

THE AGITATOR.

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IMPORTANT DECISION.

A case has just been decided by the Supreme Court of this State, which at this time is of more than ordinary importance.

On the 12th day of July, 1861, Thompson G. Evans and Jacob Rodenbaugh gave a Judgment Note to Mrs. Susan Billinger for value received, payable one year after date, without stay of execution after the day of payment.

To this decision a writ of error was taken by the plaintiff. The Supreme Court (Judge Woodward delivering the opinion) decided in effect that the clause of the act of May 21st, 1861, granting stay of execution, was in effect expressly waived by the debtor.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

The steamship Atlantic, from Port Royal the 17th, arrived at New York on Friday. She brought 120,000 pounds of Sea Island cotton, with the information that 100,000 pounds more would be ready to come by the next steamer.

Affairs in Missouri seem now to be marching on briskly and with a firm tread. In addition to the expedition of Gen. Pope into Clinton County, another portion of his force on Wednesday surprised a camp of the rebels near Milford and Warrenburg, in Johnson county.

The war feeling in England, is intense. Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria, died suddenly on the 15th.

BATTLE AT DRAINSVILLE.

On Friday morning last a portion of the troops in Gen. McCull's Division proceeded in the direction of Drainsville on a foraging expedition, and for the purpose of making a reconnoissance in the locality.

For some days previous to the battle about a hundred of the enemy's cavalry had been in the habit of coming down to Drainsville and foraging between there and the Potomac.

The whole line, except one regiment, had passed a wood on rising ground near Drainsville, to the left of the Leesburg turnpike, when the skirmishers of the 6th Regiment were fired upon by Rebels lying in ambush.

Gen. Ord immediately posted his men in line of battle, and Capt. Easton's battery opened a most destructive fire on the concealed enemy.

After Capt. Easton's battery had fired about sixty rounds, Gen. McCull ordered the firing to cease, for the purpose of making an advance.

The force of the enemy at this time was unknown, as they were all concealed from view by the thicket, in which they were sheltered, and which they did not leave during the fight.

In the mean time the wagons were loaded up with the forage which the enemy had deserted, consisting of 17 wagon-loads of hay and 22 loads of corn in the ear.

In the woods where the enemy's battery had been were found numbers of shells and balls piled up in good order, and other indications that the affair was premeditated on the part of the Rebels.

The fact is also corroborated by one of the prisoners, who stated that they were marched from Centerville to Drainsville, at quick and double-quick, under orders to support General Stewart.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22, 1861.

J. F. DONALDSON, Esq., Dear Sir: I sent you a messenger to look after the Tioga boys who were in the battle of Drainsville.

Capt. Niles, who led the skirmishers on the left of the column, first discovered the rebels and retired upon the main body.

Benj. Seelye, Co. H, 6th Regt. Pa. Reserves, got a ball in his cheek which lodged in his mouth, making a painful wound, yet not dangerous.

Tom Conway was hit by a spent ball just over the eye, but the wound is slight. He picked up the ball, remarking in his best brogue that's one of the d-d seesh bullets, anyhow.

Charlie Yohn received a ball in the cheek, similar in its effect to Seelye's wound. The little fellow fought well.

The Bucktails lost three killed and about thirty wounded, none it is thought mortally. Niles's company seems to have taken the brunt of the battle, and suffered most.

The behaviour of our boys is spoken of in the highest terms. Tioga sent no envoys.

In haste, but truly yours. M. H. COSS.

The Herald of yesterday, puts down Lewis Magruff as missing. Geo. Cook, shot through the heart.

John N. Baeh, Esq., who arrived from Washington last night, says that Capt. Niles wound is in the side and not in the thigh. It is severe but not dangerous.

FROM THE BUCK-TAILS.

Fine weather—Another Review—Rumors in camp—A visit to Munson's Hill—A Tioga boy in a Wisconsin Regiment—A sermon—The N. Y. 33d and 49th—Updon's Hill Observatory—Visit to the N. Y. 23d—The camps by moonlight—A five—Invitation to a New Year's Eve Dance, &c., &c.

Buck-Tail City, Va., Dec. 16, 1861.

Another fine and pleasant week, as one could wish to see, has passed away, and still there has been no great change in the army of the Potomac, though many of them have made, or are still making themselves warm little homes, as we have done.

Last Thursday afternoon, there was a splendid review of Gen. McCull's Division, on our old parade ground. It was the best thing of the kind that has transpired on this side of the river, since the grand review near Munson's Hill. It was a lovely day, and everything passed off in good order.

Last Wednesday, our camp was thrown into an excitement, by a rumor that our pickets had been driven in, and a large army of rebels was advancing upon us.

Yesterday morning, (Sunday) I obtained permission of my Captain to bid our little town adieu for the day, and take a trip to Munson's Hill, in company with Messrs. Jerome, George and Ben. Potter, and Aaron Souder.

Editors of the 5th Wisconsin Regiment. There we found an old Tioga friend, Leander Swope, who accompanied us on our expedition.

Lovers of beauty, and readers of romance, could not but admire; and if one unacquainted with such scenes, will stop and gaze for a few moments on a bright moonlight evening, when a dozen bands and a thousand merry voices wake the echo—and the camp-fires gleaming through the trees, and forget that war has built them all, the first thought will be, that he has been transferred to some of the Oriental scenes described in the "Arabian Nights."

The boys are fast gaining in health and are well pleased with our voyage.

TIOGA CO. COURT PROCLAMATION.—Whereas, the Hon. Robert G. White, President Judge for the 4th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and Royal Wheeler and Victor Case, Esq's, Associate Judges in Tioga county, have issued their precept, bearing date the 14th day of Dec, 1861, and to me directed, for the holding of the Court of Common Pleas, General Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer, at Wellsboro, for the County of Tioga, on the first Monday of February, (being the 3d day), 1862, and to continue two weeks.

Notice is therefore hereby given, to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, and Constables in and for the county of Tioga, to appear in their own proper persons, with their records, inquiries, examinations and remembrances, to do those things which of their offices and in their behalf appertain to be done, and all witnesses and other persons prosecuting in behalf of the Commonwealth against any person or persons, are required to be then and there attending, and not to depart at their peril. Jurors are requested to be punctual in their attendance at the appointed time, agreeably to notice.

Given under my hand and seal at the Sheriff's Office, in Wellsboro, the 21st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one. H. STOWELL, Jr., Sheriff.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to those who owe me, either on note or on book account, to come forward and settle as soon as possible. I am compelled in consequence of the recent fire to ask my friends to be prompt in their payments, and thus give me the means to keep myself.

W. M. ROBERTS, Dec. 23, 1861.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.—Run away from the subscriber, on the 9th inst., EDGAR T. ROBERTS, who was bound an apprentice until he was of age. He has left me without just cause or provocation. This is to forbid all persons harboring or trusting him on my account, for I shall pay no debts of his contracting. His age is eighteen years. WILLIAM ROSE, Rutland, Dec. 19, 1861-31.

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is told upon one of them, which without touching for, I will repeat.—It appears that one of the guards around the camp had in some manner become possessed of a pie. While talking his heat (as the pie was unburned) he carried, and there was but little danger of detection; and there was an order, read to the guard each morning, which prohibits the guard from eating and drinking while on post; but the temptation was too great for him to resist, so he proceeded to eat the pie. He had finished it, when he heard some one approaching. As usual, he brought his bayonet to a charge, and sang out, "Who goes there?" The answer came promptly, "Grand Rounds!" "Grand Rounds, mark time till I finish my pie," was his answer.

Now there is something particularly cool to say the least in the very idea of a sentry being the officer who makes the Grand Rounds of the guard every night, at "mark time" while he finishes a rather late supper. I suppose the officer thought so too, as the culprit got nothing but a severe lecture for being remiss in his duty. But there goes the tattoo, and that means that the soldier must go to bed, so I must needs obey.

FROM PORT ROYAL.

PORT ROYAL, S. C., Dec. 9, 1861.

EDITOR AGITATOR.—A little rumor about the Rangers I think will not be unwelcome. Our course seems to be southward. On the afternoon of the 5th we received orders to move, and at half past four, on the morning of the 6th the whole regiment struck tents and shortly were marching toward the wharf near Fortress Monroe. Three companies got on board the steamship Illinois, and at half past three in the afternoon the other seven companies got on board the steamship Cosmopolitan and were soon pointed southward, when the band struck up the beautiful old air, "The Star Spangled Banner," and we were in full sail for South Carolina, until after a very pleasant voyage we made Port Royal at 6 o'clock P. M., of the 8th, when we found ourselves surrounded by about 55 vessels from which the Stars and Stripes and our colors were most proudly to the breeze, and on shore, on either side are seen Uncle Sam's bull dogs ready whenever attacked by the Southern traitors to make a hoarse reply that will make them tremble like leaves before the chilly autumn blast.

To-day is indeed, very pleasant. I have often heard it remarked by our Northern farmers, it is just warm enough to plant corn, and while I am seated on the wheel-house, the scene by which we are surrounded is indeed beautiful. The bay is calm and the little boats are clustering around the vessels just arriving to catch the news from their northern homes.

The shore looks invitingly, lined with forests clothed in green although in the month of December. Our Col. went on shore this morning and has just returned with leaves of Palmetto, Sweetbrier, and Live Oak, some of which you will find enclosed within.

I was just informed that we were bound for Otter Island, distant from here 60 miles where we will remain until further orders.

Three regiments on the 7th, took possession of Beaufort which was entirely deserted by the rebels.

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