



...if any man attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot!—Gen. Dix.

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Joseph Holt to the Patriot Soldiers.

Hon. Joseph Holt accepted an invitation lately to visit the troops at Camp "Joe Holt," located at the Falls of the Ohio, and being introduced by Gen. Rous-

...Have no fears as to the vigorous and ultimately successful prosecution of this war; and feel no alarm either as to the expenditure it must involve, or as to those startling steps, seemingly smacking of the exercise of absolute authority, which the Administration may be forced from time to time to take.

...Beside, all now realize that the system of arithmetic has yet to be invented, which could estimate in dollars and cents the worth of our institutions. This terrible emergency, with all its dangers and duties, was foreseen by the founders of our Government, and by those who subsequently administered it, and it must make laws for itself.

...Terres of the Day.—Our streets this week are much quieter than last, on account of the influx of a large number of Fair visitors. Now that the experiment has succeeded, there will be much less difficulty in raising a general interest in this subject, and we look forward in the confident hope that year by year our annual exhibitions will grow in interest and importance.

...Who Blame about the War?—Occasionally we hear individuals who profess to be great admirers of Stephen A. Douglas while living, denouncing the present war as an abolition crusade against the rights of the South, as might and un-called for, and brought upon the country needlessly by the Black Republicans.

...The slavery question is a mere excuse. The election of Mr. Lincoln is a mere pretext! The present war movement is the result of an enormous conspiracy formed more than a year since, formed by the leaders of the Southern Confederacy more than a twelve month ago!

...The Brooklyn Union Ferry Company last year carried on their boats nearly 26,000,000 passengers. All the ferries running from the city carried in the neighborhood of 40,000,000.

...The yearly expense to the United States of transporting the mails in the South has exceeded the yearly income from that source by over \$5,000,000.

Is There Any Reaction at the North?

The N. Y. Herald says: Several of the New York journals which advocate the cause of secession, and are in the service of the Southern conspirators, speculators and thieves—from Floyd downward—are attempting to convince themselves and their readers that there is a reaction at the North, and a growing sentiment against the present war for the preservation of the Union. Among others, that ex-abolition organ, the Journal of Commerce, is publishing accounts, probably bogus, of imaginary "peace meetings" in obscure country villages and hamlets, and upon these reports it bases its assertion that there is a "reaction at the North."

...The exhibition of stock,—horses, cattle, and sheep—was very creditable to our young State. Had there been more premiums for carriage and buggy horses, and none for the speed of horses, we believe a finer lot would have been exhibited.

...The race-course as a loss, so far as any good to the community is concerned. Its length makes it impossible for judges to see how buggy or carriage horses move, or how equestrians ride. For these purposes the grounds inside are large enough, when well cleared.

...The noble Senator from East Tennessee said in his recent appeal in the Senate, to the Government, to protect the Union men of the South:

...The war news does not point to any action of decisive importance immediately, but the Government is strengthening itself continually, and the very blunders of some of our generals will be valuable as training for the future.

...The new boat building at Coquiam by Capt. Lambert, we understand will be launched next week. She is intended for the Yamhill trade, and is building for the owners of the late Clinton.

...The Advertiser says, that there was dissatisfaction at the Fair for the reason that the judges decided that there were no thorough-bred horses in the State. Only one horse was entered as a thorough-bred, Paul Jones. It is well known that in the Eastern States the Black Hawk or Morgan horses are not recognized as thorough-bred.

The State Fair.

Ed. Argus: We cannot too much commend the quietness and order with which it was conducted. We cannot expect three thousand people to meet together from day to day, in carriages and on foot, without some confusion, and yet as little disturbance occurred on the grounds as we ever saw, at such a gathering.

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...The race-course positively encourages the vices of betting and gambling, of profanity and ill-nature. Boys learn to love and frequent such places, and to be raised there. We hope the State Society will offer no more trials of the speed of horses.

...The noble Senator from East Tennessee said in his recent appeal in the Senate, to the Government, to protect the Union men of the South:

...If you will give us protection we intend to stand as a State, as a part of this confederacy, holding to the Stars and Stripes, the flag of our country. We demand it according to law; we demand it upon the guarantee of the constitution.

...The cowards will by and by be drawing and whining "peace, peace," when there is no peace, and would abandon the noble men of Tennessee to be coerced by the enemies of the South.

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Details of Eastern News.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Correspondent of the N. Y. Herald says Gen. McClellan and several of his staff this m. went to examine our earth works, garrisoned by a portion of Franklin's command.

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Latest from the East.

YREKA, Oct. 10 A. M.—Pony arrived at Ruby Valley at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, with St. Joseph dates to Sept. 27th. Great activity is reported to prevail in Southwestern Missouri in military movements, preparatory to an attack on the rebels on Lexington.

...McCulloch and Price are said to be in a trap. It is thought the rebels will not be able to hold Lexington. A rebel scout from Lexington, captured near Jefferson City, was to be shot.

...The loss on Mulligan's side was 150, on the rebel side 200. Intercepted letters, written by secessionist members of the Maryland Legislature, show that traitor members of that body formed an elaborate scheme for the passage of a secession ordinance, and an attempt to inaugurate rebellion in that State against the Government.

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NEW BOOKS.

H. H. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco, send the following late publications: The Life of Gen. Winfield Scott, by E. D. Mansfield.

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