

Democrat and Sentinel.



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For what are we contending?

We have been frequently asked during the last six months, for what purpose is the National Administration carrying on this war, and have uniformly answered—for the purpose of saving the Union and Constitution from destruction...

the contest, and let peace be proclaimed forthwith. Mr. Secretary Cameron and the members of Congress who are so loud in advocating schemes for abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia...

That the present deplorable civil war has been forced upon the country by the disunionists of the Southern States, now in arms against the Constitutional Government and in arms around the Capital...

Barker's Qualifications for Congress.

- Mordecai says he goes in for Amintah Agony Barker for Congress, for the following reasons: 1st. Because the aforesaid Barker is ignorant, impudent, egotistical and insolent. 2d. Because he is in favor of bringing back Negroes to dine at the public tables of Hotels...

The Mason and Slidell Affair.

The news of the arrest of Mason and Slidell, of course created intense excitement in England. John Bull is rampant. The comments of the Thunderer, the London Times are, however, much milder than we anticipated.

P. S. Since writing the above, the mail steamer, City of Washington, has arrived from Liverpool, bringing exciting and warlike news. The excitement in every quarter of England, against the United States is intense, and it is said the British Cabinet has instructed Lord Lyons, to demand the immediate restoration of Mason and Slidell...

Charleston on fire.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—We learn from the Captain of a Norfolk boat that he was informed by the Captain of the steamer Ill, from Port Royal, that he passed within six miles of Charleston Harbor at ten o'clock on Thursday night, and that a tremendous conflagration was evidently at its height in that city.

War in Georgia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Letters received at the Navy Department state that, on the fifth inst. Commander Rodgers left the Tybee Roads before daylight, with the steamer Ottawa, S. S. and Pendina, and crossed the bar at Warsaw at half tide.

The United States approached the Fort on Warsaw Island within a mile, and sent Lieutenant Barnes to it with a flag of truce, who found it entirely deserted. The fort consisted of an enclosed oblong work, with platform for eight guns on the water faces.

A Battle Imminent in Eastern Kentucky.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—The Gazette's Frankfort despatch says that when the stage left Somerset, at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, there had been no fighting. The Postmaster wrote: "We are expecting a fight hourly. The enemy is close upon us in force estimated at from 8,000 to 13,000 men—Our effective force is about 5,000."

Both soldiers and citizens complain of General Thomas for not having sent reinforcements to General Schoepf before this; but as it can not now interfere with the plans, it is not improper to state that Gen. Buell's plan, that Gen. Thomas should get in the rear of Zollicoffer.

Letters to night, express apprehensions of the result, should Zollicoffer force General Schoepf to an engagement before General Thomas arrives. An officer arrived from London this evening, says that it was rumored there that, after the picket fighting, Zollicoffer was again retreating.

Troops continue to pour into Louisville. Four regiments passed through yesterday. The Commercial's despatch from Frankfort, says that the paymaster from London reports Crittenden at Cumberland Gap with 1500 Rebels, and a large force in the vicinity.

A letter to the Representative of Wayne county says, that Major Helveti, and three others captured with him, were killed by the Rebels after their capture. All the leading men have been driven from Owensville, Bath county, and the town is in possession of four hundred Rebels, who are committing the greatest excesses.

A letter from Somerset, Ky., dated the 7th, confirms the capture by the Rebels, of Major Helveti and Captain Prince. J. B. Richardson, Postmaster at Somerset, Ky., writes, under date of the 10th that Zollicoffer has crossed the Cumberland river twenty miles below Wartshore on a bridge formed of coal barges, with from 9000 to 15,000 troops.

A fight to-morrow. The Federal forces under Gen. Schoepf are six regiments and two batteries. The Democrat discredits the above, failing to get a confirmation from its correspondent.

HALIFAX, Dec. 15.—The Royal mail steamer Europa, has arrived at this port with highly important intelligence. She was detained at Queenstown till the 24, by order of the Government. She has the Queen's Messenger on board with dispatches for Lord Lyons.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Observer states that the Government has demanded from President Lincoln and his Cabinet, the persons of the Southern envoys to the British Government. Yesterday afternoon after five o'clock, P. M., Her Majesty held a Privy Council at Windsor Castle.

The London News of the Mason and Slidell Arrest.

The London Daily News, of the 28th says, in regard to the seizure of Mason and Slidell: "The remote consequences of this act we shall not attempt to predict. Enough for the present time, it is one which will make it the duty of our Government to insist on ample, complete and immediate satisfaction."

It is wanted folly bids us hope that Lieutenant Fairfax was acting without instructions, and that the Washington Cabinet will no sooner learn what has taken place in the Bahama channel than it will disavow the act, restore Messrs Mason and Slidell, and tender the amplest apology. Nothing short of this reparation can be accepted.

Until there has been time to receive news from Washington we feel bound to believe that the seizure of the passengers on board the Trent was an act as much in excess of duty as it was in violation of public law. No Government should know better than that of the United States the lines which separate the rights of belligerents and neutrals respectively.

While we must submit to having our mercantile vessels stopped on the high seas by both parties in search of contraband, had Lieutenant Fairfax confined himself to demanding Mr. Slidell's despatches, and taken them off, we must have acquiesced in his visit as one of the disagreeable occurrences incident to a voyage. Persons stand on a different footing. In the eyes of Mr. Seward Messrs Slidell and Mason are Rebels. In our eyes they are simply passengers and the Washington Government may rest assured we shall no more permit it to take its Rebels out of our vessels than we should concede a similar right to Austria or Russia.

Incidents like these are irritating, but the British people have the satisfaction of knowing that their affairs are under firm guidance. With the irascible Earl of Derby, or the fussy Lord Malinsbury in power, we might well be concerned for the interests of peace at a time like this, but from the present Government we may expect energy without precipitancy, and prudence without weakness.

EXECUTIVE NOTICE.

Whereas Letters Testamentary on the last will and testament of John W. late of Chester Springs, Rowan County, deceased have been issued to the undersigned—residing in said county—the Register of said County, all persons having claims against said deceased, are hereby notified to present them, properly authenticated for settlement, and those indebted are requested to make payment without delay. BENJAMIN F. TOMB, Exor. Chester Springs Dec. 16, 1861-2.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Orphan's Court of Cambria County, Auditor to distribute the funds in the hands of C. B. Ellis, Administrator of John C. late deceased, among the several parties entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of said appointment at the Office of Cyrus L. Pershing Esq. in the Borough of Johnstown on Saturday January 18th 1862, at one o'clock P. M. at which time and place all parties are requested to present their claims, or be delinquent from coming in on said fund. DANIEL McLAUGHLIN. Johnstown Dec. 16, 1861-2.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned, by the Register of Cambria County upon the estate of Farren, dec'd. late of Munster township Cambria County. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and settle the same, and those having claims against it, to present them properly authenticated for payment. DENNIS FARREN, Adm'r. 18th Dec. -6.

STRAY HEIFER.

Stray Heifer.—Came to my residence in Sumnerhill township, about the 7th, of October last, a Heifer about two years old, red and white; the left ear is roped off and a slit in the right ear. The owner can have the heifer by coming forward, proving property and paying charges, &c. otherwise she will be disposed of according to law. FRANCIS J. McCONNEL. Sumnerhill Nov. 27, 1861. St.

STRAY STEER.

Stray Steer.—Broke into the impound and enclosed lands of Henry Little, in Allegheny township, Cambria county, on the 14th day of November 1861, a black Steer with a white face, a spot of black over his right eye, a little white on the end of his tail, and on the hind part of his belly; also on each hind leg; a piece cut off the lower part of the right ear, and a piece off the left ear. The owner is desired to come forward prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be disposed of according to law. HENRY LITTLE. Allegheny tp. Nov. 27, 1861. St.

Council at Windsor Castle.

Three of her Ministers, including the first Lord of the Admiralty and the Secretaries of State and War, travelled from London to Windsor by special train to be present. Previous to leaving town the three Ministers had attended a Cabinet Council at Lord Palmerston's official residence.

The Observer also says that a special messenger of the Foreign Office has been ordered to carry to Washington the demands of the British Government for Lord Lyons, and will proceed to-day by packet from Queens-town.

The public will be satisfied to know that these demands are for an apology, and to insist on the restoration to the protection of the British flag, the persons of those who were violently illegally torn from that sacred asylum. The Observer adds: There is no reason why they should not be restored to the quarter deck of the British Admiral at New York or Washington itself, in the face of some ten or twelve men of war, whose presence in the Potomac would render the blustering Cabinet at Washington as helpless as Trent was before the guns and outlasses of the San Jacinto. It is no fault of ours if it should come to this. The arrangements for increasing the force in Canada are not yet complete, but in a very few hours everything will be settled.

The Times city article of the 20th, says the position of the Federal States of America is almost in every commercial point, what that which was occupied towards us by Russia before the Crimea war, Russia had a hostile tariff, while we looked to her for a large portion of our general supply of breadstuffs. But there is this particularly in our present case that the commencement would be the breaking up of the blockade of the Southern ports, at once setting for our industry from the anxiety of a war famine, and I bring sure prosperity to the castleshire through the winter. At the same time we shall open our trade to the eight millions in the Confederate States, who may desire nothing better than to be our customers.

Boston, Dec. 17.—The steamer Europa has been signalled off Cape Cod, and will be up about half-past three o'clock. The onward steamer Africa is detained, and will not sail till Monday morning.

W. H. Davis, Esq., of Johnstown, Pa., writes to the Editor of the Democrat and Sentinel, Dec. 16, 1861. "I am very glad to hear that you are publishing the names of the subscribers to the 'Democrat and Sentinel' who have contributed to the purchase of the new building for the printing office. I have been thinking of contributing to the purchase of the new building for some time, but have not had time to do so. I will contribute to the purchase of the new building as soon as I can. I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, W. H. DAVIS. Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 16, 1861."

EXCHANGED FOR CASH.

London, Grain, Beans, Butter, Wood, &c. Call and examine our stock no charge made for showing goods. Thankful for past favors, we hope for a continuance of the same. WILLIAM DAVIS. N. B. All persons indebted to me or the late firm of Davis & Lloyd, are requested to come forward and settle their accounts immediately. W. D. Eldersburg, Nov. 27th, 1861. lit.

20,000 Bushels of Oats wanted.

The Subscriber wishes to purchase 20,000 bushels of oats for which he will pay TWENTY-FIVE CENTS IN CASH, on delivery at Cresson: the oats to weigh 32 lbs. to the bushel. ALSO 10,000 bus. of Shelled Corn, to weigh 56 lbs. to the bushel, for which he will pay forty-five cents. IN CASH, on delivery at Cresson. J. MCGONIGLE. Cresson, Dec. 4, 1861. lit.

FOSTER HOUSE.

WILLIAM RICHTER, PROPRIETOR. Corner of Clinton and Second Streets Johnstown Cambria county Pa. Carriages will convey passengers from and to the Rail Road depot. COUNTY, SCHOOL & POOR HOUSE ORDERS PURCHASED AND FOR SALE BY F. A. SHOEMAKER. June, 12 '61-62.

CONFECTIONARY ESTABLISHMENT.

The undersigned, respectfully informs the public, that he is constantly manufacturing, and has at all times for sale

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of the best quality; His Toy candies are prepared in the highest style of the art and are well calculated to please customers and sell rapidly.

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the patronage of the retail dealers throughout the County and elsewhere. Having facilities

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with Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, he is prepared to sell as cheap and as good an article as can be purchased in any other establishment in the State. Retailers in this County will save the difference in freight by buying from him, to enable them to visit personally, and make their own selections.

ANTHONY WEIMAN, Johnstown Cambria Co. Pa. Nov. 29, 1861.

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of every description and of latest styles WITH PRIZES TO SUIT THE

Tastes of all.

Thankful for past favors, he respectfully solicits a liberal share of public patronage. Clinton Street, Johnstown Cambria Co. Pa. November 29th, 1861. W. P. PATTON.

WANTED TIMES COME AGAIN NO MORE.

The cry of hard times has entirely ceased in this neighborhood and William Davis has just received and is now offering

AT UNUSUALLY LOW RATES,

as well as varied assortment of

GOODS

as were ever offered to the citizens of this county and vicinity. They embrace all the articles usually kept in a Variety Store and will be

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