

Presbyterian Banner. PITTSBURGH, AUGUST 12, 1863

The weather is utterly too warm to do much at either marching or fighting, especially in low latitudes and along rivers and bays.

On the contrary, discipline in the rebel armies has been most stringent and severe. Appeals to Richmond from the decisions of courts-martial or the orders of Generals in the field are seldom permitted, and there is no interference by politicians with the government and discipline of the troops.

Conversion of Victorians. He was a man of great learning, far advanced in life, well skilled in all liberal knowledge. He had read, criticized and illustrated many philosophers; he had taught many illustrious men, and had been honored by a statue erected in the Roman Forum, as a reward of his magisterial labors, and even in his old age was a worshiper of idols, and a partaker of all the rites to which almost the whole Roman nobility at that time were addicted; moreover, he had many friends, men of the most stoutr and absurd objects of worship to which the common people had been accustomed.

General Gilmore prosecutes the siege of Charleston with steadiness. Approaches to Fort Wagner are difficult, owing to the nature of the ground. The island is low, and mainly sand. Mining underground is hence impossible, for the top pours down; and deep ditching cannot be done, for the water finds its way in.

Recruiting still progresses rather slowly. Every rational encouragement should be given in this way. The more vigor we put forth, the sooner will the war be closed, and the more honorable will be the terms of peace.

Pennsylvania Nominations. The Union State Convention met in Pittsburgh on the 5th inst., and nominated His Excellency Andrew G. Curtin for reelection, as Governor of Pennsylvania; and Hon. Daniel Agnew, Esq., of Beaver, for Judge of the Supreme Court.

Gov. Curtin is now a tried man. He has proved himself to be adequate to the demands of the times; truly a patriot, most prompt and energetic in the raising of forces for the war, conservative of Pennsylvania's best interests, fearless in his discharge of duty, and untiring in his industry. Those who would urge the war efficiently, to the preservation of the Union and the enforcement of the laws, have good reason to confide in Governor Curtin.

Some Reasons of Rebel Success. We have several times spoken of political influence, as injurious to our military operations, and urged that the war should be waged on military principles. We are glad to find some of our political papers, beginning to urge the same thought.

The newspaper press has had a most pernicious influence upon the character of our officers and the discipline of our army. Those who have attempted to enforce discipline by punishing disorder and crime in camp, have often been subjected to the most unmerited abuse, the guilty parties writing and publishing, with impunity, whatever they pleased, while military propriety and self-respect have prevented the commanding officer from entering into such discussions with his superiors. In fact, we have attempted to carry on our military operations as we carry on our political campaigns, by newspaper misrepresentations and abuse.

General News.

First National Bank of Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh Trust Company has organized itself into the First National Bank of Pittsburgh, and having complied with some requirements of the act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," has been duly authorized by the Comptroller of the Currency, to commence the business of banking under said Act. The same Board of Directors which has managed so successfully the affairs of the late Trust Company, including President James Laughlin and Cashier John D. Scently, will take charge of the new bank.

From Fortress Moiner. Fort Moiner, August 9.—The expedition that left here on the 4th, under the direction of Major Gen. Foster, was accompanied by the turret-mounted gunboats Commodore Barney and Cohasset.

Washington. August 7.—The following is an official statement of the sums forwarded by the Paymaster General for the payment of the following arrears for May and June: Rosencrans's... \$4,750,000; Grant's... 2,500,000; Burnside's... 2,000,000; Gilmore's... 1,250,000; Sherman's... 1,000,000; Schofield's... 1,000,000; Pope's... 750,000; Meade's... 650,000; Total... \$17,250,000.

Union Majority in Kentucky. Cincinnati, August 9.—At the Kentucky election, Beaman's (Union) majority in fifty-eight counties is \$93,774.

Live Work at the New York Navy Yard. Once more there is a rush of business at the Navy Yard. There are three thousand men, who are engaged in the construction of ironclad frigates, and are rapidly accomplishing all the labor laid out for them. Yesterday two vessels—the Fish Hawk and the Commodore Perry—were put in commission, while other ships were hauling into their berths to be operated on Saturday and Sunday forenoon.

England. To show the enormity of England's present course toward us, let us suppose that while she was fully occupied in putting down the great rebellion in India, some of the states which she had subdued, but never loyal country, had sent against her to this country with huge bands of ruffians to burn, to murder, to plunder, to terrorize, to amuse and enjoy material war, and necessary to carry on a protracted defence. Suppose in addition that these ruffians would set fire to our cities, and burn our houses, and destroy our power, and then would send out by sea, to our shores, hundreds of thousands of slaves, and then would send out by sea, to our shores, hundreds of thousands of slaves, and then would send out by sea, to our shores, hundreds of thousands of slaves.

Southwestern News. Cairo, Aug. 6.—All the rebel territory west of the Mississippi river can not be cleared of every organized rebel force.

Death of Wm. L. Farney. The Montgomery Advertiser, of the 28th ult., contains the announcement of the death of Wm. L. Farney, who died at 8 o'clock, P. M., at his residence near Montgomery, on the 24th of his age. He suffered during a severe illness of the kidneys.

Union Vessels at Charleston. Fort Moiner, Aug. 8.—The Charleston Courier of the 8th, says there were about twenty-seven vessels inside the bar yesterday, including the Ironsides and six monitors, also twenty-five in Stone Linn.

Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad. The estimated earnings of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad for July were as follows: Freight, \$105,000; passengers, \$71,100; express, \$28,500; mail, \$10,000. Total for July, 1862, \$219,055. Increase, \$51,585.

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