good candidates is to put good and reliable delegates in the Convention, such who have no private obligations to cancel, no pledges made in advance to support certain candidates and cured a respectable plurality. C. E. in short no object or end in view other than the welfare and success of the party.

> districts- They are not scarce.-Pittsburg Two Days With the Prussians.

The work of two days by the Prussian

army is summed up in the Ledger of the

16th inst: A retreat from the front of Metz by the army of Bazaine, under the eyes of the Emperor; a retreat from Nancy by the army of MacMahon; another surprise of the French forces, and this time it is the Emperor's own troops that are surprised: a fierce attack upon the retreating troops near Metz, while crossing the Moselle; a four hours' fight, in which the Emperor says, he "repulsed the Prussians with great loss to them," but which the King of Prussia claims as a "victorious combaterand still another battle in which the Germans were the victors. These are the rapid events and reports of Sunday and Monday, after a week of comparative quiet. They make tremendous change in the situation adding greatly to the humiliation of France, involving heavy losses of the material of war, as the retreat from Metz must inevitably cause, and again demonstrating that the campaign is entirely at the will of the German Generals, who are proving themselves to be able master of that branch of the military art, which enables them to compel, and to a large extent, control the movements of their adversaries. Nothing short of the direct necessity can explain a retreat from so strong and important a place as Metz.

The dire necessity in this case was, that the right of the French position had been turned, driving MacMahon from Nancy to Toul, and thus exposing the whole of the right bank of the valley of the Moselle from Nancy all the way down to the edge of the fortifications at Metz, and cutting off the railway connection between Metz and Paris. The German troops were reported to be "swarming" in that vicinity. There was no alternative but to commit the town to the defence of the townspeople and the garrison, and leave it and them surrounded by the hostile army, as was done at Strasbourg. Thus, superior generalship wins way even when the way is guarded by the strongest fortresses producible by military skill.

There is some report of a contemplated evacuation" of the city and works, but the proclamation of the Emperor, on leaving the city yesterday, as well as the improbabilities of the case, shows that it is not to be given up without a fight. Metz is a place which no army can afford to Prussians before Metz. The latter sufthrow away for slight cause. It has been | ferred heavy losses, and the French retirregarded by the French Government and people as an impregnable barrier to the passage of an enemy into France by that direction. It has been a strong-fortified town for hundreds of years. More recently it has been made an intrenched camp. Twelve millions of francs have been spent upon it since 1867, with the express view of making it one of the great bulwarks of France. The old works of Vauban were enlarged by Cormontaigne, and to these have been added fortifications on all the surrounding heights by engineers who studied the renowned works of Todtleben, at Sebastopol, and all these mounted with innumerable heavy guns. The town contains one of the largest arsenals in France, a cannon foundry, an armory, and an immense powder magazine. These and the defensive works are filled with the materials of war on a scale commensurate with the fortifications and the vital importance of the place, and with the express view of resisting the strongest

REAR ADMIRAL FARRAGUT died on

attack and the longest siege.

THE EUROPEAN WAR.

Grand Successes for the Prussians.

THE FRENCH IN FULL RETREAT TOWARDS

PARIS.

STRASBOURG SURROUNDED!

Evacuation of Nancy, and the Abandonment of Metz Expected!

London, Aug. 14.—Advices from Metz state that the French army had been withdrawn to the west band of the Moselle. McMahon is at Toul, twelve miles west of Nancy. The evacuation of Metz is considered certain. The Prussians count on starving out the defenders of Strasburg without recourse to a bombard-

PARIS, Aug. 14-Noon.-There is nothing new from headquarters of the army. Telegraphic communication was interrupted yesterday, between Paris and sian detachment. The news is confirmed

Reports calculated to create uneasiness with 400 cannon, and the garrison is large. If we are attacked we will defend ourselves so long as there is a man left. Let all good citizens be reassured, and let the evil-disposed tremble."

LONDON, Aug. 13.-Advices through Prussian channels, from St. Avoid, to the 12th, state that the Prussians have taken 71,000 prisoners.

The Saarbruck fight was more demoralizing to the French than has been supposed. The pursuers found arms and equipments on the road worth a million flor ins.

The Prussians hold Pfalzburg and the adjoining passage of the Vosges. The garrison of the town of Bitche consisted of three hundred soldiers of the Garde Mobile. The Prussian cavalry are before Luneville.

The Prussians hold all avenues of comnunication between Metz and Strasburg. The Prussians yesterday bombarded and captured the fortress of Dulzelstein and Lichtenburg, in the Vosges Mountains. The Crown Prince is in the rear of

It is believed in London that Prussia has offered peace. The French authorities are expeedingly recicent concerning the movements of heir armies; consequently news is scarce in Paris, especially satisfactory in lelligence. The populace is greatly agitated, and even the prominent journal confess inability to understand the situation at the front. It is said that the French government has decided to allow all peaceably disposed Germans resident in France to

Correspondents of the various London papers confirm the reports previously published that the French army entered the last conflict in a starving condition. The London Times says "the French army received its finishing stroke at Metz.

A decisive battle will be fought at Chalons, after which English intervention will take place." King William has appointed General Bonin Governor General of Lorraine, and

General Bismarck Bohlen, Governor General of Alsace. General Sheridan has been permitted to accompany the King Von Moltke and Bazaine are engaged in a desperate struggle for the mastery. The main body of the French army is reported

at the town of Etain, twenty miles west of Metz. Whether it will endeavor to renew its retreat towards Chalons, or make h determined stand, remains to be seen The engagement reported from the town of Gravellotte is probably the same as that of which we had news vesterday, but no particulars are given. The telegraph wires are all cut in the rear of the Prussian army, and the French government exercise a strict surveillance of the wires at this side, hence the absence of news.

GREAT BATTLE. BERLIN, Aug. 18 .- The following official news has been made public here this norning:

"PONT-A-MOUSSON, Aug. 17-Evening.—General Alvensleben advanced vesterday with the Third Corps toward the east side of Netz, on the line of the enemy's retreat toward Verdun. He encountered severe fighting with the divisions of Generals De Caen, L'Admirault Frossard, Canrobert and the Imperial Guard.

The enemy was driven in upon Metz, in spite of his great superiority of forces, after a severe combat of twelve hours. The loss on both sides was very heavy. The Prussian Generals Doring and Widel were killed, and Generals Raush and Gruscher wounded. King William to-day saluted the troops on the field of battle, whiclí is gloriously maintained."

LONDON, Aug, 18.-A telegram from Bricy, a town fourteen miles northwest of Metz, has the following:--"An obstinate struggle occurred near Mars-la-Tour, between Metz and Verdun, yesterday. It is supposed the engagement was general. Large numbers of wounded of both armics are arriving at Bricy. Travelers report that a vast body of Prussians have been thrown back upon the Moselle by the Imperial Guard. The Prussian artillery was entrenched between Bricy and Saint Jean. LONDON, Aug. 18 .- Telegram from Paris this morning give the following resame of events since Sunday last:-On that day the French army engaged the

ed to Verdun. They seem to have crossed the Moselle both above and below Metz, large forces remaining at the same time before Metz, and there is no reason for Palikao's statement in the Corps Legislatif that the Prussian attempt to cut of Bazaine had been made in such force as to compel Bazaine to choose between abandoning the direct line to Chalons and fighting a batical field. The latest accounts place him at Etain, but the French appear to have no information as to the disposition or strength of the Prussian columns threating his march. If it be true, as the French give out, that Metz is held by a mere garrison, it may be many days bear agreed by the French at any point west of Metz. In the meantime there is likely to be, as during the strength of the Prussians or accepted by the French at any point west of Metz. In the meantime there is likely to be, as during the first his strength of the Prussian columns and the rear guard of the French.

PARIS, Aug. 18—The different battles around Metz were fought by the troops failed, for there is no evidence that is has

of the Third and Fourth Corps. 40,000 French troops were engaged. The Prussian loss was very great, and is computedat 20,000. The French loss is comparatively small, owing to the aid afforded by the cannon of adjacent fortresses.

FRENCH BARBARITIES The French utterly disregard the Convention of Geneva by mutilating the dead,

firing on surgeons, ambulance, &c. PRUSSIA IS REFUSED AN ARMISTICE. The Paris Presse says the report that the Prussians had demanded an armistice, in order to bury their dead, is fully confirmed, and praises Marshal Bazaine for not according it. The peasants must bury the dead, and the army continue its worl of annihilating the enemy.

The French forces are increasing constantly, and the Prussians decreasing. The hour of the complete victory of France is near.

The Moniteur gives the following ac-

War Topics.

count of the death of Gen. Douay at the pattle of Weissenburg: "The General was from the beginning, in the thickest of the fight. When he saw the day was lost, after he had done all he could to retrieve it. when not even a battalion was left him Nancy. Last night the authorities at he called his aids, one by one gave them Toul sent a despatch to Paris stating orders, and sent them away. As soon as that Nancy had been occupied by a Prus- the last one was gone, the General spurring his horse, rode some distance to the front, dismounted, and, taking a pistol Paris, Aug. 13.—The Presse publishes from the holster, shot the animal. Then proclamation addressed by the Prefect | turning around, he slowly walked toward of Strasburg to the citizens. He says: the enemy. His soldiers vainly tried to stop him. Amid the terrible firing he dehave been circulated. Some persons have | liberately walked on. The retreating soldared to express the belief that Strasburg | diers, aroused by the spectacle, turned will surrender to the enemy without striking a blow. The ramparts are armed with 400 cannon, and the garrison is large.

Another tremendous discharge from the enemy, and Gen. Douay, almost alone, fell dead."

(If the Paris Monitour is correct in its romantic story of Gen. Donay's death the man was a maniae, not a hero, and committed not a gallant deed but—suicide. Instead of doing his duty, and directing the retreat of his defeated column, he is said to have left his flying troops to their fate, and deliberately walked toward the advancing Prussians until shot down. Such resorts are those of cowards, not brave men, and bring only contempt upon the poor and simple actor. Men who have seen war will read the story of Douay's 'heroic death'' with no feeling akin to admiration, and many doubts of the truth admiration, and many doubts of the truth of the story or of the General's courage.)
Lost, stolen, or mislaid, a French Prince, 14 years of age, of tranquil temperament, wears red t rowsers, and carries a bullet in his pocket. Was last seen going-home from a baptism of fire. Is supposed at Paris to be in Metz; is supposed at Metz to be in Paris; is supposed at other places to be in London. Any information concerning him will be received with the greatest indifference by the Corps Legislatif.

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