

THE AGITATOR

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THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

We hear much speaking and read much writing, about the Army of the Potomac. We hear that it is sadly demoralized, disheartened, and inefficient.

It is well known that a state of inaction in the face of an enemy has quadruple influence to demoralize an army that defeat has. Action stimulates, knits together and strengthens.

Our regiment received this laudatory order with a rousing cheer, and drawing our trusty arms we moved down upon the foe who were drawn up under cover of the darkness.

At the period we speak of the army of the Potomac was convinced that its valor and determination was not equal to the task of driving the rebels from the vicinity of Manassas.

Now an army is thoroughly demoralized the moment the idea of its inferiority to the enemy becomes prevalent among the rank and file.

Col. Spear had his horse shot under him but suffered no personal injury. Tollett's battery, 4th U. S. artillery, and Davis' 7th Massachusetts battery, took part in the fight and acquitted themselves nobly.

From the 136th Pennsylvania Regiment. CAMP NEAR BELLEVILLE, PA., Feb. 1, 1863.

DEAR AGITATOR: Various are the scenes that pass before my imagination. I sit myself down to talk, for a short time, with your readers.

Now, what other than demoralization, can be expected of an army thus fed? Shall these vile sheets be forbidden within the lines? Certainly not. But let "the bane and antidote" go together. That is simple justice.

THE inconsistencies of partisan leaders ought to be instructive. In time past the pro-slavery leaders of the North have opposed the various measures for the restriction of slavery as tending to a violation of the constitution.

How is this? The people of Missouri, their legislators, have proposed to make another free state. They only desire to share the burden assumed for the general good with the whole people.

purchase every slave in the country, at his or her full value, whenever, in the judgment of public men, the general welfare would be promoted thereby.

These partisans have filled their newspapers with charges of abolitionism against the Republican party for ten years, nearly. They have charged that Republicans wished to destroy not only the rights, but the property of Southern men.

We desire publicly to return thanks for two recent happenings. We refer to the cashiering of Fitz-John Porter, and the secession of Thurlow Weed from the ranks of the Republican party.

Thurlow Weed has been painted blacker than merited by the partisan leaders to whom he has now gone over. As persistently he has been overrated by Whig and Republican leaders.

Whether he has kept Mr. Seward, or whether Mr. Seward kept him, is still a matter of doubt. But we presume the *Kaiser* is now broken, and each will betake himself to some new connection.

We do not expect to survive the destruction of evil under the sun. Nor do we expect the tendency to do evil will ever, in this world, be fully eliminated from human dispositions.

There is a great evil now prevalent under the sun, chiefly pertaining to the army of the Potomac. We have conversed with many disinterested and perfectly reliable persons, just from the front, and the report of each corroborates the report of every other, to this general effect:

It is impossible to get any New York papers in the army of the Potomac save the *Herald* and its servile imitator the *World*. Other papers are purchased and forwarded, but somehow never reach their destination.

We say further, that in the progress of an investigation of this matter, the fact appears that these mischief-makers, from Colonels to camp-thieves—are democrats; at least, they claim to be such. They are, also, without exception, "McClellan men."

true men in terms of reproach, but never forget to laud their former leader. Such are the facts. We leave the public to draw their own inferences.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT of the last battle of Bull Run, by Maj. General Pope, an abstract of which we publish elsewhere, will be read with peculiar interest at the present time.

It will be seen that Pope had some thousands of men less than he had credit for heretofore. Nobody thought he had less than 50,000 men under his command.

On the 4th instant, Mr. McDougall introduced a series of resolutions into the Senate relative to French intervention in Mexico. These resolutions were offensive toward France, and were, no doubt, intended to entangle the government in a war with that country.

RETAILING.—The Jackson Appeal suggests two methods of retaliation. The first of these is that, after the first of January, all commissioned officers captured on slave territory be summarily executed, and the other is that such officers should be turned over by the Confederate Government to the State authorities, to be dealt with as felons.

A NEW REMEDY FOR THE SMALLPOX. The *Saracenia purpurea*, or Indian cup, a native plant of Nova Scotia, which we mentioned some time ago as being the specific used by the Indians against the smallpox, bids fair to realize the expectations entertained by medical men of its efficacy.

CONFEDERATE DECISION ON COLOR.—The Confederate Adjutant General has decided that men with any portion of the blood of the white race are liable to conscription.

THE RUSSIAN EMANCIPATION is already beginning to show its good fruits. The government of Toula, which formerly had 10 village schools with 256 pupils, now eighteen months later, numbers 1,123 schools with 16,387 pupils.

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THE RIGHT SORT OF TALK.

General Harbut, in command at Memphis has recently issued an order which is extremely distasteful to the secessionists.

"Many of these sympathizers have expressed determination that the Charleston and Memphis railroad shall not be used by the United States. All such persons may rest assured that military authority will run and use that railroad as long as necessary for the public service, and every family and all personal property, between Hatchie and Coldwater rivers, will be removed; if necessary, to an unobstructed use of the road.

"Ten families of most noted secessionists in Memphis will be sent South, and these are to be selected from those of greatest wealth and highest social position first, because less likely to suffer from banishment.

PETROLEUM.—From January 1st up to the 30th ult., no less than 1,556,117 gallons of petroleum have been shipped from New York, and in addition to this there were exported from Boston 217,298 gallons; from Philadelphia, 129,513 gallons; from Baltimore, 55,369 gallons; and from Portland, Maine, 47,466 gallons—total 440,646 gallons—making a total export from the United States, since the 1st of January, of 2,005,763 gallons.

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, for the purpose of receiving the same, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon until FOUR o'clock in the afternoon, viz:

- In Mansfield, at the office of Ross & Williams, on Saturday, the 21st day of February, 1863. In Middleburg, at the Hotel of D. James, on Monday, the 23rd of February, 1863. In Jackson, at the office of O. B. Wells, on Tuesday, the 24th of February, 1863. In Liberty, at the Hotel of J. H. Woodruff, on Wednesday, the 25th of February, 1863. In Blossburg, at the Hotel of A. L. Bodine, on Thursday, the 26th of February, 1863. In Wellsboro, at the office of Massena Belland, on Friday and Saturday, the 27th and 28th of February, 1863, each day. In Tioga, at the Hotel of Lyman H. Smith, on Monday, the 2d of March, 1863. In Lawrenceville, at Slosson's Hotel, on Tuesday, the 3d of March, 1863. In Elkland, at the Hotel of David Dunbar, on Wednesday, the 5th of March, 1863. In Deerfield, at the Hotel of C. H. Goldsmith, on Thursday, the 5th of March, 1863. In Westfield, at the Hotel of Peter Bush, on Friday, the 6th of March, 1863.

JEROME B. NILES, ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW, NILES VALLEY, TIOGA COUNTY, PA.

JOHN S. MANN, ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Wellsboro, Pa., will attend the several Courts in Tioga County, and in the County of Warren, Pa., and will receive prompt attention.

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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, and those having claims to present them properly authenticated to the subscribers.

Sore Throat and Diphtheria. A NEW and powerful remedy to be used only externally has just been found. It is used by applying it to the throat with a brush, and it will certainly reduce the swelling and inflammation. Call for the Lethan Ointment at Roy's Drug Store. Directions accompany each bottle. Price 25 cents. Wellsboro, Feb. 4, 1863.

CROWL'S WAGON SHOP.—The undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Wellsboro and vicinity, that he has opened a COOPER-SHOP opposite