

The Press

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1861.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAST SPEECH OF STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS.—The conspiracy to break up the Union is a fact now known to every man who has eyes and ears.

FOR SALE.—The Double-Edged "Cavalry" Passes on which this paper has been printed for the last nine months.

French Officers in our Service. The latest news from Europe is that the Emperor Napoleon will permit any French officers to join the army of the United States.

It becomes necessary, every now and then, to repeat our convictions, based on special intelligence, respecting the course of the Emperor Napoleon.

At the same time, it would not surprise us to see an intelligent French officer detached to this country for the purpose of observing and reporting upon the numbers, armament, discipline, resources, and conduct of the Federal troops, in camp and in battle.

Another Champion of the Union in England. The London Spectator has an article on American affairs, in which the justice and wisdom of the policy of our Government in endeavoring to re-establish the Union are clearly shown.

THE UNION CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF, JOHN THOMPSON, is commended to the support of our citizens by many considerations. In the first place, he is presented by the only two organizations that have avowed an unqualified opposition to the Government.

HON. OSWALD TOWNSEND, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; Hon. JOSEPH ANTHONY, Associate Judge of the same court; Hon. GEORGE SHAWBROOK, President Judge of the District Court, and his associates, Messrs. HANE and STRONG—all of whom have pledged in favor of the Union.

THE MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICANS met in State Convention on Tuesday last and nominated a full ticket for State officers, giving to the Bell-Everett voters the candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and to the Democrats the candidate for Attorney General.

READ THE fine article of Commodore MERRILL, flag officer commanding the Gulf blockading squadron, in regard to the restoration of the South, by which our merchants have lost such vast sums of money, and have been obliged to sacrifice feelings and principles for gain, a certain and inevitable result of the restoration of the South.

A FINE TEXT is presented in the following suggestive sentences from the New York Herald of yesterday: "Commerce to the North is already entering upon a phase heretofore unknown in the history of America, but far sadder for the future welfare of the Nation."

LETTER FROM "OCCASIONAL."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3, 1861.

It is a historical fact that all peace parties have been failures, and it is equally certain that the peace party is now in our hands.

THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION. As the Pennsylvania State election will take place next Tuesday, a number of politicians of that State are now endeavoring among the troops from the North to secure the election.

THE REBEL ARMY CLOTHING. Captain THOMAS, of the Quartermaster's Clothing and Equipment Department, has an exhibition, at his office, of a considerable amount of clothing belonging to the rebel army.

THE POTOMAC FLOTILLA. The steam-tug "Pocahontas" arrived here this evening, and reports that five or six vessels of the Potomac flotilla are lying near the Maryland shore.

THE LATEST FROM MISSOURI. QUINCY, Mo., Sept. 28.—Messrs. Ring and Lakin, of the quartermaster's department, have just arrived from the West. They report that the commanding officer at Monticello, Mo., had placed all the county officers under arrest.

THE RIVER OPEN. The Potomac is certainly not now closed by the enemy. Our merchants are daily receiving goods from the North by way of the river.

AMERICAN CONSULS IN TROUBLE IN EUROPE. It appears that Mr. DENNIS, the American consul at Zurich, has not yet received his exequatur, and that the consuls at other places are in a similar predicament.

THE NIAGARA OFF CAPE RACE. ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Oct. 2.—The royal mail steamer Niagara, from Liverpool on the 21st inst., passed Cape Race on the 27th inst.

INTERESTING FROM BANKS COLUMN. DANVERS, Sept. 29.—The first frost of the season was experienced here last night.

OUR TROOPS FIRED ON. FROM GEN. BANKS' COMMAND. COL. GEARY PURSUES THE REBELS. Strength of the Rebels at Winchester and Vicinity.

Special Despatches to "The Press." THE POSITION OF THE ARMY. The pickets and scouting parties from the army of the Potomac, together with the observations made by those who are going up daily in the balloons, have given the fullest assurance that the enemy remains in full force.

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