



RIGHT OR WRONG. WHEN RIGHT, TO BE KEPT RIGHT, WHEN WRONG, TO BE PUT RIGHT.

EBENSBURG: THURSDAY: JANUARY 7.

Present Condition of the Rebellion.

We frequently hear the question asked, what has the Government done towards crushing out the rebellion? If we should take the haughty airs and loud complaints...

confederacy, caused by the exhaustion of war. The coil wound around the rebellion is being drawn more tightly every day.

Jottings from Washington.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 31, 1863. To the Editor of The Alleghenian: Simultaneously almost with the transmission to the House of Representatives by the War Department of Gen. McClellan's voluminous report of his campaigns while in command of the Army of the Potomac, we hear from Philadelphia...

The 6th Regiment of Vermont Volunteers arrived in the city this evening from the Army of the Potomac, on its way home to recruit. Three-fourths of the regiment have re-enlisted for another term of three years, and, in addition to receiving a bounty of \$400 per man, they are entitled to a furlough of not less than thirty days.

was present. There was a time when our sick and wounded heroes fared badly enough in our hospitals, but that time has gone by. Now they have every need attention from willing hands and hearts that feel, and when a holiday comes around they share its pleasures.

Wm. H. Gardner, Esq., your readers will be interested to learn, has been promoted from a \$1200 to a \$1400 clerkship in the Third Auditor's Office. Frank Lytle, late Register and Recorder of your county, is in the city. He leaves for home to-morrow.

I must not forget the weather. It is raining pitchforks, and mud is everywhere. No snow yet. J. M. S. WASHINGTON CITY, Christmas Eve. To the Editor of The Alleghenian: I have just been looking at life in Washington, as exhibited out doors this glorious "night before Christmas."

Congress adjourned on Wednesday until Tuesday, the 5th of January. The unusual length of this adjournment is owing to two causes: first, the desire of Members to visit their families during the holidays—the exorbitant prices charged here for boarding prohibiting many from bringing their wives with them; and, secondly, the necessity of giving to some of the more important committees the necessary time in which to prepare business for the Session.

The debates in Congress on the bounty bill and the several propositions to repeal the \$300 clause of the conscription act, show a strong opposition to the repeal of the latter. The West, having more adventurous and unmarried spirits than the East, generally has less difficulty in filling any required quota, and hence favors the repeal; the East is, in the main, in favor of retaining it.

The weather has been intensely cold for a week, but we have had no snow. When I last wrote, the rain was pouring down, and the mud was ankle deep. In a few days we may have rain again. And this is a Washington winter. J. M. S.

The commission of Hon. Daniel Agnew, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, was read in open court in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, dated Nov. 6th, 1863. The oath of office was administered by Justice Read at Chambers.

1864.

If 1864 should do no more than repeat the victories of 1863, it will be enough, for we need but one more Vicksburg and one more Chattanooga to decide the issue. Another Gettysburg is improbable, for the invasion of the North has ceased to be even a dream in the South, and the rebellion will rest all winter at bay, beleaguered by our armies and blockaded by our fleets.

Thus we enter the New Year, with the light of victory on our banners. The war is not ended, but doubt, and disagreement, and danger are over. The Government has not only half conquered its enemies in the South, but has half convinced its opponents in the North; it has extorted respect from both.

And now, having said that we need not dread the renewal of the attempt to destroy the policy of the Government, having asserted that doubt and danger are over, we retract our words. Yes, we are bold enough to be inconsistent. It is true there is reason why loyal men should smile at the thought that all which has been done might be undone.

How can this party succeed? Only by effecting a division in the Union ranks, and thus again carrying the Presidential election against the will of a majority.

Orders have been issued by the War Department postponing the draft until the 15th of February.

Rebellion Staggering.

"The traitors of the South acknowledge that unless they can accomplish a loan and a conscription by April, their cause is lost."—Exchange When the amount of the loan and the size of the conscription required by rebel exigencies are considered, this confession of the south is an acknowledgment of defeat, because the demand, which is to this extent imperative, cannot, in the nature of things, be complied with.

The conscription is as weak a staff as the loan; although, being dependent upon it, a failure of the latter is equivalent to complete failure. The levies of men have already included lads of fourteen and adults of sixty.

Therefore, the confession which we have quoted concedes everything. Even if it did not, the result is the same. Our armies have been recruited, and continue to be; our currency is sufficient; and the spirit of the nation is cordially with the Administration, and the Administration is determined to leave the country with its olden boundaries everywhere restored.

Exchange of Prisoners.

The oft-mooted question of exchange of prisoners is again on the tapis. Intelligence from Fortress Monroe states that the flag-of-truce boat had arrived from City Point, bringing five hundred Union prisoners in exchange for those sent up by General Butler.

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COMMISSIONERS' SALE.

The Commissioners of Cambria county will offer for sale at the Court House, in Ebensburg, on Friday, Jan. 15, A. D. 1864, the following tracts of unseated and unlocated lands, which tracts were legally purchased by the Commissioners at different Treasury sales, and have been held the time required by law, and have not been redeemed by former owners within such legal limitation.

U. S. 5-20'S.

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