



CLEARFIELD, PA. Wednesday Morning, Dec. 9th, 1863

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We might go still further, and quote remarks recently made by "Honest Old Abe" himself—at least they are attributed to him by his friends—plainly signifying that the "Union as it was" is not to be, but that the great work in hand is the extirpation of slavery, and that he is the instrument in the hands of the Almighty to do it.

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War is it?—Can anybody tell us why it is that we, and those who think as we do upon political topics generally, and the present war policy particularly—are denounced as "traitors," "rebel sympathizers," "A. S. & S.," by men who, in former days, cordially agreed with us upon all controverted questions touching the relative powers of the Federal and State Governments?

We have in our mind's eye a gentleman who, we have reason to believe, sends us to perdition, mentally, much oftener than he prays for his own soul's salvation, who was always opposed to the Democratic party, and with whom we used to enjoy the pleasure of frequent social conversation upon the political topics of the day.

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THE WAR NEWS!

GEN. FOSTER AT CUMBERLAND GAP. LOSERTHREE IN DANGER. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The military authorities received a telegram this morning from Gen. Foster who was joined at Cumberland Gap by the forces previously sent thither from Burnside's army to guard that important point.

The few troops under the former may be able to inflict some damage on the rear of Longstreet, who is retreating into Va. General Sherman was expected to reach the neighborhood of Knoxville to-day.

FROM CHATTAHOOGA. CINCINNATI, Dec. 3.—A Chattanooga dispatch, dated yesterday, says that the army movements are at present contraband. The hospitals are full of wounded from both armies.

There is nothing from Knoxville. A Dispatch from General Foster's chief of staff dated Cumberland Gap, on the 1st, says a number of the reported capture of 5,000 prisoners at Knoxville.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC. GEN. MEADE RE-CROSSES THE RAPIDAN. AN EXPLANATION OF THE RETROGRADE MOVEMENT.

The public need not be surprised when the announcement is made that the army of the Potomac, which set out six days ago, full of high hopes, and with every promise of success, is back again upon its old stamping ground, even, tired and weary.

My last dispatch was sent on Monday night last, from the field, south of the Rapidan, and I hoped then that my next would be written at Orange Court House, or at least as far away as the west bank of Mine river.

Let me describe his position. Mine river is a stream of perhaps ten feet in width, but very shallow, it we judge by the depth of clear water, but very deep when we count in the mud at its bottom.

The enemy had fortified the western slope by a strong earthwork at its summit, in front of which formed trees and shrubs, and a breast-work an impenetrable obstacle; they had also dug a succession of pits half way up the slope, within easy musket range of the creek, and another series of the same style of defenses at the commencement of the ascent.

Darkness found us on Saturday night in the following position: The Second corps was on the extreme left, in the vicinity of Clarke's Mountain, reinforced by one division of the Sixth corps.

General Warren was to have attacked and turned the enemy's right wing at three o'clock in the afternoon. The Fifth and Sixth, under Sykes and Sedgwick, were, at the same time, to attack the left, while the Third and First were to make a demonstration upon his center.

The editor of the Anti-Slavery Standard says, "we must never give up until the last rebel is slain."

Nothing further was done during the day except to study strategy; and that study resulted in demonstrating that the whole plan to advance would be to go back to the line of the Rappahannock and take a fresh start.

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The following number of men have been called to arms by President Lincoln since the war commenced:

It will not be six months before two millions of men will have been called for. Before the war is ended three millions will have been called—

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To the Democrats of Clearfield County. You are requested to meet at the Court House on Friday evening, 23d inst., at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing three Delegates to attend the State Convention to be held in the Court House on the following day.

COURT PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS, Hon. JAMES BLOOM, Esq., of the twenty fifth Judicial District, comprising the counties of Clearfield, Centre and Cameron, and the Hon. JAMES BLOOM and Hon. JAMES BLOOM, Associate Judges of the District Court, have issued their process in the District Court, Court of Quarter Sessions, Court of the Peace, and Court of General Sessions, at the Court House at Clearfield, Pa., on the 22nd day of December, 1863, in the case of...

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—S. A. is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Patsy Smith, late of the township of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and that those who claim against the same will present their claims against the same, with proper authentication, to the undersigned, on or before the 1st day of January next.

RELIEF NOTICE.—The Board of Relief for the county of Clearfield, will meet at the Commissioners' office, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 23d and 24th days of December, 1863. The Board have directed that all persons who have claims against the Board, and who have not yet received their money, shall appear before the Board and present their claims, with proper authentication, on or before the 23d day of December next, and that all persons who are indebted to the Board, shall also appear before the Board, and settle their accounts, on or before the 23d day of December next.

NOTICE to Collectors of Schools and County Taxes. The Collector of Taxes for 1863, and previous years, will be glad to receive notices of delinquencies after the 23d day of December, A. D. 1863. Collectors negotiating this notice will be entitled to pay the full amount on their delinquencies, by order of the Board.

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