



CLEARFIELD, PA.

Wednesday Morning June 5, 1861.

Is Greely Going into the Slave Trade?

This political prostitute and disturber of the peace of our country, has labored for years to prove that slaves were not property in the eye of the government of the United States.

The only reason we can assign for this late and abrupt change of opinion, is, that if slaves are men they must be taken and held as prisoners of war.

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A Bankrupt Law.

We understand that numerous petitions are being sent all over the country, soliciting signs, praying Congress, when they meet in July next, to pass a general bankrupt law.

We hope that no one will allow himself to be drawn into this scheme. Remember the Act of 1841 by which \$400,000,000 of debts were ignored, yet a large number of those who took the benefit of the Act in 1842 have since become able to pay those they defrauded out of their just dues.

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FROM CAMP CURTIN.

LETTER FROM A VOLUNTEER. The following letter was intended for our last paper, but failed to reach us in time.

DEAR READER: I have had it in view ever since we came to Camp Curtin to give you an occasional account of our employments and enjoyments as "bold Soldier boys."

We have now been here about seven days, and it is uncertain how much longer we may remain. Our boys are a little impatient to be sworn into the service, get some pay and some clothing.

We learn here that some strange rumors concerning us reach our friends at home. You may safely treat every report in disparagement of either of the Companies from Clearfield county, as idle and unfounded.

To day is hot and sultry, and I am consequently not in a literary mood, or I would endeavor to describe some of the incidents occurring here which illustrate Camp life.

Meeting of the Raftmen Rangers. At a meeting of the Raftmen Rangers, held at Camp Curtin, May 30, 1861, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted without a dissenting voice.

Resolved, That we are fully satisfied from assurances given us, that Gov. Curtin, and those acting in connection with him, are making every reasonable effort to have us fully equipped and well armed, as soon as it is in their power to do so.

Resolved, That we hereby express our contempt for the former members of our company, who left us between two days; and take this opportunity of informing them that their places are supplied with men, who know and appreciate the duties they owe to their command and to their country.

Resolved, That we enter upon our duties as soldiers, with a full sense of the responsibility of the solemn oath we have taken; and as men, who are enlisted for a term not exceeding three years or during the war, we pledge ourselves to fight in defence of our flag, until its stars float proudly from every fortress and city in the Confederate States.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Raftmen Journal and Clearfield Republican for publication.

Names of Officers and Privates of The Raftmen Rangers.

- E. A. IRVIN, Captain. W. R. HARTSMONG, 1st Lieut. JAMES M. WELCH, 2d do. Addleman, William Littlefield, S. Frost Moyer, John Bard, R. J. Bloom, Cortez Bloom, Enos Bloom, Isaiah Baily, Zach Bilsie, James C. Clark, C. M. Conner, Arthur Cupples, A. J. Curry, E. M. Conkling, Thomas Chadham, D. B. Cummings, Wm. S. Coulter, John H. Cannon, Abram Dais, D. G. Dunn, Manning Ennis, Levi Frantz, A. H. Freeze, Israel Glenn, D. M. Graeger, Banton Hoover, Lewis Haney, Wm. Henry, James Henry, Joseph R. Hasket, John W. Hilo, Lorenzo D. Hall, El is I. Honister, Thomas Hill, James Holcomb, Edward Kratzer, J. E. Lemon, John

THE WAR NEWS!

The Marlboro' Gazette states that a company of the federal troops entered Port Tobacco, Md., on Saturday or Sunday last and intended camping there.

A general order has been issued from the War Department, granting to the volunteers now enlisted in the service of the United States the same money allowances for clothing for the regulars.

All vessels of the United States in the Port of New Orleans were seized on Thursday last by the authorities.

The prizes brought up to the navy yard at Washington, on Wednesday, are valued at \$2,472—the British schooner Tropic Wind, laden with tobacco, worth \$22,472, and the schooners Gen. Knox and Virginia, laden with timber, each to the amount of \$4,000.

A TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER EXECUTED. The National Patriot learns from a private letter that Taylor, of the First Tennessee Regiment, who killed Lieut. Davidson, of the same corps, at Lynchburg, Va., a few days ago, was tried by a court-martial at Richmond, and sentenced to be shot. The sentence, it is said, was promptly executed.

MOVEMENTS OF FEDERAL TROOPS IN WESTERN VIRGINIA. We find in the Wheeling Intelligencer further accounts of the movements of the federal troops, under Col. Kelly, from that city to Grafton, Va.

STATEMENT OF A VIRGINIA MERCHANT. A gentleman who had done his business in Norfolk for four years past, and who has lived there much of the time for twenty years, left that city on Saturday,

the remainder of the troops stacked arms, after throwing out pickets and scouts to the neighboring hills, with orders to bring in any persons they might find.

I have not learned at this writing what was done with the prisoners. The impression in camp was that they would be tried by a court martial.

THE BURNED BRIDGES. The two bridges burned over Buffalo creek, and were common open pier railroad bridges, all iron except the sills and the crosses of track, both of which were consumed.

The military headquarters has information that one of the Fire Zouaves was killed and another wounded near Alexandria last night.

Acquia Creek is fifty five miles below Washington, and flows through Stafford county, Virginia, into the Potomac.

A sentinel at Cloud's Mills, on the outskirts of Alexandria, was shot and killed last night, and another wounded—it is supposed by rebel scouts.

Further and more definite particulars of the skirmish in Virginia last night have been received. It appears that a force of Federal cavalry and infantry, the former commanded by Lieutenant Tompkins, and the latter by Lieutenant Gordon, attacked the rebels at Frintax Court House on day break.

WASHINGTON CITY, June 2nd. From a messenger direct this morning at ten o'clock from Acquia Creek by the steamer Anacosta, the following facts were obtained relative to the contest yesterday at Acquia Creek.

STATEMENT OF THE CLEARFIELD COUNTY BANK, for the month ending May 31, 1861.

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Bills discounted, Pennsylvania State Stock, Specie, etc. Liabilities include Capital Stock paid in, Notes in circulation, Due Depositors, etc.

and has arrived in New York. According to the papers of that city, he reports 10,000 troops at Norfolk, a large proportion of these from the South.

At Petersburg there were not many troops, and those that arrived were rapidly moved to Norfolk or Richmond.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH. According to the New Orleans Delta, the State of Louisiana had in the field on the 25th ult. 7,350 men, besides 4,000 in camp, awaiting orders, and 5,000 armed and equipped for home protection.

Col. Van Dorn has by letter informed a committee of the citizens of Corpus Christi that at an early day he will place troops on the Rio Grande frontier for its ample protection.

BY LAST NIGHT'S MAIL. A Great Man Has Fallen! We are advised by the Pittsburgh Dispatch of yesterday, that the Hon. STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS died at Chicago, Ill., at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, the 2d inst.

Washington city for interment, where his first wife, and one or two children, are buried.

His death was not unexpected—having been seized with a malignant fever on reaching Chicago some weeks ago, and for several days the telegraphic dispatches have been indicating a fatal result.

Mr. Douglas was a really great man. Intellectually, he had no superior, as is demonstrated by the many official positions he has so conspicuously filled, as well as by the position he has so long occupied before the country.

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