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TOWANDA :

Thursday Morning, February 19, 1863.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The Rebel advance in Mississippi is said to be at Okolona, trying to repair the railroad destroyed by Gen. Grant.

Maj.-Gen. Fremont has, for the second time we believe, urged the Government to give him something to do—some active service.

A dispatch from Cairo states that the levees on the east side of the Mississippi at Yazoo Pass, have been cut by the Union forces.

The War Department has ordered a special court to inquire into the charges that Union officers have been concerned in traffic in cotton, &c., on the Mississippi.

Washington dispatches characterize the Rebel stories of disaffection in Gen. Banks's army as weak inventions of the enemy.

The official account of the recent attack on our fleet in Charleston harbor, from Admiral Dupont, establishes the fact pretty clearly that the blockade of that port was never broken.

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The London Telegraph of the 31st of January says the Hon. Mr. Mason, the Commissioner from the Confederate States, has been one of the distinguished circle of visitors entertained by the Marquis and Marchioness of Bath, at Longleat, during the past week.

Some difficulty occurred at Fort Royal as to the right of command to the troops of General Foster's expedition to that place, the latter officer presuming that, although within the jurisdiction of General Hunter's military department, the supreme command of his own men still rested in himself, as being a portion of the Eighth Army corps.

General Hooker, accompanied by Generals Butterfield and Sickles, reviewed the corps of General Sigel on Monday, and expressed himself self greatly pleased with the appearance and discipline of the men.

The official account of the destruction of the United States steamer Hatteras by the privateer Alabama was received at the Navy Department yesterday from Lieutenant Commanding Blake and Surgeon Matthews, dated from the United States consulate at Kingston, Jamaica.

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The entire immigration last year into the United States was 114,475, nearly 100,000 arriving at New York.

GENERAL BURNSIDE BEFORE THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

General Burnside was before the Committee on the Conduct of the War, to testify in response to the resolution of the Senate inquiring of his having been interfered with in his plans for the taking of Richmond.

The difficulties that General Burnside has had thrown in his way since his taking command, from the day the pontoons were not forthcoming, as per agreement with Generals Halleck and Meigs, to the day he resigned were of all kinds.

It is believed that the Court-martial of General Franklin will bring many facts to light, and show to the country why we have again failed to take Richmond and destroy the Rebel Army of the Potomac.

In the United States Senate on Friday, Mr. Wilson reported back the bill to raise additional soldiers for the service of the United States, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

CONGRESS.

Every citizen of Pennsylvania is also a citizen of the United States and owes allegiance to them, as well as (subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the United States) he owes it to Pennsylvania.

The contest in which we are engaged is one for the preservation of our own liberty and welfare. The traitors at the south have the great body of our people who are loyal, and hate and bitterly despise the few who are ready for submission.

In the House, the Naval Appropriation bill was passed, after some amendments. The House agreed to the amendment striking out an appropriation of \$463,000 for the New York Navy-Yard, and inserting \$1,243,000 for a sectional or floating dry dock.

In the Senate on Monday, petitions in favor of reducing the duties on iron and steel and spirituous and malt liquors, were presented and referred. The Military Committee made a report relative to the case of Richard Thomas, otherwise called the "French Lady," an inmate of Fort Lafayette.

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The Pennsylvania Legislature.

SENATE. HARRISBURG, Thursday, Feb. 12, 1863. The Senate met at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. WALLACE, the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That the Committee on Federal Relations be requested to examine the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 5, 1862.

On motion of Mr. FULLER, the following resolution of inquiry was read and adopted. Resolved, That the State Treasurer be requested to inform the Senate what amount of interest has been paid into the State Treasury within five years, upon the Wyoming county bonds.

On motion of Mr. ROBINSON, bill (Sen. No. 133) entitled An Act relative to the payment of bonuses to volunteers, was taken up and after amendment passed finally.

The Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth being introduced, presented a message from the Governor relative to the arrest of citizens of this State by the National Government.

A message from the Governor, relative to this subject, was received, which was read, as follows:

When the present infamous and God-condemned rebellion broke out, Congress was in session, and the occurrence of such a state of things not having been foreseen in former times, no adequate legislation had been had to meet it.

Great efforts have been and are probably still being made, by persons blinded or ill disposed to throw us into a state of revolution—that is to say, create anarchy and confusion—and ultimately to bring about the destruction of life and property among us.

The Rhode Island Journal thus speaks of despondency in relation to the ultimate success of the war for the Union.

Now we do not concede for a moment, for a single second, that we are to fail in the great work of putting down the rebellion. We believe that we shall achieve the task. What troubles we may have to overcome, what sufferings to endure, what sacrifices to make, how many years we may have to suffer, how many lives and how much treasure may be spent we cannot conjecture.

Latest from Europe—By an arrival at Halifax we have later news from Europe. The Paris Pays says that it has reason to state that the government of the Emperor has addressed a communication to Washington proposing means of arrangement between the two belligerents which would fully protect the dignity of the Americans.

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NEW COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA.

House bill to erect a new county out of part of Luzerne county, to be called Lackawanna, was discussed, and Passed finally.

RESTORATION OF TONNAGE TAX. On motion of Mr. HOPKINS, (Washington,) the bill for the restoration of the tonnage tax was made the special order for Wednesday, February 25.

Adjourned. THE AFFAIR IN CHARLESTON HARBOR.—The Rebel Story Totally False.

As we anticipated, the rebel report to the affair in Charleston harbor was not only exaggerated, but almost entirely untrue. The Union and true version of the affair, received by the arrival of the Princess Royal at Philadelphia yesterday, shows that none of our vessels were sunk, none of them were set on fire, none of them were seriously disabled.

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On a foggy morning, at one o'clock, they got out two rams, one of which ran against the Mercedita (a light draught vessel lying close in shore), and at the same time fired a shot which went into her boiler, whereby four men were killed.

The Princess Royal has aboard, beside a large amount of arms and ammunition, complete machinery for the construction of an iron clad ram; also as a passenger, an intelligent English mechanic, who is well versed in the process of making and hardening projectiles.

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REVISED REVENUE CODE.

The next important State business likely to come before our Legislature this year, says an exchange, is the bill matured by three competent men during the last season for the equalizing and remodeling of our State Tax System.

The main features of the Revenue Code are a great decrease of the real estate tax; an increase of the railway and other taxes of corporations; and more direct and simple and effective mode of laying and collecting taxes.

The Act to make the Bill a Law comes properly before the House, first—and to it the people should send their petitions in favor, or remonstrances against, the proposed important changes.

ECLIPSES DURING THE YEAR 1863.—There will be four eclipses this year, as follows: 1. A total eclipse of the sun, May 17, invisible in the United States, except in California and Oregon.

2. A total eclipse of the moon, June 1st, in the evening. Visible in part of the United States, but generally as a partial eclipse. The shadow will appear upon the moon at the time it rises, covering about two-thirds of its surface, and passing off in about forty five minutes.

3. An annual eclipse of the sun, Nov. 11th, invisible in America. 4. A partial eclipse of the moon, on the morning of November 25th. Visible generally throughout the United States.

Mr. Bonkau, the editor of the Philadelphia Evening Journal, who was lately arrested for the publication of treasonable articles, in his paper, and whose case excited a furor and sympathy among the Breckinridge papers, is now receiving their fulminations and maledictions, because he has had the manliness to acknowledge that he was wrong, and that he had been used to do the dirty work of a small nest of rebel sympathizers in Philadelphia, who lacked the courage to distribute their poison under their own name.

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New Advertisements.

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Date. Includes items like Towanda Borough Account for 1862, Streets, Plank walks, Fire Department, Town Clock, Telegraph Office, etc.

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Table with columns: Description, Amount, Date. Includes items like POOR FUND—EXPENDITURE, Mrs. Vandercorpe, for supporting Mrs. Miner, 50 00, etc.

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Date. Includes items like ACCOUNT WITH COLLECTOR OF TAXES, C. O. Noble, 1862 71 04, etc.

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NOTICE.—The Board of Revision of Bradford County, have fixed upon the following day for holding of Appeals in said County, for 1862, viz: Armenia, Ashland, Albany, Athens Twp., Athens in Burlington Co., Burlington town, Burlington Twp., Canton, Columbia, Franklin, Granville, Herchib, Le Roy, Litchfield, Monroe Twp., on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, 1863.

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Date. Includes items like PHILADELPHIA & ERIE RAILROAD, 1863, It has been decided by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and under their auspices is being rapidly opened through its entire length.

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Date. Includes items like N. Y. & E. RAIL ROAD, CHANGE OF TIME COMMENCING MONDAY, January 5, 1863.

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Date. Includes items like FARMERS, CULTIVATORS AND LOVERS OF GOOD POTATOES.—The celebrated "Garnet Chili" Potatoes, selected by Goodrich in a 12 year's experience, from more than ten thousand acres of soil, and selected from the best and most fertile.

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Date. Includes items like ESTABLISHED IN 1844, GENTLEMEN'S SHAVING AND HAIR CUTTING SALOON, SOLOMON COOPER, WOULD respectfully inform the public that he is prepared to wait on all that will favor him with a call.

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Date. Includes items like ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate of Samuel Schradler, late of Franklin Co., are requested to make immediate payment, and those having demands against said estate will present them daily at the residence of the undersigned.