

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

A kind of fungus has been discovered near Tahiti, South Australia. It looks exactly like a rattlesnake; when it issues from the ground it makes a noise like "rattlesnake."

THE AGITATOR.

M. H. COBB, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. WELLSBOROUGH, PENNA. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1864. NATIONAL UNION TICKET. FOR PRESIDENT: ABRAHAM LINCOLN, OF ILLINOIS.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT: ANDREW JOHNSON, OF TENNESSEE. UNION ELECTORAL TICKET. SENATORIAL: Morton McMichael, Philadelphia. Thomas H. Cunningham, Beaver county.

REPRESENTATIVE: 1 Robert F. King, 13 Elias W. Hall, 2 George M. Cones, 14 Charles H. Shriener, 3 Henry Bamm, 15 John Wister, 4 William H. Kern, 16 David McConaughy, 5 Martin H. Jenks, 17 David W. Woods, 6 Charles M. Rank, 18 Isaac Benney, 7 Robert Parks, 19 John Patton, 8 William Taylor, 20 Samuel B. Dick, 9 John A. Hiestand, 21 Everhard Bierer, 10 Richard H. Coryell, 22 John P. Penney, 11 Edward Halliday, 23 Ebenezer McJunkin, 12 Charles E. Reed, 24 John W. Blanchard.

WE desire to urge the friends of UNION AND LIBERTY to renewed vigilance and untiring labor. Every Loyal League in the county ought to be revived and put in working order without delay.

PEACE. It is not often in this age that enlightened nations go to war from a love of disorder and bloodshed; probably they never do.

Now let us look at the case as it then stood. The Government of the United States is the will of the people. That cannot be successfully controverted. The choice of the alternatives just alluded to, then, lay with the people to make.

Every intelligent man in the country—every lad of a dozen summers—knows that the demand for resistance, resistance even to subjugation, was universally and overwhelmingly pressed upon Mr. Lincoln by the people of the loyal States.

Then, how stands the case? Just here: The declaration of a vigorous war against the rebels was the spontaneous, universal, and irresistible act of the people of the north, without distinction of party.

Well, that is true of all strife. These peace submission men, who were so bloodthirsty in the beginning, are just "stragglers"—nothing more. Such men as Wood and Cox fell out first, and lay along the trail of the grand army

of patriots. They complained of some slight colic. Then, as the footsore legions neared the enemy, and sharp work was required, others straggled away, out of the fight.

But the "promise" is not to such men. It is to those "who remain faithful unto the end"—unto those who are patriots from the force of principle, and not blind passion, it is to such as these, and to such only, that the crown of reward is awarded.

If there be any man so narrow and penurious as to begrudge his taxes for support of the Government, let him stand with the declared enemies of the Government, without "if" or "but."

Reader, with which of these classes do you stand? REBEL PAPERS, like The World, in giving the news of the day, omit everything that can by dissemination give aid and comfort to the government.

Such papers constantly assert, either by direction or indirection, that Mr. Lincoln has refused, peremptorily, to entertain propositions looking toward peace, from the rebel government.

On receipt of this laconic reply, the rebel emissaries went into a great rage and wrote a two-column reply full of indignation. But they were obliged to acknowledge that they were not authorized by Jefferson Davis to treat with the Government of the United States.

Now, the fact is, that the rebel authorities have never at any time, submitted any propositions looking to peace, to the Government of the United States. And what is more expressive, Jefferson Davis and his fellow-traitors will never accept any peace not based on the full and free recognition of the "Confederacy."

But who the happy man is to be difficult to say. The private and particular friends of Jefferson D., object to McClellan on the ground that he has imbrued his hands (?) in Southern blood; also, that he is timid, vacillating, and "no great shakes of a man anyhow."

But the party will unite on some most available man—some man who is limber in the back, not formidable in brain, and capable of being moulded into any form to suit the occasion. If they will be advised by a disinterested person, we would suggest that they be straitforward for once, and nominate the Honorable Jefferson Davis.

The Governor recommends a thorough revision of the militia law, the revenue, and bounty bills. These measures occupied the attention of the Legislature more than a month of last session, and I should not be surprised if they should consume as much of the time of this session.

The majority for the Amendments in the State, so far as officially heard from, will not fall much under 100,000. Berke gives 1,500 majority against the soldiers. Schuyllkill, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Pike, Wayne, and some other Copperhead counties, gave majorities against the soldiers.

The Republicans of Clinton county met in Convention on the 9th instant, and nominated Wm. H. Armstrong, of Lycoming, for Congress. He received 55 votes out of 68.

Military movements of great importance have taken place since our last issue. The invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania has been turned back, and Gen. Averill overtook McCausland at Moorfield, Va., and utterly annihilated his forces, taking 500 prisoners, and all his artillery.

But the most stirring news is from Mobile, and by way of the rebel papers. They report that Admiral Farragut, with 17 vessels, passed the forts on the 5th inst., and had possession of the Bay. He captured the rebel flag-ship, the formidable iron-clad Tennessee, said to be the most powerful iron-clad afloat.

A terrible explosion occurred at City Point on the 9th inst., causing great loss of life and property. An ammunition barge blew up, destroying a great amount of Government property. About thirty soldiers and laborers were killed and 70 or 80 wounded.

The Hon. John Cessna, of Bedford, Pa., long and widely known as a leading Democrat, in a recent speech described a kind of people whom he had observed in Southern Pennsylvania. We print the description in order that our readers may judge whether any such people inhabit their respective neighborhoods.

CAME into the enclosure of the subscriber in the 6th inst., about four miles north of Keeseville, on the road leading direct from Keeseville to Keeneyville, one pair of Spotted Oxen, about five years old; the owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them away.

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GRAND JURORS. Bloss—James Cameron, William Gilmore, Samuel Rechter. Brookfield—John W. Fitch, Jacob Grantler. Charleston—Harvey Young, Alpheus Willard, David Edwards, Kilbourn Coolidge, Lucius Barlow.

TRAVELERS JURORS. Covington—Isaac Bliss, H. Clements, M. V. Gray, Richmond—Robert Bailey, Lewis Crutenden, De los Hubbard.

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GEN. GRANT AND THE PRESIDENCY.—In commenting upon the possibility of General Grant, in a certain contingency, accepting the nomination for the Presidency, The Milwaukee Sentinel says: "We know that Gen. Grant has peremptorily refused, in advance, any offer of the Presidency."

THE REBEL PRISONERS AT ELMIRA.—Accounts differ as to the cause of the trouble with the rebel-prisoners at Elmira. A rebel was shot, as alleged, but was not mortally injured, and it seems that the negro guardsman warned the prisoner before he fired. There was much excitement among the rebels and also among the inhabitants of Elmira, and, as a precaution, the 54th Regiment was ordered on duty.

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OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL. The Fall Term of the Osceola High School, will commence on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1864. The Winter Term, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1864, and the Spring Term on Tuesday, April 20, 1865.

PURE GINGER at ROY'S DRUG STORE. Ladies, take Particular Notice. THE REAL VELPAU FEMALE PILL. [WARRANTED FRENCH.] THESE PILLS, so celebrated many years ago in Paris for the relief of female irregularities, and afterward so notorious for their criminal employment in the practice of abortion, are now offered for sale for the first time in America.

U. S. 7-30 Loan.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY gives notice that subscriptions will be received for Coupon Treasury Notes, payable three years from August 15, 1864, with semi-annual interest at the rate of 7-30ths per cent. per annum.

Special Advantages of this Loan. It is a National Savings Bank, offering a higher rate of interest than any other, and the best security. Any Savings Bank which pays its depositors in U. S. Notes, considers that it is paying in the best circulating medium of the country, and it cannot pay in anything better, for its own assets are either in government securities or in notes or bonds payable in government paper.

Convertible into a 6 per cent 5-20 Gold Bond. In addition to the very liberal interest on the notes for three years, this privilege of conversion is worth about three per cent. per annum, for the current rate for 5-20 Bonds is not less than nine per cent. per annum, and before the war the premium on United States stocks was over twenty per cent. It will be seen that the actual profit on this loan, at the present market rate, is not less than ten per cent. per annum.

Exempt from State or Municipal Taxation. But aside from all the advantages we have enumerated, a special Act of Congress exempts all Treasury notes and bonds from local taxation. On the average, this exemption is worth about two per cent. per annum, according to the rate of taxation in various parts of the country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. FOR COMMISSIONER. We are requested to announce the name of SELDEN BUTLER, of Chatham, as a candidate for the office of Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention.

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