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BERRY WAR NEWS.

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STALKE'S Patriot and Union

State. Some of the most important can be had at the cost of 50 cents without reserve.

The Old Flag of the Confederacy was in triumph at every point where rebels and traitors have confronted each other to decide the fate of the Republic by the blood of battle.

Vicksburg and Port Hudson have fallen—their garrisons captured, and powers, and the Father of Waters is open to the free navigation of the nation from the source of the Mississippi replied the attack of Price at Holmes, capturing some 2,000 of his men, and then dashed the last hope of rebel domination on the Mississippi. Six months ago Jeff Davis declared before the Mississippi legislature, that "the Confederacy must stand or fall by the defense of the River." The River has fallen from the cruel embrace of treason, and the Confederacy歇s in the "last violent throes of death."

Little Rock, the capital of Arkansas, has just been captured by Gen. Blunt, and Jackson, the capital of Mississippi, has been captured by Gen. Sherman, with 6,000 prisoners. Johnston is now retreating upon Pearl River, with his shattered and hopeless army.

Bragg has been driven nearly out of Tennessee by Rosecrans, with a loss of 4,000 prisoners, and Chattanooga and all East Tennessee, with thousands of loyal souls, are now, or soon must be, under the protection of the Old Flag.

Lee has been retreating his defeated army to Virginia as rapidly as possible, and Meade is pursuing him on the eastern side of the Ridge, and will, we trust, strike the rebel commander at Fredericksburg and attack route the demoralized and despairing remnants of his army. Invasion of force is again threatening, giving the deepest alarm to the state to the vital of existence. If Meade shall reach Lee at Fredericksburg, the rebellion of Lee's army will cease to exist in history.

Charleston, the hotbed of the rebellion, is about to pay the penalty of her baseless war upon the government. The doomed city is now closely besieged by land and water; the outskirts of the enemy have been gained, and East Shuter, on which the first flag was struck to traitors, must soon "surrender" to the gallant Gilmore.

In the brief period of thirty days, the most base treason has been discovered at every point; and the cause of Free Government, under the guidance of Him who holds the reigns of Justice, seems to break upon the nunc-tide of victory.

THE PATRIOT AND UNION.

The popular disappoiment at the retreat of Lee with the remnant of his army, across the Potomac with comparative safety is keen and unfeigned. With many the unreasoning hope was clasped with confidence that he would be utterly destroyed or captured; but with the more reflecting there prevailed a conviction that Lee would deliver battle with every chance of success and that the rebel hosts would be routed and probably destroyed in many.

It is possible that General Meade could have engaged Lee on Monday of last week, and repelled him. Certainly Lee does not know how helpless Lee was just then, with part of his artillery already across the river, the destruction of Lee's army must have been imminent. Had it been so, not only would Lee have been lost, but the whole of the Army of Northern Virginia up to the Gettysburg battle, before Gen. Meade could have crossed the river, would have been lost. Instead of Lee retreating with a敗军, he had advanced to a victory, and the result would now be to bring with the gallant Army of Northern Virginia the outcome of the battle of Fredericksburg to Washington. Disgraced

presenting a strong front to Meade and his followers. The leaders were very much surprised when they were told that the rebels had been beaten, and that Lee had been driven to the south bank of the Rappahannock. Lee had then full twenty-four hours to get Meade in his movement, and he was falling back toward his base, stretching his forces, while the pursuit by Meade extended himself and involved immense transportation of provisions and ammunition over two thousand miles and bad roads.

Lee had but to recross the South Mountain into Franklin county by the Gettysburg and Maryland passes, and from thence but a straight line to the river, reaching the new position in a march of thirty miles. On the other hand Meade's army had been brought to Gettysburg by the most exhausting forced marches, with the smallest possible amount of transportation, and the very hour his troops reached there the engagement commenced, and for three days it raged with the deadliest fury until full twenty thousand of his gallant warriors were numbered with the dead, wounded and captured. Although victorious in holding his position and utterly defeating and turning back the rebel hordes under Lee, still the shock of that battle, with the dead and wounded of both armies in his hands, left his army in a sorry condition for prompt pursuit. He did pursue, however, as rapidly as was possible to move and supply his men; but he had to march nearly thirty miles to Frederick, thence across the Catoctin and South mountains to Boonsboro, nearly twenty miles more, and then found the rebel lines extending from Shepherdstown to Williamsport, as marked on the map by dotted lines) and also covering Hagerstown. He promptly made reconnoissance from Boonsboro to the Antietam, to Burkittown and Hagerstown, and Sedgwick compelled Lee to retreat from the Shepherdstown ford and shorten his line immediately around Williamsport.

The position thus chosen by Lee was one of singular strength naturally, and was fortified so as to make it almost impregnable. Meade might have attacked it successfully on Sunday, but at a sacrifice of nearly two of his brave veterans to one of the enemy, and even if successful in driving Lee from his chosen and fortified position—a success as yet never achieved by either side in this war, although attempted by Burnside at Fredericksburg and Lee at Gettysburg—Lee could still have retreated up the Potomac, and, if pressed, could have chosen a position at Hancock in the mountains from which double the force of Meade could not dislodge him. With an adequate force on the south side of the Potomac, he might have suffered capture; but he could scarcely have failed to make good his escape across the river before the Union army could have been thus disposed to cut off his retreat.

We doubt not that Meade manœuvred his army under positive instructions from the Commander-in-Chief not to "move Washington, or, in other words, not to deliver battle with the enemy between him and the National Capitol. The peril of this movement, however, prevented Meade from throwing his army around from Bouldon to Hagerstown to attack Lee from the West on his comparatively unprotected left flank. But such a change in the Union forces could not have been made for an attack in less than twenty-four hours, and Lee would have simply declined battle by crossing the Potomac, as it was possible by the time Meade could have reached a position on his left.

It is due to Gen. Meade, who so nobly redeemed Northern soil from rebel invasion by his skill and heroism at Gettysburg, that the almost immeasurable difficulties which confronted him in his pursuit and attempt to engage Lee again, should be known and duly considered. Had he hurried his decimated army upon Lee's fortified lines on Saturday or Sunday, and suffered a repulse, Lee would have been re-inforced and renewed his offensive movements upon our side and the fruits of the deadly conflict of Gettysburg for the cause of rebellion, appeals to every loyal impulse to fit the injured and blotted rolls, and swell its columns until it shall be triumphant in the holy war against the irreconcileable authors of the Southern Secession.

On the morning of Tuesday, July 1st, of

we must be thankful that Meade has been destroyed, let us thank God for the rich gifts which He has given them. We must be thankful that the rebels have been beaten, and that Lee has been driven to the south bank of the Rappahannock. Lee had then full twenty-four hours to get Meade in his movement, and he was falling back toward his base, stretching his forces, while the pursuit by Meade extended himself and involved immense transportation of provisions and ammunition over two thousand miles and bad roads.

We have said much, not only in this, but in other dispatches, of the war of the confederate, of "bagging" rebel armies; but in fact operations such results are simply annihilations. Bull Run was fought at Fredericksburg with Lee's army in the rear, commanded by rebel batteries, yet he withdrew his army safely, losing his dead, and wounded. Hooker was defeated at Chancellorsville with a river in his rear to protect him, and Sedgwick was at the same time repulsed with fearful loss on the Fredericksburg heights, but both recrossed their commands in safety in the very face and under the very guns of a rebel commander to whom masterly ability is conceded by friend and foe. Nor did Hooker and Burnside withdraw their commands from before an army which had been fought, marched, and just from fields dripping with the gore of full one-fourth their comrades who entered the battle. Lee's army was comparatively fresh and on its long open ground after the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and their loss in neither engagement equalled ours. Yet the Union army retreated in safety, as "dissolved from the front of Meade, nor was Lee held as wanting in ability or energy because he did not "bag" Burnside and Hooker. And it is worthy of consideration that the repulse of Burnside and Sedgwick at Fredericksburg, and the disastrous repulse of Lee at Gettysburg, were the results of attacks against skillfully selected and fortified positions just such as Lee held, and Meade must have assailed at Williamsport. Let us recall justly if not generously with our heroes, and sustain and strengthen their hearts by future triumphs, rather than cripple them with ill-considered and unmerited criticism. Gen. Meade has done well—who has done better?

DEMOCRATIC PAPER IN THE MEAN.

The Harrisburg Patriot and Union is the central organ of the Democratic party of the State, and claims to favor the suppression of the treasonable and murderous rebellion now seeking to destroy the Republic. Few and heartless are the words of encouragement it gives to those who are shedding their blood to preserve the Government; and it announces the triumphs of the Union army with a confusion of terms that but too clearly betokens the sad disappointment that reigns in the breast that dictates its leaders.

But a few days ago the North stood appalled at the invasion of legal soil by eighty thousand traitors in arms, seeking at once to desolate our fair land and deal a death-blow to our sacred Nationality. The stoutest and truest hearted quailed as the insurgent leader hurled his legions to the very doors of our capitol, and threatened to make the line of the Susquehanna the future battle-ground of the war. With clouded hope all eyes turned, toward the Army of the Potomac, as it made forced marches to the eastward, and every word of the "advent of Seymour," assured them, "their rights should be fully respected," and impelled them to moderation in their marching and butchery; but not a word did he utter looking to the enforcement of law or the strengthening of our armies in the field!

Thus drags along the slimy, loathsome reptile of treason in the North, —its path crimsoned with blood, and leaving plundered bones, convulsed cities, and anarchy in its tread. As yet it has a tangible footing only in New York, under the "admirable Seymour;" but the sight for "the advent of a Woodward," who shall come with social chaos and butchery in his train, is wide spread amongst the leaders, of whom the Patriot and Union is the organ. The cloven foot is now stripped of all guise, and we rejoice that against "the advent of a Woodward" will be arrayed every heart that beats responsive to the dictates of humanity and of social order; and every patriot who would save our gallant army in the field; save untrammled the sacred memory of our heroic dead; save the great cause of American Nationality.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

The Democratic State Convention, which met at Harrisburg on the 17th ult., after several stormy sessions nominated Hon. George W. Woodward, of Lancaster, for Governor on the ninth ballot, and Chief Justice Wm. H. Lowitz, of Allegheny, for Supreme Judge without the formalities of a ballot. The contest for the Gubernatorial nomination seemed at the outset, to be between Hon. Neistert Clyman, of Berks, and Hon. Wm. H. Witte, of Philadelphia, the former having 83 votes on first ballot and 62 on the eighth, and the latter having 47 on the first and 51 on the eighth. Before the ninth and last ballot, Hon. Francis W. Hughes, of Schuylkill, withdrew the name of Mr. Witte, and urged the Whig men to go to Woodward, who had then risen to his 18th and in confidence to explore, what gave Woodward 15 more votes to 13 for Clyman, who in the previous ballot was within four votes of a nomination.

Judge Woodward is a man of great talents, and we would be allowed an early opportunity to explore it and be disengaged. It is high time that no longer should be allowed to remain in office, who has been so unmercifully persecuted, and so honorably served, when he was detected as a spy within our lines, and a soldier with valiant gallantry to bring the enemy to his own home, justice which have been violated, and a wholesome practical lesson would have been learned, by our traitors along the entire border. Note that military arrests shall not be prompt trial and conviction of the accused, and that the penalty of treason, when clearly shown to extend to positive acts of hostility to the Government, shall be death. It is alike just and humane to the loyal people of the South, they shall not be the victims of cowardly spies and traitors at home and if Mr. Stalek had by his acts ingratiated himself within that class, he should die. But if he is the victim of personal or political prejudice, or of an inflamed public feeling naturally resulting from the shock of battle between the great armies at Gettysburg, he should have early and ample opportunity to vindicate himself, and be discharged to prove his devotion to the Government by an earnest report of the prosecution of the war. In this particular, we must confess, he has room for improvement.

The government responds to its call. Those who share His infallible bodings of free government, who owe to His liberty and every civil and religious privilege, are entitled for conscientious scruples to withdraw from the service of the Potowmack. With a spirit so easily, in loyalty, so nobly, in the struggle for independence, and the patriotic and

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