

ELK ADVOCATE
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Herein the Press the people's rights maintain
I saved by party and unbrided by gain
I fled but to Truth, Liberty and Law,
No favor sought and no fear shall awe.

S. M. PETTINGILL & CO.,
ADVERTISING AGENCY
119 Nassau St., New York
and 10 State St., Boston

Many of our Merchants are at
present complaining of the dullness
of the times, sales small &c. &c.

ABOUT TO CLOSE.—The Provost
Marshals office of the 19th District,
is about winding up business.

OIL PROSPECTS.—The prospects of
finding oil in this place, are daily
increasing.

The different hotels in our village
for the last ten days, have been filled
to overflowing, by visitors.

We call the attention of our citi-
zens, and the citizens of the county gen-
erally, to the advertisement of the
GREAT WORLD CIRCUS which will
visit Ridgway Elk county on Monday
the 26th inst.

The fact that slavery is dead, is
accepted by all, and none realize it more
fully than the people of the South.

THE DEER CREEK OIL WELL.—
his old well, which has been so much
talked of, is now 530 feet deep—the rim-
mer which was fast in the bottom, hav-
ing been taken out, and boring commen-
ced a couple of weeks ago.

day evening last a strong vein of gas
and oil was struck, and the gas took fire
from a lamp, causing an extensive con-
flagration.

Stunning Letter from General Sherman.

New York, May 25.
The following is the letter from Gen-
eral Sherman complaining of the sup-
pression of his official reports, already
referred to:

CAMP NEAR ALEXANDRIA,
May 19, 1865.

Dear Bowman!—I am just arrived.
All my army will be in to-day. I have
been lost to the world in the woods for
some time. Yet on arriving at the
"settlements" found that I have made
quite a stir among the people at home,
and that the most sinister motives have
been ascribed to me.

It may be thought strange that one
who has no fame but as a soldier, should
have been so careful to try and restore
the civil power of the government and
the peaceful jurisdiction of the federal
courts; but it is difficult to discover in
that fact any just cause of offense to an
enlightened and free people; but when
men choose to slander and injure others
they can easily invent the facts for the
purpose, when the proposed victim is far
away engaged in public service of their
own bidding.

RECONSTRUCTION POLICY OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

A PROCLAMATION by the President
of the United States of America:

WHEREAS, The fourth section of the
fourth article of the Constitution of the
United States declares that the United
States shall guarantee to every State in
the Union a republican form of Govern-
ment, and shall protect each of them
against invasion and domestic violence.

And whereas, The President of the
United States is, by the Constitution,
made Commander-in-chief of the army
and navy, and as well as chief executive
office of President of the United
States, and to take care that the laws be
faithfully executed;

And whereas, The rebellion which
has been waged by a portion of the peo-
ple of the United States against the
properly constituted authorities of the
Government thereof in the most violent
way and revolting form, but whose or-
ganized and armed forces have now been
almost entirely overcome, has, in its
revolutionary progress, deprived the
people of the State of North Carolina of
all civil government;

And whereas, It becomes necessary
and proper to carry out and enforce the
obligations of the United States to the
people of North Carolina, in securing
them in the enjoyment of a republican
form of government;

Now, therefore, In obedience to the
high and solemn duties imposed upon
me by the Constitution of the United
States, and for the purpose of enabling
the loyal people of the said State to or-
ganize a state government, whereby
justice may be established, domestic
tranquility insured, the loyal citizens
protected in all their rights of life, liber-
ty, and property,

I, Andrew Johnson, President of the

United States and Commander-in-Chief
of the army and navy of the United
States, do hereby appoint Wm. H.
Holden Provisional Governor of the
State of North Carolina, whose duty it
shall be, at the earliest practicable pe-
riod, to prescribe such rules and regula-
tions as may be necessary and proper
for convening a convention, composed
of delegates to be chosen by that portion
of the people of said State who are loyal
to the United States, and no others, for
the purpose of altering or amending the
constitution thereof, and with authority
to exercise within the limits of the said
State all the powers necessary and prop-
er to enable such loyal people of the
State of North Carolina to restore the
said State to its constitutional rela-
tions to the Federal Government,
and to present such a republi-
can form of State Government as
will entitle the State to the guarantee of
the United States therefor, and its people
to protection by the United States against
invasion, insurrection and domestic violence.

Provided, that in any election that
may be hereafter held for choosing dele-
gates to any State Convention as afore-
said, no person shall be qualified as an
elector or shall be eligible as a member
of such Convention unless he shall have
previously taken and subscribed to the
oath of amnesty as set forth in the
President's Proclamation of May 29th,
A. D. 1865, and is a voter qualified as
prescribed by the Constitution and laws
of the State of North Carolina in force
immediately before the 20th day of May,
A. D. 1861, the date of the so called or-
dinance of secession.

And the said Convention, when con-
vened, or the Legislature which may be
thereafter assembled, will prescribe the
qualifications of electors, and the eligi-
bility of persons to hold office under the
Constitution and laws of the State, a
power the people of the several States
comprising the Federal Union have
rightly exercised from the origin of
the Government to the present time;
and I do hereby direct:

First. That the military commander
of the Department and all officers and
persons in the military and naval service
aid and assist the said provisional Gov-
ernor in carrying into effect this procla-
mation; and they are enjoined to ab-
stain from in any way hindering, im-
peding or discouraging the loyal people
from the organization of a State Govern-
ment as herein authorized.

Second. That the Secretary of
State proceed to put in force all laws of
the United States, the administration
whereof belongs to the State Depart-
ment, applicable to the geographical lim-
its aforesaid.

Third. That the Secretary of the
Treasury proceed to nominate for ap-
pointment assessors of taxes and collec-
tors of customs and internal revenue,
and such other officers of the Treasury
Department as are authorized by law,
and put in execution the revenue laws
of the United States within the geo-
graphical limits aforesaid. In making
appointments, the preference shall be
given to qualified loyal persons residing
within the district where their respective
duties are to be performed; but if suit-
able residents of districts shall not be
found, then persons residing in other
States or districts shall be appointed.

Fourth. That the Postmaster-Gen-
eral proceed to establish post routes and
put into execution the postal laws of the
United States within the said State,
giving the local residents the preference
of appointment; but if suitable residents
are not found, then to appoint agents,
&c., from other States.

Fifth. That the district judge for
the judicial district in which North
Carolina is included proceed to hold
courts within the said State, in accor-
dance with the provisions of the act of
Congress. The Attorney-General will
instruct the proper officers to libel and
bring to judgment, confiscation, and
enforce the administration of justice, within
said State in all matters within the
cognizance and jurisdiction of the sever-
al courts.

Sixth. That the Secretary of the
Navy take possession of all public prop-
erty belonging to the Navy Department
within the said geographical limits, and
put in operation all acts of Congress in
relation to naval affairs having applica-
tion to said State.

States the eighty-ninth.
By the President,
ANDREW JOHNSON.
WM. H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State.
JEFF. DAVIS' HEALTH IMPAIR-
ED.
Place of His Trial not Deter-
mined.

Disagreement between Secre-
taries Usher and Harlan.
Sick and Wounded Soldiers in Hospitals.
MRS. JEFF. DAVIS AT SAVAN-
NAH.
Wants to go to England and France.

Special of Western Associated Press.
NEW YORK, June 7.

The Herald's Fort Monroe special
says: Jeff. Davis' health is very much
impaired, medical attendance wait on
him daily. The greatest vigilance is
observed respecting visitors inside the
fort.

The Herald's Washington special
says: Rumors of disagreement between
Secretaries Usher and Harlan have been
exaggerated. There is an unfriendly
feeling between these gentlemen, grow-
ing out of certain appointments and
contracts. A difficulty has also arisen,
relative to the Pacific Railroad Compa-
ny's claim to have completed forty miles
of road as required by law, and to be
entitled to a certain amount of Govern-
ment bonds stipulate to be issued to
them when that portion of the road was
completed.

Commissioners were appointed to ex-
amine the road, whose report Mr. Har-
lan has rejected, and other commissioners
have been appointed.

The same special says it is not yet
fully determined where to try Jefferson
Davis. It may be in Baltimore or even
in Philadelphia.

Ex-Governor Brown, of Georgia goes
home on parole to try to organize and
bring back the State to its first love.

Mr. Boyce, of South Carolina, is said
to be on good terms with the Presi-
dent.

The President's definitive policy will
be reserved till after the trials are
over.

There are about 60,000 sick and
wounded soldiers in hospitals through-
out the country. This number is being
rapidly reduced by discharges of conva-
lescents. A rule has been adopted in
all departments, that where vacancies
occur which is not essential should be
immediately filled, they shall be kept
open until some wounded officer or sol-
dier shall be found competent for pos-
sion. All minor places in departments
are being filled as they become vacant
with wounded or disabled soldiers, and
applications from others are useless.

The Times' special says: Secretary
Mculloch, in order to meet all demands
upon the Treasury, has decided to pay
fifty per cent. in currency and fifty per
cent. in certificates of indebtedness, on
all claims over two thousand dollars,
except those of the army.

R. H. Gillette, Esq., of New Lebanon,
Columbus county, N. Y., by letter, in-
forms the Clerk of the Supreme Court
of this District, that he is retained by
some friends of Jeff. Davis, as counsel
for the latter, under the indictment
found on the 24th of May.

The World's special says: The Re-
publican asserts with great positiveness
that the Government has not only not
decided to try Jeff. Davis before the
civil court of this district, but it has not
decided to try him yet before any civil
tribunal. It intimates very clearly that
his trial will take place before a military
commission.

The Star says preparation are going
forward to try Davis before a civil court
in about ten days.

The bridge crossing the Rappahan-
nock is being rebuilt, and the old short
line from Washington to Richmond will
be resumed in a few days.

The long disputed French tobacco in
Richmond is now in course of shipment
to France, most of it was found unharmed
by the great fire in that city.

The Tribune's special says: Colonel
George C. Rogers, Fifteenth Illinois
Veteran Volunteers, has been brevetted
Brigadier General at the instance of
Generals Grant, Logan and Blair.

The Savannah Herald mentions the
arrival of Mrs. Davis and party from
Fortress Monroe, and says, Mrs. Davis
expressed great anxiety to go to Europe
and inquired for vessels to Nassau or
any other place which she could get to
England or France. She also made a
remark that she had probably seen Mr.
Davis for the last time.

CHARLESTON, June 7.—The steamer
Grenada, Captain Baxter, from New
York, arrived here this morning at 7
o'clock.

Admiral Dahlgren goes North in the
steamer Dosea.

Most of the naval vessels of this
squadron have gone home North or
South.

The North and South Atlantic block-
ading squadrons are to be consolidated
under Commodore Radford.

The steamer Delaware has been
wrecked off Fort Johnson.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Completion of the Atlantic Cable.

The British Press Against the Hang-
ing of Jeff.

Bad State of Things in Richmond.

Protest of the Poor Whites and Negroes
Against Federal Officers.

The Former Rebel Mayor Reinstated.

Refusal of Whites in Alabama to
Work.

Father Point, June 11.

The following is a summary of news
sent out by the City of London, which
sailed from Liverpool, May 31st, for
New York:

The Atlantic Cable was completed on
the 29th May. At a banquet given
by the contractors all parties seemed sat-
isfied with the great results already ob-
tained, and expressed almost a certainty
of the enterprise being a great success.

In the House of Commons, in answer
to a question, Mr. Cardwell said that ef-
forts had been made for colonization of
the Red River district, but without pre-
sent results. The Government acknowl-
edges the right of property in land by
the Hudson Bay company under their
charter.

The Owl says that the Canada dele-
gates have established a complete mis-
sion with the Imperial Government as
to the fortifications of Quebec and Mon-
treal. They firmly believe the propos-
ed confederation will be carried out.

The journals continue discussing the
fate of Jeff. Davis.

The Daily News hopes mercy will be
extended, not but that he fully deserves
punishment, but because the principles
of the federal government represent the
already vindication so triumphantly,
that nothing can be added.

No punishment could be greater than
failure, and mercy would cause no regret
in future years.

The Times says after the enormous
language of the President we can no
longer regard the case with confidence
or unconcern. It may prove a fortunate
or fatal success, as the policy of the
government may be so effected by the
personal views of the President.

In the House of Commons, questions
were as to the reported demands of the
Alabama Government on account of the
Alabama's depredations.

Lord Palmerston said communications
had been taking place for claims lately
made which were of the same kind as
formerly made. He could not say
whether the instructions were issued by
President Johnson or Lincoln. He said
an impression prevailed since Johnson's
accession, that new claims had been
made in a totally different spirit than
formerly. That impression was alto-
gether unfounded.

Mr. Seward said 'no fresh demands
had been made.

The rupture between the Emperor
and Prince Napoleon was complete.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily
News says the Great Unpardonable
was in the present delicate crisis on the
Mexican question.

Meloin, chief of the cabinet Maxi-
milian, had arrived in Paris and had
since gone to Brazil.

Advices from Florence state that ne-
gotiations are progressing favorably.

Camp Dennison, O., June 12.

The 89th Ohio volunteer infantry,
colored, numbering 330 men and a de-
tachment of the 17th O. V. I., number-
ing 85 men, arrived yesterday at 8 A.
M., from Petersburg, Va.

The steamer Liberty brings Havana
dates of the 7th. The order for the defi-
nite evacuation of San Domingo had
been received from Spain.

The news from Mexico unimpor-
tant.

The Era Nouvelle does not think
American emigration would be danger-
ous to the interests of the Empire.

Apollistic Nunzia Neglia had left for
Europe.

The entertainment given to the offi-
cers of our ironclad fleet passed off in a
most satisfactory manner. The authori-
ties had visited the monitor, expressing
great gratification.

The Tribune's Richmond correspon-
dent details the treatment negroes are
subjected to in that city and vicinity,
showing that poor people are treated by
our authorities both before and after the
rebellion.

An appeal from the Richmond ne-
groes for protection is also published.
They state that they are required to get
some white person to give them a pass to
enable them to attend to their
daily occupation, without which they
are marched of to the negro bull pen.

The rebel mayor Mayo has been rein-
stated, and he has re-appointed his rebel
policemen, who were notorious and in-
famous negro hunters, and who now oc-
cupy themselves in entering houses of in-
offensive negroes, dragging them out
and imprisoning them.

The Times' Mobile correspondent
represents a terrible state of affairs in
Alabama. There is absolute social de-
moralization: Labor is so despised by
the whites that they actually prefer
starvation or begging to work in any
form, and even in their penury and
wretchedness they show the most violent
spirit of disaffection. Military protec-
tion is necessary against the destruction
of the whole population of anarchy.

The Herald's Savannah correspondent
says that Seddon, the rebel Secretary of
War, Judge Campbell, and R. M. Hun-
ter, have been taken to Fort Pulaski for
confinement.

The Herald's Washington special says
it is understood that Judge Sharkey will
be made provisional Governor of Ala-
bama.

The Herald's Richmond correspon-
dent says Gov. Smith, of Va., is about
to surrender himself.

The Times' Washington special says
the President will soon issue a proclama-
tion putting an end to the purchase by
government agents of products of late
insurrectionary States, thus removing the
25 per cent. tax and leaving the products
to be taxed under the general law, as in
other states.

The World's Florence correspondent
says a reconciliation has taken place be-
tween the Pope and Victor Emanuel,
and that the latter will be crowned Em-
peror by the former.

New York, June 12.

We are officially notified that for the
present the extent of the government
business over the Southern wires neces-
sitate the suspension of arrangements in
progress, to re-establish the old relations
between the Associated Press and editors
South of Washington. Meantime, active
efforts are being made to increase the
telegraphic localities so as to insure a
prompt dispatch of all business to or
from the South.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION POSTPONED.

At the formal meeting of the
Democratic State Central Committee
it was resolved that the State Con-
vention should be called to meet at Harris-
burg, on Wednesday, the 21st day of
June, inst., but having since learned
from a majority of the Committee, and
being advised by many other leading
Democrats of the State, that a postpone-
ment to a later day would, on many ac-
counts, be acceptable, and is generally
desired. I hereby give notice that the
next Democratic State Convention of
Pennsylvania, will convene at the Hall
of the House of Representatives, in the
city of Harrisburg, on Thursday, the
24th day of August next at one o'clock
P. M.

C. L. WARD, Chairman,
TOWANDA, June 1st 1865.

The Mummies of Theres. Messrs
Ayer & Co have received from Alexan-
dria a cargo of rags to pay for their
medicines, which are largely sold in
Egypt. They are evidently gathered
from all classes and quarters of the
Pacha's dominions—the cast-off gar-
ments of Hodjiss and Howadjiss—white
linen turbans, loose breeches and flow-
ing robes. Not the least part of their
bulk is cloth in which bodies were em-
balmed and wound for preservation three
thousand years ago. They are now to be
made into paper for Ayer's Almanacs,
and thus, after having wrapped the dead
for thirty centuries, are used to warm
the living from the narrow house which
they have so long inhabited, and to
which, in spite of all our guards and
cautions, we must so surely go.—Daily
Evening Journal.

Wouldn't You Like to Know?

I know a girl with teeth of pearl,
And shoulders white as snow,
She lives—ah! well,
I must not tell—
Wouldn't you like to know!

Her sunny hair is wondrous fair,
And wavy in its flow;
Who made it less
One little tress—
Wouldn't you like to know?

Her eyes are like (celestial hue!)
And dazzling in their glow;
On whom they beam
With melting gleam—
Wouldn't you like to know?

Her lips are red and finely wed,
Like roses ere they blow;
What lover sighs
Those dewy lips—
Wouldn't you like to know?

Her foot is small and has a fall
Like snow flakes on the snow;
And where it goes
Beneath the rose—
Wouldn't you like to know?

She has a name, the sweetest name
That language can bestow:
'Twould break the spell
If I should tell—
Wouldn't you like to know?

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.—Letters of Administra-
tion cum testamento annexo, on the
estate of Anthony Kuntz, late of the bor-
ough of St. Mary's, deceased, having
been granted to the undersigned. All
persons indebted to said estate are re-
quested to make payment and those
having claims to present them without
delay to

ADOLPH FOCHTMAN,
St. Mary's, Elk Co. Pa.

June, 1st '65.—6w.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to late
Firms of C. Lühr & Co, and Fred Schoning
& Co., are requested their accounts by the
first of July next, either by note or other-
wise, when the accounts will then be left
for immediate collection. Persons indebted
to Fred Schoning & Co., will find their ac-
counts at Centreville until the above stated
time.

CHAS. LUHR.
St. Mary's, May 15th 1865.