

TO OUR PATRONS. AN EARNEST WORD.

We will present our paper to its readers in a new dress in a week or two. The materials are now on the way. To effect this improvement we have incurred considerable expense, and we rely on our patrons to make the outlay good to us.

THE TWO POLICIES. 1. The Republican Policy—to hold out to the rebels no inducements to return to the Union—no hope of pardon or restoration to citizenship—nothing but confiscation, extinction of their States as political communities, and division of their soil among emancipated slaves—nothing in a word but black despair.

THE DIAMOND WEDDING. The long talked of marriage of Senator (formerly Governor) Sprague, of Rhode Island, to Miss Kate Chase, daughter of Hon. S. P. Chase, (better known as Greenback Chase), was solemnized with due pomp and eclat at Washington, on Thursday evening.

REPUBLICANS HAVE BROUGHT UP ON US CIVIL WAR. Douglas said so; Pugh said so; Crittenden said so; Everett said so. They would not compromise, but were in favor of "bloodletting."

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HOW WE SLAUGHTER EACH OTHER. We have now in the United States at least two hundred and thirty-five general hospitals for the use of the soldiers, containing about 80,000 patients. To show on what a large scale our battles have been fought, as we do everything else, it seems that during four months of 1862, there were treated at our hospitals 20,930 cases of gunshot wounds.

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HOW THEY TAKE IT.

They have heard of Pennsylvania and Ohio elections down South.—The response is uniform, and may be judged from a long article in the Richmond Enquirer of the 24th of October, of which the following is an extract:

"We should have dreaded the evil effects of Vallandigham and his copperheads, and his moral suasion, united, as it would be, with a vigorous prosecution of the war—in one hand the sword, in the other money bribes, party alliance, constitutional guarantees, and 'honorable terms.'"

JUDGE LOWRIE AND THE WAR. Chief Justice Lowrie, though of the opinion that the conscription law is unconstitutional, goes in nevertheless for prosecuting the war, provided the struggle be confined to the purpose of compelling the rebels to submit to the Union and Constitution.

FIVE-TWENTIES. The demand for the 5-20 year government loan still keeps up wonderfully. The sales of the other day, at the office of the agent in Philadelphia reached the mighty sum of \$5,712,000.

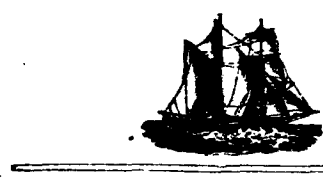
THE DRAFT OF MEN AND MONEY. The whole number of fighting men called for by the President since the beginning of the war is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Draft category and Number of men. Total: 1,775,000.

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Communications.

Salt River Correspondence.



For the Messenger. OLD SHIP CONSTITUTION, ON THE WAY UP SALT, Oct. 30th, 1863.

My Good Friends.—I parted with the "Contraband" at Amalgamation Island on the morning of the 19th, and proceeded on our upward voyage. We stopped a day at the "Lincoln Bastille," a large Government prison-house on Ironhook Island, to receive a large lot of passengers.

THE COST OF THIS NIGHT'S DRINKING AND REVELRY, we are informed, is set down at one million of dollars, and Mrs. Shoddy and her daughters wore diamonds worth another million.

ON APPROACHING POINT "LOOKOUT," we descried a miserable-looking little craft styled the "War Power."

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the present war. On the afternoon of the second day's (Sunday's) fight, they came up to our line of battle, some of them with their hats drawn down over their eyes, and some with their arms over them to shut out the danger into which they were thus marching.

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Important from Tennessee!

SEVERE BATTLE NEAR KNOXVILLE!

Burnside's forces Attacked by Longstreet's Corps—Desperate Charges by the Enemy—Terrible Hand to Hand Conflict—Our Forces Fall Back on Knoxville.

New York, November 19.—The Tribune has the following highly important special:

KNOXVILLE, Nov. 19.—The enemy began skirmishing from their position on the Kingston road, at ten o'clock this morning.

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A Portion of Imboden's Command Dispersed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The following was received to-day at the headquarters of the army:

CORNSHALL, Md., Nov. 18.—Brigadier Gen. Callum, Chief of Staff of Gen. W. H. C. Gillette, has arrived at New Creek, at or near Covington.

DEATH OF CAPT. KEYS. Capt. John Keys, of the Ringgold Battalion, died at his late residence, in Bealeville, this county, on Thursday morning of last week, at two o'clock, after a lingering and painful illness.

STORES FOR OUR PRISONERS. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19.—Every assurance has been given to the Christian Commission, that the stores sent to our Union soldiers in the Richmond prisons will reach them.

MEADE ADVANCING. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The Richmond Dispatch says: "Advice received from Northern Virginia shows that Meade is advancing, with a view to bringing on a general engagement, which probably will not be declined when the proper time arrives."

GENERAL LEE FALLING BACK. NEW YORK, November 19.—An apical to the Times, dated Washington, November 18, says: "Lee is falling back to Carlton Junction, with one half of his army as a protection for Richmond."

THE SITUATION BEFORE CHARLESTON. NEW YORK, November 18.—A Folly Island letter of the 14th, to the Tribune, says matters remain pretty much at the same stage as they were at last advices.

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BOMBARDMENT OF SUMTER UNABATED. Accounts from Charleston to Sunday, state that the bombardment of Fort Sumter still continued unabated.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS. PITTSBURGH, Nov. 23rd, 1863.

BUTTER.—The market was firm, with a good demand for fresh roll.—We note sales of 1,200 lbs fresh at 25 @26c.

APPLES.—Our market contains an ample supply, with a fair amount of receipts. We note sales as follows: 150 bush, assorted at \$2.25; 100 bush, a fine article, \$2.50; 125 bush, russets at \$2.75, the latter being the outside figure.

FLOUR.—The demand is improving. The sales were more liberal, and prices ruled about 10cts per barrel higher. We may soon expect receipts by the river; what effect this will have on the market remains to be seen.

WHEAT.—The principal business done was from wagon. Sales of 260 bushels red at \$1.32 @ bush. White, sales in a small way at \$1.38 @ \$1.40 @ bush.

CORN.—Was very active at \$1.12 at the depot, and the usual advance from store.

EGGS.—The hens seem to be on a strike, as the amount coming in is barely worth notice; they would command 23c readily.

HAY.—Scarce; sales of 14 loads at the scales at \$55 @ \$58 per ton.

SALT.—Market very firm; sales 200 bbls from store at \$2.70 @ bbl.

News of the Day.

Escape of 5,000 North Carolina and Georgia Unionists to Tennessee—Election of Union Members to the Rebel Congress.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 16.—Information just received here from the South, indicates that a large body of North Carolina and Georgia Unionists, who have had a habitation only in the mountain fastness of N. C., have made their escape with their arms and much valuable information into East Tennessee, where they will swell the ranks of Gen. Foster's army.

ARMY LETTER. We have just received the following letter from our young friend, Lieut. H. C. GARDNER, brother of Wm. E. Gardner, Esq., of this place.

CAMP OF THE 15TH U. S. INFANTRY, 2ND BRIGADE, 1ST DIVISION, 4th ARMY CORPS, Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 25th, 1863.

My Dear Jones.—Having a leisure moment this evening, I imagine I cannot spend it more pleasantly than by writing to you, presuming you will not be displeased to learn a word of what is transpiring at present in this Department.

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MEADE'S ARMY UNDER MARCHING ORDERS.—An Active Campaign Decided on. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18, 1863.—The army is under marching orders. The pontoon trains are going forward to the Rapidan, and Meade and Sedgwick went to the front yesterday morning.

REBEL REPORT OF A FIGHT ABOVE BAYOU SARA. NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A Richmond paper has the following:

MOBILE, Nov. 12.—To Gen. S. Cooper. The following dispatch, from Tennessee, Miss., was received yesterday, dated the 10th inst. from Col. Harry Maury, commanding the Fifteenth Cavalry Regiment: