

THE NEWS.

The war news since our suspension has been various and interesting, now appearing favorable and then assuming a very unfavorable aspect, and yet again coming most cheering, making true the old adage that "the darkest hour of night is just before the day dawn." But that which most interests our readers now is the late news.

For several days of last week the dispatches gave the most favorable accounts of Hooker's doings—he seemed to be carrying everything before him, when all of a sudden we received the startling and disconcerting intelligence that Hooker was defeated, his army demoralized, and he so "depressed" as to render him for three days incapable of giving the necessary orders to keep his men in shape; and that Gen. Stoneman with about 12,000 cavalry was inevitably cut off and captured. Here we were left in an agony of suspense for three days. But lo! when we again hear from Hooker he is not so badly crippled, or depressed, or his army demoralized as we had been led to fear, but his defeat proves to be the most masterly feat of generalship ever enacted on the American continent. The plan seems to be this: Gen. Keyes was dispatched with a large force by way of Yorktown, to attack Richmond; Gen. Stoneman was sent to Lee's rear to destroy the Railroad between Fredericksburg and Richmond, and also to cut off Lee's retreat or to assist Keyes as emergency might demand, and having torn up and destroyed a large part of the road, Stoneman sent Gen. Buford with a detachment to destroy the Gordonsville Railroad, ten miles of which he succeeded in destroying. In the meantime Hooker engaged Lee at Fredericksburg thereby keeping the rebels' main army employed; here, just as Lee was ready to give up and retreat Hooker falls back and makes the impression that he is defeated, hoping to hold Lee a little longer, but at this critical moment Lee gets a dispatch from Richmond stating that unless he can send them immediate aid the city must fall; he therefore hurried in hot haste and arrived at Richmond in time to save it for that time, but from all appearances and the present position of our forces we predict that Richmond will be taken soon.

A Lady Wishes to Contribute.

"Now that you are going to enlarge the Argus I suppose you will have a nice corner left somewhere for me to contribute to. So, here goes, are that all the poets and writers in the State write for the Argus. I suppose they will be pleased to receive your offer. I want to tell you, thinking that if it was published it would be evidence that it had merit. As it never appeared, I concluded that it had written done a matter I couldn't touch up my own soul with."

We shall always have a "nice corner" awaiting contributions from our lady friends. Some of our correspondents, of both sexes, have thought us too rigid in adopting a rule that has excluded from our columns what they thought were some of those more capital articles. We shall now be more liberal in publishing well written articles, either of prose or poetry. What we mainly mean by a well written article, is an article of sense. We want thought instead of words. We would as soon take a dose of salts, as to be compelled in a day long in summer, when pressed with business, to sit and read over a long, wavy article, full of commonplace expressions, and stale platitudes, without a single good thought, brought in the whole of it. You may write your articles with a stick, if you please, without a punctuation point, a capital letter, or a word spelled correctly in the whole—but if we can read it, and, in reading it, find ideas that awaken an interest—thoughts that burn, and words that mean something—our printer can fix the rest, and your article will shine in the Argus like a new piece of coin, as perfect in its execution as though it had been written by a finished scholar. But if you want coin, you must bring gold, and not sand and quartz rock to the mint.

To the Readers of the State Republican.

The unconditional loyalists of Oregon having no organ at the Seat of Government, and feeling that such a paper was indispensable to the Union cause in the State, and believing that by a combination of the REPUBLICAN and OREGON ANTONIES, located at Salem, we could make a paper which would fill the vacuum so long felt by the people of Oregon: I have therefore formed the combination, and removed the office without your counsel or knowledge, feeling assured that every one of you was willing to sacrifice your own local interest when the general interest of the State demands it. Occupying a central position in the State, we shall use our best endeavors to do justice to all parts of the State, believing that no State or community can prosper while one part absorbs all and leaves another, destitute of support. We therefore solicit items of interest, both local and general, from every county and town in the State. It being one of the philosophical laws of Nature that every body, whether natural or artificial, active or inert, must have a centre, and it is evident that the Seat of Government is the natural centre of a state or country, we therefore hope our friend in every part of the country will lend us a helping hand in our attempts to equalize and harmonize every part of our beautiful and thriving Oregon with every other part and the whole governed by those immutable principles of justice set forth in our American Constitution.

All who have paid in advance for the Republican will receive the full number of papers for which they paid, regardless of our increase of price. Hoping that all those in arrears will be prompt to pay up and also forward the subscription price for another year, I leave the matter with you offering no apology for the course I have chosen to take. J. N. GALE.

Letter From Eugene City.

Eugene Argus.—It is a matter of surprise to all who have any knowledge of the newspaper business, that the Eugene *Argus*, which has never had legitimate patronage sufficient to meet half of its expenses, is still alive. But, when we reflect that the most venomous serpent the longest it can endure without nourishment, it is not strange that this little copperhead organ of the "Warwick Banks," "Buckwheat Bank-hunters," and other ignorances in this part of the State, should continue to squirm and wiggle on where anything but a reptile would startle to die. Since the removal of the *Argus*'s office, this concern seems to be looking up that with a ghastly glare that betokens a speedy demise; and in consequence two little individuals—Jimmy O'Meara and his wife have made their appearance in town and occasionally pass along the streets head in hand looking as forlorn as the last days of summer. The Albany paper thinks Jimmy gets \$75 per month. If he does he gets more than the concern makes, and the printers, to use an algebraic phrase "have live in less than nothing." Of course Union men have to patronize the thing and thus when the knaves to eat their own shorts, but this state of things will soon be "played out."

The City Council have at last organized, and have passed several ordinances which have long been needed. The incorporation has brought trouble on the doggery men. Before getting a license they must present to the Recorder a petition signed by a majority of the voters residing within the corporate limits. This cuts off the *Broadheads* and *Baz* bantams of that foot hills, whose under Democratic rule were so powerful, and makes getting license a very difficult business. In view of these unfavorable signs of the times, "Simple Joe" has sent down to the furnaces out of the old "Arcady" saloon up to the Dales where he keeps a butcher shop and intends to set up the doggery there, which will the better qualify him to continue to act as street bouncer for the new weekly paper. Joe is famous for his assets having made Whistler Governor, but still more famous for the elegans which he displayed in fitting out for the ten thousandth time the following beautiful original art speech: "Mine distinguished planters, I know you're a good bunch—take a snuff, bigger is no more than Oregon Outangs," *quoth* Joe.

The McKeans Road from this place to the mines is not yet open over the mountain. Many persons, including several Californians, are waiting here to go over that road, but the Company that holds the charter for the road is not trying to do so. This is a subject of general complaint among the people. Many persons living in the upper part of the Valley feel deeply interested in the matter, and would go on and open the road if it was not in the hands of a company. The company is holding out to the road expecting a great sum of money from Congress for pay for making the road, and in the hope of speculating they will neither make the road themselves nor allow those who would do it.

Eugene Argus. May 13th 1863. MORE ANX.

A Letter from the Army.

Eugene Argus.—I send you a letter I just received from R. P. Wilson, a soldier of the army of the Cumberland, one that was a supporter of Bell and Everett, but now for his country as he is a letter still shows. Yours &c. I. S. GILKISON. Nester, Oregon, May 13th 1863.

SURGEON CAMP, near WASHINGTON, D.C., May 12, 1863.

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