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It is probable that a great battle was fought on that river yesterday and may be in progress. General Joe Johnson commands the rebel forces.

Nothing since my last dispatch has been heard from the Army of the Potomac or from General Butler.

E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

Later from the Army of the Potomac.

SATURDAY'S SKIRMISHING - MAY 7. Another correspondent says: "We are today in the same position as yesterday, with the exception of a contraction on the right. Skirmishing took place at different points during the morning and afternoon, but no serious demonstration has been made by either side."

Officers returning from the right exaggerated the occurrence into a position very dangerous to army headquarters, tents, &c., which were suddenly struck, and the force evacuated at double quick.

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There was considerable skirmishing during yesterday afternoon between the two armies, and late in the afternoon General Hill made an attempt to get between General Sedgwick on our right and the Rapid Ann, but was repulsed, though at one time it was thought best to let them succeed as they surely would have fallen into a trap.

On Monday the army of General Grant had completed its sixth day's fighting. Up to this time the enemy had retired fifteen miles, leaving fifty miles still between our army and Richmond.

It is not worthy that in yesterday's engagement, in which we suffered so seriously, the enemy did not employ much artillery, we had the advantage of position for artillery from the fire of which the foe must have greatly suffered, but in positions for troops they held that dreaded advantage which the formation of the country enables them to maintain.

THE BATTLE OF TUESDAY, MAY 10. (From the New York World.) Headquarters Army of the Potomac, Battle Field near Spotsylvania, May 11 - 8 o'clock A. M.

The battles of the Wilderness were continued yesterday in the most sanguinary of the six bloody engagements which have distinguished this campaign. The army was disposed at early morning as follows, slightly in advance of the position occupied the previous day.

There are a few scattered openings across which our lines of battle could be seen at intervals, but the main position of our army and that of the enemy was concealed as heretofore by a dense forest which made the battle almost a mystery.

The enemy had evidently massed the greater portion of his troops on his left and left center. It having been determined to assault his center, the divisions of Gibbons and Birney, belonging to the Second corps, were withdrawn across the Potomac to assist the attack.

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At 6 o'clock precisely the engagement began with vindictive vigor. A portion of General Upton's brigade, of the Sixth consisting of the One hundred and Twenty-first New York, Fifteenth Maine, Ninety-sixth and One hundred and Nineteenth Pennsylvania, the Fifth Wisconsin, Sixth Maine and Forty-ninth Pennsylvania, of General Russell's old brigade, and the Seventy-seventh New York, Forty-third Wisconsin, Second, Fifth and Sixth Vermont, with the Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania, Sixtieth New York, and Second New Jersey, partially in reserve, moved against the enemy's rifle pits some three hundred yards in their front.

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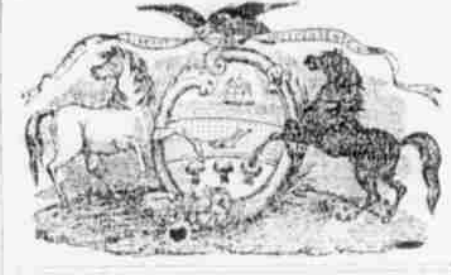
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fighting ground, are covered by the woods and protected by abatis and intrenchments, while our own troops, as during yesterday, are forced to expose themselves in charges across open fields, where both artillery and musketry do tremendous execution.

Our space forbids the details of Wednesday and Thursday's operations. There seems to have been no general battle on Wednesday; but early on Thursday morning General Hancock advanced on the enemy's right, surprising and capturing an entire division of Fwell's corps, with its commander General E. Johnston, together with one of his brigadiers, General Steuart.

On Friday morning it was discovered that the enemy had disappeared from the front, and the pursuit was immediately commenced. Dates to Saturday evening give no account of further fighting.

The Clearfield Republican.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 15th.

PATENT YOUR LANDS. - The Legislature at the session just past, has enacted a law by which all balances due the Commonwealth upon unpatented lands will be put in process of collection.

THE DRAFT. - We learn that the persons in charge of the substitute business have filled the quotas of Lawrence, Decatur, Morris, Brady, Huston, Pike, Carwensville, Clearfield, Bradford, Goshen, Knox, Lumber City, and probably others, of which we have not heard.

THE NEWS.

In order to give us full a narrative of the bloody slaughter of our countrymen on the plains of Virginia, as possible, we surrender almost our entire space. The accounts which we give seemed to be the fairest of the many different ones furnished. It is apparent that up to Thursday last, the rebel force, embracing several days' battles - neither side, and especially ours, could claim no advantage.

But on Thursday, according to the accounts received here on Saturday evening, the federal forces gained a decided advantage over the enemy, having outflanked him on his right, capturing 50 guns, and from three to four thousand prisoners.

Respecting the aggregate losses on either side all is conjecture. But judging from the number of wounded already taken from this county, the whole number is fearfully large.

MAN DROWNED. - A man, believed to be a Mr. Weaver of Brady township, was drowned on Sunday last, at Tinker, below Karthaus.

DIED. - On the 12th inst., Mary A., infant daughter of Benjamin and Mary Brownlee, of Graham township, aged 4 years, 11 months and 27 days.

On Saturday last, in this place, J. Melville, son of John and Leonard Adams, aged 7 months and 22 days.

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The most erratic of the junta that is constantly striving to deceive the people through the editorial columns of the Jacobin organ of this place occupied a whole column in its issue of the 4th inst., answering his own question, "Can we pay the debt?"

First: He forgets to tell his readers that the value of the real and personal property of the two nations - made liable for the payment of these separate national debts - as appears by the census returns of 1860, answers his question with an indignant No.

Second: He forgets to mention that all this wealth of England (or at least of the land portion, constituting three-fourths of the whole) is owned by some three hundred thousand people, constituting the nobility, while the balance of her thirty millions of population are, to a great extent, but dependants upon the aristocracy.

But our national debt is vastly more than is stated in the Jacobin organ. If the war would stop to-morrow, no man of candor would place our indebtedness at less than four thousand millions of dollars, which would be one hundred and fifty dollars for every man, woman and child in the country.

WAR TAX. - Our Abolition friends object to the term "war tax," as applied to the taxes additional to those we all used to pay. They say it is not fair. It is discouraging the government, &c.

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GREAT EXCITEMENT ANOTHER GRAND RUSH TO BOYNTON & SHOWERS NEW GOODS

CALL AND EXAMINE THEIR STOCK OF DRY GOODS IT CANNOT BE BEATEN! CALICOES WITH FAST COLORS! MUSLINS! DELAINES! LAUNNS! MUSLINS! DELAINES! LAUNNS!

OUR STOCK OF FANCY GOODS IS UNEXAMPLED IN STYLE AND VARIETY! NOTIONS! NOTIONS! NOTIONS! NOTIONS! NOTIONS! NOTIONS!

PRIMARY ELECTION. COUNTY COMMISSIONER. We are authorized to announce ANGELO GILL, of Bradford township, as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner.

REGISTER'S NOTICE. - Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been examined and passed by me, and remain filed of record in this office for the inspection of heirs, legatees, creditors, and all others in any way interested.

J. P. KRATZER, Merchant, and dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Hardware, Queensware, Groceries, Provisions, &c.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS ESPECIALLY INVITED TO THIS UNEQUALLED STOCK OF HARD-WARE! WHICH CONSISTS OF Saws! Hatchets! Chisels! Saws! Hatchets! Chisels!

A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT OF Queensware Which they better themselves cannot be had in this section. THEIR IMMENSE STOCK OF GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS CONSISTING OF COFFEES! TEAS! SUGARS! SUGAR-CURED HAMS! DRIED FRUIT! SUGAR-CURED HAMS! DRIED FRUIT!

PROPOSALS! NOTICE. - All persons interested in the purchase of the lot of land situated on the estate of ISAAC BLOOM, late of this borough, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, are invited to attend a public sale of the same, to be held at the residence of the undersigned, on the 15th day of May, 1864, at 10 o'clock A. M.

\$100 REWARD. - Some valuable articles were stolen from the house of the undersigned on the 25th of April, 1864, and stolen goods, such as coats, hats, shoes, &c., were taken therefrom. Any person who will give information leading to the recovery of the same, or who will assist in the apprehension and conviction of the thief or thieves, or for such information as will lead to their conviction, will receive the reward of \$100.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. - Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the estate of Joseph Irwin, late of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement.