



WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 1865

PERSONAL.—Those of our patrons who are in arrears, either for subscription or sub-work, are assured that the dues are very much needed at this time. The approaching court will afford all an opportunity to remit, if not all, at least a portion of that to which we are entitled. To "keep moving" during the late terrible war we were compelled to go far beyond the current income of our business. We did so in the confident belief that the abused, vilified and outraged, yet "united" Democracy of Clearfield would, whenever the demand was made upon us, make up the deficiency. We have debts to pay—a stock of paper to buy—and our office is to be replenished with new type. All these objects can be accomplished if our friends but half perform their duty.

NOTES.—The indications now are that we will soon be visited by a general stagnation of business. Our lumbermen were about the first to suffer; but now the farmers are beginning to feel the effects of low prices. The prices of flour and grain are still fair, but if the present favorable prospects of the crops continue for a few days longer the fall in these articles will be as great as that in the price of cotton—which is about one hundred per cent. in two weeks. Fortunately the price of labor is not seriously affected as yet.—This is owing to the scarcity of laborers as compared with the amount of labor to be done. When the armies are disbanded thousands and tens of thousands of laborers will be seeking employment, entirely reversing the relative condition of the laborer and the demand for labor.—Then real distress will begin. Already we hear mutterings from the mining regions. During the war the government was the heaviest purchaser in the coal market.—The price has greatly fallen, and many mines have closed, and the operatives thrown out of employment.

That there will presently be a demand for mechanics and laborers in the rebelious States is quite probable. But if white men from the North go South, the black men of the South will most likely come North to take their places. They are purchasing now in the coal market.—The following letter from Capt. McKiernan:

GENERAL LEE.—The Abolition papers are urging the trial and indictment of Gen. Lee for treason; and it has been announced with seeming authority that the trial will take place at Richmond. If General Lee can be tried of course every officer in the Confederate service not excepted by the late amnesty proclamation of President Johnson, just published, can also be tried.

If so, what becomes of the terms proposed by General Grant and accepted by General Lee, which virtually ended the war, as all the Confederate forces have since surrendered on the same terms?

Each officer and man will be allowed to return to their homes, *not to be disturbed by the United States authorities*, so long as they observe their parole and the laws in force where they may reside," is the language of the treaty executed between Grant and Lee. This is very explicit, and no matter how much our government may try to shield itself behind the pretext that Gen. Grant had no authority beyond that of a military character, the world will no doubt understand it, but will view it as a flagrant breach of public faith.

NOTES.—It appears from recent intelligence from the upper end of the county that a few of the crazy, ignorant fanatics of that region are not yet satisfied with the blood of white men, but still pursue their fiendish expression of their deeply-wronged political opponents, even in dereliction of their own party-enacted laws. These infatuated creatures, we hope, will soon learn to respect that law which protects their fellow men as well as themselves; and to fear that other law which all men may resort to for redress of wrongs. Abolition "blood-hounds" should be aware that men can *now* within the bounds of law, without feeling that a horde of spolia are dogging them with a *compte aperçu*. We would warn these cowardly wretches that the course they are pursuing is not conducive to their personal welfare.

Another Letter from Capt. McKiernan:

Sixth MILLS, June 3, 1865.

D. W. M., Esq.—This controversy with Messrs. George & Co., is becoming stale and unprofitable; and as they are determined to fight it beyond the hope of redemption I will cease referring to them. One word and I have done. They do not deserve any charge that affects the original master in dispute, but they sell with a gravity & a secondary matter, thinking themselves to be brought to heel.

They willfully and deliberately misrepresent and falsify. For proof of this, read their first article, where they prove, to their own satisfaction at least that I made information against Mr. Sloss. In their last, Dr. A. Carnahan says and he is not so sure about Reed, who only says he has *knowledge* of *Reed's* *conduct*. They must keep a quiet record, the District Attorney and United States Commissioner, if it shows that my evidence goes to exonerate Reed, and there was malice intended against him, yet he was held on his own recognizance, but to use the classical language of Mr. Sloss, the master of the Attorney "in a series of deliberate, wilful and mendacious lies." Carnahan says emphatically there is no record of proceedings against Mr. Sloss. Now, my dear Sir, it is utterly useless for me to argue with such hardened sinners as these. I have now in my power a warrant, commanding,

"United States of America, 1st: Western District of Penna. 1st: The President of the United States to the Marshal of the Western District of Pennsylvania," &c. Signed "U. S. Grant United States Commissioner," wherein it is set forth that information, under oath, has been made against one Gen. Sloss of Clearfield for harboring deserters and/or aiding their arrest. They must keep a quiet record, the District Attorney and United States Commissioner, if it shows that my evidence goes to exonerate Reed, and there was malice intended against him, yet he was held on his own recognizance, but to use the classical language of Mr. Sloss, the master of the Attorney "in a series of deliberate, wilful and mendacious lies." Carnahan says emphatically there is no record of proceedings against Mr. Sloss. Now, my dear Sir, it is utterly useless for me to argue with such hardened sinners as these. I have now in my power a warrant, commanding,

"All who shall have been military or naval officers of said pretended Confederate Government, above the rank of Colonel in the army or Lieutenant in the navy."

FIRST.—All who have left seats in the Congress of the United States to aid the rebellion.

SECOND.—All who resigned or tendered resignations of their commissions in the army or navy of the United States to evade duty in assisting the rebellion.

THIRD.—All persons who have been or are absentees from the United States for the purpose of aiding the rebellion.

FOURTH.—All military and naval officers in the rebel service who were admitted by the government in the military Academy.

FIFTH.—All persons who held the pretended offices of Governor of State in insurrection against the United States.

SIXTH.—All persons who left their homes within the jurisdiction and protection of the United States, and passed beyond the Federal military lines into the so-called Confederate States, for the purpose of aiding the rebellion.

SEVENTH.—All persons who have been engaged in the destruction of the commerce of the United States upon the high seas, and all persons who have made raids into the United States from Canada or been engaged in destroying the commerce of the United States upon the lakes and rivers that separate the British provinces from the United States.

EIGHTH.—All persons who at the time when they seek to obtain the benefits thereof by taking the oath herein prescribed, are in military, naval or civil confinement or custody, or under bonds of the civil, military or naval authorities or agents of the United States, or prisoners of war or persons detained for offenses of any kind, either before or after conviction.

NINTH.—All persons who have voluntarily participated in rebellion, and the estimated value of whose taxable property is over twenty thousand dollars.

TENTH.—All persons who have taken the oath of amnesty, as prescribed in the President's proclamation of December 8, A. D. 1863, or an oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States since the date of said proclamation, and who have not theretoforwards kept and maintained the same inviolate; provided, that special application may be made to the President for pardon by any person belonging to the excepted classes, and such clemency will be liberally extended as may be consistent with the facts of the case and the peace and dignity of the United States.

ELEVENTH.—The prison doors thrown open.—The President of the United States directed the following order to be issued and published on Saturday, setting free all prisoners convicted and sentenced by Court Martial during the war:

"That in all cases of sentences by military tribunal of imprisonment during the war, the sentence be remitted, and that the prisoners be discharged."

The Adjutant general will issue immediately the necessary instructions to carry this order into effect.

BENJ. G. HARRIS, late member of Congress from Maryland, who was lately tried before a Military tribunal at Washington, for disloyalty in harboring paroled rebel prisoners, and found guilty, and sentenced to three years' hard labor in the Penitentiary, was immediately pardoned by President Johnson.

The Secretary of State will establish rules and regulations for administering and recording the said amnesty oath so as to insure its benefit to the people, and guard the Government against fraud.

Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, the twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of

AMNESTY!

A PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

Pardon and Amnesty to the Masses of the Southern People.

WASHINGTON, May 19, 1865.—The following Proclamation has just been issued by the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, on the 19th day of December, A. D., eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and on the 24th day of May, A. D., eighteen hundred and sixty-four, did with the object to suppress the existing rebellion, to induce all persons to return to their loyalty, and restore the authority of the United States, issue proclamations offering amnesty and pardon to certain persons who had directly or by implication participated in the said rebellion;

And whereas, Many persons who had so engaged in said rebellion have, since the issuance of said proclamation, failed or neglected to take the benefits offered thereby;

And whereas, Many persons who have been justly deprived of all claim to amnesty and pardon, theretofore, by reason of their participation, directly or by implication, in said rebellion, and continued hostility to the Government of the United States since the date of said proclamation, now desire to apply for and obtain amnesty and pardon, to the end, therefore, that the authority of the Government of the United States may be restored, and that peace, order and freedom may be established;

I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, do proclaim and declare that I grant to all persons who have directly or indirectly participated in the existing rebellion, except as hereinafter excepted, amnesty and pardon, with restoration of all rights of property, except as to slaves, and except in cases where legal proceedings under the laws of the United States providing for the confiscation of property of persons engaged in rebellion have been instituted, to the persons so engaged, and excepting the severely and wantonly injured, and those who have committed acts of treason, or of high crimes, and excepting the persons named in the following:

I do solemnly swear or affirm, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will faithfully and impartially support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder, and that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God.

The following classes of persons are excepted from the benefits of this proclamation:

First: All who are or shall have been pretended civil or diplomatic agents, or otherwise domestic or foreign agents of the pretended Confederate Government, under the United States to aid the rebellion.

Second: All who shall have been military or naval officers of said pretended Confederate Government, above the rank of Colonel in the army or Lieutenant in the navy.

Third: All who have left seats in the Congress of the United States to aid the rebellion.

Fourth: All who resigned or tendered resignations of their commissions in the army or navy of the United States to evade duty in assisting the rebellion.

Fifth: All who have engaged in any way in treating otherwise than lawfully, as plenemies of war, persons found in the United States service, as officers, soldiers, seamen, or aiding the rebellion.

Second: All persons who have been or are absentees from the United States for the purpose of aiding the rebellion.

Third: All military and naval officers in the rebel service who were admitted by the government in the military Academy.

Fourth: All persons who held the pretended offices of Governor of State in insurrection against the United States.

Fifth: All persons who left their homes within the jurisdiction and protection of the United States, and passed beyond the Federal military lines into the so-called Confederate States, for the purpose of aiding the rebellion.

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Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, the twenty-ninth day of May, in the year of

our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and the independence of the United States the eighty-ninth.

[S. S.] ANDREW JOHNSON,
By the President,
WILLIAM H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State.

The Punishment of Rebel Leaders

The Toronto (Canada) *Lester* has the following remarks induced by the indictment of General Lee. They are an extract of European comment on the matter:

We are not at all surprised at the announcement that General Lee is to be tried for treason. Hardly had the veteran soldier returned to Richmond, when Northern papers in the interest of the government commented to discuss his status as a citizen. At first our friends were permitted to know the subject, and then the editorial pens were brought to bear upon the ex-commander-in-chief of the Southern armies. In some of the papers—the *New York Times*, *Telegraph* and *Evening Post*—he was attacked with a bitterness hardly equalled in the case of any other prominent citizen of the Confederacy. Then the government took up the question, and Attorney General Speed gave a written opinion in which he declared that the agreement made between Generals Grant and Lee was purely of a military character, and that the paroled officers possessed no rights in the "legal" States. From this opinion very naturally follows an indictment for treason.

But if the government may fully conciliate themselves with the opinion of the Attorney General, in what opinion will they stand before the world, as provoking a charge against General Lee? A greater breach of faith it would be difficult to conceive; and it will be well to keep in remembrance the terms upon which Gen. Lee surrendered his army. Gen. Grant, in his letter to the Southern commander-in-chief, from Appomattox Court House, on the 9th of April, after detailing the strictly military terms of the surrender, said: "This done, each officer and man will be allowed to return to their homes, and to be disturbed by the United States" so long as they observe their parole and the law in force where they may reside." These words, it will be seen, are to be construed as applying to the men who had been captured by General Lee, and to the men who had been captured by General Grant. It was given a full parole to the whole army, millions as well as men, and a full parole that they could return to him. The terms were sustained, and the entire army returned to their homes.

The government may not hold by the agreement of its chief military officer, it may choose to break it. That is their business, but such a violation of faith cannot fail to provoke the indignation of the whole civilized world. We venture to say that Gen. Grant himself would not have conceived of such a thing as the trial of Gen. Lee when he gave him and his army a full parole.

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