

The Centre Democrat.

THURSDAY, Nov. 21, 1861.

ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

"CAMP HARRISBURG." Near Bladensburg, Nov. 9, 1861. Mr. Editor:—Having a desire to interest your readers I have for the third time written a preface of a third time to you, and as the old adage of "a third time is the charm," this should be a final attempt, and perhaps will prove a success.

We left "Camp Curtin"—Harrisburg—about two weeks ago, and after a merry ride of two days through a very wet rain, we arrived in the city where Uncle Abe abides, were accommodated with food and rest at the "Soldiers Retreat"—two long buildings formerly used by the Mount Vernon Association for the manufacture of canes, but now converted into sleeping and eating rooms for the accommodation of such as your humble scribbler. After a visit to the Capital, a long and fatiguing climb to the Dome, and the inscribing a name, as other ambitious Yankees boys have done, we descended to the "Retreat," slung our knapsacks and after a muddy march of 1 1/2 miles, pitched our tents on the outskirts of Washington, on the ground last occupied by the gallant but now lamented Col. Baker, of whose death your readers are made aware ere this; after a stay of one week we pulled our stakes and trod over five miles more of their chivalrous land, forming our camp again on an artificial hill which was thrown up in 1812, and where the "battle of Bladensburg" was fought in the same year. At noon of each day the tide flows in, completely surrounding us, and often flooding Bladensburg, a small village one mile from camp.

Last night our camp was visited by a heavy rain storm which continued until this evening, flooding our tents. A greater part of the Regiment had taken refuge in the houses and barns near camp. Such is the life of a soldier. We lay in mud and water at night, and in the morning wake up in a merry mood, each one whistling or singing to drive rude care away, not caring for the morrow. Such as satisfy the wants of the day we ask for and get them. A soldier can do with an "Old Trapper" agree in his philosophical proverb—"To-day is my watch, O sentinel!" what more to-day is our reprieve, but I must tie to things of more importance, as the ever turning fortune of a war bids us be ready to shoulder our guns and march at midnight for some other city, and perhaps before you get this we will have routed the traitors and obtained the golden honors or the laurel crown, that ambition has bid us strive for. Our striving, we think, shall not be in vain, as our cause is just, and we have girded on the strong armor of Truth in whom Justice reposes. None can judge hastily or rashly in the judging of the traitorous horde who have struck at the heart of our happiness and almost destroyed the best system of Government ever established by our All-wise Maker on the face of the earth.—They will soon feel the avenging arm of indignant justice. We are the avengers, they are the aggressors, and we have the silent tongue in this the time of our country's peril. But my writing must close, as it is mid-night, and "a written thought at mid-night will redeem the live-long day," so we will welcome the morrow by this mid-night redemption, and embalm this letter very politely by a very pleasant good-night. More anon. S. T. M.

of the "Linn Rifles," Company D, 45th Regiment, P. V.

Daniel P. Bible.

The following notice of our former townsmen D. P. Bible, we find in the Harrisburg Telegraph. "While viewing a dress parade at Camp Curtin last evening, we were pleased to notice the soldierly and efficient deportment of adjutant Daniel P. Bible, of Col. Bhatra's 51st Regiment. The whole country knows of the gallant conduct of Col. Harriott at the battle of Bull Run, and therefore to be in any manner connected with him in the future battles for the country, is an honor which must arouse the valor of the humblest soldier and stimulate the bravest officer in his regiment. Adjutant Bible appreciates this honor by manifesting the possession of the highest qualities as a soldier, and while on parade last evening we noticed that he thoroughly understood the routine of his duty, and was fully conversant with the importance of his position. He is a thorough and enthusiastic soldier, who will shrink from no danger or neglect no duty that imposes a service for the defense of his country. It is to such men as Adjutant Bible, of strict and stern moral deportment, of cultivation and refinement, that the profession of arms is to be elevated and ennobled, and the ranks of the armies of the nation are to be maintained in their manhood and strength, their moral attributes as well as moral courage. We bespeak for Adjutant Bible a brilliant and a useful career while connected with the regiment under the command of the gallant Harriott."

We do hope we have seen the last instance of the return of escaped slaves to their rebel masters by officers of the Federal Army. The Secretary of War has repeatedly signified that it is no part of the duty of our soldiers to engage in this disreputable and unchristian business. The Government is bound to put down this rebellion as speedily as it can, and will be held responsible by the people for the mistaken leniency or abuse of its powers in favor of the public enemies. Nothing can be more humiliating to a free Northern volunteer than to be made an instrument of the slave-outcasters who are doing their utmost to destroy the Union for the sake of which he perils his life's blood. The great historian, George Bancroft, struck the right vein in a speech the other day when he said—"I do not understand turning a soldier of the United States into a constable to keep the peace on the plantation of the Secessionists."

Late reports from Missouri assure us that the State is now almost entirely cleared of the rebel horde that have overrun her surface and oppressed her people. General Price and his allies, though believed to muster a largely superior force, have fled before the National Army, and taken refuge in the wilds of Arkansas. Missouri is thus more nearly regained to the Union than any other border State. This must be the fruit of Fremont's energetic action since the capture of Lexington, as at that time probably more than one half of the State was under rebel occupation. None of the other Federal commanders have effected greater results than this in so brief a period. It is not at all surprising that the sudden check upon the successful progress should be very general—regretted by the people.

REPORT

BOARD OF RELIEF OF CENTRE COUNTY.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF CENTRE COUNTY:

In accordance with the advertisement, by which this meeting has been called, your Board would respectfully report that they have expended the sum of \$8019.01 in orders drawn on the Treasurer in favor of those whose names are annexed, including \$759.79 issued by the Committee who were chosen at a public meeting of the citizens previous to the passage of the Act of Assembly by which your board was created.

The original tax of one mill having been found insufficient, the Commissioners have issued duplicates for the additional 1/10 mills authorized by the Legislature which, taken together, will make the relief tax of the current year about \$13,472.18, and which, after making large allowances for exonerations, will leave about \$12,000 to be expended within the current year. The Board have afforded relief to 392 families embracing 1105 persons, at an average of about \$20.00 to each family. It must be borne in mind, however, that a large number of these families have only recently been thrown on the country for support, and most, if not all, of them, have been left without any means of support except that supplied by your Board, nor can they expect to derive any from their husbands or sons until they have been in the service some two or three months. Those who have been receiving assistance for that length of time might be thrown either on the country or on the resources of the husbands or sons for the future, except in cases of extreme necessity.

The following are the amounts paid to each family, together with the number of weeks for which families have drawn:

Table with columns: NAMES, PAID, WEEKS. Lists names and amounts for various families, such as J. Allert, G. A. Walz, C. A. Byard, etc.

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Latest from Washington.

THE PIRATE SUMTER CAPTURED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—A family letter received here, dated on the 25th of October on board the U. S. frigate Santee off Galveston, confirms the report of the capture of the pirate Sumter.

STILL LATER.

RECONNOISSANCE BY GEN. HEINTZELMAN TO OCEANOGRAPHY.

Capt. Todd's Company, Lincoln Cavalry, in an Ambuscade.

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THE CAPTURE OF MASON AND SLIDELL.

FULL PARTICULARS.

The Scene on Board the British Vessel.

How the News was Received in Washington.

The Navy Department prefers not to publish, at present, the official reports made by the officers of the war steamer San Jacinto, in reference to the capture of Mason and Slidell. The general facts are these: Commander Wilkes, evidently a man of "grit," was sent out to bring home the San Jacinto from the coast of Africa; on his return he touched at Liberia, where he ascertained that Mason and Slidell had run the blockade, and were en route to Europe, probably by the way of Cuba. He sailed up and went into port at Havana. There he ascertained that the Confederate commissioners had gone but a few hours, having sailed in the British mail steamship Trent, the evening before.

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GIORGIO NEW FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 11.

North Carolina has set up for herself.—A convention representing 45 counties assembled at Hillsboro on Monday and acknowledged the Constitution of the United States, deposed Gov. Clark, and declared Mordecai Nash Taylor Provisional Governor.

MARRIED.

On the 8th ult., at Oak Hill, by the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, Mr. John Davidson, daughter of Mr. Robert McClellan, daughter of James McClellan, of Harris township.

On the 20th ult., by the same, Mr. SAMUEL MILLER, of Millery, Millery county, Pa., to Miss MARIA COLLEMAN, daughter of Mr. Robert Colman, of Harris township.

By the Rev. Thomas Shurtleff at the residence of the bride father in Hillsboro 14th inst. Mr. WILLIAM CLAY DAVIS, and Miss ANNA ELIZABETH McCLELLAN.

By the Rev. Thomas Shurtleff on the 7th inst. Mr. FREDERICK BAILEY and Miss MARY E. WILSON.

DIED.

On Sunday the 17th inst. in this borough Aguilu H., son of Tascu J. and Jane T. Kuo, aged about seventeen years.

BARGAINS!!

STORE GOODS, LATE OF TONNER & STEEL.

At their Old Stand on the Northwest Corner of the Diamond in Bellefonte.

IN LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

AT COST FOR CASH.

THEIR STOCK CONSISTS OF DRY GOODS, QUEENSWARE, HARDWARE, SADDLERY, CLOTHING,

HATS, BOOTS & SHOES, NOTIONS, WALL PAPER, WINDOW BLINDS, UMBRELLAS, LAMPS AND PAINTS, WITH ALL THE VARIETY USUALLY KEPT IN A COUNTRY STORE.

WHEN THE BILLS PURCHASED AMOUNT TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS UPWARDS A REASONABLE CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR APPROVED PAPER.

C. AULTMAN & CO. EDWARD BLANCHARD. Bellefonte, Oct. 24, 1861.—1f

All Hands Take Notice.

As our creditors are becoming very anxious we should

SETTLE UP OUR BUSINESS,

in the shortest possible time, and pay our debts, (and as they are more anxious than we are,) we call upon all persons

WHO ARE INDEBTED TO US, TO CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND MAKE SETTLEMENT OF THEIR ACCOUNTS.

If this request be unheeded, we have the offer of that kind of assistance, that we would rather not have.

COME ALONG FRIENDS,

THE SOONER THE BETTER FOR US AT LEAST IF NOT FOR YOU.

WE WANT TO PAY OUR HONEST DEBTS, AND CAN DO IT, IF YOU WILL PAY YOURS.

We will be glad to hand with our Books at the old stand.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.

The following names have been examined and passed by me and remained filed in this office for the inspection of heirs, legatees, creditors and all others in any way interested, and will be presented to the Orphan's Court of Centre county, to be held at Bellefonte, for allowance and confirmation, on Wednesday the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1861.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Hon. Samuel Linn, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the twenty fifth Judicial District, consisting of the counties of Centre, Clearfield and Clinton, of the County of Centre, Clearfield and Clinton, Pa., by his said President Judge, having sent their respective procees to do holden the Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions, Orphan's Court, Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Jail Delivery at Bellefonte, for the month of November, to be commenced on the fourth day of November, it being the 23rd day, of this month.

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