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"He made a few desultory remarks," said the schoolmaster. Mrs. Partington stopped suddenly in the bustle she was making around the table for tea, and gazed over her spectacles thoughtfully at him. Leaning on a plate edgewise, as if to enforce her views by the support it gave her, "I suppose it was because he was weak," said she, "but AYEN's Pills will cure him. I never knew 'em to fail. They are very solitary in such cases."

"Really, madam?" replied he, "I cannot guess your meaning."

"You said desultory," said she, laying down the plate and putting a spoon in the preserves. "I said desultory,"

said he, smiling, "quite a different thing."

"No matter," said she, looking up in time to box his ears, who was putting paper down the chimney of the kerosene lamp. "The Pills are good for both, I dare say, for they cure almost all the diseases in the cornucopia."

Local Affairs.

BRIDGE BURNED.—The six o'clock train of Thursday morning was several hours late in consequence of the destruction by fire, of a small bridge over a run near Powell's Creek this side of Clark's Ferry. We have not heard how the fire originated. The bridge was but recently constructed.

EXTRA PASSENGER TRAIN.—This place was not yet been put on the road as contemplated. We have not learned the cause of delay.

THE MILLIONAIRE.—Last week mentions the arrest at Williamsport of a "hard case" of that borough, for passing counterfeit money. There are some, in our opinion, in this place, who might be easily put down as sailing in "convoys" with this one whose career is thus checked by the law.

RONNING.—We learn that the office of Meers Ballot A. C. was broken into last week and robbed of about \$150 worth of gold. This was in the name of the thief. A. C. offered a reward of \$50 for the detection of the thief and the recovery of the gold.

INCREASE OF STATE DUTY.—On and after the first day of August, 1864, a draft or order payable otherwise than at sight or demand, and any promissory note, whether payable on demand or at a time designated for a sum not exceeding \$100, five cents; for every additional \$100 or fraction part thereof, five cents. Bank drafts or orders at sight or on demand, two cents.

A VISION.—The REBEL ARMY IN THE STATES.—A number of the good people of Pine Creek and Enrich's Tavern, have been startled by a vision of a most marvelous character. The story is that on Monday morning last, the rebels exhibited a scene which appeared like a large army moving in a north-easterly direction. Men in uniforms with muskets and knapsacks, could distinctly see, also men on horseback. Officers could be distinguished from privates. Strange to say, some of the good folks up Shamokin creek, six miles from the other parties, also saw the same marvellous exhibition about the same time, and others west of the Susquehanna were equally fortunate. Some of these profess to have seen the rebel flag or a dark flag, while others of the fortunate spectators, out the tonique, think the uniform of the soldiers was of a bluish color. Some may think the rebels are "going up," but believe, unless they very soon report, they are now as near heaven as they will ever get. We have heard the names of more than a dozen persons, who profess to have witnessed this apparition, many of them respectable individuals.

For the American.

The following circular has been received from Philadelphia. We hope will be promptly responded to, and that all will exert themselves to aid in relieving our sick and suffering soldiers. If our country friends will supply the Indians A.D. with blackberries, we will attend to having them made into blackberry jam that is so urgently called for.

P. F. PLEASANTS,

President Anti-Slavery Socy., Sunbury, Pa.

U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION,

Women's Pennsylvania Branch,

167 Chestnut Street.

To the Anti-Slavery and Individuals Contracting to the Women's Pennsylvania Branch.

The need of blackberry, for use in all our military hospitals is great and immediate. We are losing lives valuable to home and country for the want of this remedial agent. We call on our Anti-Slavery Societies to exert themselves to their utmost in meeting this demand. It will be well to invest a part of their funds, if necessary, in the preparation of this article. We append a recipe, that no one may be at loss as to the mode of preparing it. What is done must be done—must be done quickly. Delay brings death, desolate houses, wastes the armies strength. Old men and mean lasses are also needed in large quantities. Hospitals crowded with wounded men are suffering for want of them. Act promptly; send largely to the office of the Sanitary Commission, 1307 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

MARIA C. GRIER,

Chairman Executive Committee.

RECIPE.—To one gallon blackberry juice add two pounds of white sugar, boil and strain it; then add one ounce of grated cloves, one ounce ground cinnamon, ten grated nutmegs, boil again. When cool add one quart of best whiskey.

Acknowledgement of special services of 48th regiment Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers.

HEAD QUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

August 24, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 32.

The Commanding General takes great pleasure in acknowledging the valuable services rendered by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Pleasant, 45th Regiment Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers, and the officers and men of his command, in the execution of the mission successfully completed on the 13th ultmo under one of the enemy's batteries in front of the Second Division of the Ninth Army Corps.

The skill displayed in the laying out and construction of these works reflected credit upon themselves and the officers in charge, and the willing endurance by the officers and men of the regiment of the extraordinary labor and fatigue involved in the prosecution of the work to completion are worthy of the highest commendation.

By command of Major General Meade.

S. WILLIAMS,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIALS.

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THE EXPLOSION AT PETERSBURG.—A correspondent thus describes the scene of the fort, destroyed by the explosion of the mine near Petersburg:

Four companies of the 18th South Carolina Regiment occupied the fort at the time of the explosion, and were nearly all buried in its debris, along with six pieces of artillery. Nothing could have been more complete than the destruction of this work. A great pit or crater, over one hundred feet in length, and of nearly that width, in which were men protruding arms, legs or heads of partially buried men, and fragments of their arms, accoutrements and camp utensils, scattered over its rugged surface, were all that remained to show the state of the fortification.

A great amount of labor had been bestowed upon the formation of this mine, and great credit is due Lieutenant Colonel Pleasant of the Forty eighth Pennsylvania, under whose direction the work was done, for the care and skill displayed in conducting the excavation. Although he had to dig a shaft or tunnel of five hundred feet in length, he succeeded in locating the mine in the right spot, under the fort, as the report proved.

A house for the orphan children of deceased soldiers is about to be erected at Quincy, Ill. It is proposed to raze about \$200,000.

SALE OF BOSTON BOUNTY AND COUPON BONDS.—City of Boston bounty and coupon bonds, amounting to \$100,000, due in 1894, principal and interest payable in gold, sold at auction on Saturday for \$114 a 11d.

Proceedings of the County Union Convention.

SUNBURY, August 8th, 1864.

The Union County Convention met in Sunbury, at 11 o'clock A. M. in the Grand Union Hotel, Samuel Shannon, of Turbotville, was elected Chairman, and R. Jonson of Point, and A. N. Briece of Sunbury, were chosen Secretaries.

On motion of C. J. Bruner the list of Delegates was called, as follows:

Sunbury—Geo. Waggoner, C. J. Bruner, and A. N. Briece.

Northumberland—C. B. Smith and Thos. Tobman.

Milton—L. H. Funk and Wm. C. Lawson, McEvansville—I. C. Allen and G. W. Dixon.

Turbotville—Samuel Shannon and A. T. Biele.

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Lewis—C. R. Rockman and Samuel Caldwell.

Chillisquaque—Wm. L. Nebit and Samuel McNinch.

Point—Thomas H. Watts and Reuben Johnson.

Upper Augusta—Wm. Reed and Jacob Seeholtz.

Lower Augusta—Benj. Hefner, Jacob R. Clark and John Sterner.

Rush—Charles Kase and Alvin Hughes.

Shamokin—Solomon Martz, Wm. Farrow and Isaac D. Kline.

Coal—H. A. Shissler, F. S. Haas and J. L. Gilger.

Mt. Carmel Borough—A. F. Stecker and David Heiser.

Mt. Carmel tp.—Casper A. Tharp and John Hough.

Zerbe—H. B. Weaver and Daniel Mulliner.

On motion of C. B. Smith, the Convention adjourned till half-past one o'clock.

ATTORNEY SESSION.

Convention called to order at 1½ o'clock.

On motion of C. B. Smith, a committee of twenty was appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sense of the Convention Committee—C. B. Smith, Amos T. Biele, L. H. Funk, Capt. Hutchinson, S. McIninch, J. W. Weeks and Thomas Tobman. After a recess of 5-20 GOLD BOND.

In addition to the very liberal interest on the note, for three years, the privilege of conversion is now worth about three per cent. per annum, or the current rate for 5-20 Bonds is not less than nine per cent. premium, and before it is the premium on U. S. Notes. We judge that it is paying in the best existing medium of the country, and it is *now* paying in anything better, for its own assets are either in government securities or in notes or bonds payable in government securities or in notes or bonds payable in government paper.

It is equally convenient as a temporary or permanent investment. The note can always be sold for within a fraction of their face and accumulated interest, and are the best security with banks and contractors for discounts.

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