

Franklin Repository.

LOCAL ITEMS.

EXCITING WAR NEWS.—The excitement in town during the last week was more intense if possible than the week before. Business was practically suspended. Merchants would wander from their stores with anxious, nervous steps to see if any fresh news could be gathered; and every rumor was greedily read and commented on by groups on the streets and corners. Mechanics left their shops, and gathered about the bulletin boards, as if everything must be suspended until the Army of the Potomac had achieved a decisive victory. Ladies would pass by time and again to catch an item of hopeful intelligence; and all classes seemed totally absorbed in the great issue being fought out through the bloody winding of the Wilderness.

On Wednesday fragmentary dispatches gave information of a terrible battle having been fought the day before near Spottsylvania; and the excitement of the four or five days previous was intensified. Every rumor was carefully treasured by the obliging operator of the Atlantic and Ohio Line, W. Blair Gilmore, Esq., and the delay in procuring official information was most painful to the many anxious hearts who seemed to subordinate everything to the success of our common cause. The fact that Grant's heroic army had advanced over the sanguinary fields of the week before, and was still undaunted and intact, and the modest but significant assurance of its noble commander that he proposed "to fight it out on this line, if it takes all summer," gave hope to loyal men; but they knew the power and desperation of the foe, and they were appalled at the terrible sacrifice our early success had cost us. It was natural therefore that the gravest apprehensions mingled with their confidence in our sacred cause. But at last came official information that the great conflict of Tuesday was another victory, although still indecisive. Thousands more of our brave defenders had fallen, willing sacrifices upon the altar of the Republic, but treason had reeled back in dismay—even its terrible desperation had been met with invincible valor, and again hope dawned brightly upon the Country's cause. But still treason was unyielding, and its soldiers of crime confronted the loyal hosts behind frowning cannon and bristling bayonets, and fresh sacrifices were still demanded to preserve our Nationality.

Thursday's news but confirmed the desperate and deadly character of Tuesday's conflict; but every authentic report gave increased confidence to the anxious people who congregated about the bulletins. Accounts of Wednesday's struggle began to come in, but it was evidently but a feeble engagement compared with the fearful harvest of death gathered on Tuesday and Friday previous. But it showed that the resisting power of the rebel army was still unbroken, and that it was prepared to contest Grant's advance as long as it could marshal its forces and supply them with the missile of destruction. Our people continued to cluster on the streets and mingled anxiety and hope were depicted on every loyal face. Thursday night passed without decisive news, but all reports gave every assurance of the ultimate success of Grant. His army was well handled against the most skillful of the rebel commanders, in his own country, and defending his own capital, and its spirit was improved, while that of the foe was measurably broken by repeated failures to force our lines. Friday morning first gave desultory rumors of a desperate struggle the day before; and at last the people were electrified with the official report that Gen. Hancock had captured a large number of prisoners and some thirty guns. The long agony of suspense was broken, and without waiting to analyze results, the people shouted for joy. Men congratulated each other on the street, and rejoicing was earnest indeed as the anxious hearts were relieved of fearful apprehensions. The army had achieved a victory—its trophies were substantial, and the exhausted foe was yielding gradually but surely before the advancing columns of Grant and Meade. Shoot upon shoot went up from the crowd upon the streets, and many were the grateful inspirations sent up to the Great Ruler for His merciful deliverance. The vast crowd was hourly augmented, and it swayed to and fro as report after report, often of the most extravagant nature, dropped from the wires. At last its jubilant shouts culminated as the Inland line announced the surrender of Lee with 40,000 men. In vain did a few declare it impossible to compel Lee's surrender in an open field—the crowd surged from the prudent caution to the bulletin board, and read that the report was confirmed. In a few moments the bells were ringing out the joy of the excited people, and even when the surrender was officially contradicted, the triumph of Hancock and the evident general victory of Grant, was left them, and they closed the day rejoicing. Night brought Gen. Grant's official dispatches announcing a substantial success, his captures, and Samuel Myers, Vice Presidents; W. S. Everett, Recording Secretary; John P. Culbertson, Corresponding Secretary; Emanuel Kuhn, Treasurer, and Col. F. S. Stumbaugh, John Downey, John Ruthrauff, Henry Keiffer, John Immen, W. W. Skinner, H. B. Davidson, Andrew Davidson, Wm. Bussart, Daniel O. Gehr and Geo. W. Immen, Managers. A meeting is called to be held at Mr. Everett's office on Tuesday next, the 24th inst., to consider the propriety of holding a Fair next fall. A full attendance is earnestly desired.

COL. BOYD'S 21st PA. CAVALRY have gone to the front 1200 strong and well mounted and equipped, and all the troops on garrison and guard duty in this section have also been sent forward. Just where they have gone, we do not care to state; but it is enough to know that they are exactly where they can best render the safety of the border secure beyond peradventure.

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but they were sad because a common country had triumphed over its wanton, wicked foes. They passed the bulletins, glowing with victory, with heavy hearts, and downcast looks, and faces sorrow-stricken. They did not speak, save to utter doubt or give a gasping hope to expiring treason. They saw loyal hearts bounding with joy, and they hated their country the worse for its triumph. Men looked upon them with mingled pity and scorn as they shunned the evidence of our victories, and the mournful sound of "Copperhead" fell involuntarily from earnest lips as they moved along in the deep shadow of their woe. But loyal hearts upbraided not, for they turned to their rescued Republic and to its heroic hosts still upon the crimsoned field, and felt that—

"The mower mows on though the adler may writh, And the Copperhead coil 'round the blade of his scythe!"

TOWN COWS—A NUISANCE TO BE ABATED.

Some thirty town cows are regularly turned loose by their owners every morning to forage upon their neighbors, and they have become an intolerable nuisance to all the citizens residing immediately around the town. It would seem that the owners of these cows deliberately calculate upon feeding them at the expense of the public, as they are turned out at ravenous wolves and they defy the best fences or gates; in their efforts to procure food. The citizens living in the vicinity of the town lose every year in the aggregate more than all these cows are worth, and the owners must be sensible of the fact that they are wantonly periling the property of their neighbors, and often allowing the most serious depredations to be committed upon fields, gardens, &c. We have tried in vain to make fences to keep these cows out of fields, and have done everything in our power to persuade owners to cease plundering their neighbors in this way, and we shall neither notify nor suggest any further. The borough ordinance on the subject says:

"If any horses, cattle, sheep, swine, geese, or other animals be found running at large in said square, or in any of said streets, lanes or alleys, pavements, side or footways, it shall be the duty of the High Constable to seize and sell the same by public outcry, and pay over to the Treasurer of said borough the proceeds."

The Burgess and Council have been notified to enforce the law, and unless town cows are cared for by their owners and kept from plundering the public, they will be sold by the borough authorities to owners who will take care of them. The owners will be wise, therefore, who at once take their cattle off the streets and stop them from committing depredations upon the public.

TO THE PATRIOTIC CITIZENS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY.—Now that thousands of our brave defenders lie mangled and bleeding in hospitals—having fallen between our homes and our bloody enemies, that we might enjoy in peace the bounties that Providence bestowed upon us—our homes, our properties, all we enjoy has been saved for us through their wounds—will we withhold from them that which they saved for us. Is it not their through their wounds and sufferings? Come forward then! The ladies of Chambersburg have determined to hold a Fair for the benefit of the "Christian Commission," and ask every one in the county to take part in it. There is no one but can contribute something toward this noble enterprise. Any thing suitable for hospital purposes will be thankfully accepted. Come forward then, with money, provisions, labor, time, anything that will further the cause. Let every township appoint a committee to co-operate with the Society in this place. Information can be had from the President, Mrs. Gen. Couch, or Miss Mollie McCulloch, Secretary.

MAJ. J. S. SCHULZET. has been comissioned Colonel of the Provost Guard Regiment, recently organized in this State, and now over 1000 strong. Col. Schultz has been in the service since the commencement of the war, and was on the Staff of Gen. Couch during the battles of the Peninsula and through all the subsequent engagements of the Army of the Potowmac until Gen. Hancock had captured a large number of prisoners and some thirty guns. The long agony of suspense was broken, and without waiting to analyze results, the people shouted for joy. Men congratulated each other on the street, and rejoicing was earnest indeed as the anxious hearts were relieved of fearful apprehensions. The army had achieved a victory—its trophies were substantial, and the exhausted foe was yielding gradually but surely before the advancing columns of Grant and Meade. Shoot upon shoot went up from the crowd upon the streets, and many were the grateful inspirations sent up to the Great Ruler for His merciful deliverance. The vast crowd was hourly augmented, and it swayed to and fro as report after report, often of the most extravagant nature, dropped from the wires. At last its jubilant shouts culminated as the Inland line announced the surrender of Lee with 40,000 men. In vain did a few declare it impossible to compel Lee's surrender in an open field—the crowd surged from the prudent caution to the bulletin board, and read that the report was confirmed. In a few moments the bells were ringing out the joy of the excited people, and even when the surrender was officially contradicted, the triumph of Hancock and the evident general victory of Grant, was left them, and they closed the day rejoicing. Night brought Gen. Grant's official dispatches announcing a substantial success, his captures, and

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THE MERCERSBURG CLASIS of the German Re-

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the 6th inst. About forty members were in at-

tendance. Dr. Fisher, of this place, was chosen

President and Rev. Mr. Detrich, Clerk.

The Record says that the transactions were of

an interesting character, and throughout the

greatest harmony prevailed. The reports of

the several pastors were most gratifying. The

Classis closed on Tuesday evening of last week

and was adjourned to meet next spring in Ship-

ensburg, Pa.

MERCERSBURG FAIR.—The people of Mercersburg have resolved to hold a Fair in that

place, instead of co-operating with the Chambersburg Fair for the benefit of the Christian Commission. We think it well that they have

done so, for Mercersburg, ever liberal, can contrib-

ute much more bountifully by having a Fair at home.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BI-

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