

Spirit and Times

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 31, 1862.

Social and Personal.

HALF SHEET.—We have one yet for this week, but the next issue, in order to give our subscribers time for delivery, will be the *Standard* of the New Year.

NEW YEAR ADDRESS.—Our City will call on the Palaces of the State, and with the usual address of that functionality, on New Year's Day. We hope for a friendly reception and a liberal reward for his production.

FROM THE ARMY.—In another column of this paper will be found an interesting letter from our army correspondent, "W. H. D." It embodies a complete list of the marches in the 12th regiment. Our readers may like the overviews of the day, in every particular, as it is taken from the official reports of the company commanders.

SOLDIER BURNED.—The mortal remains of D. A. Hunter, a soldier belonging to Capt. Dyer's company, were brought to the home of the parents, in this place, on Wednesday evening. He was mortally wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, and died on the 27th instant. He was a man of remarkable character, and fell fighting for the honor of our country. His body was transported to the grave by a large company of soldiers, escorted by the Chamberlain Brass Band and the Kynoch Infantry. Fare to his sake.

BARN BURNT.—The Barn of Mr. John Hollingshead, near Mont Alto, was entirely destroyed on Saturday evening. It contained about 1800 bushels of grain, which was all consumed. The house, outbuildings, and other stock were saved. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. We understand that there was no insurance on the property, and therefore Mr. Hollingshead's loss is very heavy.

ANOTHER SOLDIER GONE.—We are grieved to hear of the decease of another of those gallant spirits, who want to battle at the cost of their country. Robert F. Banks, a member of Capt. Trotter's company, died at Tyre's, on the 26th inst., aged 21 years. He was still known in the vicinity, and recruited for his company at Reading about a year ago.

PINEK.—The Steam House and Straw Market.—To James L. Lambert & Huber, and attached to their extensive Steam Paper Mill, will soon be opened a Straw Market and a large quantity of straw will be on hand at the time, which caused a bid and rapid fire.

The loss of the mill will be about \$10,000, on which there were insurance. It is not known how the fire originated.

Late and Important from New Orleans.—New York, Dec. 28.

The stampeding blockade has arrived from New Orleans to the 18th inst., via the Hudson.

The news is important.

The newspaper, *New Star*, with Gov. Banks and staff, arrived at New Orleans on the evening of the 14th.

The news transmitted the following day that Gen. Butler had suspended, and continued the strict surveillance among all classes, the regulations as emblem of the United States, necessary to put an officer who at least had brought order and security to the city.

On the 14th, Gen. Butler and Banks met at his residence, then Butler wrote and sent to the Department of the Gulf, and advised him that he would do his best to have his friends, white and colored, to obey his orders.

Gen. Banks in responding, met the only chance he had in taking command was in obeying the order of the government, of the United States.

The meeting was most cordial, and the interchange of sentiment, which marks the arrival of the new chief, was most cordial. After instructions, Gen. Banks and staff left.

Gen. Butler then addressed his officers, requesting each member to take pains to enlighten and assist their superiors.

Gen. Banks in responding, met the early desire of one who gave us much trouble of a bright future.

"What a world we live in,

How insidious its weight, if true,

What death had undreamed of, did not expect."

THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY RAIL.—An enterprising, go-ahead company, consisting of a number of local men, of their buildings which were destroyed by the hand of human thievishness. The new buildings are much larger, better arranged and more commodious than those burned by the rebels. In a short time all the necessary Sheep, Engine houses, etc., will be completed. Wunderlandt, that the company intend erecting a beautiful station, or rather station, on the site of the old depot building, will be necessary the appearance of things about the depot and make it creditable to the town.

PROBLEMS IN WOLFSTOWN.—We are informed, that the hitherto pacific and law-abiding citizens of this ancient suburb, have followed their leader, and joined the "peculiar institutions," in their efforts to "put in their true" down in Dixie, got up an "irresponsible conflict."

It appears that some "dark" party who made their escape from the "Secured South," Virginia, had come and took up their abode in and near this place, and the "peculiar" "dark" party, as they are called, had got into their hands.

The *Standard* at New Orleans was free, and the troops in good health.

The Banks Expedition.

New York, Dec. 28.

An order from W. H. D., dated to the 18th, received at New Orleans, directs the Banks Expedition to report to the commandant of the 12th regiment, at New Orleans, before the 1st of January, and for a short time thereafter.

Strong the views from New York which prevail in that city, and the general opinion—*that* the expedition would be sent for as soon as on their arrival.

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THE MASTERS.

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