

THE PRESIDENCY.

In the midst of such exciting news as each day coming from the armies before Richmond and elsewhere, it is not expected that the people should feel the same interest in the approaching political campaign as they would in more quiet times...

mean party. The people demand the re-nomination of Lincoln, and should those to whom the matter is intrusted misrepresent the popular voice and nominate General Fremont the so-called Democracy will stand a good chance of electing their candidate.

A REBEL PLEA.

The following passage occurs in a recent article published in the Richmond Enquirer under the subject of the Fort Pillow massacre: "Should I attempt to put a gun to the head of a white man, and shoot him, I should expect the whites to be shot and the negroes to be sold."

THE CAMPAIGN.

From the New York Tribune of Tuesday we clip the following succinct statement of the present position of the contending armies in Virginia.

WAR NEWS.

OFFICIAL. IMPORTANT FROM GEN. GRANT, BUTLER, SHERMAN, AND ROSEL. HEADQUARTERS, PHILADELPHIA, May 14, 6 p. m.—The following dispatch is from the Secretary of War: To Major General Cadwalader: Washington, May 14, 4 p. m.—Despatches from General Grant, dated yesterday evening, at 6 o'clock have reached this Department.

WAR NEWS.

Also the telegraph and railroad track for about ten miles, embracing several cuttings, and comprising three hundred and twenty miles of track, including two cuttings one major and several other officers.

GENERAL MEADE'S ADDRESS.

WASHINGTON, May 14—10 p. m. Despatches dated headquarters of the Potomac Army, May 13, 12 m., have been received. The Associated Press messenger brings the following: HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, May 13, 1864. SOLDIERS:—The moment has arrived when your commanding general feels authorized to address you in terms of congratulation.

THE BATTLE OF THURSDAY.

WASHINGTON, May 14—9 p. m.—The Army of the Potomac has achieved the greatest victory of the war since the battle of Antietam. The fighting of yesterday is acknowledged to be the heaviest of all, having from daylight until dark, and continued till nearly 3 a. m., and continued till nearly 3 a. m., the parties during the night continuing for the purpose of a line of fire from which our men had driven the enemy in the morning.

THE REPORTED CALLING OUT OF 400,000 MEN CONTRADICTED.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The alleged proclamation of the President calling for four hundred thousand men has not been received at this agency. We have no knowledge or belief in its authenticity. Signed, D. H. CRAIG, Secretary of War.

LETTER FOR THE HERALD.

FOR THE HERALD. DEAR EDITOR:—While sitting in my tent alone this evening, I thought I would say a few lines to inform you, among the many of our friends, of the progress of our army. We are getting along, since the 1st of May, in the best of health and spirits. I must say we are getting along splendidly. Our guard duty is very hard at present, for a great many of our boys are going to the field to give the Rebels a few of our mineral pills; and I think they are the boys to do it; for when it comes to fighting, they like the Irishman's horse, and the boys here are the best of the best in our army.

ABOUT THE MINES.

DEAR BROTHUR:—Only a return from the Pacific side of the mountain, I find among other letters one from a gentleman in Cumberland County, stating that a number of young men in company with himself proposed starting for the Mines sometimes in March, the present month, and making a quick dash to the chances for success. The letter referred to was written three months ago and I regret that my absence has prevented an earlier reply. I will now answer it in the columns of the Herald, hoping the information given may be of service to others, though perhaps not to my friends who addressed me, as they probably started before the draft commenced.

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