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The War News

On Saturday, the 25th inst., Fort Stanton, on the right of our lines, close to the enemy's position, was suddenly attacked by a strong force of rebels under Generals Bushrod Johnson and Gordon. The attack was so unexpected that the fort was soon captured, with its garrison, comprising about five hundred men. The enemy then pressed onward with the design of penetrating Gen. Meade's center, and thus separating the two wings of his army, when the right would have been compelled to surrender. Prompt measures were taken to arrest the progress of the rebels, and after severe fighting they were driven back, compelled to give up the fort, and finally retreated to their lines, with an estimated loss of 1,900 prisoners, in addition to many killed and wounded. Our loss was also considerable, but is said to have been less than that of the enemy. The offensive was then taken by the 2d and 9th corps of our army. By night the enemy was driven from his entrenched picket line, and all his efforts to recover the same, which were particularly determined and persevering on the 2d corps' front, were resisted and repulsed with heavy losses, leaving with the 6th corps over 400 prisoners, and with the 2d corps two battle flags and over 300 prisoners. The total result of the day is claimed by Gen. Grant to have been the thorough defeat of the enemy's plans, the capture of his strongly entrenched picket line under the artillery fire of his main works, and the capture of ten battle-flags and 2,800 prisoners.

From Gen. Sherman our advice contented to be as contradictory and unassailable as ever. One day it is positively asserted that he and Schofield have made a junction, and the next just as decidedly contradicted. Several heavy engagements have taken place, in which the Southern papers claim victories, but we cannot learn any reliable particulars. Our own opinion is, that if he has been checked at all, it has not been a serious one, and that if his army and Schofield's have not yet been united, they soon will be. It seems an impossibility for the Southerners to confront Sherman with an army large enough to prevent his final march across North Carolina to Richmond. What he will gain by this course that could not have been more quickly and easily obtained by joining Grant directly at Petersburg, is more than our limited military knowledge enables us to decide.

Starting Expedition of Fraud. The following letter, written by an officer of the 11th regiment, has been handed to us, with a request to publish. The parties to whom it was addressed, and who vouch for the reliability of the author, are citizens of North East. We have for a long time heard rumors of the frauds said to have been committed in connection with the cotton trade, but this is the first instance in which direct charges, made by one who is on the ground to see for himself, have come to our notice:

On the Savannah River, thirty miles above Savannah, February 1, 1865.

On the march again. We started from Savannah on the morning of the 27th of January and arrived here on the evening of the 29th, since which time we have been having a jolly time, making corduroy roads over which to pass in our threatened invasion of the sovereign State of South Carolina. There is a prospect of our staying here for several days, and so I thought I would write you a few lines. Do you know I am getting considerably demoralized, because of the way in which things are being managed in our department. Let me explain. On the morning of the 21st of December, the army under Sherman captured from the enemy some 50,000 bales of cotton. The Government, acting in good faith, I believe, appointed Simeon Draper, of New York, as its agent to seize all cotton and sell it for the United States. I thought there must be some fine chance to make money, or he (rich as he is) would not want it. Now, mark how he does it. I saw him, or his agent, and so can speak from personal knowledge. They weigh a bale of cotton of perhaps 500 pounds; they mark it 300 pounds, and when it arrives in New York of course it tallies, and he turns over to the United States the sale of 300 pounds, coolly pocketing the other 200, which in the whole transaction makes a snug little sum. I don't know who is to blame for this great leak from the Government, but I know if I was getting half of it, I would not say a word. If any one doubts my word as to the truth of this thing, let them take the trouble to go where the cotton is unloaded and there see every bale marked from 150 to 200 pounds less than its real weight. Perhaps Gen. Sherman is cognizant of it, and perhaps he is not. Walpole says "every man has his price," and a cool fellow may have bought the great Flank-er. Its all very well to laud old "Billy" when he whips the enemy, but he must not steal Government cotton, or I am down on him. It "takes a rogue to catch a rogue," and I suppose that is the reason why I caught them fellows. But I went round their warehouses where they were weighing and called the attention of others to the fact of the case, not mentioning my suspicions, however.

I wish you would go to Erie and show this or read it to the editor of the Gazette, and if he refuses to publish the facts, send it to me or to the editor of the Observer. I want the fact exposed and the guilty parties punished, if possible. You can do as you please, however; I will not make an obligation of it.

We have a long campaign marked out for us, and the prospect is here that the enemy have gone to find that "last ditch." Give my love to —, and tell — to not be a copperhead, like old —. Please write soon, and excuse this, as I write it on a book and the wind blows the paper round.

Yours in love, N.

The State Bounty Law.

A general desire having been expressed by our readers to see the new State bounty law, complete, we publish it in full below:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That so much of the sixth section of the act relating to the payment of bounties to volunteers, approved March 25, 1864, as limits the amount of bounty to be paid to each and

Administrator's Sale.

BY VIRTUE AND IN PURSUANCE of an order of the Orphan's Court for the county of Erie, made on the 15th day of February, 1865, I, the undersigned, administrator of the estate of James Grant, deceased, in and for said county, do hereby offer for sale, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, to wit: The property of James Grant, deceased, consisting of a certain lot of land situated in the city of Erie, Pa., bounded as follows: On the north by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the east by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the south by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, and on the west by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, containing fifty acres of land, more or less, as the same may be ascertained by a view of the same.

Also, all that piece of land situated in the town of Erie, Pa., bounded as follows: On the north by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the east by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the south by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, and on the west by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, containing fifty acres of land, more or less, as the same may be ascertained by a view of the same.

Terms:—The said land and the balance in three equal payments with interest to be paid annually, the first payment to be made on the 1st day of April, 1865, the second on the 1st day of July, 1865, and the third on the 1st day of October, 1865. The purchaser to give a bond with good and sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the court, to pay the purchase money.

House and Lot For Sale. A HOUSE AND LOT, situated in the city of Erie, Pa., bounded as follows: On the north by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the east by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the south by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, and on the west by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, containing fifty acres of land, more or less, as the same may be ascertained by a view of the same.

Public Sale of Real Estate. WILL BE sold at Public Sale at the residence of Lawrence Leach, deceased, in and for the county of Erie, Pa., on the 1st day of April, 1865, at 10 o'clock, a. m., the real estate of the deceased, consisting of a two-story brick house and lot, situate in the city of Erie, Pa., bounded as follows: On the north by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the east by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the south by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, and on the west by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, containing fifty acres of land, more or less, as the same may be ascertained by a view of the same.

Farm For Sale. THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS FOR SALE his farm situated in Hill Creek township, Erie county, Pa., bounded as follows: On the north by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the east by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the south by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, and on the west by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, containing fifty acres of land, more or less, as the same may be ascertained by a view of the same.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS ASSOCIATED himself under the style of BELL & WARRICK, to receive the wholesale and retail trade in Groceries, Canned Goods, and Household Furnishings, and to sell on credit to the trade.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. CAPITAL \$1,000,000, Paid in. SOCIAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES. And Special Agent for Jay Cooke, Subscription Agent, WILL RECEIVE NOTES, FREE OF CHARGE, by express, in all parts of the country, and receive in payment checks on New York, Philadelphia and Boston, and all other cities, and will receive in payment all kinds of bills of exchange, and will sell on credit to the trade.

Orphan's Court Sale. BY VIRTUE OF AND IN PURSUANCE of an order of the Orphan's Court for the county of Erie, made on the 15th day of February, 1865, I, the undersigned, administrator of the estate of James Grant, deceased, in and for said county, do hereby offer for sale, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, to wit: The property of James Grant, deceased, consisting of a certain lot of land situated in the city of Erie, Pa., bounded as follows: On the north by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the east by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the south by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, and on the west by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, containing fifty acres of land, more or less, as the same may be ascertained by a view of the same.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING PURCHASED the City of Erie, Pa., do hereby offer for sale, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, to wit: The property of James Grant, deceased, consisting of a certain lot of land situated in the city of Erie, Pa., bounded as follows: On the north by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the east by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the south by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, and on the west by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, containing fifty acres of land, more or less, as the same may be ascertained by a view of the same.

LANDS IN MARKET. 3,000 ACRES OF CHOICE LANDS situated in the counties of Erie, Pa., bounded as follows: On the north by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the east by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, on the south by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, and on the west by the lot of land of John W. Shannan, containing fifty acres of land, more or less, as the same may be ascertained by a view of the same.

Executor's Notice. I, the undersigned, executor of the estate of James Grant, deceased, in and for the county of Erie, Pa., do hereby give notice that the same estate is now open for the payment of claims, and that all persons having claims against the same are to present them to me, at my office, in the city of Erie, Pa., on or before the 1st day of April, 1865, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

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