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Affairs at Washington.

Correspondence of the Cattaraugus Freeman.

WASHINGTON, February 17, 1863.

To-day, a furious snow storm of real Northern antecedents and proclivities, is raging over and around us. The evergreens that stand along the aisles up through the Capitol Grounds, hang down almost to the earth with the pure, frosty livery that adheres to their boughs.—The distant hills are invisible through the atmosphere so thickly filled with snow-flakes. Yet there is no prospect of sleighing. A sleigh, a cutter, or a merry sleigh-bell is about as much of an anomaly in Washington as an honest politician; and yet I have seen all of them.

But three weeks more remain of this Congress, and a busy and laborious three weeks it will be, if the necessary legislation is completed in that time. Last night the Senate passed, by a unanimous vote, the Bill for drafting the entire militia of the country, if necessary. It exempts no one but Governors, Judges and Heads of Departments, and those under twenty and over forty-five years of age. It drafts them for three years or for the war, and enables any one to get clear on payment into the Treasury of \$300. It will not only fill up our depleted ranks, but it will help to replenish our Treasury. There was some talk about a conflict between the Bill and State Laws and Constitutions in the matter of exemptions, but it was unanimously the opinion of the Senate that the time has come to test the threats of Northern Democratic secess sympathizers.—

The war must go on, and the Government must have men and money. All these it will have, but at the same time the people have demands to make on Government. They demand that our ablest men, both in brains and true devotion to the country, shall be placed at the head of our armies. They demand that the proffered aid of 4,000,000 acclimated allies, living in the Rebel States, shall no longer be ignored by the Government. They demand that a black skin shall no longer continue to be the pet of the Government and exempt from the dangers and horrors of war. I say the bill passed unanimously; this is true in fact, and yet as it passed late last night, it is but justice to POWELL, SALISBURY, WALL and RICHARDSON, to say they were not present; at that time of night it would be safe to bet they were all drunk around some poker table. These men don't legislate much after 4 o'clock P. M., and a night session generally rids that body of their pestiferous presence.

The Senate Scheme of Finance will soon come up for discussion in the House, and will, I think, pass with perhaps slight amendments. This, is Mr. CHASE's great measure of Finance, and is highly spoken of by the best and wisest financial men in the country. Its prompt passage, it is believed, would bring the price of gold down "by the run," and all the present enormous prices accordingly. The two Houses are busily engaged in discussing and passing the various Appropriation Bills which are absolutely necessary in order to avoid an extra session of the next Congress.

Gen. FREMONT is here, begging to be set at work or relieved of his shoulder-straps. He, like General BURNSIDE, refuses to draw a Major-General's pay, unless he has a command.

Mountains—so the English call it is "The Territory of Mountains."

You will also have noticed, I presume, before this reaches you, that the House to-day admitted MESSIS HAHN and FLANDERS to seats as Representatives from New Orleans. This gives the Radical Republicans two more votes. They are both able men and were admitted by a large vote, twenty-seven Democrats voting for their admission and twenty Republicans against them; so it will be seen they were not admitted by a party vote, but strictly on what was believed by both sides to be the merits of the case. Mr. FLANDERS is now stumping in New Hampshire, with Gen. HAMILTON, of Texas. This disposes of all the election cases before the present Congress.

JAMES PARKER.

From Washington.

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CATTARAUGUS APPOINTMENTS.

GEORGE VAN CAMPEN, Esq., of Allegany, has been appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate as Consul to Liege, in Belgium, Germany. This is a consulship of importance, and from the loyalty, capacity and great energy of Consul VAN CAMPEN, he will render good service to the Government in imparting correct knowledge of our affairs, and in directing emigration through proper channels; and we hope he will not fail to direct the attention of the industrious Germans to our own County's valuable farming lands.

NORMAN M. ALLEN, Esq., of Dayton, has received the appointment of Paymaster in the U. S. Army, a very responsible position. Mr. ALLEN's ability will soon render him a valuable officer to the Government, and he will always be courteous and welcome to the soldiers. We salute you, Major ALLEN!

We have had a stormy week—snow, rain, snow, mud!—which holds the "Army of the Potomac" fast on the Rappahannock.

Secretary CHASE's Banking Scheme has passed by both Houses of Congress, and will receive the approval of the President. Hon. R. E. FENTON made an elaborate and able speech in favor of this great measure to give the People a full participation in the Government securities, and to create a uniform currency throughout the land.

I take especial pleasure in noticing on the books of the Indian Bureau of the Interior Department, that Col. FENTON has again secured \$1,000 for the Thomas Orphan Asylum, on the Cattaraugus Reservation, for destitute and indigent Indian children. This appropriation will, in due season, be transmitted to Mr. SILL, Agent for the New York Indians. J. M.

All Hail East Otto!

East Otto has at length drifted away from Democracy, and swung around into Republican moorings! The entire Republican ticket, headed by that staunch supporter of the Administration, ELI D. COX, Esq., is elected by majorities ranging from 12 to 24! LUCIUS LINCOLN beats "IKE" REED for Highway Commissioner, and the Copperheads generally have received a merited thrashing! Well done, East Otto! You are entitled to the Elephant, and here he stands! Behold him!

Local and Miscellaneous.

ELLICOTTVILLE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1863.

DISCONTINUED.—The Post Office at Five Mile Run, in this County, has been discontinued.

CHARLES M. BRECHER, of this village, has been appointed Assistant Assessor in place of D. T. DICKINSON, Esq., resigned.

A soldier who was arrested for stealing a Rebel's goose, said he found the bird hissing at the American flag, and arrested it for treason.

RETURNED!—Captain B. L. SAXTON, whose arrival home we noticed last week, returned to his Regiment on Monday. He carries with him the warmest wishes of a host of friends for his health and safety.

A LITTLE PATRIOT.—Mrs. Gen. TOM THUMB is a little patriot. She has a brother in the Union service, and at the White House levee said, if necessary, she was entirely willing for her husband to volunteer!

"The Oldest Democrat West of Cayuga Bridge" overhauled his Barque on Tuesday last because a "Copperhead" was elected Supervisor of the town of Ellicottville! Bob must be careful or he will wreck his old hull at some of these town meetings!

WHREW!—Geo. B. McCLELLAN has been shaking hands with a "nigger" in Boston—one FRED. FATAL. His "conservative" prejudices were overcome, we presume, by the assurance that the said nigger was a Democrat.

We are under renewed obligations to our Senator, Hon. H. C. YOUNG, and to our Members of Assembly, Hon. A. G. DOW and A. L. ALLEN for various Legislative Documents, and for copies of the Albany Evening Journal Almanac.

TO SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.—The Havana Journal says it has been decided by the Commissioners of Internal Revenue, that every Certificate issued by School Commissioners to Teachers, shall have Revenue stamps upon each to the amount of ten cents.

DUTY ON PAPER.—On the 13th inst., Col. FENTON presented, in the House, the petition of the proprietors and editors of twelve newspapers in the Counties of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus, praying for a large reduction of the duty on foreign printing paper, or the repeal of the law imposing the duty.

A prominent Democrat stated publicly in our streets, that he must go the Hindoo-Copperhead nominee for Supervisor, not that he liked the look of the thing—but "it was a National issue" and he should support the ticket! Wonder what he thinks of the result in Old Cattaraugus? "Diins ye hear the Slogan?"

The boys in the Freeman office held a "Wake" over the defeat of the "Copperheads" in the County, on Wednesday evening. The eyes of the "Oldest Democrat West of Cayuga Bridge," were so blurred that he "couldn't see" the illumination!—while "Davy" slept on!

DISCHARGED!—ALEXANDER C. ROOD, of this village, a member of Company I, 37th Regiment N. Y. Volunteers, who has been in active service nearly two years, has been honorably discharged from the service on account of seriously impaired health. He was a brave and faithful soldier, and contributed his full share towards the brilliant reputation which his Regiment has acquired.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK FOR MARCH.—There is no publisher who understands the difficult art of catering to the tastes of the Ladies so successfully as LOUIS A. GODEY. His unrivalled "Book" is always a repository of the finest gems of literature and art, its engravings are models of beauty and excellence, and its fashion plates are universally regarded as being the best and most reliable.

Advertisements on the right margin, including notices for 'The Constitution', 'Published by...', and 'In this village'.