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THE WAR NEWS.

Our armies seem to have settled down for the winter, or at least nothing of importance has transpired during the past week.

It is reported that much excitement prevailed in New Brunswick on account of a rumor that a raid by rebel agents was contemplated from the vicinity of St. John's.

The U. S. Marshal at New York, on the 26th, found quite a number of revolvers among the passengers of the steamer Morning Star, all of which were taken away and given in charge of the purser.

Gen. Grant and the President. The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says:

Letters have been received from General Grant, which states that it is against his wishes and consent that his name is conspicuously brought forward in some of the New York journals for the Presidency.

The Philadelphia correspondent of the Pittsburg Gazette exposes the motives which are governing the New York Herald in its efforts to push forth General Grant.

The New York Herald has been secured to divide the Republican party, advocating General Grant for the next Presidency.

If the Herald don't succeed in killing off General Grant it will be no fault of its editors.

"We believe that the hopes of the people of the South of gaining their independence, within any reasonable period, are fainter now than at any former time."

Still they cling to that faint "hope," and we infer the language of our Copperhead neighbors, that they, like their "Southern brothers," believe that the Rebels will gain their independence at a little more remote "time."

The Postal Money Order System. We are glad to see that the Postmaster General has again urged the adoption of the system which has proved such a convenience in England, of allowing the Post-office to act as a medium for the transmission of money by orders purchasable at its sub-offices throughout the country.

Arrested. Chas. H. Cornwell, Ordnance Chief of the Redemption Bureau, was arrested on a charge of embezzling various sums of money at different times.

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Gen Grant turned "Abolitionist."

It is a noteworthy fact that the "War Democrats" throughout the country, and especially those officers and soldiers of "Democratic" antecedents who have distinguished themselves in the field, have grown more radical and bitter in their hostility to slavery than the great majority of Republicans.

"The people of the North need not quarrel over the institution of Slavery. What Vice-President Stephens acknowledges as the corner-stone of the Confederacy is already knocked out. Slavery is already dead, and cannot be resurrected.

How do those Copperheads and Peace Democrats who talk of taking up General Grant as their candidate for President, like this plank in his platform?

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"Still they Come." The President's Amnesty Proclamation seems to be favorably received by the Rebel soldiers whom it has reached.

Deficiency in the Corn Crop. The reported deficiency of one hundred and thirty-five millions of bushels in the corn crop this year, as estimated by the Agricultural Department, has been assumed by some of the members of Congress as ground for an objection for an increase of tax on domestic high wines.

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THE TREASURY REPORT.

The elaborate report of Secretary Chase on the finances of the country, presents the condition of the monetary affairs of the nation in a much more favorable light than the public have generally imagined it would.

Our national debt at the present time is put down in round numbers at eleven hundred millions of dollars. It is estimated that on the 1st day of July, 1864, it will reach in round numbers about seventeen hundred millions.

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Shouldn't wonder if some one Rebel would take the oath under the proclamation yet, notwithstanding the editors of the Copperhead organ said there would "not be a man."

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Jeff. Davis' Message.

The message of Jefferson Davis to the Confederate Congress was sent in on the 7th inst. He is very desponding over the losses of the strongholds of Vicksburg, Port Hudson and many other points.

The public finances demand the strictest and most earnest attention. A prompt and efficacious remedy for the present condition of the currency is necessary to a successful performance of the operations of the government.

Emancipation in Maryland. An important meeting of the United States Central Committee of Maryland was held at Baltimore on Wednesday a-week.

Valuable Property at Private Sale. The undersigned will dispose of, at private sale, the following described property, situate in New Millport, Clearfield County, Pa.

LIENS NOTICE. The following named persons have filed in the office of the clerk of the court of Quarter Sessions of Clearfield County their Petitions for License at the January Session A. D. 1864, agreeably to the Act of Assembly of March 28th, 1856, entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

STATEMENT OF THE Clearfield County Bank for the month ending Nov. 30th, 1863.

SHERIFF'S SALES. By virtue of sundry writs of Vendition Exposita, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in the Borough of Clearfield, on MONDAY THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1864, the following described Real Estate, to wit:

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HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A few nights since, James S. Elliott, Esq., late County Commissioner of Washington county, was robbed of a carpet-sack containing notes and obligations to the amount of \$1,800.

DARING ROBBERY.—A bold and most audacious highway robbery was committed on Wednesday afternoon, December 16th, on the road between Millington and Buckets Church, in Burrell township, Westmoreland county.

New Advertisements.

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ED. A. IRVIN'S COLUMN.

Second Arrival of Seasonable Goods at Irvin's "Corner Store."

ANOTHER LARGE STOCK OF WINTER GOODS

Of every description, just received at the "Corner Store," and selling as low for Cash and country produce as can be bought elsewhere in the county.

THE HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR Boards and Shingles, and the cheapest goods sold, by E. A. Irvin.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOODS, Sontags, Nubias, and every description of Winter wear, in great variety, at the "Corner Store," by E. A. Irvin.

ED. A. IRVIN'S STOCK OF LADIES' Dress Goods can not fail to please, and those who examine will always make a selection. Prices moderate.

CLOCKS, LOOKING-GLASSES, Wood- en and Willow war., of every description can be had at Irvin's "Corner Store."

THE HIGHEST PRICE PAID IN CASH for Flax seed and Clover-seed, at the "corner store" in Curwensville, Pa.

LOG CHAINS, HEAVY LEATHER WHIPS Horse Blankets, and Sleigh Belts, at the lowest prices, at the "corner store."

A LARGE LOT OF BOOTS AND SHOES, of Home Manufacture, better than can be bought elsewhere, at the corner store.

BROAD AXES, SEVERAL PATTERNS, and Chopping axes, of different makes, on hand and for sale at Irvin's store.

THE ONLY GOOD STOCK OF GENTS Flannel and Cashmere Shirts, can be found at E. A. Irvin's, Curwensville.

NAILS, GLASS, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, etc., can be found at Irvin's corner in Curwensville, at reasonable prices.

DRAKE'S PLANTATION BITTERS, AND Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, on hand and for sale at E. A. Irvin's corner store.

A LARGE LOT OF BLANKETS, OF VARIOUS sizes, on hand and for sale, by E. A. Irvin, at his store in Curwensville.

A FINE LOT OF GOOD OLD TOBACCO, of all descriptions, and Segars and Pipes in variety, at Ed. A. Irvin's store.

BUFFALO ROBE, JUST RECEIVED AT the "corner store" in Curwensville, and for sale at very moderate prices.

GUM COATS, PAINTS AND GLOVES, A large assortment, for sale at E. A. Irvin's.

SOLE LEATHER FOR SALE BY E. A. Irvin, at the "corner store" Curwensville.

CALL AND SEE ED A. IRVIN'S NEW Stock of Clothing, at the cheap "corner."

DOUBLE & SINGLE PULLEY-BLOCKS, of all sizes, at E. A. Irvin's cheap store.

CARPETS VERY LOW AT THE "CORNER STORE" of E. A. Irvin, Curwensville.

STAPLE DRY GOODS FOR SALE VERY low, by the piece or yard, at E. A. Irvin's.

COAL OIL AND LAMPS, IN VARIETY, at Irvin's "corner store," Curwensville.

COOKING STOVES FOR SALE CHEAP at the "corner store," at Curwensville.

SALT, COARSE AND FINE, BY SACK or pound, at the cheap "corner store."

GROCERIES OF ALL KINDS, SELLING very low at the store of E. A. Irvin.

GRINDSTONES AND FIXTURES, VARIOUS sizes, at Irvin's "corner store."

DOUBLE AND SINGLE HARNESS, FOR sale at Irvin's cheap "corner store."

FLOUR, CONSTANTLY ON HAND, IN large quantities, at Irvin's "corner."

PATENT MEDICINES, A GOOD ASSORTMENT, for sale at the "corner store."

100 BUSHELS OF GOOD WHITE BEANS for sale at the cheap "corner store."

CASH PAID FOR ALL KINDS OF PRODUCE, by E. A. Irvin, Curwensville.

December 22, 1863. E. A. IRVIN.