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THE RISE IN PAPER.

"Through the operations of the National Tax Law, the materials upon which we rely for the publication of a newspaper have advanced in price from twenty to fifty per centum. The paper maker receives for each blank sheet nearly as much as we receive for it after it is printed. The price of living and of course the price of labor have greatly increased. Many country newspapers will be stopped entirely under the pressure of these hard times, many have already increased their subscription, and even the daily papers are about to advance in price;—so says the *Tioga Agitator* and taking warning from the pungent hint of the paper dealers' bill, it has increased its subscription. We have been considering for some weeks past the propriety and policy of increasing our subscription price and—have finally concluded to do so. This conclusion has been reached by the suggestions of friends and by the more cogent reasons of the duty of all men to pay their debts and feed and clothe themselves. The **JOURNAL** is the only paper published in the county, every reader knows that the business of a county demands a newspaper, and judging from the patronage our friends have extended us during the past eighteen months we feel secure in believing that they will continue their support. The rise is made reluctantly, and we will again resume the old rates when the price of material will justify us in doing so. Hereafter the price will be **ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS, invariably in advance.** This change will not take effect until the first of January next, and all new subscriptions, or renewals of subscriptions, made before that time will be at the old rates. Bills will be sent to all those owing us, either for subscription, advertising or job work, and it is desired and expected that they be paid immediately.

LATEST NEWS.

From a special correspondent of the *Tribune* with Burnside's Army, we learn the particulars of operations at Fredericksburg. At 4 o'clock on Thursday morning the pontoon boats were floated into the river; when the bridges were completed within twenty feet of the shore, a heavy fire from two or three hundred concealed sharpshooters was poured upon the men. Twenty were wounded at the first fire—among them Capt. Brainerd, their commander—by the second fire Capt. Perkins of the 50th New York fell dead, and Capt. McDonald was severely wounded. The fire from our batteries opened at once, and continued without cessation from 5 1/2 until noon. When the fog lifted, fifteen houses were seen to be in flames. Our batteries rested until 3 p.m. Sumner's grand division was at this time drawn up in line of battle. The 7th Michigan crossed in boats under a heavy fire, and drove out the Rebel riflemen—killed and wounded fifteen and took fifty prisoners. A drummer boy, only ten years old was in the first boat that crossed. The 87th Pennsylvania, without orders, laid the bridge near the railroad in the face of a severe fire, crossed it, and joined the 7th Michigan. At sunset the firing ceased. The bridges were completed in the afternoon, and the order to move was issued at sunset. The 2d Rhode Island started across on the double-quick. All the troops, however, encamped for the night on the right bank of the river. One of the bridges was built by McLeod Murphy's Regiment. Owing to the inability to complete other bridges, the original plan of crossing at five points was not carried out on Friday morning. The bombardment on Thursday was at the rate of 500 shells per minute. Some of the batteries used 200 rounds. The Rebel batteries could reach the river bed. Gen. Burnside had positive information that 20,000 Rebels had been sent to Port Royal, expecting an attempt on the part of the loyal troops to cross there.

Dec. 13, 1862.—The great battle so long anticipated between the two contending armies is now progressing. The morning opened with a dense fog, which has not yet entirely disappeared. Gen. Reynolds's corps on the left advanced at an early hour, and at 9:15, a. m. engaged the enemy's infantry. Seven minutes afterwards the Rebels opened a fire of artillery, which has continued so far without intermission. Their artillery fire must be at random, as the fog obstructs all view of almost everything. Our heavy guns are answering them rapidly. It is hoped the fog will soon lift. At this writing no results are known. Not much infantry has yet become engaged. A portion of the enemy's cavalry crossed the ford above here, and yesterday were found on our right and rear. A sufficient force has been sent to meet them.

Peace overtures are said to have been made by Jeff. Davis to the President.—The story wants confirmation. It purports to be the substance of a conversation had with Davis about the last of October, by one Green, or Greene. This Greene says he was sent for at Baltimore; went to Richmond; was told by Davis that he (Davis) wanted to stop the war, and that end asked Greene to propose to Mr. Lincoln an unconditional amnesty to all political offenders, an amnesty which would amount to perfect pardon and the

restoration of all their rights and property (including Jeff. Davis' coachman); also the restoration of all fugitive slaves, and a pledge to use the whole power of the country to recapture those who have got out of the country; also that each section shall pay or repudiate its own debts at pleasure. On such a basis, Davis thought a restoration of the Union might be effected! Mr. Davis seemed to be annoyed by the Proclamation of Freedom to the slaves, and casually remarked that "it would play hell with us." Mr. Davis (or Greene for him) was confident that if Mr. Lincoln rejected these propositions, the people of the North would raise a howl about his ears. (Was this precious story invented to avert the November elections?) Greene then goes into a full explanation of his interview with President Lincoln, his attendance at Cabinet meetings, and other gossamer, which naturally leads to a supposition that he is an immense humbug. And, indeed, a dispatch from Washington says that he is just that very animal, and nothing else.

We have from Nashville a brief account of a fight near Laverigne, midway between Nashville and Murfreesboro, in which a Union foraging party was attacked by a Rebel force. Our troops fought gallantly, and twice repulsed the foe. We had two officers and two soldiers killed, 29 wounded, and nine missing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1862.—During the day the city was filled with rumors in regard to Banks' expedition. Some reported that it had been landed at the head of the York River, and all agreed that it had not gone south of Hatteras.

I have just received information from good authority that Gen. Banks has landed with 20,000 men at Winton, North Carolina, near the headwaters of the Chowan River.

Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks has assumed command of the Army of the Blackwater, consisting of three corps d'armee, forming a grand division of the army.

Gen. Foster will command the left wing, three divisions forming a corps d'armee. Gen. Peck will command the right wing, forming a corps d'armee of three divisions.

Gen. Augur will command the center corps of three divisions.

Gen. Emory will command the reserve troops, composed of twelve trusty regiments, three batteries of artillery and two squadrons of cavalry.

Gen. Banks is already advancing, having formed a junction with our troops at Suffolk. Gen. Foster's army has joined him by this time.

It may be that Weldon will be taken immediately, but Petersburg must fall in a few days, while Burnside is driving Lee back upon Richmond, to receive the "blows of the fork" from Gen. Banks as he endeavors to retreat to Lynchburg or Danville.

Gen. Banks has full possession of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, and his future supplies will reach him by two other routes besides this one.

Thus far the movement may be considered a great success, and, while its demoralizing effects upon the enemy will be very great, its effect upon the spirit of the Northern people will be most salutary. Expect stirring news from the Army of the Blackwater hourly.

Dec. 15.—There was considerable firing yesterday between the advanced troops of the two armies. At one time the Rebels showed a disposition to move on Gen. Franklin's forces. Occasionally the Rebels would throw a few shells among our troops, just to remind us that they were still there. With these exceptions, everything was quiet. There is some skirmishing this morning, with considerable artillery firing. The body of Gen. Bayard left for Washington to day. He was to have been married next Wednesday.

Dec. 15, 1862.—On Wednesday evening our gunboats at Port Royal, about twenty-seven miles from Fredericksburg, were fired into by a Rebel battery from the shore, supposed to number twenty heavy guns. One of the Rebel shots struck a coal schooner, wounding Capt. Simmons, who has since died. Another shot struck the Carrutuck on the larboard side, pushing into the engine-room and wounding H. F. Smith of Rhode Island, who has since died; also wounding Jeremiah Daily dangerously and two others slightly. The firing was very rapid, and continued until sundown, when the Rebel batteries were silenced. Two schooners at the commencement of the fight were lying directly in range of the Rebel guns near the shore, but were brought off safely by the Teazer. Our gunboats laid off the shore until morning, when they again opened upon the Rebel battery, but met with no response.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—It is proper to caution the public against hastily crediting the many unsupported rumors concerning yesterday's battle. Some of them here prevalent have no other basis than surmise, and are mere inventions in the absence of facts. Rebel sympathizers are responsible for not a few of these fictions. Gentlemen in high public positions repeat the assertion as coming from Gen. Burnside, that he has men enough, and therefore desires no further reinforcements.

On the march from Harper's Ferry, Gen. Slocum captured two prisoners of State, with large quantities of goods for the enemy, and sent them to Washington.

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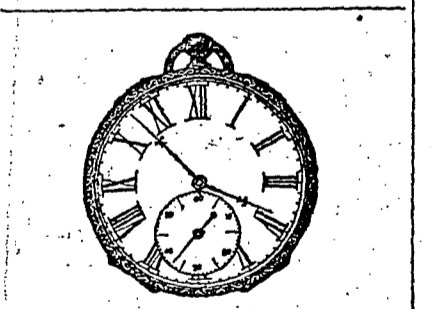
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