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Here shall the Press the people's rights maintain
Unswayed by party and unbribed by gain;
Pledged but to Truth, Liberty and Law,
No favor swings to us and no fear shall awe.

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TROUBLE AHEAD.—Quite a number
of the honest and peaceable citizens of
Fox township, were at the last call for
300,000 men, drafted, and the greater
portion of them notified to that effect—
a few having taken "french leave," be-
fore receiving the notice.

Arrangements were made by the citi-
zens to have the full amount of men fur-
nished to clear the township. But by
some mistake or new arrangement, the
men were not put into the service, and
consequently those drafted are now held
to personal service, not giving them the
right to furnish a substitute.

We have no legal right to express our
opinion with regard to the matter, but
can not help saying that in the first place,
something must be "frotten in denmark";
and in the second place, we hope our
friends in Fox, may meet with better
success than they anticipate, from the
fact that they should be treated as oth-
ers have been.

We would most certainly on our
part, advise one and all, to come promptly
and report, and save the trouble and
expense of arrest. A portion of the
Board seem to think that, under the
circumstances—the order so far as re-
gards Fox township, by proper exertion
on their part, may be revoked, and give
to those who wish to do so, the chance
of getting a substitute.

We have been informed that a "shin-
dig" came off at the Hyde House, on
last evening (Friday 30th) in memory
of the memorable year, which is about
passing away, and of the bright and
glorious prospects of the incoming year,
1865.

We have no right to judge or even
intimate, that any thing was lacking,
to make the whole thing agreeable, but
we have the right to say, that few par-
ties come of as they should do, where
the Printer is not patronized—by way
of having a few hundred tickets printed.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—For
the benefit of our readers and all others
interested, we publish the following,
handed to us by the proper authorities,
to-wit:

"We are authorized to state that the
people of this Congressional District,
have now an opportunity to correct their
Enrollment lists. In view of the com-
ing draft, this is an important matter
and should be attended to at once.

Persons claiming exemption on the
grounds of Alienage, over age, under
age and physical disability, should pre-
sent their claims to the Board of Enroll-
ment, who will attend to such cases
daily until Feb. 1st 1865. Persons
who have recently moved into the dis-
trict should have their names placed
upon the lists, thereby lessening the
chances of any particular one being
drawn.

Attend to these matters without de-
lay and thereby save much trouble and
complaint when the draft is finally made."

FOUND DEAD.—On Saturday night
the 24th inst., the dead body of a man
named Peter M'Quirk, was found lying
on the tract of the R. R., about one
mile east of Rathbun's station, the back
part of his head was torn away, the
scalp was found lying on the tract, about
30 feet from the body. The gravel train
brought the body to St. Mary's, same
night. On Sunday, Justice Vollmer held
an inquest over the remains, the jury
found, death from the effect of a blow
or fall, which tore away the back part
of the head, cause unknown.

It is supposed that he was struck by
the Freight Train, as he was seen to
leave Rathbun's and go east shortly be-
fore the train arrived.

Since the oil fever seems to be the
prevailing epidemic, it would be well
for our property holders, to look closely
to what kind of contracts they make
with strangers, as many engaged in
purchasing leases or rights to operate
upon, are without capital. We copy the
following sensible article from the
McKean Miner, which should be suffi-
cient to put each and every person on
their guard.

"LOOK OUT FOR THEM.—Our town
has had many visitors of late who are
leaving up all the bottom lands in this
vicinity for oil speculations. Many
of these people are sharpers who have
neither money nor influence. They get
long leases, at a trifling cost, hoping that
before their leases expire, oil will be
found in this locality and they will be
able to sell out at a big figure.—We would
advise our people to lease to no strangers,
not even to acquaintances, without
compelling them, in the lease, to com-
mence operations within 90 days, which
is time enough for bona fide operators
to get on their machinery and go to
work. If oil should be discovered in
these valleys, which is not at all improb-
able, many of our people will regret
having given leases which never com-
pels the lessee to commence operations."

From the Erie Weekly Dispatch.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—An accident
occurred at the Lake Shore R. R. Depot
about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon,
which resulted in the instant death of
George S. Whitehall; Esq., of this city.
The accident happened while the engine
of the Cleveland and Erie branch was
backing up towards the Western engine
house, after having been disengaged
from the train just arrived from the
west. Mr. Whitehall, who is very deaf,
came upon the track at its junction with
Sassafras st., and stepped before the en-
gine at a distance of not more than ten
feet from it. The engine was instantly
reversed, but it was impossible to check
it in time to save him. He was pushed
along in the rear of the engine for several
feet, when he fell upon the track and
was rolled and crushed into an almost
indistinguishable mass, the wheels finally
passing over his arms and legs and separ-
ating them from his body.

Mr. Whitehall was about 50 years of
age, and had been employed at the Wes-
tern Freight Office for the last two years
as a book-keeper. He was a strong,
vigorous man, with no infirmity save an
almost total deafness, which had afflicted
him for many years, and has at last
caused his death. He was held in the
highest estimation by the Company, for
the neatness, accuracy and facility with
which he performed his duties. He was
well known throughout the city, and
his singularly genial and social nature
had won for him hosts of friends. The
death of no man in his sphere of life
could have been more deeply regretted.

Mr. Whitehall having no family,
resided with Mr. Charles Shirk, whose
wife was his sister. The remains were
conveyed to the residence on Ninth
Street, at which place the funeral ser-
vices will be held at 10 o'clock to-mor-
row morning.

THE WAR IN CLEARFIELD CO.
The Capture of 19 Bounty Jumpers
and Deserters.

A Desperate and Bloody Attack on
Company C, 16th Regiment Veteran
Reserves.

THE NOTORIOUS TOM ADAMS KILLED.
The Murder of Private Cooper.

Such is the highly important news
furnished the public by the Harrisburg
Telegraph of Friday last, and such is
the sensation style in which it is furnish-
ed. The Telegraph then proceeds to
give the startling details in the following
language:

From information received by Major
Dodge, A. P. M. G., we learn that the
troops dispatched from this post in quest
of bounty jumpers and deserters in
Clearfield county, came in collision with
a party of these desperadoes, and after a
desperate fight succeeded in killing
their leader, the notorious Tom Adams,
and capturing nineteen of the cut-
throats who fought by his side.

It appears from the information re-
ceived here, that Capt. Southworth, Co.
C, 16th Regiment Veteran Reserves, on
Monday evening was proceeding on the
road to Osceola, and, when near Phil-
lipsburg, ascertained that a large party
of deserters were concealed in a house
near by. Capt. S. at once made the ne-

cessary arrangements for the capture of
these rascals, and proceeded immedi-
ately to surround the place of their conceal-
ment.

On discovering the presence of the
troops, the deserters at once opened a
fierce fire.—The action, however, was
short and the notorious bounty jumper,
was instantly killed, nineteen of his as-
sociates being captured.—The loss on
our side amounted to killing of one man,
Private Cooper, formerly of the 6th
Regiment, New Hampshire Volun-
teers.

It is expected that this action will
constrain deserters who infest Clearfield
county to rally and entrench themselves
somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of
the region, and that before these gangs
are broken up and brought to justice, a
most bloody fight will occur.

Now, except as to the killing of the
two men named above, there is scarcely
a single word of truth in the above.
We have made every effort to get at the
facts, and while they are different sto-
ries in circulation we believe the main
facts in the following statement may be
relied upon:

The soldiers are stationed at Phillips-
burg, in Centre county. On Tuesday
night, the 13th instant, there was a party
at the house of Thomas Adams, in
Knox township, Clearfield county—some
12 or 13 miles from Phillipsburg, and
about the same distance from Osceola.
[This party is said to have given by
Adams to a brother-in-law, who had
just returned from the war with an
honorable discharge.] About 3 o'clock
on the morning of the 14th, a military
officer presented himself at the door
where the party was enjoying them-
selves, and demanded a surrender, stat-
ing that they were surrounded, &c.—
Adams immediately ran up stairs and
fired from the loft, (the house being but
a story and a half) killing one of the
soldiers. He then escaped from the other
end of the building, on the roof of
a shed, and thence to the ground, and
was making his way to the woods, when
he was ordered to halt, when failing to
do so five or six shots were fired at him,
only one, of which, however, took effect.
These were the only shots fired. The
rest of the men—18 or 19 in all—sur-
rendered without a struggle, were ironed
and marched off to Phillipsburg. Sever-
al revolvers were lying upon a bureau
in another part of the house, but their
owners could not, or did not attempt to,
reach them. Adams used a musket,
loaded with buckshot. After the sur-
render, a thorough search was made of
the premises, but beside some ten re-
volvers, and three or four guns, we
heard of nothing of a warlike character
being discovered.

During this time the door had been
kept closed, lasting perhaps an hour
and a half, when Mrs. Adams was the
first to go out, and was the first to dis-
cover the dead body of her husband
about ten feet from the door.

The only person injured, besides the
two who were killed, was a son of John
M. Chase, whose "loyalty," we presume,
will not be questioned. Some of the
soldiers, it is supposed, mistook him for
the person who fired the shot that killed
the soldier, and gave him a severe blow
across the temple with the butt-end of a
pistol.

Who were the men arrested, we have
not heard; except that there was not a
single citizen of Knox township among
them. A man named Jacob Reed,
whose "loyalty" is above suspicion, and
one or two other citizens of Woodward
township, were among the captives. The
rest of the party were citizens of ad-
joining counties. Whether they were
"bounty jumpers," or "deserters," or
escaped conscripts, or citizens pursuing
their lawful calling, we are unable to
say. They were all marched to Phil-
lipsburg on Wednesday, and we pre-
sume, have since been sent eastward.

Adams, the "avowed traitor," and
notorious bounty jumper," was, we be-
lieve, originally from Cambria county.
In 1860, he was among the most ardent
of Republicans, and was among the first
to volunteer his services. How long he
remained in the service, nor why he
left it, we are not advised, further than
that his denunciation of the men he
had assisted in putting into power was
of the most impassioned character. He

was not a "bounty jumper," at least this
is the first time we have ever heard the
charge made against him.

This, then, is the sum and substance
of this "Desperate and Bloody Attack
on Company C, 16th Regiment Veteran
Reserves," this "desperate fight," in
which the deserters were "concealed" in
a house, and "opened a fierce fire!"

Where our "mountain fastnesses" are,
where the "deserters who infest Clear-
field county" are, to rally and entrench
themselves, we are totally ignorant,
but when they are "brought to justice,"
and that "most bloody fight" came off,
we will try and be there to see.

The fact of the "party" at Adams'
seems to have been no "concealed" affair.
But it is alleged that information of the
fact was conveyed to the military officers
at Phillipsburg on Monday or Tuesday,
and a guide furnished to pilot them
across the country, crossing Clearfield
creek about the mouth of Pot's run.

A letter from Phillipsburg, dated the
15th, and published in the Telegraph
of the 16th, gives a more truthful ac-
count of this sad affair. But the writer
spoils his story by closing his letter as
follows: "Major Gabel, (the officer in
command) is determined to arrest every
deserter, and every disloyal man who
has assisted in fomenting this resistance
to the Government.

Who Major Gabel is we know not.
We take it for granted that he is a man
of sense, and understands his duty as a
military officer. But if we were mista-
ken in this; if he is a second Paine, or
Lew Wallace, and the Jacobin leaders
of this county become common infor-
mers, then some twenty-seven hundred
Democrats of Clearfield county must pre-
pare themselves for seizure and arrest,
for these same leaders—including this
same Phillipsburg libeller, who is doubt-
less some miserable creature subsisting
upon public or private charity—have
time and again charged every man of
us as being "disloyal," and as "fomen-
ting resistance to the Government." If
our political opponents shall constitute
themselves judges of their neighbors'
"loyalty," and Major Gabel shall at-
tempt to execute their mandate, why,
all we have to say now is, that that
"Dark Day" for our country is nearer
at hand than we had anticipated.

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things a lady cannot do:

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2d. She cannot see a piece of lace with-
out asking the price.
3d. She cannot see a baby without
kissing it.
A lady of our acquaintance turns the
tables on the gentlemen as follows:
Three things a gentleman cannot do:
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2d. He cannot have a shirt made to
suit him.
3d. He can never be satisfied with the
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the traveling public.
Luthersburg, July 16th 1864.—1y.

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Luthersburg, July 27th 1864.—1f.

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