



CLEARFIELD, PA

Wednesday Morning Dec. 25 1861.

THE NEWS.

The advices from England are to the 8th inst. The war spirit was kept up—the excitement among the people being very similar to that in the United States...

Nothing of an official character has yet taken place between Mr. Seward and the British Minister at Washington, so far as is publicly known—though it is believed that several informal interviews have taken place between them on the subject...

From Missouri we have accounts of signal success on the part of Gen. Pope, who succeeded in cutting off several rebel supply trains, and a large number of recruits—one report making the number as high as two thousand—with little bloodshed.

A fight occurred some days since near Murfordsville, in Kentucky, in which the confederates were reported to have been defeated. We have not seen the details.

On Friday last a brisk engagement took place at Drainsville, Va., between a detachment of Gen. McCull's Division, and three regiments of rebel infantry and one of cavalry, in which the Pennsylvanians acted with signal energy and bravery...

ARRIVED DURING THE ACTION, and sent for General Reynolds, who was left at Difficult Run. The enemy was defeated, and fled before Gen. Reynolds arrived.

We have found forty killed of the enemy and ten wounded on the field. Our loss is two killed and three wounded. We have taken two caissons, with the harnesses, the horses having been killed.

The regiment of rifles behaved finely. Lieut. Col. Kane was very slightly wounded, but is still in the field. I have collected the dead and wounded, and am about to move back to camp.

WHOLESALE SELF-CONDENSATION.—The N. Y. Tribune makes the singular confession that it makes course for the last ten years has been a "pernicious blunder," as for that length of time it has devoted itself to the work of crying down the resources of the South, and deriding the idea of its daring to break loose from the Union...

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Persons wishing to send articles to their friends in other companies in front of Washington can do so through the same channel. The imports at New York for 1860 amounted to \$216,641,000, while for the same period of 1861 they amounted to \$116,000,000, showing a decrease of over one hundred millions of dollars.

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We cheerfully comply with the wishes of the following correspondent, so far as to send him our paper, and insert his communication. But we cannot "criticize" it, for the reason that it needs none. The Amenity that would consent, under any rational state of circumstances, that any Christian government should tear from their mothers' breasts over half a million of infants annually, and ship them off perhaps to some far off sea-girt island, is in perfect harmony with the whole system of Abolitionism.

Messrs. Editors:—Enclosed you will find one dollar, for which I want you to send me the Republican. I do not approve of all the opinions of its editors, yet I trust that I am not that kind of a bigot that would attempt to suppress the expression of sentiments contrary to my own. I allow all men the freedom of thought and of speech, and claim that right for myself. Therefore permit me to make a few critical observations upon some of your opinions expressed in your last paper.

There are no more negroes in the South now than are needed to carry on the agriculture of that vast region. This you will certainly admit. Then, if slavery was abolished those negroes that are now held as slaves would be retained as hired laborers; the same interest that would induce a man to buy a negro, would induce him to hire one. The causes which compel negroes to rush by thousands to the Northern States are these: they are fleeing from slavery to freedom. Establish freedom in the South and this negro stampede will cease, because there will be nothing to migrate for.

Again, you appear seriously opposed to the abolition of slavery as a means of crippling the cause of secession. Now, Messrs. editors, I hope you are more of philosophers than to attempt to remove the evil of disunion, without removing its cause. We should accustom ourselves to deal with things as they are, not as we wish them to be.

The "rifles" above mentioned were the "Buck-tails" commanded by Col. Kane to which the *Riflemen* Rangers are attached. Other reports differ as to the amount of loss on each side—some making the loss on our side 10 killed and 15 wounded, and as high as 250 killed and wounded on the part of the enemy.

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Frauds upon the Government—Republican Economy.

We publish below an extract from the Van Wyck Investigating Committee, detailing some extraordinary economy, on the Republican system. The report occupies a large volume, and shows a systematic purpose on the part of almost every agent to make as much as possible out of the emergency of the country.

The improvidence and reckless extravagance of General Fremont is shown in glaring colors. The simple plan of buying condemned Austrian muskets will suffice for example. Twenty-five thousand of them were purchased in one lot; the Committee say it is probable that the arms had been rejected from the Austrian service, and purchased on speculation and sent to this country in view of the extraordinary demand for arms.

Another transaction in the purchase of arms, to which the attention of the committee has been directed, is the purchase of five thousand of Hall's carbines by Gen. Fremont, through Simon Stevens, of Pennsylvania. This transaction is, in some respects, of the same character with the purchase of the Austrian muskets, but much more remarkable in illustrating the improvidence of gentlemen prominently connected with the public service.

These armies seem to have been sold privately, and without inviting any competition; and sold, too, for an almost nominal price. The sale was made by order of the Secretary of War, on recommendation of the Ordnance Bureau.

Death of Horn R. Kneass. With the most profound sorrow we are again called on to place on the sad record the announcement of the death of another eminent and excellent citizen of Philadelphia. Horn R. Kneass, Esq., died this morning, after a painful illness, at his residence in West Philadelphia.

Occasional, in his letter of the 17th inst.—evidently from the pen of J. W. Forney—very clearly foreshadows the determination of the Administration to accede to the demands of England even to the delivering up of Messrs. Mason and Slidell, rather than go to war with her.

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The Lady's Friend.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK FOR 1862.—The World's Favorite. For 32 years the Standard Magazine. Pronounced by the Press of the United States, the best Lady's Magazine in the World, and the Cheapest.

The best Lady Writers in America contribute to its pages, and we have some that write for other Magazines. The Book is all original, and would cost 25 cents, (the price of the Book in the music store; but most of its copyrighted, and cannot be obtained except in "this day.")

Our Receipts are such as can be found nowhere else. Cooking in all its variety—Confectionery—the Nursery—the Toilet—the Laundry or the Kitchen. Receipts upon all subjects are to be found in the pages of the Lady's Book. We originally started this department, and have peculiar facilities for making it most perfect.

Respectfully announce to the public that they have completed and are now occupying their new furniture-rooms, fronting on the Market Lot and nearly opposite the Court House.

CHAIRS. PARLOR, ROCKING, AND ARM CHAIRS, SPRING SEATS, CAIN BOTTOMS, &c.

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BEDSTEADS. JENNY LIND, HIGH-POST COTTAGE, FRENCH POSTS, &c.

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HARDWARE & QUEENSWARE. Nails, Spikes, Forks, Spades, Shovels, Saws, Planes, Axes, Augers, Smoothing Irons, Meat Cutters, Knives & Forks, Dutch Knives, Scissors, Pen Knives, Steel Yard, Tea Scales, Turners, Dishers, &c.

WATCH & JEWELRY. THE undersigned respectfully informs his customers and the public generally, that he has just received from the East, and is now at his establishment in GRAHAM'S ROW, Clearfield, Pa., a fine assortment of Clocks, Watches, and Jewels of all different qualities, from a single piece to a full set, which he will sell at the most reasonable prices for cash, or in exchange for old gold and silver.

Artificial Teeth. A. M. HILLS is especially called to this article as a substitute for Gold in inserting Artificial Teeth. Many persons who have tried all kinds of Metallic Bases PREFER this. And those cases where it is applicable it will undoubtedly become a substitute for Gold, Silver or Platinum.

H. W. SMITH & CO. Merchants and dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, and everything usually kept by the trade. Store at SECOND STREET, below Judge Leonard's, opposite the Presbyterian Church, Clearfield, Pa. Dec. 4, 1861.

DR. J. W. POTTER. Physician and Surgeon, has permanently located at Leontes Mills, Girard township, of Clearfield Co., Pa. Will attend promptly to all calls in his community. May 5, 1861.

AGRICULTURAL MEETING. A meeting of the Clearfield County Agricultural Society will be held at the Court House in Clearfield on Tuesday, the 14th day of January next, at 6 o'clock P. M.

WANTED.—ALL KINDS OF GRAIN will be taken in payment of DEBTS DUE ME—for which the highest market prices will be given. JAS. B. GRAHAM. Clearfield, Dec. 11, 1861.

\$1000 WORTH OF STORE GOOD are offered for County Orders. H. W. SMITH & CO. Dec. 4.