A Philadelphia Heroine

How Lydia Durrah Saved Washington's Army From Surprise at White Marsh.

General Cadwallader. Directly opposite resided William and Lydia Durrah, members of the Society of Friends. A superior officer of the British army, believed to be the adjutant general, fixed upon one of their chambers, a back room, for private conference; and two of them frequently met there, with fire and candles, in close consultation. About the 2d of December the adjutant general told Lydia that they would be in the room at 7 o'clock and remain late, and that they wished the family to retire early to bed; adding that when they were going they would call her to let them out and extinguish their fire and candles. She accordingly sent all the family to bed; but, as the officer had been so particular, her curiosity was excited. She the keyhole of the conclave, and overheard an order read for all the British troops to march out late in the even-ing of the 4th and attack General Washington's army, then encamped at White Marsh. On hearing this she returned to her chamber and laid down.

Soon after the officers knocked at the door, but she rose only at the third summons, having feigned herself asleep. eat nor sleep, supposing it to be in her power to save the lives of thousands of her fellow countrymen, but not knowing how she was to convey the information to General Washington, not daring to confide it to her husband. The time left, however, was short. She quickly determined to make her way as soon as possible to the American outposts. She informed her family that, as she was in want of flour, she would go to Frankford for some; husband insisted that she should take the servant maid with her, but to his surprise she positively refused. She got access to General Howe and solicited, what he readily granted, a pass through the British troops on the lines. Leaving her bag at the mill, she hast-ened towards the American lines and encountered on the way an American lieutenant-colonel (Craig) of the light horse, who, with some of his men, was on the lookout for information. He knew her and inquired where she was going. She answered in quest of her son, an officer in the American army, and prayed to the colonel to alight and walk with her. He did so, ordering his troops to keep in sight. him she disclosed her secret, after having obtained from him a solemn promise never to betray her individually, as her life might be at stake with the British.

He conducted her to a house near at hand, directed something for her to eat, and hastened to headquarters, when he made General Washington acquainted with what he had heard. Washington made, of course, all pre-paration for baffling the meditated surprise. Lydia returned home with surprise. Lydia returned home with her flour; sat up alone to watch the movement of the British troops; heard their footsteps; but when they returned, in a few days after, did not dare to ask a question, though solicitous to learn the event. The next evening the Adjutant General came in, and requested her to walk up to his room, as he wished to put some questions. She followed him in terror; but when he locked the door, and but when he locked the door, and begged her, with an air of mystery, to seated, she was sure that she was either suspected or had been betrayed. He inquired earnestly whether any of her family were up the last night he and the other officer met; she told him that they all retired at 8 o'clock. He observed, "I know you were asleep, for I knocked at your chamber door three times before you heard mer than the state of th her family were up the last night he for I knocked at your chamber door three times before you heard me; I am entirely at a loss to imagine who and in the other the vapor is precipi-gave General Washington information tated in the form of snow, with a temgave General Washington information of our intended attack unless the walls of the house could speak. When we arrived at White Marsh, we found all their cannon mounted, and the troops prepared to receive us, and we have marched back like a parcel of fools."

—Philadelphia Quarterly of 1827.

Washington, July 13.—Ex-Secre tary Windom goes to Europe in a few days. It is intimated that a portion of his time there will be devoted to the Mexican railway enterprise, of which he is the head. There is a dim suspicion that England, seeing how rapidly American railway enterprises were taking root in Mexico, has concluded it wise to look after business there, and this accounts for the renewal of the relations between England and Mexico, broken off years ago. The feet when the hail escapes from the Mexico, broken off years ago. The controversy regarding Mexican bonds held in England is, it is said, about to be satisfactorily terminated, and it is expected that a "tidal wave" of British capital will set toward Mexico.

Pacheco, of California; Ex-Governor Brown, of Tennessee; Ex-Governor Brown, of Georgia, and others, equally distinguished, are members of Windom's company. Their road is to run across Northern Mexico, from gulf to ocean, cutting through the silver country, and tapping the numerous lines of 1822, hail-stones weighing from trades. try and tapping the numerous lines of road that run south from the United States toward the City of Mexico. The number and magnitude of the A. When the British army held possession of Philadelphia, General Howe's headquarters were in Second Street, the fourth door below Spruce, in a house which was before occupied by General Cadwallader. Directly oppositions of the City of Mexico, and the City of Mexico is the City of Mexico, and the City of Mexico is t ward to the borders of Central Ameri-These are the north and south

Jay Gould's line runs farthest to the East, and running from the Rio Grande to the City of Mexico, along the rich lands east of the mountain chains, will drain a rich country, and have the advantage of connection with

Gould's great system of this country.

Huntingdon's line, which runs parallel with Gould's, but a little farther west, is also being pushed. The Rio Grande is already bridged for a connection with the Huntingdon system and the line graded a couple of hundred miles further south. A third A third line, lying still west of Huntingdon's lar, her curiosity was excited. She took off her shoes, and put her ear to Gen. W. J. Palmer, the President, says he will be running through trains to the City of Mexico in less than a year. His line touches American soil

at Laredo, Texas. The Mexican Central, which is to run from El Paso to the City of Mexico, through the table lands of Central Mexico, is also to be completed in 1884, according to the promises of its President, Thomas Nickerson, the late President of the Atchison, Topeka & Her mind was so much agitated that from this moment she could neither at the City of Mexico, and extend their traffic to the borders of Central America, is General Grant's line. The English will find the field well occupied and a good many millions of American capital disputing their entrance into it.—Times-Star.

Married in a Great Hurry.

"The quickest courtship on record," said one old resident, "was that of Dr. Nick McDowell, who, driving along the street in his buggy one day, saw a beautiful girl standing at the window He immediately stopped and hitched his horse, rang the bell, inquired the lady's name, was ushered into the parlor, announced his own name, said he was 'pleased with her appearance and wished to marry her at once.' Nothing but the knowledge that she was actually in the presence of the celebrated physician kept her from ed into a national republican ides." fainting. To her plea of surprise at this unexpected announcement he only replied, 'Now or never.' When she asked to take a week to consider he said, 'I am going down street to attend spare right now.'

"Give me a day, then?" "Till tell you what I'll do. When I am through with this professional visit I'll drive around and get a preacher. If you've made up your cray.—N. F. Sun. "'I'll tell you what I'll do. When nind to marry me by that time, al right!' and he left her breathless and nable to articulate another word When he returned they were quietly married, 'No cards,' "-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Hail.

have a place.

Previous to the fall of hail the air is hot and highly charged with moist-ure. A cold current, rushing in, displaces it and rapidly forces it upwards temperature near thirty-two degrees, perature, it may be, as low as twenty degrees. In front of the hail-cloud the air is whirled rapidly around a horizontal axis, causing the snow to collect in small balls which, becoming forced into the adjoining warmer water-cloud, is coated with water at the freezing point, which becomes con-gealed by the cold of the snow nucleus; and still the whirling motion continues. and the rapidly-forming ball is whirled through the snow-cloud and watery cloud alternately with amazing rapidity, and layer after layer of soft snow and transparent ice are added, until, in a few minutes, a ball is formed, perhaps as large as three or four inches in diameter. All the time the clouds have been filling rapidly and are at

vortex and falls to the earth. The hail in falling makes a peculiar cracking noise, which is heard by those below some seconds before it reaches

capital will set toward Mexico.

Senator Windom will look sharply after this, and his report on that subject, if he brings one, will be of interest to a large number of people. Governor Foster, of Ohio; Governor Butler, of Massachusetts; Ex-Governor

inches, and a circumference of twelve and a half inches—some of these exceeded sixteen inches. In this storm the average depth of hail was four inches. This was exceeded by a storm which passed over the Orkneys, at the inches. This was exceeded by a storm which passed over the Orkneys, at the North of Scotland, on July 24th, 1818, depositing hail to the depth of nine inches, which, however, does not bear comparison with the one that deposited sixteen inches of ice in the streets of Mexico, on August 17th, 1836.

A Crazy and Dishonest Platform.

There is an extraordinary resolution in the platform of the Pennsylvania republicans .

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The platform calls for an economical administration of the affairs of the commonwealth; it contains not one word tion or the affairs of the nation. It calls for the abolition of all taxes not required for necessities of the state government; it says nothing about abolishing the taxes not required for necessities of the United States government. It declares that fraud and waste must be stopped at Harrisburg; it is silent about but use and urge them to use Hop Bitfraud and waste at Washington.

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