



Flag of the 128th Regiment, which is on the pole, flying in the city of Washington, Pa.

GENERAL HOOKER'S RETREAT.

The high hopes that were raised in the public mind by the reports that came to us at the beginning of the week, of the success of General Hooker's advance beyond the Rappahannock...

The Berks County Troops in the Late Battles.

So far as we are able to make out, the 46th, 88th, 93d and 128th Pennsylvania Regiments—in all of which are Berks County Companies—were in the late battles beyond the Rappahannock...

News from the 128th.

The following letters were received in this city yesterday, from the 128th Penna. Regiment, about whose late painful feeling of anxiety has existed for several days past.

WASHINGTON, May 7, 1863.

DEAR FRIEND:—I feel it my duty to inform you of the fate of our Regiment (the 128th P. V.) a few minutes ago, when I informed...

DEAR PARENTS:

I arrived here last night at about 12 o'clock from the battle field, with a slight shell-wound in my right thigh.

DEAR FRIENDS:

Our Regiment, with our Brigade and Corps (12th) were in the fight for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We lost but very few in killed and wounded, as far as we know, but have a great many taken prisoners.

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PARTISAN LITTLENESS.

One of the meanest exhibitions of partisan feeling we have ever witnessed, is the attempt of the Republicans of this city to make the reception of the 128th Regiment a political affair.

The 128th Regiment was raised in the month of August last, in response to an urgent call of the Government for Volunteers for immediate service.

Such was the manner in which the 128th Regiment was formed. But now, when its term of service is about to expire, and the remnant of the gallant soldiers who fought on the bloody field of Antietam, and yesterday on the bloodier banks of the Rappahannock...

We are heartily disgusted with this and similar exhibitions of the partisan bigotry and intolerance which claim to have exclusive possession of all the patriotism of the country.

DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Democrats of Centre and neighboring townships was held at the public house of Jacob Becker, in Centre, on Saturday, May 2, 1863, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

DEMOCRATIC TOWNSHIP MEETINGS.

Meetings have been called, at the times and places named below, for the purpose of organizing Democratic Township Clubs:

Saturday, May 9th, at 1 o'clock, P. M., in Katworn, for that borough, and Maxatany and Greenwich townships.

Saturday, May 9th, at 1 o'clock, P. M., in Alsao, at Peter Fisher's tavern.

Saturday, May 9th, at 1 o'clock, P. M., in Oley, at the house of Daniel Kemp.

Saturday, May 16th, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for Richmond township, at the house of Peter Fisher.

Saturday, May 16th, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for Centre township, at Lehart's Mill.

NINETEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

The difficulty in the Nineteenth Senatorial District, composed of Bedford, Somerset and Huntingdon counties, in reference to the Senatorial delegate at the Democratic State Convention, has been adjusted.

Dispatch from Secretary Stanton.

HARRISBURG, May 8.—The following dispatch has just been received by the Governor from Washington:

To the Governor of Pennsylvania:

The President and General-in-Chief have just returned from the Army of the Potomac. The principal operations of General Hooker failed, but there has been no serious disaster to the organization and efficiency of the army.

General Stoneman's operations have been a complete success.

A part of his force advanced to within two miles of Richmond, and the enemy's communications have been cut in every direction.

Dr. G. M. Miller, of Hamburg, has graduated at the Eclectic Medical College of Philadelphia, and taken his Degree of M. D.

The reported shooting of the Rebel Gen. Bragg.

In regard to the alleged shooting of Bragg by Breckinridge, prisoners say that Bragg had condemned some Kentuckians to death.

For the Reading Gazette and Democrat.

Mr. Editor:—I have observed that the attention of the country generally has been drawn to the resolutions passed by the Democratic meeting recently held in Reading, and that they have received much commendation; particularly that one which invites the attention of the country to the future mode, in the last resort, of either saving or reconstructing our Union, by the agency of the sovereign States; and that one which refers to the proper amendments to the Constitution in order to guard against future convulsions of the State.

The limitations of power recommended in the foregoing remarks are intended to be exclusively confined to the legislative branch of the federal government, which government, although independent, and absolutely sovereign in its sphere, is and must ever be the creature of the sovereign States.

The majority rule at the ballot-box in the States in choosing representative and executive officers of the government, is a cardinal doctrine and indefeasible right of the Democracy. The amendments proposed are only intended to check the power of Congress, the representatives of the people in the federal government, and thus effectually, not defeat the will of the majority of the people of the States.

OLD BERKS.

City Affairs.

THE UNION PRAYER MEETING will be held to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, in the Second German Reformed Church, South Sixth street, at 3 o'clock. The public are respectfully invited to attend.

Rev. J. Beck, of Easton, will preach in the First German Reformed Church, to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 10 o'clock, in the German, and in the evening in the English language.

DEMOCRATIC CITY CLUB.—A special meeting of the Club will be held, at the club-room, (Ober's Hall) this evening at 8 o'clock. A punctual attendance of the members is requested.

SACRED CONGREGATION.—A Concert of Sacred Music will be given on Wednesday, May 25th, at 7 1/2 o'clock, P. M., in the Emanuel Church, Hamburg, by the choir and Sunday School children of that Church.

AMERICAN MECHANICS' PARADE.—A parade of the Order of United American Mechanics, will take place on Wednesday, 25th inst., at 10 o'clock, in the city of Reading, Pa.

ADMITTED TO BAIL.—Jacob Dampman, who stands charged with the late homicide at Spangler's tavern, near Wernersville, and who has been held in the custody of the Sheriff, on the return of the writ of habeas corpus, was admitted to bail on Thursday last, for his appearance at the August term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

CHIEF OF POLICE CONFIRMED.—The Select Council, at a special meeting, Saturday evening last, unanimously confirmed the Mayor's nomination of John G. Goshaw as Chief of Police, in place of Mr. Marx, resigned.

BANK DIVIDENDS.—Our three Banks have declared their half-yearly dividends, as follows:

First (Spring) Ward.—A. A. Hooker, Samuel Robinson, 200 votes.

Second (North) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Third (South) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Fourth (West) Ward.—W. M. McKeight, C. B. McKeight, 31 votes.

Fifth (East) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

SIXTH (Center) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

SEVENTH (West) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

EIGHTH (East) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

NINTH (Center) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

TENTH (West) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

ELEVENTH (East) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Twelfth (Center) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Thirteenth (West) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Fourteenth (East) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Fifteenth (Center) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Sixteenth (West) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Seventeenth (East) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Eighteenth (Center) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Nineteenth (West) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Twentieth (East) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

Twenty-first (Center) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

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Fortieth (West) Ward.—J. P. Freck, Mrs. James Matthews, David E. Stout, Samuel Price, 31 votes.

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CONVENTION OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

The School Directors of the several districts of Berks county, met in a special Convention at the Court House in Reading, on Monday, May 4th, 1863, at 10 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was organized by the election of J. LAWRENCE GETZ, of the 6th Ward, Reading, as President, and JOHN NISBET, of Alton, Wm. H. GRUBBS, of 6th Ward, and SAMUEL SMARKE, of Heidelberg, as Secretaries.

DIRECTORS IN CONVENTION.

At the meeting of the directors was called over, and it appeared that 245 of the whole number were present, to wit: Directors in Convention.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the Berks County Agricultural Society was held at the Hotel on Saturday afternoon, May 2, 1863.

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The following members were present:—Messrs. Frederick B. Smith, Mark B. Scull, Nicholas Jones, Wm. Keely, Chas. Kessler, R. B. Smith, and Jas. S. Smith, President.

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