

were attacked yesterday by a large force of Ashby's cavalry and driven back. One of our men was killed. The reserve of the 4th Pennsylvania and a section of Hampton's Battery advanced, and repulsed the rebels, who then retreated to the woods, which were shelled by our battery. Several shells burst in their midst, and a wagon was seen gathering up the dead and wounded.

There are 5,000 bales cotton, 7,000 hogsheads sugar, and 20,000 barrels molasses now lying on the levee at Memphis, to be destroyed on the approach of the Federal forces.

The newspapers and citizens are opposed to burning the city, but the soldiers and country people favor it. A despite censorship is exercised, and the papers are not allowed to say a word derogatory to the rebellion.

The rebel Gens. Price and Van Dorn had arrived at Memphis and left 6,000 of their soldiers there to awe the citizens into submission. The conscription act was strongly enforced.

The War Department has received a dispatch from Monterey, Tenn., near Corinth, dated yesterday, from which it appears that five companies of our cavalry had a skirmish with the enemy's cavalry, two miles in advance this morning. The enemy retreated—eight of them were killed, including a Major; eighteen prisoners, with horses and arms, were captured. One of our men was wounded. The prisoners say that the enemy have upwards of 80,000 men at Corinth, and that they are encroaching themselves. The entrenched works mount large guns.

It is stated that a majority of the Committee of Seven, to which was referred all concerning the writ of habeas corpus, favor a strong bill for the confiscation of rebel property.

Cairo, April 29.—The steamer *Buccan* has arrived from Pittsburg Landing. Gen. Pope advanced his division on Sunday, 4 miles, and is now encamped in sight of the enemy's camp fires. Gens. Halleck, Buell and Grant have moved their headquarters to the front, to personally superintend the operations for the advance of the whole army, orders for which were hourly expected. Deserters who came in on Saturday (23d), report a former statement that Corinth was being evacuated.

Washington, April 29.—A dispatch from Gen. Halleck says, it is the unanimous opinion that Gen. Sherman saved the fortunes of the day on the sixth, and contributed largely to the victory of the seventh. He was in the thickest of the fight. He had three horses shot under him, and was himself wounded twice. He respectfully recommends that he be made a Major General of Volunteers.

A dispatch from Ft. Wright to-night says that despatch bring the following information in regard to New Orleans. The engagement at Ft. Jackson on Thursday (24th April) was desperate. Our vessel was sunk and others were badly damaged. It was supposed that the Federal loss was heavy. The rebel loss was 60 killed and 150 wounded. The Federals took possession of the city on Friday without a struggle—the rebel force having evacuated it after destroying stores which they did not need. They carried away the military stores. There was great rejoicing of the Union citizens.

A dispatch from Mobile, the 25th, gives the following rebel statement: The Yankee Commissioners paraded the Mayor of New Orleans, who visited his fleet by a flag of truce, to make a renewed demand for the surrender of the city, but has not done so up to five o'clock. Our ship, the *McClellan*, came up from the Forts under a flag of truce, with forty wounded. She communicated with the Federal flag-ship, but the result is not known. It is rumored that the Federals promised to let her return.

In conference with one of the Federal officers, after the correspondence between the Mayor and Gen. Farragut, an officer left, declaring he would shoot down the flag on the City Hall if it was not handed down. He actually brought his ship within range, but has not fired thus far. It is reported that the French and English monarchs are below and will enter their protest against shelling the city. It is believed the Yankee vessels are short of provisions and ammunition. The city is remarkably orderly, but the excitement is exceedingly intense and feelings of humiliation deep.

The New Orleans Delta places the cotton in that city at 11,260 bales, all of which will probably fall into the hands of the Federals. On the approach of their fleet to the city, on Friday last, Gen. Lovell, the rebel commander, withdrew his troops to Camp Moore, on the Jackson railroad, destroying all the cotton and stores. The French vessel *Mississippi* was burnt to prevent her falling into the hands of the Federals.

Southern papers speak in a most dismal strain of the surrender of New Orleans.—The Norfolk Day-Book says it is the most imminent reverse of the war.

The following are the latest dispatches in the Richmond papers, received by Adj'tant General Cooper, from Gen. Lovell dated Camp Moore, April 27th: Ft. Jackson and King Phillip are still in good condition, and in our hands. The steamers Louisiana and McMurtry safe. The enemy's fleet is at the city, but they have not force enough to occupy.

On the 18th, two Louisiana regiments whose term had expired, but who were required by the conscription act to serve two years longer, laid down their arms and resolved to fight. They were put under arrest.

Deserters say it was not known in the rebel camps that Gen. Halleck was in command here. The general impression among the Confederate troops was that our army was retreating to Nashville.

Mobile, April 28th.—The forts on Lake Pontchartrain were all evacuated on the 25th. We have sustained considerable loss in supplies, and by the dismantling for not by the destroying of guns. At Ft. Pile all the buildings are burned, including the telegraph office. All the gunboats on the lake have been burned by our people. The Mobile boat *Whitman Brown* and several others are running troops, stores and ordnance to Manchac, after which we fear they will be burned.—The Yankee fleet was returning again to Ship Island.

Unionists of undoubted loyalty had been driven from Fredericksburg and are now within our lines. The correctness of this information is vouched for.



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

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W. L. Adams, Editor.

OREGON CITY:

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1862.

### Union Nominations.

For Congress—J. R. Breyman of Yamhill; Governor—A. C. Green of Multnomah; State-S. E. May of Jackson; State Treasurer—E. N. Cook of Marion; State Printer—H. Gorham of Marion; Judge of 4th Judicial District—W. C. Shattuck; Prox. Attorney 7th Jud. Dist.—W. C. Johnson.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

Representatives—F. A. Collier, Maxwell Rassay, John T. Kuhn.

Courts Judge—Septimus Hurley.

Co. Captain—W. B. Burrow, Samuel Miller, Co. Clerk—James Winston.

Sheriff—W. P. Dicus.

Co. Treasurer—Thomas Chittam.

Judge—R. V. Smart.

School Superintendent—N. W. Randall.

Supt. of Schools—E. T. T. Fisher.

### Jackson on Habeas Corpus.

We call the attention of those rebel sympathizers who are whining about Lincoln's suspending the writ of *habeas corpus*, to a bit of history regarding Gen. Jackson's conduct towards Judge Hale in 1815, at New Orleans. It will be found in vol. 2, p. 429 of Benton's Thirty Years' View.—The facts are simply these: Gen. Jackson, who had proclaimed martial law in New Orleans, persisted in keeping it up after the enemy had sailed with its fleet down the Mississippi river, and even after the news had reached New Orleans that a treaty of peace had been signed ending the war between the two governments. Gen. Jackson refused to revoke his proclamation till he had official information of the final cessation of hostilities, alleging that it might be a mistaken rumor, and that the British fleet which was still hovering on our coast might return to the attack. This persistence in keeping up martial law, was severely inveighed against by many of the citizens who thought it a grievous and unnecessary abridgment of their rights—Lemire, a member of the General Assembly, wrote an anonymous and inflammatory article for a newspaper published in the city, in which he inveighed against the rebels not supporting the Constitution as they understand it. Lincoln they think is violating the oath he took to support the Constitution, in resisting the rebellion—Well, Floyd, Toombs, Davis, and Wigfall had all taken a solemn oath to support the Constitution when they engaged in getting up the rebellion and holding the arsenals. Now, the rebels here never have a word to say about Floyd or Davis violating the Constitution—and the fair inference is that they are perfectly satisfied with that kind of "support." Lincoln would be a fine fellow if he would only "support" the Constitution as Davis and Yancey do.

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Can there be anything meaner, more inconsistent, and stupid than a dirty dog secessionist?

**Joe's Death.**—During the terrible engagement with the rebel Merrimac and other gunboats, the news was communicated to the veteran Commodore Smith that the flag of the U. S. frigate Congress, commanded by his gallant son Joseph Smith, had been struck to the enemy. Says the correspondent of the San Francisco Bulletin—"When told that his son's vessel had handed down her flag, the old man, brushing aside a manly tear that rolled down the furrow of his face and service-worn checks, quietly responded, 'Joe's dead.'"

What a world of fatherly confidence and affection was expressed in this simple homely phrase! The old weather-worn sailor knew his son, and judged rightly that his flag never trashed to the traitor for while he lived to uphold it. Too true was the old man's eloquent tribute, for his boy lay life upon the deck before the flag committed to his charge was lowered in token of surrender."

**The "Peace Democracy."**—The character of the peace party is well illustrated in an incident that is said to have occurred lately at Eugene City. An old whisky-drinking disciple of Jeff Davis, who lives on Long Tom, was putting into his wagon at Eugene City a keg of whisky, a large lot of bread, and a log of powder, when a bystander asked him what he intended to do with so much ammunition. Seashroped, "Gwine to take it home—that's what I'm gwine to do with hit; and if any of these d—n Lickites comes round thar, I'll show 'em what I'll do with powder and lead. I'm a peace dimmerat—I am."

**CANDIDATES.**—We hear of fifteen or twenty aspirants for the Senatorship. Among some of the prominent ones is Professor Luther Kennedy of Dallas, Polk county. The Professor has been stamping in several of the counties, and has excited a good deal of interest. He has a suit of clothes trimmed to order for occasions when he makes popular orations, and we hear that the ladies of Albany have presented him with a beautiful cap, running some eighteen inches high, in the shape of a cone, and ornamented at the apex with a feather. When he appears in full costume, the Professor is said to create quite a sensation among the ladies.

**Gold.**—Gold has lately been discovered in the place next Friday, at 1 o'clock p.m.

**Applegate.**—The opposing candidates for Governor, Messrs. Gibbs and Miller, will speak in this place next Friday, at 1 o'clock p.m.

**W. W. Page.**—W. W. Page has been appointed Judge of the 4th district, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Wait. Judge Page appointed J. H. Mitchell, Esq., Prosecuting Attorney, but the latter declined the appointment.

**Boat.**—The little flat boat steamer Adelaide, built by the Messrs. Kellogg at Milwaukee, visited our City this week.

**Change of Time.**—The Steamer Express, Capt. Geo. Pease, will change her time of running on Monday, May 12, as follows:—On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, leaves Portland at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Leaves Oregon City at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Leaves Portland 11 a.m.

**To Night.**—We learn that Miss Mary Newell, recently from the East, will give a Concert of vocal and instrumental music at the Congregational Church.

She will be assisted by Mrs. Frances Newell, and Misses Julia and Charlotte Johnson. The exercises will consist in part, though not exclusively of Patriotic pieces.

**Fremont.**—Fremont is heard from between the waters of great and Little Kanawa, where he is dealing roughly with the guerrilla bands of secession blacklegs that infest that quarter. He has burned Addison, their principal rendezvous, killing 17 of the marauders and capturing ten.

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### Their Lying Hypocrisy.

The secession organs are constantly prating about "Lincoln's abolition war," and trying to fasten the conviction on the pro-slavery portion of the rebel community that the object of the present war to enforce the Government's authority, is merely to abolish slavery. This ground is taken here to influence ignorant pro-slavery men.—

Now let us see what ground the rebels take on the other side of the Atlantic, where men are supposed to sympathize with the anti-slavery side of the contest, whichever may be. On the 11th of August last, the rebel commissioners to England, Yancey, Mann & Co., addressed a letter to Lord John Russell, trying to show the British Ministry that the Lincoln administration, instead of being anti-slavery, was in fact about as pro-slavery as the administration of Davis. These commissioners say—

"It was with no fear that the slaves would be liberated that secession took place. The very party in power has proposed to guarantee slavery forever in the States, if the South would but remain in the Union."

As the army commenced its march, the Commanding General issued an order that no slaves should be received into, or allowed to follow, the camp. The great object of the war, therefore, as now officially announced, is not to free the slave, but to keep him in subjection to its owners.

The undersigned, therefore, submit with confidence that as far as the anti-slavery sentiment of England is concerned, it can have no sympathy with the North."

This is the language of rebels trying to operate on an anti-slavery community, to get sympathy and recognition—while the rebel organs and stampers here, in order to get votes from the ignorant and pro-slavery element, keep up the howl that the Lincoln government is an abolition one and running down, as the Union victory was announced.

Faces had been counted before the election, and except a few marked doubtful and claimed by both sides, men stood up square for the Union, and its preservation at all hazards, or on the other side, for compromise, for peace, and for anything but a hearty support of the American Government in its efforts to put down treason and rebellion.

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On motion, the central committee appointed by the Convention that met here March 29, 1862, were continued a central committee during the approaching contest.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to send the minutes of this convention to the Union press of Oregon for publication.

On motion, the Convention adjourned sine die.

John Cummings, Secretary.

**BREAKFAST TABLE TALK.**—A writer in the Sacramento Bee record the following:

"That was a brilliant and decisive victory won by the Confederates at Pittsburg Landing," remarked a secessionist, while discussing his coffee, muffin, and morning paper at one of the city restaurants, on Saturday.

This remark was a general one, made in a loud tone of voice, for the benefit of any who might choose to hear or reply, and was clinched by an expletive, which it is unnecessary to repeat.

"The dispatches do not seem to present it in that light," quietly remarked a person sitting near.

"The dispatches be—?" said Secesh. They are a pack of lies from beginning to end."

After a pause, he again broke forth.

"And look at the hellish batrachy of the Federal," Beauregard naked permission to bury his dead, and was refused!"

"But you do not believe that?"

"I do so every word of it, it's so like the hawks."

"But if he was the victor, why did he need permission?"

Another papa—seashop not despising the impudent question worthy of notice. Silence was next broken by the Union man.

"In the same paragraph in which you will find that of intelligence, Beauregard's words are given, 'I deemed it prudent to retire.' Do you believe sir he did actually retire?"

A drowsy silence on the part of S.

"And do visitors usually find it prudent to retire?" again put in Union, apparently not in the least disengaged at the silence of seashop.

No answer from S. who seemed very deeply engrossed with the "lying dispatches"—but a thoughtless young man volunteered a reply:

"If they're of a retiring disposition, I don't see why they shouldn't."

After a lengthened pause, S. again remarked:

"And note the disgraceful conduct of those Ohio soldiers. The cowards! The pusillanimous poltroons! A disgrace to the country, the age, and the white race!"

"And do you believe that too?"

"Certainly I do so."

"Allow me sir, to inquire," said Union, "how you discern between the true and the false—how decide what to believe and what not? Is it feeling, instinct, or inspiration? Is the gift difficult to acquire? Could you impart the secret? And if so, will you, for a fair compensation?"

Dismissed by this volley of questions, S. deemed it prudent to retire," which he did in very good order, all things considered, his rear being only harnessed by the remark of a Western man, so far silent.

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