

THE AGITATOR

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NOTICE.

White paper, upon which The Agitator is printed, costs now more than 100 per cent. more than it did six months ago.

THE NEWSPAPER.

By some it is looked upon as a mouth piece, created to speak in defence of a certain measure, or class of measures, or a certain policy.

Our estimation of the true nature and object of the Newspaper accords with neither of the foregoing. To us, a newspaper appears in the character of a public educator, looking to all the functions before-named as incidents, and to the betterment of the race as a grand and controlling object.

But every number of a journal which fails to impress upon its readers some fact relating to the duty of life, is a failure. We care not how seemingly trivial the lesson may appear; it may relate to the preservation of health; or the inculcation of moral, social, religious, or political truth; or the redeeming influences of patience under affliction, individual or national; or of charity, by example; but it is still a teaching intended to make men and women better, and which does make them better if they cherish it, even for an hour.

pick up their county paper, or the more pretentious city weekly, expecting to be interested, amused and instructed. In other words, they expect to learn something; and if there be no variety, but only dullness widely dispersed, they lay it down, disappointed.

Every paper must have a "poet's corner." But all poets do not write poetry; neither are all that write rhymes, poets. Some of the truest poets never made a rhyme. And some rhymes are very good though they have never a bit of poetry in them.

This is intended to be suggestive. It will serve to explain what might otherwise be deemed harsh and illiberal in the conduct of the paper.

THE NAME OF FITZ JOHN PORTER, late Major General in the volunteer service, has been stricken from the rolls of the army of the United States.

It is now known that Gen. Pope's failure to win the Bull Run battle was attributable to the misconduct of Fitz-John Porter, who refused to obey orders and bring up reinforcements to his Pope's support.

This, we trust, is but the beginning of the work of military purgation. There are some scraps of traitors left, who wear the shoulder-straps prescribed by the regulations of the service, and draw the pay appropriate to their degree of rank.

Therefore, in mentioning this thing, we only desire to show, that from such democrats as Fitz-John Porter the country can expect nothing but disaster.

TRAITORS IN THE ARMY.

We have taken occasion to animadvert, pointedly and severely, upon the fact of the suffering of treason to be practiced by the officers of the army. The fact is too well established to be ignored, even by the men who secretly rejoice that it exists.

The Louisville Journal has a letter from Columbus, Ky., of the 11th ult., which says: "Among the officers taken (at the surprise) of the rebels at Knob creek was one, E. H. Strickland, second lieutenant in company A, First Tennessee Partisan Rangers."

Mr. Boileau's Apology. Albert D. Boileau, editor of the Philadelphia Evening Journal, arrested week before last by order of Major General Schenck, for the publication of disloyal articles in his paper, was released from Fort Mifflin on Sunday, the 1st instant.

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The chivalrous and noble-hearted General Burnside did much to effect a reform. But the evil had gone so far that it required a stronger hand to check it. General Burnside is one of those characters that the world sees too rarely.

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REMOVED PAPERS EXPRESS THE FEAR THAT THE YANKEES WILL TAKE EAST TENNESSEE, FROM WHICH 200,000 MEN CANNOT BE EXPELLED.

From the 6th Reg't Pennsylvania Reserves. CAMP OF THE SIXTH REG'T, P. R. C., NEAR BELL PLAINS, VA., Jan. 28, 1863.

THE WAR NEWS. Richmond papers to the 5th inst., have been received. They contain later and important news.

The British steamer Cadmus has just arrived and brings the intelligence that a most formidable naval and land expedition is about to attack Charleston, the preparations being now nearly ready.

The Yankees naval and land forces are gathering at Port Royal. It is supposed that the troops are drawn chiefly from the North Carolina coast.

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U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the duties and taxes under the Excise Laws of the United States have become due and payable, and that the Deputy Collector for Tioga county, will attend at the times and places hereinafter mentioned...

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration having been granted to the subscribers on the estate of Albert S. Shives, late of Jackson township, dec'd, notice is hereby given to those indebted to said estate to make immediate payment...

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary having been granted to the subscriber on the estate of Levis B. Miller, late of Dolan township, dec'd, notice is hereby given to those indebted to said estate to make immediate payment...

MORE LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT.—All persons interested in light materials should certainly call at Key's Drug Store, for a free specimen of Petroleum Oil for burning in the Kerosine Lamp.

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