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### PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

PENNSYLVANIA SS.

A. G. CURTIN.

In the Name and by the Authority of the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

ANDREW G. CURTIN,

Governor of the said Commonwealth.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has this day made a call upon the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for twelve thousand militia volunteer infantry, to serve at Washington and its vicinity, for one hundred days, unless sooner discharged:

I, Andrew G. Curtin, Governor of the said Commonwealth, do make this my Proclamation, in respect thereto, and do hereby call on the freemen of Pennsylvania, of military age, to come promptly forward, as they have promptly done, and fill the requisition for this important service.

It is apparent that the enemies of our Government, in desperation, are threatening us with an armed force, in the hope that the army of General Grant may be withdrawn from before Richmond, and I call upon the citizens of this Commonwealth, capable of bearing arms, to come forward without delay, and thus aid our heroic brothers in the great army of the Republic. Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Harrisburg, this fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-ninth.

By the Governor:

ELI L. THOMAS,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

### Local Affairs.

**F**EW THE WEATHER.—The hot weather of last week, was succeeded on Friday and Saturday, by several heavy and refreshing rains which were greatly needed.

**F**EW A number of persons complain that their grapes are falling off, sometimes whole bunches. We are informed that they are cut off by worms, like those infesting the currant bushes, which have been entirely stripped of foliage, in many gardens.

**F**EW We observe that the large hotel of Messrs. Hergott and Snyder, near the new machine shop, is opened, though not entirely finished. A number of boarders at work on the shop, are accommodated there. The views and scenery around the hotel, are very fine. Mr. Hergott has also fitted up the finest Photograph rooms in this section of country.

**F**EW COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR.—The County Agricultural Fair will be held at Milton, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3d, 4th and 5th, 1864.

**F**EW We regret to learn that Edward Beck, a son of Mr. Chas. Beck of this place, died of his wounds received in Georgia, in the late battles under Sherman. He was a worthy young man and a good soldier, and only about 18 years old.

**F**EW BURIAL OF FRANKLIN BLAIR.—On Monday last the funeral services of Franklin Blair, late member of Co. H. 5th Penn. Reserves, took place at the residence of Capt. Blair, his father, in this borough. Franklin Blair enlisted faithfully up to the time of his death—which was caused by wounds received in one of the battles before Richland last month. He had been wounded, we understand, twice previous to returning to the service each time as soon as he would permit. A brave soldier, nobly fighting in a good cause, he was struck down in the prime of life, and just at a time when he was looking forward to a speedy reunion with the loved ones at home. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Watson, and a very large concourse attended the remains at the old Presbyterian cemetery, where they were buried with military honors.—*Melancholic.*

**F**EW THE RAILROAD TO ERIE.—The connection between the eastern and western divisions was completed on Tuesday the 5th of July, two miles west of Johnsburg, Elk county. It will be some weeks, however, before trains will run regularly through from this place to Erie.

**F**EW THE 5th of July was celebrated in this place in various ways, but more especially by the ceremonies of the presentation of a Bible to the "Union League" by some of the ladies in Sunbury. A platform was erected in front of the Court House, and a number of seats prepared for the audience, on the green. The Bible was presented by Rev. Mr. Crighton, former pastor of the Methodist Church in this place on behalf of the ladies and was received by the Rev. E. Lightner of the Episcopal Church at Danville. The proceedings were highly entertaining.

**F**EW The 10th was celebrated at Cattswa by a procession of Old Fellowes. There was a large gathering of people at that place. An address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Pink of Lewistown. A number of this order from this place were present.

**F**EW The Presbyterian church at this place, was on the evening of the 4th. A spent rocket having fallen on the roof, ignited the dry shingles. The fire was, fortunately, observed by one of the boys close by, who gave the alarm to some of the members of the church. The fire was arrested before it was made any headway. Sending out to town, it was always attended with danger, and should not be allowed.

**F**EW The Lady's Book for July is a very interesting number. "Neddy to Blame" is finished in a very satisfactory manner; and there are several other good stories, and a great variety of receipts among others, a very useful article on ice cream and freezers, which is interesting to every one just now. Mr. Godley says this number is the commencement of the sixty-sixth volume, and that 409 numbers have been published, the editor being present when every number went to press. He certainly deserves the success and popularity he has attained. Address Godley's Lady's Book, Philadelphia.

**F**EW THEY SAY.—"They say?" Who are they?—who are the cowled monks, the hooded friars, who glide with shrouded faces in the procession of life, musing in an unknown tongue words of mystic import? Who are they? the midnight assassins of society, who lurk in the by-ways of society, with dagger tongues sharpened by iniquity and encrowned by malice, to draw the blood of innocence, and hymen-like, banquet on the dead. Who are they? They are a multitude no man can number, black-suited familiars of the inquisition of slander, searching for victims in every city, town, and village, wherever the heart of humanity throbs, at the soles of mortality. Am i right?

Oh, onward, onward, world-shaker! give us the bold brigand who thunders along the highway with flashing weapon that cuts the aspæusque as the shades of the piaze, who unfurts the black flag, emblem of his terrific trade and shows the plow which you are doomed feet must tread, but save us from the sharp edge of society, whose knives are hidden in secret sheaths, whose bridge of death is woven of plowshares, and who spread, with insidious poison, over the quiet whistlers of the winding sheet.

**F**EW The people of Cattswa took a vote to decide who is the prettiest girl of that town, and it was declared in favor of Miss Hallie S. Reiffenay, by a majority of 279 votes—each vote was accompanied by 25 cents, and the proceeds, \$81 were given to the Society Fair, as the contribution of the favorite beauty. What makes the master more pleasing and interesting is that Miss Reiffenay is nursing wounded soldiers in the Army of the Potomac.

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