

Raftsmen's Journal.



CLEARFIELD, PA., MAY 11, 1864.

Hon. Glenn W. Scofield. We have been carefully watching the course of Hon. G. W. Scofield, member of Congress from our District, and we feel a proud satisfaction in declaring that he has proved himself "a good and faithful servant" of his constituents.

We have not consulted Mr. Scofield, nor do we know his feelings or his wishes in regard to the matter, but we trust that the Republicans and Union men of the several counties will insist upon him allowing them to present his name to the people of the District for re-election.

The United States Finances.

The finances of the Government is a question which interests every lover of his country. The Country has, for some months, been laboring under frequent and undue financial excitements, gotten up, principally, by the "Bulls and Bears" of Wall street, New York, for the purpose of speculation; and it is therefore important that the policy of the financial minister of the Government be better known.

BOOK NOTICES.

We have before us some additional specimen pages of the "American Conflict," by Horace Greeley, which will be the most complete and most valuable record of the causes that led to the present Rebellion, and of its progress, that will be issued.

A YOUTH'S HISTORY OF THE REBELLION.—By William M. Thayer; Walker, Wise & Co., Publishers, Boston Mass.—The period of the Rebellion from the bombardment of Fort Sumter to the capture of Roanoke Island is described by the author of this volume in a lively and graphic style, with slight dramatic embellishments.

Gold is on the decline. In New York it has fallen to 169, with a downward tendency.

THE BOUNTY TAX AGAIN.

The last number of the "Copperhead Organ," attempts to answer our article on "Taxation" by a sort of quasi defense of the Commissioners, endeavoring as usual to throw dust in the eyes of its readers, by diverting attention from the real points in issue.

But we further charged them with having levied too large an amount of tax the present year, being five per cent. on the entire valuation, and this charge the organ endeavors to explain away, reducing the amount from \$2,953 75 as we gave it, to \$41,137. 21!

What amount will be deducted for exonerations, we confess we are unable to say, as it must depend entirely on the discretion of the Commissioners themselves, which we do not conceive to be of a very high order.

Where they get the authority to deduct 2 1/2 per cent. for "Treasurers' fees," is a mystery to us. The bounty law explicitly provides that the compensation of the Treasurer for receiving and disbursing this fund shall be "one half of one per cent."

Chairman of the State Committee. We announced last week that Hon. Simon Cameron had been appointed Chairman of the State Central Committee by the President of the Union State Convention.

The high price of the necessities of life is a subject for newspaper discussion in all parts of the country. Some allege it is caused by speculators, and this is partially true, while others are disposed to ascribe it to the rise in gold.

THE WAR NEWS.

ADVANCE OF THE ARMY.

CROSSING OF THE RAPIDAN RIVER.

Fighting on Thursday and Friday.

LEE'S ARMY STEADILY DRIVEN.

Meade Withstands a most Furious Attack.

THE LOSSES HEAVY, ETC.

Early on Wednesday morning, May 4th, the order to advance was given, and at once the whole of the Army of the Potomac was on the move for the several Fords on the Rapidan.

General Wilson's Cavalry Division forded the river at Germania Ford and Gen. Gregg's Division at Ely's Ford, eight miles below, at day-break. The few mounted pickets of the enemy that were watching the two points, scampered off before them.

THURSDAY, MAY 5.—As expected last night, the army came up with the enemy to-day. A battle has been fought between parts of it and the whole rebel army, but as at Gettysburg, the bloody scenes of this day were only a prelude to the bloodiest work, and it is to be hoped more auspicious results will follow to-morrow.

The latest news from the front indicates that Lee is in full retreat upon Richmond, by way of Spottsylvania Court House. Grant hurled his whole force against the rebel columns on Friday and drove Lee about three miles.

From James River. On the 6th, our forces under Gen. Butler went up the James river and landed at City Point, and it is said, has cut the railroad between Petersburg and Richmond, thus preventing communication between Beauregard and Lee.

From the York River. A column is also moving upon Richmond by way of the York River, which had advanced as far as Bottom's Bridge, but had met no large force of the enemy.

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force between Hancock and the remainder of the army, Getty's Division of Sedgwick's Corps was ordered at once to stay this dangerous demonstration. Hancock's advance arrived just in time to form with Getty's to the left and right of the Plank Road, leading directly from Chancellorsville to Orange Court House.

General Grant ordered them to attack the advancing enemy in order to give the remaining Division of Hancock's Corps time to come up and form. They did so, and became at once hotly engaged in woods so thick that it was almost impossible to advance in line.

FRIDAY, MAY 6.—The most terrific battle yet fought by the Army of the Potomac closed to-day. Lee's entire army has made repeated and furious assaults on our right and left wings, commanded by Hancock and Sedgwick, with temporary success, but has been driven back with great slaughter.

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CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or taking an assignment of a certain note of hand, calling for \$40 and dated the day of May, 1863, given by me to Jacob Graham; never having received value for said note I will not pay the same unless compelled by due course of law.

VENUE.—There will be exposed to public sale, at the residence of the subscriber in Boggs township, on Thursday the 13th day of April, 1864, a black mare about 16 hands high or perhaps both hind feet white, with white stripe in the face and heavy with foal.

STRAY MAKE.—Left the premises of the subscriber residing in Locust township, Clearfield county, near Philipsburg, on the 24th day of April last, a black mare about 16 hands high or perhaps both hind feet white, with white stripe in the face and heavy with foal.

New Advertisements.

Advertisements set in large type, cuts, or out of usual style will be charged double price for space occupied. To insure attention, the CASH must accompany notices, as follows:—All Cautions with \$1. Strays, \$1; Auditors' notices, \$1.50; Administrators' and Executors' notices, \$1.50; each; and all other transient notices, at the same rates. Other advertisements at \$1 per square, for 3 or less insertions. Twelve lines or less count a square.

POTATOES.

A large lot of seed Potatoes for sale by J. P. KRATZER.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Administration on the estate of William Henry Hildebrand, of Clearfield county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement.

DENTISTRY: DENTISTRY!—Dr. P. M. McKiernan, having located at Smith's Mills, (Janesville) Clearfield Co., Pa., informs the citizens of that place and vicinity, that he will endeavor to render satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Administration on the estate of Lanson Root, late of Woodbury, in Clearfield county, Penna. dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement.

\$100 REWARD.—Some unknown person or persons having feloniously broke into the house of the undersigned about the 25th of April, 1864, and stolen therefrom three coats of woolen, several blankets, pillow cases, table cloth, two coats, one bonnet, a lot of sugar, soap, and other articles, the above reward will be paid for the apprehension and conviction of the thief or thieves, or for such information that will lead to their conviction.

U. S. 10-40 BONDS.

These Bonds are issued under the act of Congress of March 8th, 1864, which provides that all bonds issued under this act shall be exempt from taxation by or under any State or municipal authority. Subscriptions to these bonds are recorded in United States notes or notes of National Banks.

Exempt from Municipal or State Taxation, their value is increased from one to three per cent. per annum, according to the rate of tax levied in various parts of the country.

OVER EIGHT PER CENT INTEREST in currency, and are of equal convenience as a permanent or temporary investment.

It is believed that no securities offer so great inducement to lenders as the various descriptions of U. S. Bonds. In all other forms of indebtedness, the faith or ability of private parties or stock companies or separate communities only is pledged for payment, while for the debts of the United States the whole property of the country is held to secure the payment of both principal and interest in coin.

These bonds may be subscribed for in sums from \$50 up to any magnitude, on the same terms, and are thus made equally available to the smallest lender and the largest capitalist. They can be converted into money at any moment, and the holder will have the benefit of the interest.

It may be useful to state in this connection that the total Funded Debt of the United States on which interest is payable in gold, on the 31st day of March, 1864, was \$768,965,000. The interest on this debt for the coming fiscal year will be \$45,937,125, while the customs revenue in gold for the current fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1864, has been so far at the rate of over \$100,000,000 per annum.

Instructions to the National Banks acting as loan agents were not issued from the United States Treasury until March 29, but in the first three weeks of April the subscriptions averaged more than TEN MILLIONS A WEEK.

Subscriptions will be received by the First National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa. Second National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa. Third National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa. AND BY ALL NATIONAL BANKS which are depositaries of Public money, and all RESPECTABLE BANKS AND BANKERS throughout the country, (acting as agents of the National Depository Banks.) will furnish further information on application and afford every facility to subscribers.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or meddling with the following named property, now in possession of Thomas Klyer, to wit: one black horse, and one sorrel horse, and one timber sled, as the same belong to me and have only been left with said Klyer on loan, and are subject to my order at any time. May 11th, 1864. JACOB MOCK.

PUBLIC VENUE.—There will be exposed to sale at public outcry, at the residence of the subscriber, in Lawrence township, on Tuesday, the 17th of May, 1864.

RELIEF NOTICE.—The Board of Relief for the county of Clearfield, will meet at the Commissioners' office in Clearfield, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 25th and 26th days of May, 1864.

The Board of Relief have directed that the wife of the soldier must appear before the board, and produce her sworn statement, detailing name of soldier, regiment and company, and when enlisted; the number of children, with age and sex of each; the township in which they reside at the time of enlistment; and their present residence; and that she is without the means of support for herself and children who are dependent upon her.

NEW SPRING GOODS.

JUST RECEIVED AT WILLIAM F. IRWIN'S STORE, ON MARKET ST. CLEARFIELD, PA. THE CHEAPEST AND BEST Seasonable Goods ARE TO BE HAD AT THE CHEAP CASH STORE.

The undersigned has just received from the Eastern cities a large and well selected stock of the most seasonable goods, which he can dispose of at the reasonable prices. His friends and customers are invited to examine his stock of goods and ascertain the prices before purchasing elsewhere, as he feels persuaded none will undersell him. His stock embraces a well selected assortment of DRY-GOODS AND NOTIONS, Hardware, Queensware, GROCERIES, DRUGS, OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS AND CAPS, BUCKETS AND BASKETS, School Books and Stationery, NAILS AND SALT.

PUBLIC VENUE.—There will be exposed to sale at public outcry at the residence of Joseph F. Irwin, deceased in Lawrence township, on Friday, the 13th day of May, 1864.

A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendments be proposed to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, in accordance with the provisions of the tenth article thereof.

Section 4. Whenever any of the qualified electors of this Commonwealth shall be in any actual military service, under a requisition from the President of the United States, or by the authority of this Commonwealth, such electors may exercise the right of suffrage in all elections by the citizens, under such regulations as are, or shall be, prescribed by law, as fully as if they were present at the polls, in place of electors.

Section 5. No bill shall be passed by the Legislature, containing more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in the title, except appropriation bills. Section 9. No bill shall be passed by the Legislature granting any powers, or privilege, in any case where the authority to grant such powers, or privileges, has been, or may hereafter be, conferred upon the Courts of this Commonwealth.