

Local Department.

Many Thanks.

Those of our patrons who have so promptly responded to our earnest request for payment have our warmest thanks.

There are still a great many, however, (and by far the largest number) who have so far neglected the gentle hints we have given from time to time.

Recruits. T. H. Moighen, Recruiting Officer at this place, received the following named recruits from Springfield township, last week.

Deeds. Many persons are doubtless ignorant of the law requiring deeds for land, made within the State, to be recorded within six months.

Important Draft Decisions. The Venango Spectator man, who is a volunteer assistant to the Provost Marshal General, informs his readers that amongst the classes who are certainly exempt from the coming draft, are the following:

- 1. All wooden legged men over 80 years of age who can present certificates of attending carpenter.
- 2. The deceased grandfather of twenty-one children who has served three years in the army previous to the 30 of March, 1863.
- 3. Any deceased grandfather of a large family with certificate of two witnesses.
- 4. Peddlers of Abolition tracts and habitual lecturers on the Crisis, who have been in service over 20 years.

Sleigh Riding.

A snarling and cynical Editor, who can't muster the cash for a sleigh ride, publishes the following recipe for his sensations:—"Sit in the hall in your night-dresses, with both doors open, so that you can get a good draft—your feet in a pair of ice-water—drop the front door key down your back—hold an icicle in one hand and ring the tea-bell with the other."

"Which Will I Do?"

A son of Erin while leaning against a post at a corner not long since waiting for a job, was heard soliloquizing to himself between the puffs of his meerschaum, "There is two ways of doing it, there is, if I save me four thousand dollars; I must lay up two hundred dollars a year for two hundred years, or twenty dollars a year for twenty years. Now, which will I do?"

Metal tips for children's shoes are worthy the patronage of all who have an eye to economy.

Exempt from Draft.

When there are two or more sons of aged or infirm parents subject to draft, (that is between the age of twenty and forty-five years) one of the sons may be exempted. It is absolutely necessary, however, that the papers should be prepared, and the application made before the draft takes place.

RITCHIE & PIELAN.

Drafted Men, Take Notice!

The undersigned is prepared to furnish exemption papers for those claiming exemption for the several causes named in the Conscription Law. Office in the Register's Office in the Court House, Waynesburg, Pa.

Grover & Baker's Sewing Machines for family and manufacturing purposes are the best in use.

The Lost Found.

D. R. PATTON has returned, and is now at his room, prepared to wait upon those wishing any thing in the line of Dentistry. July 1, '63.

MARRIED.

On Thursday, Dec. 31, 1863, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. W. W. Leonard, Mr. LEVI LEONARD, and Miss MARY JANE PARKINSON, all of Greene County, Pa.

DIED.

At her residence, in Nichillip, on Saturday, Dec. 26th, 1863, Mrs. ANNA M'NAY, wife of James M'Nay, aged 63 years.

News.

Cavalry Fight in Tennessee.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13.—The Inquirer contains the following special: Chattanooga, Jan. 12.—Affairs in East Tennessee are becoming very exciting. A heavy cavalry fight occurred near Strawberry Plains last Sunday.

The Rebel Army Reinforced.

Longstreet's headquarters are at Red Bridge. Our picket lines front each other at Blair's Cross Roads, twenty miles northeast of Knoxville. Our rifle camp at Bear's station was very troublesome.

A Severe Battle in Loudon County, Va.—Mosely Defeated.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A dispatch to the New York Herald, states that Major Cole, who is in command of a battalion of Maryland cavalry in Loudon county was attacked at 4 o'clock yesterday morning by a party of rebels 400 strong under Mosely.

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Campany out the Proclamation.

NEW YORK, January 11.—A Washington despatch to the Herald says:—The President is engaged in inaugurating measures to carry out the terms of his amnesty proclamation and secure the speedy organization of governments in the seceded states that are to any considerable extent occupied by the Union forces.

ITEMS.

THE REBEL CRISIS.—The Rebel Secretary of the Treasury, Menninger, says that unless his proposed loan of a thousand millions shall be taken up by a throng of the dilapidated Southern Confederacy will tumble to pieces; the rebel Secretary of War, Seddon, says that unless the farmers within the realm of Jeff Davis are made to disgorge their provisions, their blessed Confederacy will die of starvation.

A Family Burned Out and Frozen to Death.

Our exchanges—particularly in the Western—contain very many notices of great suffering, and a number of deaths from the bitter cold snap of the 1st.—The Detroit Tribune reports an appalling disaster in the vicinity of Crown Point, near the Indiana line, by which a German named Krutzer, with his wife and five children perished.

TEN THOUSAND HOGS FROZEN TO DEATH.

We learn from an employee on the North Missouri Railroad that ten thousand hogs, destined for this city, were frozen to death on a down train on that road, beyond St. Charles, in the terrible snow storm of Thursday and Thursday night.

By a recent regulation of the Pension Office, many mothers of deceased soldiers are now entitled to pensions who were not previously.

On Saturday last, two young and beautiful ladies visited a friend's house near Red Bank, Ohio, and finding the sleeping apartment assigned to them uncomfortable.

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