

Erie Observer.

SATURDAY, JAN. 10TH, 1863.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

The telegraph on Thursday afternoon brought us a dispatch from Gen. Pemberton, the rebel commander at Vicksburg...

The rebels contend that they retreated from Murfreesboro in good order, and say they have captured 4,000 prisoners, 6,000 stand of arms and 24 cannon from us.

Rumors are again circulated of a change in the command of the Army of the Potomac. It is said that Burnside has resigned, and been succeeded by Hooker.

THE SOLEMN PLEDGE. "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so, and I would not wish to do so if I had."

THE PERIODIC VIOLATION. "And by virtue of the power and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within the designated States and parts of said States, are and henceforth shall be free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons."

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION. The Emancipation Proclamation was issued, according to promise, punctually on the 1st day of January. It declares freedom to the slaves (so far as the President's power is concerned) in all the Southern States, with the exception of Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, Missouri, Delaware, and parts of Louisiana and Virginia.

While fully aware that I shall have but little control of public affairs, in the position to which I have been called, and can do little to shape events, I yet venture to trust that the course of the term of service, the country will be great and glorious and united as it once was; and in conclusion, I now offer to Almighty God my fervent prayer that the clouds which overhang us may be scattered, and that the peace and fraternity of the Union may be restored to its former splendor...

THE PAPER MONOPOLY. We think it is about time for the publishers of the country to commence some movement for the purpose of breaking down the enormous speculation in paper, which is now obliging them to pay twice and three times as much for that article as they did a few months ago.

MORE FOREIGN TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF THE UNION. The National Intelligencer has been publishing a series of extracts from the Cologne (Germany) Gazette, descriptive of the events on the Peninsula, last summer. The writer is a Prussian officer of high standing, who served in the rebel army during the important events of that period. His descriptions are very fine, and he writes in a vein that proves him to be fully acquainted with his subjects.

THE EFFECT OF THE PROCLAMATION. The emancipation policy of the patent philanthropist at the head of the Government has, we perceive, produced one effect, for which, whether they anticipated it or not, they must be held accountable. The rebels, to counteract any disadvantage to them which the proclamation might work, have adopted the plan of shooting all contrabands captured from our army. They are determined that they shall not live to poison the minds of the still loyal slaves and instigate bloody insurrections.

THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA. In August, 1861, Attorney General Ruffin, a letter to the Hon. A. F. formation of an opinion adverse to the claim. He calls the State of West Virginia independent act of revolution, and says a plain breach of both the constitution of Virginia and the nation.

The N. Y. Journal of Commerce argues that "if we amend the Constitution to exclude all slavery, the same spirit, in the end, will put down one Religion, and put up another, say, the Roman Catholic, up or down. The spirit of the Constitution is compromise, not conquest."

GOV. SEYMOUR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS. The inauguration of Gov. Seymour took place at Albany, on the 1st of January, according to the provisions of the Constitution of New York. The Governor did not deliver an elaborate Inaugural Address, as is usual on such occasions, but the few remarks that he made have the ring of the true metal.

FELLOW CITIZENS.—In your presence I have solemnly sworn to support the Constitution of the United States with all its grants, restrictions and guarantees, and I shall support it.

THE FIRST LAW I RECORDERD FOR MY OFFICE. The first law I recorderd for my office is that which declares "it shall be the duty of the Governor to maintain and defend the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the State." And the most marked feature of the Constitution to the Executive is that he shall take care that the laws are faithfully executed.

THE OCCASION, FELLOW CITIZENS, when official power is so courteously transferred from the hands of one political organization to those of another holding opposite sentiments on public affairs, is not only a striking exemplification of the spirit of our institutions, but highly honorable to the minority party.

FELLOW CITIZENS—I thank you for this kind reception—I thank those who differ with me politically, for their presence here and here on this solemn occasion affords emphatic testimony to the regard for constitutional obligations yet felt by the people of this great State.

WE ARE COMPELLED to express our highest esteem of Gen. McClellan's military qualities. There are few in any General's in the Union army that can compete with him. Deserted in the most desperate situation by his companion in arms, General McDowell, left to his fate by the Secretary of War, Stanton, at Washington, offered up as a sacrifice to destiny by political jealousy, cut off from his base of retreat, he selected a new line of safety of which no one had dreamed. He defended every foot of ground with courage and talent, and his last stand at Malvern Hill, as well as his system of defenses and his strategic combinations displayed high military ability.

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THE IDEA EXPRESSED by the Republican press that one Democratic member of the Legislature can be bought to vote for a Republican for U. S. Senator, or in any way to disorganize or do us any injury at an election, we hope and believe is an absurdity. Legislative corruption has had much to do in producing the present deplorable state of the country, and if men are permitted to rob the people of the taxes wrong from them, and to use that ill-gotten money to bribe and corrupt their representatives, thereby debasing the operation of the ballot, men liberty, public safety, and all honest administration and National affairs are abandoned. Corruption will then rob the land and robbery, plunder and oppression become the order of the day.

ANOTHER SCHEME to buy two or three Democratic members of the Senate to absent themselves from the Senate at an election, to get sick, break their legs or do anything else to be out of the way.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION. The National Republican (Washington) another Abolition paper, assents to the proposal of the Tribune, and says: "Other indications are manifest that something in the shape of interference or mediation is soon to take place. The English, the French, and other governments, are sending large fleets to the West Indies, and it is confidently stated in some circles in Washington that propositions of the nature of mediation will be made by Louis Napoleon, January 1st, and that the French Minister has already such instructions from his master. All this we well understand and unfeignedly still, we are doubtless approaching a crisis in our national affairs."

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THE MESSIAH IS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY devoted to State affairs. The Governor receded from his mission for those who suffered by the rebel raid last fall, and for the 3 months volunteers. Pennsylvania has furnished more than 200,000 men since the breaking out of the rebellion, besides some 50,000 who are in the service of the Government.

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THE REBELS FLY IN THE WEST. HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, WASHINGTON, JAN. 8, 1863. Major General H. W. HALL, General-in-Chief, Washington. We have fought one of the greatest battles of the war and are victorious. Our present success on the 31st ult. was not by a surprise of the right flank, but we have, nevertheless, beaten the enemy after a three days' fight.

THE RICHMOND PAPERS say that the rebels destroyed two millions worth of property belonging to the Union Army by an attack on its rear on Tuesday night.

THE VICTORIES IN THE WEST. All conjecture in regard to the great battle at Murfreesboro is happily set at rest by the voluminous despatches, official and otherwise, which have reached us during the last few days.

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