

Lord Palmerston has entered upon his 78th year. He was born on the 20th day of October, 1784.

The steamer Perseus from England, the 15th inst., brings intelligence of the death of Prince Albert, on the 15th inst., after a short illness of gastric fever.

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THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OF COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

The approaching New Year is a good time for reviewing subscriptions and increasing the circulation of the Journal of Commerce. We address ourselves to the old readers of the paper, with entire confidence in their willingness to aid us.

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RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER.

Table with columns for Name, Amount, and Total. Lists various names and their contributions for the month of November.

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War News.

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE POTOMAC.

BATTLE OF DRAINSVILLE.

THE IRON GUARDS IN ACTION.

FULL PARTICULARS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. The following is a list of the killed and wounded in the battle fought at Drainsville yesterday:

The Sixth Pennsylvania regiment—Killed—Samuel C. Walter, company A; Daniel Darling, company C, Wounded—A. Lathrop, company C, in the breast, supposed mortal; W. H. Jayne, company C, in the hip, severe; James Luerne, company C, in the hip, severe; Wm. Van Dyke, company D, in the thigh, severe; Capt. Daniel Bradford, company F, in the leg, severe; W. H. Dinsmore, company G, in the shoulder, severe; Thos. Conway, company H, in the forehead, slight; Charles Yahn, company H, severe; Benjamin Seely, company H, in the face, slight; John W. Brown, company K, in the leg, severe; George Brown, company K, in the arm, slight; Edwin Demander, in the breast, severe. The above regiment was commanded during the action, by Captain Ent.

The Ninth Pennsylvania regiment, commanded by Col. Jackson. Killed—John W. Stockdale, company F; John Sexton, company E. Wounded—Alex. Smith, company A, in the neck; John Schmidt, company B, in the arm; Wm. Earnest, company C, in the leg; Captain Robert Galway, company D, in the leg; George Marton, company D, in the thigh and arm; Joshua McNeister, company D, in the thigh; Wm. O. Mitcher, company D, in the hips; John Raymond, company D, in the arm; C. E. Patten, company D, in the thigh; John P. Hum, company D, in the hip; John P. Hull, company D, in the arm; Corporal Piercer, company D, in the head, slight; Ralph White, company E, in the neck; Captain S. W. Dick, company F, in the thigh; Wm. McGill, company F, in the abdomen; John Hatch, company F, in the arm; William Wilson, company F, in the hip; Edwin Davis, company H, in the leg; John B. Newell, company H, in the hip; Silas H. Weber, company I, in the thigh. The Major of this regiment had his horse shot under him.

The Bucktail Rifles, Lieutenant Col. Kane, who was in command, was wounded in the cheek. Killed—George Cook, company E; Corporal Samuel Golbraith, company E; Geo. Raup, company B. Wounded—H. S. Wolfe, company B. severely; John Panel, company B. severely; John P. Barnes, company F, severely; James Cleveland, company K, severely. Besides these several others were slightly wounded.

The Twelfth Pennsylvania regiment, under command of Col. Naggart. Only one man was wounded, viz: Wm. R. Fox, company K, in the leg.

Col. Thomas Taylor, commanding the Kentucky Rebel Rifles, was killed, and his saddle brought away by Col. Easton. Taylor, it will be recollected, occasioned much excitement at the commencement of the war, by unexpectedly appearing at Arlington with a flag of truce, and afterwards brought to headquarters at Washington blindfolded, and subsequently conveyed outside of our lines, the object of his mission—an exchange of prisoners—being unaccomplished. The detachment from General McCall's division, which took part in the battle, did not arrive at Drainsville until about noon, and remained there till 2 1/2 o'clock, when the enemy appeared in force, coming from the direction of Centerville. Previous to this, Gen. Ord had placed his forces in position to repel an anticipated attack.

The fire was first opened by the rebel battery. This was responded to by Easton's battery with marked effect. The infantry on each side soon engaged in the conflict, and at times they were not more than six yards apart. After fighting about an hour a shell from our side exploded the ammunition of one of the rebel caissons, making fearful havoc—three of the rebels having their heads completely blown off, and others being horribly mutilated. At this time the enemy wavered and showed a disposition to run, when Gen. Ord gave the command to charge, which was gallantly obeyed, and at once the rebels were pursued for a mile. They were pursued for a mile, and at times they were not more than six yards apart. After fighting about an hour a shell from our side exploded the ammunition of one of the rebel caissons, making fearful havoc—three of the rebels having their heads completely blown off, and others being horribly mutilated. At this time the enemy wavered and showed a disposition to run, when Gen. Ord gave the command to charge, which was gallantly obeyed, and at once the rebels were pursued for a mile. They were pursued for a mile, and at times they were not more than six yards apart. After fighting about an hour a shell from our side exploded the ammunition of one of the rebel caissons, making fearful havoc—three of the rebels having their heads completely blown off, and others being horribly mutilated. At this time the enemy wavered and showed a disposition to run, when Gen. Ord gave the command to charge, which was gallantly obeyed, and at once the rebels were pursued for a mile.

A large number of trophies, were secured by our troops, such as swords, pistols and guns.

The victory on the part of our troops is considered the more brilliant as they had never before been in action.

They have been highly complimented, both by Major General McClellan and Gen. McCall.

Four companies of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry were also with the brigade, but the condition of the country was such, being thickly wooded, that they could not render service to the extent they desired.

THE TEA, SUGAR AND COFFEE TAX BILL.

AS PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following is the Tax bill passed by both Houses of Congress to-day:—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:—

That from and after the date of the passage of this act, in lieu of the duties hereinafter imposed, there shall be levied, collected and paid on the goods, wares and merchandise herein enumerated and provided for, imported from foreign countries, the following duties and rates of duty; that is to say:—

First. On all teas, twenty (20) cents per pound.

Coffee of all kinds 50 cents per pound.

Second. On raw sugar, commonly called Muscovado or brown sugar, and on sugars not advanced above No. 12, Dutch standard, by claying, boiling, clarifying or other process; and on syrup of sugar, or sugar cane and concentrated molasses or concentrated melado, two cents and a half (2 1/2) per pound.

On white and clayed sugars when advanced beyond the raw state above No. 12 Dutch standard, by clarifying on other process, and yet not refined, three cents per pound; on refined sugars, whether loaf, lump or pulverized, five cents per pound; on sugars after being refined, when they are tintured, colored or in any other way adulterated, and on sugar candy, eight cents per pound; on molasses, six cents per gallon; provided that all syrups of sugar or sugar-cane, concentrated molasses, or concentrated melado, entered under the name of molasses, or any other name than syrup of sugar or sugar cane, concentrated molasses, or concentrated melado, shall be liable to forfeiture to the United States, and the same shall be forfeited.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Geo. W. Harber, deceased.

The Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, to distribute the assets in the hands of Lewis Vetter, under the will of George W. Harber, deceased, and among the persons entitled to receive the same, in the said and according to the terms and provisions thereof, has the honor to inform the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1862, at his office in Bloomsburg, that the time and place all persons are required to present their claims, or be forever barred from doing so, is on or before the day of that date, for a share of said assets.

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