

Presbyterian Banner.

PITTSBURGH, AUGUST 2, 1862.

The War.

We have neither victories nor defeats to record, for the last week. There have been a few skirmishes and raids, but no battles. Neither has there been much of army movements. We may regard ourselves as on the defensive throughout our whole line.

PERSONAL.

Marlin Van Buren, the eighth President of the United States, was born at Kinderhook, New York, December 5, 1782, and died at the same place, July 24, 1862; he was, therefore, in the eightieth year of his age at his death.

Gov. Curtin has engaged to address the principal public meetings in this State, for the purpose of aiding in the enlistments of new volunteer regiments.

Gov. Todd, of Ohio, has called out volunteers for thirty days to defend the State against incursions from Kentucky.

General News.

Will then the people, henceforth cease their clamors, and especially their dictation, and allow the Government to conduct the war? Will they furnish an army adequate to the task before us?

Disolution of Partnership. The business firm of David McKinney & Co. has been dissolved by mutual consent of the partners.

Gen. Halleck at the Head of the Army. The following order has been recently published: EXERCISES MANSION, July 11, 1862.

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This system, as you are aware, was adopted without any intention on the part of your Excellency, or of the General Government to make an unfair distribution between the States.

By-Senator Upham, of New York, has been appointed Judge, under the New Slave Trade Treaty, to represent this Government, at Cape Good Hope.

July 24.—Gen. Halleck and staff, accompanied by Gen. Burnside, left this evening for Fortress Monroe, Va.

The Secretary of the Navy has formally given notice that the spirit ration will cease in the navy from and after the 1st of September.

The story that the United States has made a secret treaty with France, stipulating that the former should not interfere with Napoleon's designs in Mexico, and that the latter shall not interfere in our affairs, is an entire fabrication.

Maj. Dozier, Provost-Marshal, to-day made an order directing that all consigned stores and soldiers' food at drinking and gambling-places, and other improper places, be put away, and to return them to their respective owners.

July 25.—The steamer 'Proctor' arrived at the Navy Yard, last night, bringing the price of the 'Proctor' to \$1,200,000.

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