

Cattaraugus Freeman.

Westville, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1865.

OUR MOTTO.

How shall the Press the People's Rights maintain,
Untwined by Influence and undriven by Gain,
How shall the Press its patriot colors fly,
Devoted to Religion, Liberty and Law, Sincerely.

The End of the Assassin.

J. Wilkes Booth, the vile and cowardly orderer of President Lincoln, has at last been overtaken by the hand of Justice, and has passed to his final account. His career and death were admirably adapted each to the other. Reckless and dissipated at all times, and finally guilty of a crime which has startled and appalled the whole civilized world, he became an outcast and fugitive—hated and despised of all men—and was at length hunted down and shot like a wild and ferocious beast! The particulars of his pursuit and death may be found in the letter of Sergeant Boston Corbett, which we publish elsewhere, and will be read with thrilling interest by every true and loyal man. It would seem at first, that it were a pity that *Booth* could not have been captured alive, and expiated his crime upon the gallows; but, after all, his end was even more terrible than if he had suffered death at the hands of the hangman. Perhaps, too, by the very manner of his taking off, we were saved from a scene of mob violence that would have disgraced us as a people, and brought lasting reproach upon our name as a Nation.— Certain it is, that the populace were not yet sufficiently recovered from the shock occasioned by the assassination of the President to administer even-handed justice to the murderer, and thus it is well that he died in the manner that he did.— "The mills of the gods grind slow, but they grind exceeding fine," and in the death of *J. Wilkes Booth*—forever cursed be his name and memory—we only find an ample illustration of the Biblical maxim that "the way of the transgressor is hard."

BOSTON CORBETT, PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S AVENGER.

This man who has gained an enviable notoriety by shooting the assassin *Booth*, had, it seems, won for himself a reputation for bravery in the battle field. Boston Corbett is an Englishman, about 36 years of age, and Sergeant in Company D of the 10th New York Cavalry. He went out at the commencement of the war as a

From the 154th Regiment.

Correspondence of the Cattaraugus Freeman.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 14 1865.

Thinking that a record of casualties by capture of this Regiment since we left Savannah, would interest friends at home, I send the following:

We sent back a few sick from *Sister's Ferry*. One died in Hospital (Mr. Joel Woodruff, of East Otto). 10 were captured by the enemy and are still in their hands as we suppose, viz: A. G. Parks, Sergeant Co. B; Jas. Cullen, Private, Co. B; Chas. A. McIntire, Sergeant Co. C; Harrison Coe, Private, Co. F; Nelson H. Fiske, Corporal Co. G; Asa Wing, Private, Co. G; A. Deforest Reed, Private, Co. G; Zaddock Fales, Corporal Co. I; Geo. Baily, Sergeant Co. K; Job Donahy, Corporal Co. K.

These were captured after our arrival at Goldsboro, on the 25th and 27th of March, while a few miles from our lines for the purpose of foraging.

We left Goldsboro early last Monday morning and arrived here today. We leave here to-morrow at an early hour in pursuit of Johnston, who lacks the courage to make a stand, or the manhood to surrender a cause he knows to be hopelessly lost. It will compel us to resume foraging upon the country through which we pass, and thus bring further suffering upon the people he pretends to serve.

By order from Gen. Jones, we observed the day as well as we could as a day of thanksgiving, in accordance with the proclamation of Gov. Fenton. The three N. Y. Regiments in this Brigade—119th, 154th and 184th—assembled in front of our Regimental camp and after reading the proclamation of the Governor and singing the hymn "My Country 'tis of thee," &c., and returning thanks to God for recent victories and the prospect of an early peace, listened to an excellent address from Chaplain Sprague, of the 119th. The services passed off very pleasantly. It is probable that we were the only N. Y. troops in Sherman's army, who observed the day.

Well, to-morrow we are off again, perhaps for a brief, but very possibly for a long campaign. Since the capture of Richmond and the surrender of Lee, we have been in hopes that Johnston would do the manly part and do likewise, but if not, we will, with the blessing of Heaven, soon grind him to powder.

Yours truly,

W. W. NORTON,
Chaplain 154th N. Y. Reg't.

Mrs. Gregory—Deep sympathy is felt

Gleanings from Our Exchanges.

Rebel dispatches say that Alabama is overrun with Union cavalry.

The ram *Albemarle* has been raised by our men, and found not seriously injured.

On the evacuation of Raleigh by the rebels, a mob of rebels sacked and fired the city.

The Madison county jail has been for a long time without an occupant, and the Sheriff would like to rent the apartments.

The Portuguese Government has acceded to the demand of the American Minister for an apology for firing into the Niagara.

Four New York copperheads have been sentenced to six months in the penitentiary, for treasonable language.

Gen. Weitzel has been assigned to the command of Petersburg, and Gen. E. G. C. Ord assumed command of Richmond.

Sec'y Stanton announces that the department has determined to stop all recruiting and recruiting in the loyal States.

The turned-over men numbered 30,000 men. Our loss in the battles will not exceed 10,000 or 11,000 men.

Sherman gave a speech to his army on the proclamation of the capture of Richmond, and he did not mean to let Johnson have any rest.

A copperhead blacksmith, at Braintree, Mass., who expressed joy because of the murder, left town on a notice of fifteen minutes, as an alternative to a suit of tar and feathers.

The Republicans of Utah have nominated John Butterfield, of Overland route memory for Mayor. The choice does honor to their good taste, and the man will do honor to the office.

The President has issued a Proclamation appointing the 1st of June next a day of Fasting and Prayer, in commemoration of the national affliction at the assassination of Mr. Lincoln.

The 22,000 Rebel prisoners at Point Lookout, through their sergeants of division, have expressed their reluctance at the assassination and their sympathy with the bereaved family.

Daniel Clarke, of N. H., is President of the U. S. Senate, and the constitutional successor of President Johnson, in case he should die before the expiration of his term of office, or fall by the assassin's hand.

At New-Haven on Saturday, a party of soldiers marched over to Fairhaven, where a treason talker lived, called him out, and made him give a formal bond of \$3,000 to appear when wanted, and returned to camp.

Mrs. Ketchum, a woman between sixty and seventy years of age, was run over and killed by an express train on the Western Vermont railroad at Wallcuttsac, Tuesday, while endeavoring to cross the track.

A number of suspicious persons, believed to be border raiders, have been prowling around for several days. On Wednesday a party of officers undertook to inquire into their move-

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