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WAYNEBURG, PA. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1863.

While the Army is fighting, you, as Citizens, see that the War is prosecuted for the preservation of the Union and Constitution, for your Nationality and your Rights as Citizens.—GEO. B. McCLELLAN.

ADVANCE IN PRICES.

On account of the recent and enormous advance in paper and other printing material, reaching fully ONE HUNDRED PER CENT., the undersigned, as the only means of protecting themselves against loss, have agreed to adopt the following rates on subscription and for advertising, from and after the 1st of January, 1863:

TERMS OF PAPER.—Two Dollars per annum in advance; TWO DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS within six months, or TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS at the end of the year.

ADVERTISING.—All transient advertisements \$1.25 per square for the first three insertions, and 25 cents per square for every subsequent insertion; a square to consist of 10 lines of Nonpareil.

Administrators and Executors Notices, \$2.50 for six insertions. JONES & JENNINGS, Eds. Messenger.

L. K. EVANS, Editor Republican.

THE ABOLITION PROCLAMATION.

We publish, in another column, the President's Emancipation Proclamation.—It is a bold defiance of the late popular expressions at the polls, is a measure without a semblance of constitutional authority, and will only prolong and embitter the war. Practically and for the present it amounts to nothing, as the end it proposes is wholly unattainable until the national forces have overrun the rebellious States and they are held as conquered provinces.

When this will happen, we leave our readers and "time and chance" to determine. Our wagging brother Whitaker, of the Venango Spectator, says "although he has never been in Springfield, the President's bequest of freedom to the Slaves of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, &c., reminds him of a little circumstance:

An old man thought he was going to die and sent for an attorney to write his will. "Imprimis," said the old man, "I give and bequeath to my son Jim \$5,000."

"What?" said the lawyer. "You haven't so much money to leave?" "No," replied the old man. "I haven't a cent, but Jim ought to have \$5,000—he's a good boy, and if he's a mind to work for it and get it, he shall have it. Put it down, Squire; \$5,000 to Jim."

PENSIONS AND BOUNTIES.

Geo. C. Sturgis, of Morgantown, Virginia, will prosecute claims for Pensions of all kinds, Bounties, Bounty land, and all other claims against the government, on the most liberal terms. Claims from a distance attended to with dispatch. Refers to Hon. W. T. Miller, Morgantown.

THE LAWRENCE JOURNAL.

This popular journal, published at New Castle, Lawrence county, has recently passed into the hands of Jos. Miller and G. D. Kuester, Esqs., and is henceforth to be Democratic in politics. It is edited with spirit and ability, and bids fair to be an efficient co-laborer in the "good old cause." Both the incoming and retiring editors have our hearty well wishes.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

We are pained to state that on Tuesday last week Mr. Andrew Buchanan, of Franklin township, and brother of J. A. J. Buchanan, Esq., while engaged in measuring grain from a Threshing Machine, was caught by the fly-wheel, by the revolutions of which he was thrown against the wheel of the wagon, and had his head so severely injured as to cause his death in a few hours. He leaves a large family.

THANKS.

Hon. Jesse Lazarus has our thanks for some public documents of value. The General, we are glad to see, is always at his post, voting against the unconstitutional measures of the Abolitionists, the sworn enemies of this government.—Lawrence Journal.

We, too, are under obligations to the General for similar favors. The people have a right to know the truth, and to duty, or more devoted to their interests.

ARMY LETTERS.

We have a large number of Army Letters on hand (perhaps fifty or a hundred,) which we have received from time to time, but have not been able to find room for. Many of them are of much interest, while others contain detailed accounts of marches, &c., which few of our readers care anything about. Again, some of our correspondents are very bitter in their denunciations of the Abolitionists, and in many instances refer to many of them in this locality by name and in anything but complimentary terms.

The removal of McClellan especially stirred up the righteous indignation of the lads of the Army of the Potomac, one of whom (a Republican, too, when he entered the service,) writes as follows: "Some say Gen. McClellan was removed because he wanted to put the army into winter quarters. What do you think of his removal? The army don't like it at all. Many tears were shed when he reviewed us for the last time. I felt as if I did not care how soon the Southern Confederacy was acknowledged. The people at home don't know what is good for themselves, especially the Abolitionists. I could shoot one of them as quick as I would a rebel, and think I was doing my country a good turn. This is what all say here. Little Mac is all and in all with the army of the Potomac. I'll venture he is recalled to the army before the war is over.—He has the confidence of the army, something no other General has as yet secured. Burnside, I am afraid, will never get it. However, this remains to be seen. We miss "Little Mac" much. When our army was at one time—when we first went into Maryland—totally demoralized, and Pope could do nothing with it, Gen. McClellan had only to make his appearance and all was right again.—His coming acted as magic on the army; cheer after cheer went up for him, and the men would do anything he bid. But he is gone; all feel his loss, notwithstanding all the newspapers may say to the contrary. Burnside may be a good General, but we can't see it as yet. I hope he may succeed in his undertakings, however, and that peace may be again restored to our now unhappy country."

The author of the above belongs to the 8th Reserve, and has been in every engagement in which that gallant corps has taken part. He commanded all that was left of two Companies at the battle of Antietam. He is a brave fellow, and has never been sick a day since he entered the service.

HOW TO SETTLE THE QUESTION THAT REPUBLICANS ARE NOT UNGRATEFUL.

For the first time since the incoming of the present Administration, we have a request to prefer to the "powers that be," and that is that they give the bruised and battered warrior of the "Republican" a Brigadier's commission in the army of "contrabands" now organizing. His zeal for nigger freedom entitles him to some such substantial favor, not less than his long, arduous and brilliant military services. "In short," as Micawber would say, his opportunity and mastery "retrograde movement" from the "East countree," about the time hard knocks were handy and plenty, should of itself plead like "angel tongues" in his behalf, and prove to a demonstration that he knows all about clean heels and the better part of valor.

We advise the Corporal, however, not to accept the appointment without a distinct understanding that his retreat is always to be well covered, and that he is to be allowed to resign in case of a fight or any thing like rough play.

[Those who may suspect this is a plot of ours to put the Corporal where he can't "shake his grey locks" at us, are mistaken. "Who's afraid?"]

The chivalric Corporal says we charge that he, "the Editor (?) of the Republican had made war for YEARS upon nearly one-half of the States of the Union." Literally speaking, we did nothing of the kind; the Corporal's campaign against the South only lasted about ELEVEN MONTHS, as everybody knows, terminating in a streak of blue and a horizontal coat-tail when the Army of the Potomac were rash enough to penetrate the enemy's territory and "battle shocks" were likely to be too numerous for the nerves of that woolly-head "brave."

SLAVES EMANCIPATED.

According to the census of 1860, the number of slaves which will be emancipated under the President's proclamation will be as follows:—Alabama, 435,138; Arkansas, 111,104; Florida, 61,753; Georgia, 462,232; Louisiana, 333,010; Mississippi, 436,906; North Carolina, 331,081; South Carolina, 402,511; Texas, 180,682; Eastern Virginia, 375,000. Total, according to census of 1860, 3,130,231. The natural increase will probably make the aggregate at the present time about 3,500,000. Included in the above, however, is the number of slaves in the exempted counties of East Virginia and parishes of Louisiana.

OUR LOSSES AT FREDERICKSBURG.

A correspondent of the Washington Examiner thus writes of our losses at Fredericksburg and their disheartening effect on the soldiery:—"You don't seem to think the result of the battle here was very favorable to us; and I suppose that by this time you know it was not. A few more such battles, and the Army of the Potomac will have finished its career. I see the papers are trying to smooth things over by saying that our loss was smaller than first reported, and that the army was in good spirits, &c. This is all nonsense, and the sooner the people find it out the better. Our loss is not one man less than twenty thousand. This includes killed, wounded and prisoners. Meade's Division alone lost 2,000 men. "With these losses, taken in connection with the fact that we failed to accomplish anything, are rather disheartening than inspiring. Burnside can never blame the soldiers for not doing their duty. It was the general remark on Saturday, that our troops never had 'faced the music' so well before. From nine o'clock, A. M., until 4 P. M., the Pennsylvania Reserves were under the constant fire of the rebel batteries, and for two hours of the time were engaged with the infantry of the enemy.—During the entire day I saw no stragglers."

FOR THE BENEFIT OF WHITE MEN.

The following Petition should be generally circulated and signed. Those who approve its object can clip it out, paste it on a half sheet of paper, obtain signatures to it, and forward it to our Representative, Dr. Patton, at Harrisburg:

GEN. JOS. G. GARRARD.

Our excellent friend, Gen. Garrard, has been appointed Assistant-Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, as will be seen by our Harrisburg letter. The General is a capital fellow and "rock-water" Democrat, and we are rejoiced to hear of his appointment.

FESTIVAL AT JEFFERSON.

The Ladies of the Jefferson Relief Society will give a grand Supper and Festival at the house of H. H. Lindsey, Esq., in that place, on Wednesday Evening, January 21st, for the benefit of sick and wounded soldiers. "All the world and his wife" will be there, and an excellent good time may be expected.

THE WAY THE MONEY GOES.

Major I. N. Cook, a Paymaster in the Army, recently gambled away \$250,000 of the Government funds at the gambling houses in Cincinnati, Louisville, Cairo, &c. He was subsequently arrested by the military authorities, together with a number of the parties who had fleeced him.—From the latter, some \$75,000 of the money was recovered. The balance will have to be refunded before the blacklegs are released.

LITTLE GREENE FOREVER!

Little Greene had a number of gallant lads under the command of J. Ransbottom in the late terrible battle at Marfreesboro'. We are sorry to learn that the Captain himself was wounded and Sergeant A. S. Drake killed. Private W. F. Jenison was taken prisoner, but subsequently paroled.

THE PRESIDENT—HIS OATH—THE CONSTITUTION, &c.

A brother of the quill pays his respects in the following style to the monstrous doctrine that the President should do his pleasure regardless of his obligations and of Constitutional restraints:—"Fessenden, of Maine, is a genius, and no mistake. All the others are counterfeits—not worth shillings or Confederate scrip. Here the nation has been wondering how the President managed to break his oath and not the Constitution at the same time. It was a puzzle for politicians, theologians and plain people. Of course it would not do to say that the President had sworn to an error in judgment; but it was hard to get over. His emancipation proclamation was squarely unconstitutional, and his oath, it was thought, bound him to obey the Constitution. That was all a mistake. Mr. Fessenden has cleared up the matter in the most satisfactory manner.

ORGANIZATION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.—Hon. George W. Lawrence, Republican, has been elected Speaker of the Senate. The Clerks in the Senate are Geo. W. Hamerly and Gordon J. Berry, both Republicans.

GOV. CURTIN'S MESSAGE.

The Message of the Governor is a long affair, and would be of little interest to our readers. On this account, we withhold it. Concerning County Bounties to Volunteers, the Governor makes a very just and proper recommendation in the annexed extract:—"On the 7th of July last a call was made by the President for three hundred thousand volunteers. This State had already supplied nearly one hundred and ten thousand men, yet her people promptly bestirred themselves to this new requirement.—Although it was believed that no bounties would be necessary to induce the men of Pennsylvania to enter the service of their country on such an occasion, yet as some of the neighboring States offered large bounties, it was thought best to expose our citizens to the temptation thus afforded them to enlist in regiments of other States. There being no appropriation for the payment of bounties, I, of course, could not direct them to be paid out of the treasury, and it was evident that to call the Legislature together and wait for the negotiation of any loan which might be authorized for the purpose, would be injurious delay. Under these circumstances I confidently appealed by proclamation to a people who have never faltered in the performance of any duty of patriotism, calling on them to raise in their several counties the sums necessary to insure their proportion of the quota of the State. This appeal was effectively answered. Public meetings were held, and liberal amounts subscribed by individuals. In the city of Philadelphia, besides a very large fund thus raised, the municipal authorities contributed heavily from their common treasury, and in several counties the county commissioners, generally under the guarantee of a few of their eminent citizens, devoted county funds to the same purpose. I recommend that these proceedings be legalized, and submit to the wisdom of the Legislature the question of what legislation would be just and proper on the whole subject, that the burden of this patriotic effort may fall equally on all classes of people throughout the State."

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