

UNION COUNTY STAR AND LEWISBURG CHRONICLE.

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Tuesday Morning & Friday Afternoon.

Judge Woods arrived last night. News from Sherman and Thomas continue favorable.—It is reported Sec'y Stanton calls for 300,000 more men, to fill the places of those whose time is up.

Bartchfield, the Klonkoo Indian traveling with Seth Kinman, died on the 3d inst., at Philip Borer's in Black Hole Valley. He was 10 years old.

Official.

Appointment by the Secretary of the Treasury. Charles H. Shriner to be Collector of the 11th District.

Appointments by Provost Marshal General Fry. Capt. Wm. H. Patterson, Assistant Provost Marshal, 14th District.

Charles Hower, Esq., Commissioner of the Board of Enrollment, vice Charles H. Shriner, who declined the appointment.

Dr. P. R. Wagoner, Surgeon of the Board, vice Dr. S. T. Charlton, resigned.

We understand that the new board of enrollment will enter upon their duties on Monday next. The collector will not assume his office for a few weeks.—Harrisburg Telegraph of Saturday last.

Editors often betray a low estimate of the character and intelligence of their readers. For example, the first article in last Friday's Sunbury Democrat reads as follows:

"York city fires, was the work of men who desire to be politically revenged upon the great Democratic stronghold."

The Ayrburgs' *Berichter* also asserted that the attempted terrible fires in New York city were the work of Abolitionists.

What are the facts? 1st, Richmond papers, both before and after that event, openly urged and advocated the burning of the Union cities by private hands. 2d, Through secret agents, Sec'y Seward had news of the New York plot, of which he warned the authorities, but the Copperhead Mayor sneered at it, while the Union policemen were on the alert, extinguished the flames at their outbreak, and saved the lives of unknown thousands of innocent men, women and children. 3d, The only principal hotel *not* fired was the *Rebels'* and their sympathizers' headquarters in the city.

The *Gazette* and the *Berichter* are the organs of the predominant party in their respective counties, and seem to calculate largely—and perhaps safely—upon the gullibility of such of their party as can read.

"Misrepresentation"—Before the election, there appeared in New York a little book openly advocating the intermarriage of blacks with whites. Republican papers paid no more attention to it than to any other "sensation" book, but *the* Copperhead quoted it as a marvelous proof that Old Ad advocated amalgamation! Since the election it has leaked out that the work was written by *his* Democrats. The song "All hail thee flaming fire!"

also, was written by an Irish Democrat! Yet both these are falsely paraded before the people as Republican doctrines! Was there ever a fouler party than one which resorts to such mean forgeries to deceive and mislead the honest masses?

The *Lewisburg Argus* has "gone dead." It died of *WAGONER'S* STAMEN, as it had so much to say about the colored race.—*Bloomburg Republican*.

Our neighbor should not make sport of the misfortunes of the Typos. "Nigger on the brain" is a perfectly Democratic disease, and has been "constitutional" with all the *Argus*'s engineers, at least from Purdy's day down to Winegardner's. The malady always raged so violently as to induce "softening" of the affected organs. Hence the frequent but fruitless changes in that Stockholders' Organ.

When a riding horse balks, from side to side, the patient tapers, yet never finds it all in vain. To change the pace but keep the pace.

"The 22d of Oct. was the 47th day of the siege of Charleston. Bally for Charleston!" If any one supposes the above to have been found in a Richmond or Charleston paper, he is much mistaken. It is from a Copperhead journal supported in Central Pennsylvania. When a man hurries for Charleston in such a contest, it is natural to suppose his heart is with the Rebels if his legs are too cowardly to take to them his traitorous course. Yet these are the chaps who write about the "freedom of the press" being destroyed!

SCENE ON MARKET ST.—Boys teaze a horse until he breaks away and runs off with a cutter thill striking his hind legs every jump he takes.

Remedy: Tan such boys' hides so that they will always remember it, then collect damages for horse, harness and vehicle, off the respected ancestors of the interesting boys aforesaid.

Joseph Richards, of Capt. Henry K. Ritter's Company in 18th P. V., has reached Annapolis. He says Elias C. Gemberling, Samuel Niven, Joel Brilly, Jacob A. Bower, and Roswell Cline—five of his Company, taken at Cold Harbor—were among the Union prisoners starved to death at Andersonville!

Western Virginia is where Lander, Rosecrans, and others won the victories for which McClellan became noted, and for which he was advanced to take the place of Scott. Yet it is remarkable that in all Western Virginia, only one small county, in the extreme South East corner, gave McClellan a majority.

FOR THE STAR & CHRONICLE.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 15, 1864.

Our Regiment is now quartered in Alexandria, where I think we will remain, until spring, at least. The companies are divided into squads, each squad having a different duty to perform. Some are used in guarding the trains which run on the Orange & Alexandria R. R. as far as Bull Run. The 202d are scattered along this Road. Some are used as patrols; some as detectives, (who are very annoying to soldiers who happen to stray away from their posts without a pass, or who may, accidentally, get a little too much "beverage" on) and the remainder are on the Grand Guard which encircles the city.

The squad that I am with is on the Grand Guard, and stationed on the bank of the Potomac, with the National Capital in sight. We have a pretty good chance of seeing what is going on in this direction.

On Sunday week, there were fourteen large steamers, heavily laden with troops, passed here, down the Potomac. Last night there were eight more followed, with the same kind of a burthen. Where they are bound for, I am unable to say.

The soldiers about here are all in good spirits, and seem to think that this Rebellion is about played out. It is really surprising to see the quantity of letters that daily arrive here for Uncle Sam's boys. These boxes are generally filled with the best that the market affords, and one is almost led to believe that Christmas is already here.

We have been experiencing some very cold weather for the last week. On Saturday last, we had good sleighing, but it disappeared with the day. On Tuesday morning last, the Potomac was frozen over, but by seven o'clock the steamers had the channel open. The weather still continues cold.

Our Captain (G. W. Penn) is Judge Advocate of a General Court Martial that has been sitting here for the last month. Lieut. J. Henry Brown, of the 202d, is a member on the same Court. W.F.B.

Supreme Court of the Union.

As head of the highest judicial tribunal in the United States, the Chief Justice has a station second only to that of President in dignity and importance.

The death of Chief Justice Taney, and the appointment of Salmon P. Chase, has revolutionized a venerable and too long secure refuge of the usurped wrongs of slavery. During the Administration of Mr. Lincoln, five vacancies have occurred in the Supreme Court, and have been filled by that amiable class called "Abolitionists" by the Democrats, at the head of whom now is the Chief Justice.

Since the adoption of the Constitution, the present is the fifth Chief Justice:

John Jay of New York, Oliver Ellsworth of Connecticut, John Marshall of Virginia, Roger Brooke Taney of Maryland, Salmon Portland Chase of Ohio.

Jay and Ellsworth were appointed by Washington, and both resigned. Marshall was appointed by John Adams, and held his station for thirty-four years, dying at the age of eighty. Taney was appointed by Gen. Jackson, and held for almost thirty years, dying at the age of eighty-seven. Mr. Chase, just appointed, is not quite fifty-seven, of commanding figure, and most excellent health.

The salary of Chief Justice is six thousand five hundred dollars, and that of the Associate Justices six thousand dollars, each, per annum. The Court as now constituted is as follows:

CHIEF JUSTICE. SALMON P. CHASE of Ohio.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICES. Nathan Clifford of Maine, Samuel Nelson of New York, Robert C. Grier of Pennsylvania, David M. Wayne of Georgia, David Davis of Illinois, John Catron of Tennessee, Noah H. Swayne of Ohio, Samuel F. Miller of Iowa, Stephen J. Field of California.

The Court meets on the first Monday of December, each year, at Washington.

Aggregate Vote in 1860 and 1864.

The following table accompanied the President's Message. It shows the aggregate votes in the States named at the Presidential elections in 1860 and 1864:

	1860.	1864.
California	118,810	110,000
Connecticut	77,245	86,616
Delaware	16,939	16,924
Illinois	339,693	518,235
Indiana	272,143	289,645
Iowa	128,351	143,334
Kentucky	146,216	101,200
Maine	97,918	115,141
Maryland	92,592	72,797
Massachusetts	169,538	175,487
Michigan	154,747	162,413
Minnesota	34,799	42,534
Missouri	165,533	900,000
New Hampshire	69,935	69,111
New Jersey	121,125	128,890
New York	675,156	739,664
Ohio	442,411	479,745
Oregon	14,410	14,110
Pennsylvania	476,442	572,667
Rhode Island	19,951	22,187
Vermont	42,841	55,811
West Virginia	46,195	33,874
Wisconsin	152,189	148,513
Kansas	(new)	17,294
Nevada	"	16,528
*Estimated	3,870,222	4,015,775
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Increased vote 140,553

The Dead Letter Office.

The Postmaster General's report contains some curious statistics relating to this branch of the Department. The whole number of dead letters received during the year, was over three and a half millions, an increase of nearly a million over the preceding year.

There were returned to the respective owners, 25,752 money letters, containing \$131,611. The number of letters containing papers of value, such as checks, drafts, bills of exchange, &c., was 12,436, and the value of the enclosures was \$1,615,694. The amount of money annually sent astray is surprising.

Letters containing photographs, jewelry, &c., numbered 43,380. In May last, a large number of packages, containing miscellaneous articles, which had been accumulating for several years, were classified and sold at public auction, the proceeds amounting to \$1,175.27.

The number of what might be called letter-writers' blunders—that is, letters misdirected, or without postage stamps—was 115,812. The misdirections alone, which were so bad that the letters could not be delivered, were 38,968. A large number of this last class were without any address whatever, and in many instances contained inclosures of value.

There were 4,256 letters addressed to fictitious persons or firms, evidently for the purpose of conducting some fraudulent business, many of them containing remittances.

There were 41,016 dead letters written in foreign languages. The Postmaster General remarks, that during the first year of the Rebellion, the number of letters which passed between the United States and European countries decreased, while at the same time the ratio of letters returned increased. Each subsequent year the correspondence has been increasing, while the ratio of dead letters returned to Europe has decreased.

The gross revenue derived from the dead postage collected on the letters sent out and delivered, amounted to \$28,668.28, out of which were paid the clerks employed in directing them.

LADIES' and Children's Hats.—Latest styles at CHARLES OAKFORD & SONS, Continental Hotel, Philadelphia.

PLEASING INCIDENT.—Rev. Dr. Kendall, who recently returned from a visit to California, communicates the following: "A poor little boy brought to the Fair held at Marysville a white chicken, which was all he had to offer, saying it might make some broth for a poor sick soldier. He had decked this little offering with a ribbon of 'red, white and blue,' but he had no money to pay the entrance fee, and was rejected at the door. As he passed down the street, a gentleman, seeing his distress, listened to his story, gave him a ticket and sent him in. The simplicity of the child and the beauty of the offering attracted attention, and the chicken was put up and sold for four hundred dollars in gold for the Sanitary Commission."

LADIES' FURS.—Purchasers may rely upon getting the best Furs at CHARLES OAKFORD & SONS, Continental Hotel, Philadelphia.

Lamented Deaths.

Dr. Robert R. Reed, Washington county, Pa., formerly Member of Congress, aged 56 years. He was a member of the last Legislature, and was re-elected for the next, (in the H. of R.)

Mrs. Eliza W. Farnham, authoress and philanthropist, aged 49 years.

Wm. M. Kerr, President of Harrisburg Bank, aged 49 years.

Henry R. Schenckler, at Washington, 11th inst., aged 72 yrs. He wrote much respecting the Indians in the N. W.

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One of the teachers at Middleburg, Snyder county, while whipping a boy, accidentally knocked an eye out of another. The rod was broken, and the end of it struck the unfortunate lad in the eye, with the result stated.

LADIES' FURS.—Purchasers may rely upon getting the best Furs at CHARLES OAKFORD & SONS, Continental Hotel, Philadelphia.

Brig Gen. Thomas Egan, wounded near Petersburg, has been appointed Major General, for gallant service on the field of battle.

[Gen. Egan is the one who forwarded home Capt. Elmonds' Company Election returns.]

GENTLEMEN'S HATS.—All the latest styles at CHARLES OAKFORD & SONS, Continental Hotel, Philadelphia.

John N. Lukens and H. W. Mitchell, graduates of Lewisburg University, have taken charge of Madison Academy, at Waverly, Luzerne Co., Pa.

LADIES' FURS.—The largest assortment at CHARLES OAKFORD & SONS, Continental Hotel, Philadelphia.

A little child of Mr. David Fox, of Boyertown, in Berks county, accidentally poisoned itself by eating arsenic which had been mixed up in molasses and placed on the sill for the purpose of destroying flies.

GENTLEMEN'S HATS.—All the latest styles at CHARLES OAKFORD & SONS, Continental Hotel, Philadelphia.

The Northumberland County Bank, at Shamokin, is now a national institution. Its title is "Northumberland County National Bank."

LADIES' FURS.—The largest assortment at CHARLES OAKFORD & SONS, Continental Hotel, Philadelphia.

"Give us back our Old Commander!"

The *Pittsburg Gazette* has the annexed statement of the Pennsylvania Army vote by Counties. It will be seen that only 3 of the worst Copperhead counties had a trifling majority of Soldiers' votes for him once the pride of the Potomac Army:

ADAMS COUNTY	ADAMS COUNTY	ADAMS COUNTY
Adams	250	130
Allgheny	2,092	826
Armstrong	361	202
Bedford	382	167
Bucks	239	100
Blair	465	190
Berks	513	337
Beaver	205	103
Butler	411	124
Bradford	651	74
Clarion	105	122
Cambria	388	150
Carbon	111	71
Centre	407	113
Clinton	207	123
Chester	370	159
Chesterfield	135	29
Cameron	17	6
Cumberland	363	342
Columbia	175	182
Dauphin	617	304
Delaware	219	85
Erie	524	103
Eik	52	14
Fulton	89	37
Fayette	873	286
Franklin	346	259
Forest	5	0
Greene	150	113
Huntingdon	456	220
Indiana	556	220
Juniata	161	89
Jefferson	209	112
Lancaster	1,002	464
Lawrence	256	65
Lebanon	190	50
Lehigh	227	110
Luzerne	1,125	642
Lycoming	345	205
Mifflin	213	109
Monroe	104	90
Montour	132	38
Montgomery	268	171
M'Kean	34	10
Mercer	291	90
Northampton	228	132
Northumberland	229	127
Perry	408	318
Pike	23	29
Philad'a	4,210	1,985
Pottter	223	42
Schuylkill	685	295
Snyder	158	38
Somerset	310	88
Sullivan	79	23
Susquehanna	557	64
Tioga	357	79
Union	227	69
Venango	276	101
Washington	425	169
Warren	232	57
Wayne	271	117
Westmore'g	596	294
York	158	80
Yorking	1,511	1,218
	27,600	13,131
	14,439	30
	THE WHOLE VOTE.	

HOME VOTE.—Lincoln, 268,789—Majority—M'Clellan 263,179.

ARMY VOTE.—Lincoln, 27,600—14,469—M'Clellan 13,131.

Lincoln's maj. in Home & Army vote 20,079.

Lincoln has a majority of both Home and Army votes. Most of M'Clellan's army vote was from drafted men, while the veterans and the volunteers generally went for Lincoln. (Don't the three little majorities for "our old commander" look awful lonesome?)

The following, though written many years ago, is so applicable that one would almost suppose it written for the present times:

"And is it the duty of every man (to pray) for his own country? God, nature, common sense, and self interest say YES! And what must we think of the wretches who not only do not thus pray, but labor to destroy the public peace, to subvert the government of their country, to raise seditions, and to destroy all its civil and religious institutions? Think of them! Why, that help would be disgraced by hating them."—Dr. Adam Clark's *Commentaries on Psalm 122*, 6.

An amusing fact occurred in New York, on the visit of Gen. Grant to that city on Monday. He took a hack to conduct him to his hotel. The driver, after depositing the General, gave his friends the following toast: "Here's to meelf, Dennis Connelly, the biggest man in Ameriky but one. I've driven the Lieutenant General of the United States, and it's more than Bobby Lee ever did." The listeners appreciated the force of this sentiment and applauded the utterer.

Lieut. H. W. Sewall, of the U. S. revenue service, has been tried by court-martial, in Baltimore, upon the charge of making false returns of payments, thereby defrauding the government out of about \$100,000. He was found guilty, and sentenced to imprisonment for life in the Clinton penitentiary, New York. The sentence has been approved, and the prisoner removed to the prison.

COAL DUST.—There is a company organized in Philadel. to manufacture fuel out of the dust of coal. They have discovered a process by which the dust is formed and kept in a solid compact mass, and their experiments prove it to be a very valuable fuel. It burns freely and thoroughly, and gives out as much heat as solid anthracite.

"Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings" is true now as in the day of the Psalmist. Do readers remember Rebecca, the little white slave girl from the South? There was a whole column of argument in her answer, when she was asked if she would vote for M'Clellan? "If I were a Ruvel I would!"

Latest News

Dec. 19.—Gold in New York, 212.

Second Day's Fight before Nashville!

UNION VICTORY!

The attack upon and defeat of the Rebel invading force, Wednesday, 15th inst., is given in our last paper. The following account is of the promised engagement the day following—Thursday, 16th inst.:

I have the honor to report that the enemy has been pressed at all points to-day, on his line of retreat to the Brentwood Hills. I have ordered the pursuit to be continued in the morning at daylight. Although the troops are much fatigued, the utmost enthusiasm prevails.

Although I have no report of the number of prisoners captured, I know the number is large.

The woods, fields and entrenchments are strewn with the enemy's small arms, abandoned in the retreat.

Our loss does not exceed 2,000, and very few killed. GEO. H. THOMAS, Maj. Gen. Commanding.

Other reports say that Gen. Jackson, with 20 pieces of artillery, and 2,000 Rebels were captured, besides many wagons, by Gen. Smith, and that others of our Generals also captured guns and prisoners, so that the triumph seems to have been great, and Hood's army in danger of entire loss. The gunboats in the river aided in the various actions. "Everybody, black and white, behaved splendidly," says Sec'y Stanton, in publishing the above.

Hood's communication with Mobile is severed, and a Union cavalry expedition towards Mobile is creating great fear in that city.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.

The Provost Marshal of Nashville reports 5,000 prisoners, and 45 pieces of artillery as being already secured, from last Thursday's contest.

A dispatch from Lexington, this evening, states that Burbridge had a fight, at Kingsport, Tenn., with Basil Duke's brigade, (formerly John Morgan's) and routed them with a loss to the enemy of 150 killed, wounded and prisoners. Dick Morgan, a brother of John's, was captured.

The Rebels acknowledge that at Franklin they had five Generals killed, five wounded, and one captured—a terrible loss of eleven Generals in one battle.

Our cavalry recently swept into S. W. Virginia, greatly damaging the Rebels.

Sherman's Grand March!

Rebel papers say Sherman had taken a fort on the river which enabled him to communicate with the Union fleet.

Returned prisoners say Sherman had done great damage and was causing much alarm. They think he will take not only Savannah, but Charleston also.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A letter from City Point, dated yesterday, says the Richmond papers report nothing official from Georgia. The Whig and Examiner contain extracts from Charleston and Augusta papers of the 9th inst., from which it would appear that Sherman's forces were not widely scattered, a part of them near Savannah, while another was in the rear, trying to cross the Savannah river. Some of the Rebel papers are of the opinion that a junction between Sherman, and the forces under Foster and Dahlgren, will be attempted.

Rebel raiders from Canada into Vermont were discharged by a Canadian Judge on the plea of want of jurisdiction. Gen. Dix immediately issued orders for the Union forces hereafter to pursue and punish such marauders wherever found. Since then, the superior Canadian rulers have issued orders for the re-arrest of the outlaws, and the tide of popular opinion there is turning against those cowardly ingrates who are seeking to bring their war upon Canada!

A number of Rebels recently left for Panama, there to take passage in a U. S. Steamer, when, on a signal, they were to rise, take the vessel, and turn pirates. Our Government got wind of the game, let the "chivalry" come on board, and then made them prisoners.

On Saturday last two thousand head of cattle, the fruits of Gen. Merritt's expedition to Loudoun Valley, Va., passed thro' Frederick, Md., on the way to Pennsylvania.

Lewisburg Markets

Corrected Semi-Weekly by Walls & Smith.

Wheat	\$2.50	Batter, prime	\$ 50
Corn	1.50	do common	40
Rye	1.60	Eggs	30
Oats, 32 lb.	80	Lard, fresh	15
Barley 1.40 @ 1.60		do old	20
Flaxseed	2.50	Tallow	15
Wool	80	Potatoes	75
Rags	60 @ 10	Dried Apples, lb	10
Country Soap	6 @ 10	Corn, new, 50 lb	40

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