

We have placed an Editorial Department, this week, upon the first page of the Columbia Democrat...

Repeal of the Tonnage Tax.

Hon. WM. HOPKINS, of Washington county, made an argumentative and comprehensive speech in the House of Representatives...

COMPENSATION FOR EMANCIPATED SLAVES.

Hon. GEO. H. ROWLAND, of Pike county, has sent us a copy of his scholarly remarks, recently delivered in the House of Representatives...

Thanks are due the following named gentlemen...

Hon. John C. Ellis and Hon. Geo. D. Jackson our faithful Representatives; Hon. Aaron Hess, Hon. J. A. McCulloch, Hon. C. A. Kline, Hon. Wm. Hopkins and Hon. Geo. H. Rowland...

We observe that the Quakers are memorializing the Legislature to pass a law relieving them from fines and penalties...

The man who will pursue such a course of conduct as will involve his country in a war, and then refuse to back up his opinions...

A daughter of Ex-Governor Pollock was married at Philadelphia a few days ago, and the Milanian in glorying over it, says: "The wedding was a model one in these days of extravagance and display..."

Certainly, of course, imported silks and velvets for the daughters of Federal officials, while our wives and daughters are glad to get calico at 25 to 50 cents per yard...

THE PIANO-FORTE.—There is probably no article of utility or luxury in the purchase of which so much must be trusted to the honor and integrity of the manufacturer...

SQUIRE TRAVLINS'S HEIR.—This is the title of a new story just commenced in the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post, by Mrs. Wood...

Our friend Dr. HIRAM C. HOWEN, Dental Surgeon, has purchased the property of R. B. Menagh, just above the Court House, on Main street...

Senator Buckalew.

The Valley Spirit and Times, one of the ablest democratic papers in the State, remarks of our distinguished fellow citizen...

The News.

Another of those daring raids says the Inquirer, for which the Rebels have become notorious, if not celebrated, took place yesterday morning...

The absence of General Wyndham alone saved him from being captured also, but his papers were taken from the tent...

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Election Returns for Auditor General and Surveyor General.

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Majority of James P. Barr, 2,964

THE JOHNSTOWN DEMOCRAT is the title of a new and beautiful paper commenced in Cambria county, by Jas. E. Campbell...

"PLUNDER TRAPS IN CONGRESS.—There is danger that bills of a questionable character may be sprung upon Congress at the head of the session...

There has been an unusual amount of snow during the present month. We hope it is all down for the season.

THE REIGN OF TERROR!

We publish to-day the Conscription Act—passed by the present Congress of the United States—and which, on the 2d instant, received the approval of President Lincoln...

The enforcement of this Conscription Act is the great event which threatens to distinguish—by seas of blood and civil commotions—the whole length and breadth of the States of the North...

We do not like to cease any unnecessary alarm in the minds of our people, nor are we disposed to be of the number of those who, "having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation..."

The lamp of experience teaches us to judge of the future by the past, and so judging, what have we in the conduct of the present Administration for the last eighteen months to justify the least hope of a return to constitutional limitations...

The conservative phalanx of both houses of Congress, who opposed this conscript bill, warned the Administration of the difficulties which would probably come among the people, if such an act were attempted to be enforced without safeguards...

We have time to notice but one of the abominable features of the Conscription Act. The ostensible object of the bill is to raise troops to carry on the war, and yet, by a singular provision, as many men are exempted from conscription as may be able to pay—and actually shall pay—say three hundred dollars, to the War Department...

It is thus, his life, his health, and the welfare of his family in one end of the balance, and in the other the rich man's paltry three hundred dollars.

We think that no man's money ought to exempt him. His body or that of a substitute should be the visible power in the Federal Army.

A new volume commenced with January, and the ten volumes can be had bound at \$2.00 apiece. Ticknor & Fields, Boston, Mass.

The Easton Sentinel is out for Hon. Heister Clymer for Governor. Old Berks would respond to his nomination by a majority of—well, say 10,000; and the State by ten times that number.

A Sad Record.

Truly, Pennsylvania has contributed her full share of blood and treasure in this (so far,) unprofitable war. In almost every battle that has been fought, her brave troops have distinguished themselves and shed their blood freely...

List of Pennsylvania Colonels killed in battle, or who died in camp during the present war.

- Col. Senece G. Simmons, (Maj. U. S. Army,) command 34th Regt. Penna. Vols. (6th Penna. Reserves) killed at battle of "Charles City Cross Roads," Virginia, June 30, 1862.
Col. Conrad F. Jackson, 38th Regt. Penna. Vols. (9th Penna. Reserves) promoted to Brig. Gen., killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862.
Col. Hugh McNeil, 42d Regt. Penna. Vols. (13th Penna. Reserves) killed at battle of Antietam, Maryland, 16th September, 1862.
Col. Geo. D. Bayard, 44th Regt. Penna. Vols. (15th Penna. Reserves) 1st Penna. Cavalry, promoted to Brigadier General, killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 13, 1862.
Col. C. H. Rippey, 61st Regt. Penna. Vols., killed at the battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia, on the 31st day of May, 1862.
Col. Samuel W. Black, 62d Regiment Penna. Vols., killed at the battle of Gaines Mill, Virginia, June 27, 1862.
Col. J. H. Childs, 64th Regt. Penna. Vols. (5th Penna. Cavalry) killed at the battle of Antietam, Maryland, September 17, 1862.
Col. E. D. Baker, 71st Regt. Penna. Vols., killed at the battle of "Ball's Bluff" Virginia October 21, 1861.
Col. H. Babbin, 75th Regt. Penna. Vols., promoted to Brigadier General, killed on the Rappahannock, Virginia, on the 22d day of August, 1862.
Col. James Miller, 81st Regt. Penna. Vols., killed at the battle of "Fair Oaks," on the 31st day of May, 1862.
Col. Joseph A. McLean, 83d Regt. Penna. Vols., killed at the battle of "Gaines' Mill," Virginia, on the 27th of June, 1862.
Col. William G. Murray, 84th Regt. Penna. Vols., killed at the battle of "Winchester," Virginia on the 22d of March, 1862.
Col. J. M. Gosline, 93d Regt. Penna. Vols. killed at the battle of "Gaines' Mill" Virginia, on the 27th day of June, 1862.
Col. Samuel Crodes, 124th Regt. Penna. Vols., killed at the battle of "Antietam," Maryland, Sept. 17, 1862.
Col. H. J. Zion, 139th Regt. Penna. Vols., killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia on the 11th day of December, 1862.
Col. R. A. Oakford, 132d Regt. Penna. Vols., killed at the battle of "Antietam," Maryland, Sept. 17, 1862.
Col. Joseph H. Wilson, 101st Regt. Penna. Vols., died in camp in Virginia, on the 30th day of May, 1862.
Col. Thomas A. Ziegler, 107th Regt. Penna. Vols., died in camp in Virginia, on the 15th day of July, 1862.

PENNSYLVANIA COLONELS PROMOTED.—The President has sent to the Senate the following list of Pennsylvania Colonels for confirmation as Brigadier Generals: Colonel Thomas H. Neill, 23d Penna.; Colonel David M. Gregg, 8th Pa. Cavalry; Colonel Joseph F. Keip, 49th Pa.; Colonel Alexander Schimmelpennig, 7th Pa.; Colonel Roy Stone, 149th Pa.; Colonel T. A. Rowley, 102d Pa.; Colonel John F. Hartsuff, 51st Pa.; Colonel Hector Tyndall, 28th Pa.; Colonel J. P. Fisher, Pa. Reserves.

Hon. John Conness has just been elected U. S. Senator from California, for six years from the 4th of March next, in place of Milton S. Latham (Dem.) He has for ten years been an active politician in that State of the Douglas Democratic or Broderick school, and was the candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Broderick ticket in 1854.

It is absolutely certain that the Government contemplates another draft. It is time that every family was considering which of its members, and how many, it can spare for the war.

VERDICT AGAINST A U. S. MARSHAL.—W. H. Hodgson, of the West Chester Jeffersonian, has recovered \$517 damages against Marshal Millward and his Deputies, in the Nisi Prius Court in Philadelphia, before Justice Lowrie, of the Supreme Bench, for interfering with the publication of that paper during the summer of 1861, without due process of law.

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Army Correspondence.

Writers for the Columbia Democrat. CAMP NEAR BELLE PLAINS, VA., March 4th, 1863. COL. JOHN G. FEEZER.—Sir:—The weather in this vicinity of late has been very variable. Sunshine with an accompaniment of birds, snow and rain, are daily visitors. In fact the weather is so mixed that its character cannot be predicted two hours in advance.

The inclemency of the weather prevents much drill, yet there is a sort of preparation for the coming struggle, which reason tells us will be virtually decided during the three coming months. In this time either Law and Order will triumph or Rebellion become successful Revolution. While the old troops anxiously await the contest, the nine months men anxiously count the hours and days remaining of their term of enlistment.

All military men are egotistical. This arises principally from the fact that praise is his principal ambition, and honorable distinction his sole reward. Hence it is that the favorable mention of a regiment or a battery is considered an ample reward for weeks of toil and suffering. A few days ago we received the following circular, which will be read with pleasure by those who have friends in this battery—its officers and many of its men are natives of Columbia county:

Headquarters of Artillery, 1st Corps, Feb 25th, 1863.—The Colonel commanding the Artillery of this Corps has the great pleasure of publishing to the Batteries under his command the following letter, received by him, viz:

Early in the fall of 1861 we were detached from the Pennsylvania Reserves, of which we are a part, and served with Gen. Banks' Army of the Shenandoah; then with McDowell's Army of the Rappahannock; then with Pope's Army of Virginia, and finally with the Army of the Potomac again. During Pope's disastrous campaign we lost two guns in the four days' fight on the Rappahannock, and three more at Bull Run; so that we entered Washington with but one gun of the original battery.

FROM WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON, March 9, 1863. During Rebel raid into Fairfax Court House.

Look at the Difference. COL. TATE:—At the time of the Revolutionary war there was a party who resided among the colonists who were properly denominated Tories, cow boys, &c., who were opposed to the war.

General Sumner has been ordered to Missouri, to supersede General Curtis.—His command will embrace New Mexico, Arkansas, Colorado and Nebraska.

Medical Inspector Vollum, U. S. A., leaves to-morrow, by order of Surgeon

back into the Union, which must be done and will be done, and that too without the extermination of slavery, will have their individual and State rights unimpair'd.) This same party, or their sons, grandsons and great grandsons, are the most fierce for war, murder, blood and robbery under the guise of confiscation, when at the same time, every man killed on either side reduces the population of our once happy nation, and every dollar's worth of property destroyed makes the nation just that much poorer.

The Bounty Act passed March 2d, provides for soldiers discharged on account of wounds received in service, but no appropriation was made to meet its provisions.

War in Tennessee.

There was fighting all day yesterday between Van Dorn's command and a federal force of three regiments of infantry, about 500 cavalry, and one battery, at Springfield, thirteen miles south of Franklin.

Further details of the fight at Franklin yesterday have been received. Five regiments of infantry and one battery of the Eighteenth Ohio, with the Ninth Pennsylvania and Second Michigan Cavalry, all under command of Col. Coburn, of the Thirty-third Indiana, advanced on Spring Hill on the 4th inst.

The contrabands are "Our Union brethren, South!" The women and children are only "Copperheads."

FREE MAILS FOR SOLDIERS.—During the consideration of a bill supplementary to the Post Office laws in the House of Representatives last week, an amendment was offered and passed by a decided majority permitting soldiers in service to send and receive letters and papers free of postage.

Mr. Wood rebukes the old story that I was willing in the winter of 1860-61 to "let the Cotton States go," if they really desired it. I was not only then willing that the Union should in good faith make them the offer, but I now deeply regret that it was not made and acted on.

Influence is not Government.—Let us have a Government by which our lives, liberties, and properties will be secured, or let us know the worst at once. There is a call for decision.

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General Hammond to inspect the sanitary condition of General Grant's army, which they are encamped, but not to the extent currently reported. Every means will be used to supply them with all curatives that are to be had.

Suffering Soldiers' Wives.—The Chicago Tribune (Abolition) comes to us to-day with a touching appeal to the charitable, on behalf of the starving wives and children of the soldiers absent in the Illinois Regiments.

From the Appeal.—"Could citizens see the tears that I see, and hear the appeals that I hear, every day, I know they would bestir themselves in this matter. Mothers, who have never known pinching poverty, with pallid cheeks and trembling lips, and with eyes brimming with tears, hesitatingly intimating the destitute condition of their little ones, and saying to me that their children, who have never known want, are suffering for even the poorest clothing to keep them warm, and ask me what they shall do."

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THE ABOLITION PARTY REVEALED.—"With their eyes on the Liberty Bells, and you still with regret it, I will be the most powerful man in that Senate, the entire state of affairs in this Government will be changed. NOTHING IS MORE CERTAIN THAN THAT THE SOUTH WILL GAIN HER INDEPENDENCE, AND THEN WE WILL HOLD THE CONTRABAND OF THE GOVERNMENT, and I will be able to see my friends."

Henry Clay said, twenty years ago, of the Abolitionists:—"With them, the rights of property are nothing; the deficiency of the powers of the General Government is nothing; the acknowledged and incontestable powers of the States, are nothing; the dissolution of the Union, and the overthrow of a Government in which are concentrated the hopes of the civilized world, are nothing. A single individual has taken possession of their minds, and onward they pursue it, overlooking all barriers, reckless and regardless of all consequences." And Henry Clay told the truth.

A gentleman recently arrived at New York from Canada, states that a fee of \$1500 was paid to him, the other day in Quebec, wholly in American silver. He didn't want the stuff, but was compelled to take it. Fancy a man in those times, and in the United States, looking with disgust upon half a bushel of silver!

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