MAJOR-GENERAL SHERIDAN.

His Trip from Washington to Philadelphia—Grand and Enthusiastic Reception in this City.

Major-General Philip H. Sheridan, who had been invited to visit this city, left Willard's Hotel, in Washington, a few minutes before 12 o'clock yesterday, in company with Messrs. R. M. Evans, W. Heisely and Wm. Palmer, a Committee of the Philadelphia City Council.

Carriages had been in waiting at the hotel, and the General, with the Committee and three members of his staff, who have accompanied him from here of late, viz.: General J. W. Forsyth, Col. Newbrown, and Col. Crosley, were immediately driven to the Pennsylvania depot, where ample room for the express train for Philadelphia, they took the carriages for Philadelphia, and before leaving the depot, a special committee of the Baltimore City Council, consisting of Messrs. Samuel A. Ewalt, were introduced, and extended to General Sheridan an invitation to stop at Baltimore for a short time. The General regretted his inability to comply with the wish of the committee, in view of the arrangements already made for his reception in Philadelphia. The members of the committee appeared to enjoy the pleasure of a private interview with the General, while on his way to Baltimore.

During the entire trip General Sheridan entered freely into conversation with all who desired to converse with him. Upon political subjects he expressed himself without reserve, and never so earnestly and clearly as when talking *off-the-opinion-reporter* on the great political problems of the day. His manner was entirely undemonstrative and reserved, though frank and friendly. The conversation with Messrs. Evans and Heisely, of the Philadelphia Committee of Reception, he said, speaking of the correct policy to be pursued by the country: "There is but one policy to pursue, and that is to carry out the measures of Congress, according to the interpretation that Congress has given to those measures." He also said that every one of his officers, in his late position, had been endorsed by Grant, and were virtually the acts of that general. Referring to the probable dangers of the present situation, General Sheridan used the following language: "If the rebels get in power through the policy of Andrew Johnson, the rebellion is made honorable and Unionism dishonorable; and as so many soldiers have been sacrificed in the suppression of the rebellion, I am in favor of depriving the rebels of their political power by giving the colored Unionists the right of franchise."

AT BALTIMORE.

Upon arriving at Baltimore, the train was besieged by several thousands of enthusiastic men, whose prolonged shouts and cordial gatherings were heard and seen on every side long before the train entered the depot. Hundreds rushed into and through the cars, while others clustered to the top, and not a few boldly struggled through the car windows in their haste to test the one object of the general enthusiasm. For nearly ten minutes it was found almost impossible to remove the General from the window while to remove the General from the window while to remove the General, in consequence of the determined and vigorous hand-shaking to which he was being subjected. Finally a movement was made from the interior of the special car to the outside, and General Sheridan appeared upon the front platform. The hurrahs of the assembled hosts were deafening, while above the roar of the tempest could be heard expressions of the warmest friendship and esteem for the popular Union hero. The demonstration finally assumed the shape of a perfect ovation. The little General was slowly carried off by the crowd, and carried by them the whole length of the long depots to the front street, amid the frenzied shouts of the multitude. "God bless you, sir—God bless you," "the hopes of the country are with you General," and similar cries, helped to make up the general din. Reaching the street in front of the depot, a vigorous attempt was made to take the horses from the chaise which had been assigned to the General, so that the crowd might themselves draw the vehicle through the streets. Major-Chapman protested the General to the crowd, and added some remarks which were entirely drowned by the continued cheering of the people. The carriage at length moved off, followed by an immense crowd, and preceded by a band of music in an omnibus, several other carriages containing the members of the General's staff, reporters of the press, and committees of Councils followed. General Sheridan, in company with Mayor Chapman, of Baltimore, and Mr. Evans, of the Philadelphia Council committee, was driven to Baltimore street, around to Howard, the Philadelphia depot, receiving the general applause of the people.

At the President street depot another large crowd quickly gathered. General Sheridan was introduced to the people by Major-General Richardson, of Baltimore, who proposed three cheers for the hero of Five Forks and of New Orleans. The crowd then improved the opportunity of shake hands with the distinguished visitor. Fred. Douglass, of Sec. 1, and many colored residents of Baltimore being among the number of those who felt the General's grasp. The train moved off, and the General bowing as it moved, entered the car, followed by many hearty well wishes for his continued health and prosperity.

AT CHESNEY STATION.

General Sheridan being informed that many of the passengers in the forward cars would be delighted to take him by the hand, walked through to the forward car, and quietly bowed his acknowledgments. Shook hands with many of the ladies and gentlemen.

AT THE DEPOT OF DELAWARE.

General Sheridan was called out to the rear platform by a hearty cheer, and bowed, politely to his admirers. He was received with hearty cheers and many expressions of personal good will.

AT PERRYVILLE.

The car containing General Sheridan and party was detached from the regular train and connected with a car which had just arrived from Wilmington, bearing Mayor Valentine and a committee of the Councils of that city, as also a deputation of five citizens. By this arrangement of a special train the party were enabled to reach Philadelphia, more than an hour earlier than would have been the case had no such provision been made.

Immediately after leaving Perryville, Mayor Valentine was introduced to General Sheridan, and, in the course of a few remarks, assured him that the hearts of the loyal people had gone out to him as one of the greatest captains of our age. He recent course had been such as to meet with the cordial approbation of the American people, and he would, as he did now, receive the just commendation of a free and grateful people.

John H. Adams, Esq., president of the Wilmington City Councils, on behalf of that body, formally welcomed the General to the city of Wilmington, and complimented him upon his valor and patriotism. He also presented a patriotic and witty address adopted by the Councils.

General Sheridan replied as follows:

Gentlemen—I thank you kindly for the very complimentary remarks you have made to me and for the kind invitation you have extended me in behalf of the citizens of Wilmington. I regret exceedingly to be at present unable to respond in person to your invitation to visit your city, but at some future time I would be happy to avail myself of it.

AT WILMINGTON.

The welcome at this place was a repetition of the Baltimore demonstration, though on a more limited scale. The visitor was welcomed with the booming of cannon, ringing of bells, processions, and showers of bouquets. An immense concourse had assembled at the depot, and many of the prominent citizens, with the extended hand of the gallant Sheridan. A toast or music played several delightful airs. The train stopped but a few moments, however, during which those present had a good opportunity to see the Union hero as he remained on the rear platform until after the cars started.

AT CLAYMONT.

Mr. Benjamin Nields, on behalf of the Wilmington delegation, took leave of General Sheridan, who had been their guest while passing through the State of Delaware. Having now reached the Pennsylvania boundary, they reimbarked all charge of him to the City of Philadelphia committee, who had been admitted on board the train at Wilmington.

Mr. Daniel P. Ray, Esq., of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Councils of Philadelphia, then addressed General Sheridan as follows:

General: I welcome you to the State of Pennsylvania, and desire to say that we are happy to receive you in the city of Philadelphia to show you how a patriotic people can appreciate one of their greatest soldiers. We welcome you, sir, hoping you may be pleased while you remain with us.

Gen. Sheridan replied: I thank you, gentlemen.

THE ARRIVAL IN PHILADELPHIA.

Long before the arrival of the train containing the distinguished visitor, thousands of our citizens had congregated in and around the Baltimore Depot, to do honor to the hero of many a hard fought battle. Broad street, for several squares north of Washington, was literally jammed with men, women and children, all intent on having a glimpse of the brave General and District Commander. In the crowds collected were a number of ladies, some of whom were dressed in black, evidently widows of brave men who had fallen for their country's cause while fighting under the gallant Sheridan. In groups on Broad men conversing, who had served in the Shenandoah Valley, under the hero who was expected every minute to arrive. They were narrating some of the incidents of camp life, and telling of the daring deeds of their commander. We also noticed a crippled soldier seated on the steps of the depot, delighting his hearers with a few reminiscences of the fight at Cedar Creek, and portraying Sheridan's features as he arrived in the scene of conflict after his ride from Winchester.

The whistle of the locomotive, at precisely six o'clock, on its nearing the depot, was the signal for a general outburst of applause. By this time the military organizations had arrived, and everything was in readiness to escort the General through the city. The Keystone Battery was located on the lot at the southwest corner of Broad street and Washington avenue, and on the arrival of the train a salute of thirteen guns—a major-general's salute—was fired.

The appearance of "Little" Phil Sheridan at the door of the car, arm-in-arm with Mayor McMichael, created great applause, and the crowds collected in the thoroughfare, made a grand rush towards the door, but were kept back by a strong posse of police, under charge of Chief Ruggles. The General was received with vociferous cheering as he moved from the door of the depot to the turnouts which was to convey him over the route as agreed upon by the Committee of Councils.

With great exertions, the police forced a passage through the crowd to the carriage. During this time cheers were given for the "Hero of the Shenandoah Valley," "Little Phil, Sheridan," "General Sheridan," and in return General Sheridan was kindly engaged returning the compliments. As the carriage drove off into line, cheer after cheer rent the air.

The Procession moved off in the following order:

S. G. Ruggles, Chief of Police.
Squad of Policemen.

First and Second Districts.

CHIEF MARSHAL.

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Stephen T. Sonder, Robert E. Corson, Colonel George M. Wharton, Henry W. Gray, Jr., Lieut. Galloway C. Morris, Major Clayton McMichael, General Charles F. Stewart and Staff.

City Troop.

Squad of Policemen of Sixth District.

Band.

Washington Guards—Col. Ward commanding.

National Guards—Gen. Peter Lyle.

This organization made a very creditable display, and turned out stronger than in any parade they have made since the war.

Liberty Corset Band.

Grey Reserves—Major William McMichael. The Reserves were out in full force, and looked and marched well.

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Harper's Zouaves—Col. D. W. C. Baxter. This company wore their new uniform, and attracted attention by their precision in movement.

THE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department made a splendid display. The following gentlemen were in command:

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Aids—Charles B. Mullen, Good Will Engine; Sen. Henderson, Fame Hose; J. H. Dallas, Shiffler Hose.

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Band.

Harmony Engine Company, No. 6, preceded by twelve pipemen, carrying their pipes on their shoulders, and dressed in blue shirts, with red sashes, and black hats. They had a large delegation. One of the members carried a cane bad consecrated in and around the Baltimore Depot, to do duty here of many a hard fought battle. Broad street, for several squares north of Washington, was literally jammed with men, women and children, all intent on having a glimpse of the brave General and District Commander. In the crowds collected were a number of ladies, some of whom were dressed in black, evidently widows of brave men who had fallen for their country's cause while fighting under the gallant Sheridan. In groups on Broad men conversing, who had served in the Shenandoah Valley, under the hero who was expected every minute to arrive. They were narrating some of the incidents of camp life, and telling of the daring deeds of their commander. We also noticed a crippled soldier seated on the steps of the depot, delighting his hearers with a few reminiscences of the fight at Cedar Creek, and portraying Sheridan's features as he arrived in the scene of conflict after his ride from Winchester.

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