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ed agent in Philadelphia.

FOR MAYOR:
DOCTOR WILLIAM KERR.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democrats are hereby requested to assem-
their respective districts, in primary meet-
on Saturday, the 8th of January next, and
delegates to a County Convention to be
the Court House, in Pittsburgh, on the
following, for the purpose of choosing
to the State Convention.
ecting districts, the time of meeting
between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock, P.
in the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny,
the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock, P. M.
ember of the Committee of Correspondence
CHARLES SHALER, Chairman.
REW WELIE, Secretary.

The proceedings of the Dallas meeting last
have crowded out by a press of other matter.
will appear in our next paper.

Arrest of Col. Duncan.

We give, in this day's paper, the extracts from
letters of Col. Duncan, heretofore published
which have led to his arrest. According to
rules of military discipline, it is conceded,
the sentiments contained in them, would ren-
their liable to arrest; but when it is taken
consideration, that these letters were written
other officer, that they were written to him
the freedom of his soul as an American; that
Duncan probably never expected them to ap-
in print; and that even being printed, no
confidence is violated, and no injury can be done
the army in its movements; and when we also
in mind, that articles most abusive of the ad-
inistration in carrying on the war, have been
written by many connected with the army, who
have neither been reproved nor arrested; we think
there is manifested a degree of sensitiveness in
action to his judgment and authority, by Gen.
, altogether unbecoming a man who has
so heartily honored by his countrymen.
The order published by us yesterday, emanating
from Gen. Scott, in relation to this publication,
meets with the most cordial condemnation from
every man with whom we have conversed, whether
Whig or Democrat. All unite in saying, that it
only worthy of a tap room politician, and alto-
gether disgraceful to the commander-in-chief of
our armies in Mexico.

The Westmoreland Meeting,

The proceedings of our friends in Westmoreland
will be found in our columns of to day. We claim
for them a most attentive perusal by every reader
of our paper. They breathe a spirit of patriotism,
and devotion to our country's interests worthy
of "the Star of the West," and sustain our gallant
countrymen in Mexico, and the administration of
our general government, in a manner calculated
to secure the confidence and respect of the fellow-
citizens throughout the Union. All hail glorious
old Westmoreland.

Fourth Ward Democratic Meeting.

At a meeting of the Democratic voters of the
Fourth Ward of the city of Pittsburgh, held at the
Washington Hotel, on Monday evening, the 27th
instant,

Col S. Jones was called to the Chair, and Mr
Martin Connelly appointed Secretary.

Whereupon, the following nominations were
made, viz:

For Delegates to the City Convention—James
Lindsay, John E. Downing, Samuel Jones, James
K. Herr and Dr. D. Reynolds. Instructed to sup
port Dr. Wm. Kerr for Mayor.

For Common Council—Samuel Jones, David Rey-
nolds, and John McCracken.

For Alderman—John Turbett.

For Inspector of Elections—Joseph O'Brien.

For Judge of Elections—Samuel Lindsay.

For School Directors—Dr. Sellers and Thomas
Scott.

For Assessor—John E. Downing.

For Constable—Bernard M'Kenna.

On motion, adjourned. S. JONES, Ch'mn.
Attest: M. Connelly, Sec'y.

Seventh Ward Democratic Meeting.

At a meeting of the Democratic citizens of the
Seventh Ward, held at the usual place, on Monday
evening, Dec. 27th, Jacob Tomer was called to
the chair, and J. N. McClowry appointed Secreta
ry. After appointing delegates to the city con
vention, to nominate a candidate for Mayor, the
following named persons were chosen candi-
dates for Ward officers, viz:

Judge of Elections, Nicholas Mouser; Inspector,
A. J. Gribben; School Directors, G. W. Layng,
and Joseph Cust for 3 years, Samuel Snee for 1
year; Common Council, Charles Kent and John
Shaffer; Assessor, B. Kane; Constable, John Irwin.
On motion, adjourned. J. TOMER, Ch'n.
J. N. M'Clowry, Sec'y.

☞ Fresh Oysters!—fat, glorious, delicious
Oysters, may be had at all times at the celebrated
Depot of messrs. Holt & Maltby, St. Charles Ho-
tel. Those gentlemen had the goodness yesterday
to present us with a couple of cans, direct from Bal-
timore, and after giving them a fair trial last even
ing, we must say that the old philosopher Epicurus
would swear that no such food was served up in his
day. Holt & Maltby are Napoleons in the Oyster
business, and are, withal, downright clever fellows.
May they live a thousand years!

The Steamboat Explosion.—By a telegraphic
despatch from Cincinnati, on yesterday, we learn
that Eberheart and his son, who were reported as
scalded by the explosion on board the A. H. John-
son, are not hurt. It is with much pleasure we
make the announcement.

☞ Hunker, Fifth street, has our thanks for a
most valuable lot of cakes, which he furnished our
hands last night. By the way, he has his estab-
lishment brilliantly illuminated; and we invite our
citizens generally—the ladies in particular—to
call and see.

Kelly's Trial.—The jury in this case brought
in a verdict of Not Guilty, at 9½ o'clock, last night.
Mr. Kelly, the defendant, through one of his coun-
sel, Mr. Smith, returned his thanks to the court and
the Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Magraw, for the great
fairness which had been exercised towards him
while on his trial.

That oil is becoming an important branch of
trade in the products and exports of Michigan.
Several places in the State, the mint plant is
located largely and profitably, for the manufac-
ture of Cocoa nut oil. In St. Joseph county it is car-
ried on largely by Ex-Governor Barry. The val-
ue shipped from Detroit this fall of his make,
is twenty-five thousand dollars.

Great War Meeting

IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNA.

We publish with much pleasure the following
proceedings of a public meeting in Westmoreland
county, in support of the war. Next to "old
Berks," Westmoreland is the most prominent
Democratic county in Pennsylvania, and has
always borne the name of "the Star in the West."

Pursuant to previous notice, a large and respect-
able meeting of the citizens of Westmoreland coun
ty, "who believe the war with Mexico to be just
and right, and who are favorable to a vigorous
prosecution of the same to an honorable close," as-
sembled at the court house in Greensburgh, on the
30th November.

The meeting was organized by the appointment
of the following officers, viz:

President—Alexander Johnston, Esq.

Vice Presidents—Hon. John C. Plumer, Wm.
Macheeney, John Larimer, esq., Dr. L. L. Bige-
low, James A. M'Callister, esq., Capt. Hugh Ir
win.

Secretaries—David K. Marchand, Alexander M'-
Kinley, Wm. B. Hacke, and Wm. Jack, (Mount
Pleasant.)

On motion, a committee, consisting of the fol-
lowing gentlemen, was appointed to draft reso-
lutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, viz
Alexander McKinney, esq., H. C. Marchand, John
Reed, Wm. Chambers, jr., James McFarland, J. M.
Carpenter, Col. John M'Farland, Hon. John
Moorhead, Hamilton Benty, John Fausold, David
Todd, esq., Hon. James Bell, John Snodgrass, Jos.
Cort, T. Latta, esq., Samuel Wallace, Levi Carpe,
Abraham Altman, Hon. H. D. Foster, Capt. Wm.
N. Huymaker.

During the absence of the Committee, the meet
ing was entertained by able and interesting speech-
es from William A. Cook, esq., and the Hon. John
C. Plumer.

The committee, by their chairman, Alexander
M'Kinney, reported the following resolutions,
which were unanimously adopted:

The committee selected to draft and present
resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting,
called by a notice addressed to "the people of West-
moreland, without respect to party, who believe
the war with Mexico is just and right, and are in
favor of prosecuting it to an honorable close," &c,
beg leave to present the following for consideration
and adoption:

Be it resolved—

1. That for years past, Mexico in her conduct
towards the United States, has heaped insult upon
insult, and wrong upon wrong. She has by her
officers seized treasures belonging to our citizens,
captured and condemned vessels of the United
States, without right or law, imprisoned our coun
trymen, without informing them of the offences
charged against them, and when others of our cit-
izens were murdered by the Mexicans, no attempt
was made by her to bring the assassins to justice;
all of which high handed outrages warranted Gen.
Jackson in saying, in 1837, that these causes of
complaint "would justify in the eyes of all nations
immediate war."

2. That Texas, throwing off a despotic, military
government, became a free and independent republic,
after vain and long continued efforts of Mexico
to reduce her to submission; that France, England,
and the United States had recognised her independ-
dence; that Mexico had not even *attempted* for ten
years to subjugate her, and therefore Texas had a
right to offer to enter the confederacy of this Union,
and the assent on the part of the United States
was no just or proper cause of war against us by
Mexico.

3. That Congress having passed resolutions for
the annexation of Texas, the United States were
bound to defend her against invasion; and when the
Chief Magistrate of that country having invoked
the aid of the United States to resist the attacks
of Mexico, indicated by the proclamation of Her-
rera, dated 22d March, 1845, calling on the Mexi
can States to prepare for the conquest of Texas,
the order of the President for the removal of the
army of Gen. Taylor to the western bank of the
Texas was neither "improvident" nor "uncon-
stitutional," inasmuch as the repeated threats of
the Mexican minister, Almonte, of Presidents
Herrera and Parades, the refusal of the latter to
negotiate, the warlike preparations of the Mexicans,
and the movements of their army of the north
towards the Rio Grande—all gave unmistakable evi
dence of their intention to invade Texas so soon
as annexation was consummated.

4. That the whole tenor of Mexican correspon-
dence, proclamations, threats, menaces, and denun-
ciations, in regard to the annexation of Texas,
shows that Mexico esteemed it "a question of *title* and not of *boundary*"—that she made no dis
tinction in the earlier stages of the controversy
between the Nueces and the Rio Grande—that
such distinction was *first* alluded to by Ampudia,
in his note to Gen. Taylor, after the latter had
been eight months at *Corpus Christi*, west of the
Nueces; and that, in the opinion of this meeting,
it was not a Mexican, but an American, or rather
an *anti-American* suggestion in regard to the boun
dary.

5. That the present existing war with Mexico,
is "just and right," so far as the United States
are concerned. In proof of this, an appeal might
be confidently made to the past history of the two
countries for many years, and more recently to
the conduct of our opponent towards Texas—to
the testimony of that distinguished officer and
statesman, General Scott, who, in his proclamation
dated at Jalapa, May 11th, 1847, said that "the
cabinet at Washington, ardently desiring to termi-
nate its difficulties with Mexico, spared no resource
compatible with honor and dignity, to arrive at *so desirable an end*." And lastly, to the solemnly ex-
pressed opinion of the President of the U. S. and Con-
gress, the members of which, *of all parties, from
every section of the Union*, under the obligation of
their official oaths, in the face of the whole world,
declared, by a vote of FORTY to TWO in the Se-
nate, and ONE HUNDRED and SEVENTY-
THREE to FOURTEEN in the House, THAT THE
WAR EXISTED BY THE ACT OF MEXICO.

6. That the hardships endured, the battles fought,
and the victories achieved by our armies, are more
wonderful than tales of fiction, and unsurpassed
by any incidents recorded in ancient or modern
times; and that their unflinching and indomitable
valor on the field of battle, was fully equalled by
their forbearance, moderation and humanity in the
hour of victory; fully justifying the language of
the gallant Scott, that "we have not profaned the
temples of Mexico, abused her citizens, nor seized
her property, but respected private property of
every description, and the property of her church."

7. That the names of Scott, Taylor, Worth,
Twiggs, Pillow, Quitman, Shields, Patterson, Cad-
walader, and those of hosts of other eminent
officers, will become familiar words in the mouths
of our children; and the unswerving "rank and
file"—men without whose desperate valor no sci-
ence or skill of commanders could have availed
anything—men wholly unlike the mercenaries of
monarchies—men who follow the flag of our
country, not for lucre, but stimulated by zeal in
her cause—men of education, of intelligence and
lofty courage, comprising an army of "individual
heroes," and not of *common* but *uncommon* soldiers
—who, on their return to their homes, will be hailed
as champions of American rights, as representatives
of American valor; and those who fall or die in
the land of the foe, will be fondly remembered by
surviving friends and a grateful people.

8. That our gallant fellow-citizens, the 1st and
3d Pennsylvania volunteers, officers and men, have,
by their patience in toil, their endurance of hard-
ships, their uncomplaining sufferings in sickness,
their headlong courage in battle, from the walls
of Vera Cruz to the "Halls of the Montezumas,"
shown themselves worthy, thrice worthy, of the
Keystone State—that the friends left behind send
them no "cold shower-baths," but heartfelt sym-
pathy, thanks and congratulations; for the yeo-
manry of Pennsylvania, although not nicely ver-
sed in the "*quiddits and quillits*" of international
law—although they may not have read Grotius,
or Puffendorf, or Vattel, or Wheaton, yet in the
present contest, as in all others with a foreign foe,
they will ever be found on the AMERICAN *side of the question*.

9. That inasmuch as Mexico has rejected again
and again our proffers of peace, it is the opinion
of this meeting, that the next pacific proposal
ought not to emanate from this government, but
that the war should be prosecuted with increased
vigor, until brought to an honorable close; that
Congress should vote ample supplies for that pur-
pose; that the commanding general should occu-
py temporarily the chief towns in Mexico, seize
the revenues of her government, levy contribu-
tions to sustain his army, and treat the guerillas
as bandits; that no peace of any kind be conclu-
ded, until Mexico shall pay, by territory or other-
wise, the whole expense of the war, to "the ut-
most farthing;" and that this meeting cannot but
treat as ridiculous and puerile, the idea that our
government will or should be satisfied *now* by
merely the "*proper fixation of the boundaries of Texas!!*"

10. That the annexation of New Mexico and
Upper California to the United States, would be a
valuable and desirable acquisition of territory,
securing a large extent of country, inexhaustible
mines of precious metals, and the most extensive
and eagerly sought for harbors in the Pacific
ocean; that both these territories are already in a
most *Americanized* by the frequent intercourse and
now permanent abode of traders and others; and
the unfair attempt to excite alarm and prejudice
in regard to "*difference of law, race, language, and
religion*" is eminently exposed by a recurrence to
the history of the purchase of Louisiana and Flor-
ida—the former of which, at least, stands in the
front rank of the States, for wealth, industry,
intelligence, and PATRIOTISM.

11. That we are so fully impressed with the im-
portance of a speedy and honorable termination of
the present war, that this meeting views with indig-
nation the unworthy and illiberal preparations being
made to frustrate a treaty of peace, provided territo-
ry shall be acquired thereby, with clogs and "provi-
sos," calculated to endanger its ratification, and
arouse the fiercest sectional hostility; that no such
local prejudices found place in our army—the best
blood of the south, and the richest of the north,
having been frequently freely commingled in Mexico;
that it is despicable to insinuate that the present
war is prosecuted for the "*purpose of propagating slavery*;" and that in the opinion of the meeting,
the people of Pennsylvania desire the war to be
closed by a treaty of peace, wholly disconnected
from every cause or pretext of local or sectional
excitement; and that they will, as heretofore, strive
to keep inviolate the constitution of the United
States, untertified by the menaces of the Hotspurs of
the south, and unseduced by the mock philanthropy
of anti-slavery fanatics and their coadjutors in the
north.

12. That this meeting would suggest to the people
of Pennsylvania, to hold conventions in their seve-
ral counties, and express their opinions with respect
to the furtherance of the present war; that it is de-
sirable thus to let our enemy see that we are, with-
out respect to party, united on this momentous
question; that nothing is to be expected from
schisms among us—a hope which has heretofore
protracted the contest; and the meeting would fur-
ther suggest that a State convention of all those
who conceive the war to be just and right, and are
in favor of its vigorous prosecution, be held at Har-
risburgh, on some day hereafter to be designated,
where the people of Pennsylvania may speak out
en masse on this truly national subject.

And be it further resolved—

1. That our fellow-citizens are, and of right
ought to be, proud of the "Westmorland Guards,"
who have faithfully and fearlessly done their duty
wherever required, whether on the toilsome march
or the field of battle; but that nothing less was ex-
pected from that gallant company, composed as it
was of the flower of the county.

2. That the memory of the intrepid and chival-
rous Drum, the fearless Dick Johnston, and daring
Gilchrist, will ever be gratefully remembered by
the people of Westmoreland, whom they so admi-
rably represented in many a sanguinary struggle.

3. That we have learned with most poignant
sorrow, from time to time, of deaths by disease,
which have terribly thinned the ranks of our gal-
lant "Guards," and we hereby tender our heartfelt
condolence to the relatives and friends of the la-
mented dead.

4. That for the purpose of doing some small
honor to the memory of these Westmorelanders
who have fallen or died during the present war in
the service of their country, it is hereby proposed
to erect, by public subscription, a suitable monu-
ment to their memory.

5. That a committee of superintendence, con-
sisting of seven persons, be appointed by the Chair,
whose duty it shall be, as soon as a sufficient sum
from subscriptions can be secured, to select a proper
site, in or near Greensburgh, and have erected
thereon a monument as above designated, plain
massive, unadorned, enduring, and composed of
the stone of Westmoreland county.

6. That in addition to such appropriate inscrip-
tion as the committee aforesaid may select, they
shall have inscribed on said monument the names
of all Westmorelanders who have fallen or died in
the service of their country, during the war with
Mexico, together with their several ages, and places
of their deaths; and that they shall cause a suffici
ent space to be left for the names of any others
from this county, now in service, who may unfor-
tunately fall beneath sickness or the sword.

7. That it shall be the further duty of said com
mittee of superintendence, to place within the mon-
ument a list of the members of the "Westmore-
land Guards, and of all others from Westmoreland
county in the service of their country during the
present war. And they shall, in addition, deposite
therein a list of the subscribers to said monument,
and have the same published in the newspapers
of this county.

8. That the said committee of superintendence
shall also appoint a committee of three persons in
each borough and township in the county, to re-
ceive subscriptions for the above purpose, whose
duty it shall be to forward to the committee of
superintendence the sum so received by them, and
a list of the persons by whom they were paid.

Ordered, That the secretaries of this meeting
are hereby directed to forward copies of these pro-
ceedings to the Hon. Simon Cameron and Hon.
Daniel Sturgeon, United States senators from Penn-
sylvania; to the Hon. Job Mann, the representa-
tive of this district in Congress, and to the officers
of the "Westmoreland Guards" in Mexico, request-
ing that the same may be read at the head of the
company.

Ordered, That the newspapers of this county and
at Harrisburgh, Washington Union, Pennsylvanian,
and *Pittsburgh Post, are hereby requested to publish
the foregoing proceedings*.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Yale College

—On Christmas eve an affray broke
out in this College between Emerson and Good-
rich, (two tutors) and Towar and Ewen, (two
students,) which resulted in Goodrich's being mor
tally stabbed, and Emerson being knocked down
with a bar of iron.

PROCLAMATION.

CITY OF PITTSBURGH, SS.

IN accordance with the provisions of an act of
the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylva-
nia, providing for the incorporation of the City of
Pittsburgh, and of the Supplements to said Act,
I, GABRIEL ADAMS, Mayor of said City, do issue
this, my Proclamation, declaring that on the
SECOND TUESDAY of January, A. D., 1848, being
the 11th day of that month, "the freemen of each
ward of said City," qualified to vote for members
of the House of Representatives of this Common-
wealth, will meet together at the several places for
holding elections in their respective wards, and
elect by ballot, a citizen of the said City, qualified
to be elected a member of the House of Represen-
tatives of this Commonwealth, to be Mayor of said
City.

And that on the same day, in conformity to the
before recited authorities, and also, to an ordinance
of Councils, districting said city, passed the 10th
day of November, A. D., 1847, the citizens of the
First ward will elect by ballot THREE persons: of
the *Second* ward THREE: the *Third* ward SIX: the
Fourth ward THREE: the *Fifth* ward SEVEN: the
Sixth ward THREE: the *Seventh* ward TWO: the
Eighth ward TWO: and the *Ninth* ward ONE,—
each of whom shall be qualified to serve as a mem-
ber of the House of Representatives of this Common-
wealth, to be members of the Common Council.

Given under my hand and seal of said city of Pitts-
burgh, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1847.

jan1-te GABRIEL ADAMS, [L. S.]

READ AND REMEMBER!

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their *healthy* and *natural* condition, and the pre-
servation of that state, is the GREAT OBJECT of the
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body of every vitiated and offensive humor, but also
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gans, and gives the constitution power to carry on
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Freedom, Pa.; J. L. Russell, Washington, Pa.; Craig
Ritchie, Connonsburgh, Pa. jan1

ORIGINAL ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLES OF CONTRERAS AND CHURUBUSCO.

Extracts from private letters, dated

TACUBAYA, Mexico, August 27, 1847.

The whole force which moved from Puebla,
amounted to ten thousand men, more or less—
marching in four columns, on successive days, in
the following order, viz: Twiggs, Quitman, Worth
and Pillow. In approaching the city of Mexico
by the main highway, you go directly on to the
height of El Penon, which is a strong position and
excessively fortified. Before leaving Puebla it had
been considered whether the main road could not
be avoided, and El Penon turned, by passing round
to the south and left of lakes Chalco and Joch
imilco. The engineer officer, serving immediately
at general head quarters, had questioned a large
number of persons, (including spies and agents
sent especially to examine the route,) and the
mass of testimony was entire to the boggy, mucky
and perfectly impracticable character for wagons
and artillery of the road leading in that direction.
It was therefore in contemplation to turn El Penon,
by forcing the enemy's lines at Mexicalzingo, al-
though the ground was difficult, and the batteries
known to be numerous. This route, you will ob-
serve, is to the north and right of those lakes.—
The reconnoisances of the engineers were conse-
quently directed to this end. In the mean time,
Gen. Worth, whose division had been left at Chalco
(while Gen Scott, with Twiggs' division, had
gone on to Ayotla,) sent Col. Duncan, with a
strong party, to examine the denounced route.—
Col. D. found it just the reverse of what it had
been pronounced to be;—it was firm, rocky, and
quite practicable, requiring, to be sure, a little labor
here and there. Gen. Worth instantly sent Col.
Duncan with this information to Gen. Scott, and
urged the movement of the whole army to the left
of lake Chalco. This recommendation instantly
prevailed. The direct attack was abandoned, and
the next morning the whole army was in motion.
Worth's division in the rear, (now by the change
of the line of operations become the front,) took
the lead, and the whole mass filed to the left of the
lakes to San Augustin, which is on the great Aca-
pulco highway to the city of Mexico, and about
nine miles from it. This is the history of the
strategy of the business.

We arrived at San Augustin on the evening of
the 17th. The first position of the enemy was at
San Antonio, 2½ miles off in advance. General
Worth sent an engineer officer the next morning
to reconnoitre. Capt. Thornton, of the Dragoons,
escorting him. He went to about 1000 yards of
the enemy's battery, leaving the company some hun-
dred yards in the rear. When the engineer officer
began to examine the battery with his spy glass,
a gun was fired at him. The ball passing over
him, struck Capt. Thornton from his horse, tearing
away his whole breast and ribs. Poor fellow!
he had not ten days to live; he was so feeble that
he could scarcely sit in his saddle. Physicians
and friends had remonstrated against his going out;
but he had, I doubt not, made up his mind, that
nothing but death itself should take him from his
saddle. He had been troubled and pestered in
many ways, but he was as pure and honorable a
man as ever lived. This reconnoisance resulted
in the intelligence that the position of San Anto-
nio could be turned by its right our left. Another
reconnoisance was directed by Gen. Scott, to as-
certain whether, by branching off at San Augustine
and taking a wider circuit to our left, we could
not gain the Tacubaya road and turn all the ene-
my's works. The engineer officer went about a
league on this road, where he came upon a ravine
occupied by the enemy in force on the opposite
side. The ground was found to be rough and bro-
ken beyond description, still practicable for infan-
try, and with labor doubtless could be made so for
cavalry and artillery. Accordingly this was de-
cided upon as the route on which the army was
to move. On the morning of the 19th, working
parties were pushed forward to repair or rather
make the road. Pillow's division, supported by
Twiggs', were to dispossess the enemy of the ravine
before mentioned. Upon trial it was found that the
enemy could not be brushed away. He was strongly
fortified, in great force, with upwards of 50 pieces
of artillery. A battle had therefore to be fought
before the road could be cleared. As our troops
approached the position, the enemy opened a tre-
mendous cannonade, which he kept up from one or two
o'clock until dark. The mountain howitzers and
Magruder's battery were posted as *counter batteries*,
but as the enemy's guns were 18 pounders, 24
pounders and such like, behind parapets, or at any
rate in commanding positions, you can readily
imagine who got the worst of it. When will
such follies cease?

Our troops took up positions during the night,
for the attack of the enemy's lines next morning
which they did in handsome style and with com-
plete success, killing many hundreds, taking many
prisoners, upwards of twenty pieces of cannon,
amongst which were those taken from Gen. Tay-
lor at Buena Vista, small arms without number,
and a great abundance of cannon ammunition,
which we were much in need of. Among the
prisoners, were several officers of rank, including
the late acting President, Gen. Salas, the author of
that infamous paper, exhorting the guerillas to
"wage war without pity." In the mean time,
Worth's division began operations, on the 20th,
around San Antonio, over the route that had twice
been reconnoitred by the engineer officer, who led
Smith's light battalion and Clark's brigade around
this position. As soon as the enemy discovered
our troops in motion, he began to abandon his
works, and to retreat on the main road to the city
—our troops pushing on with rapidity, reached the
road in time to pierce the retreating column about
its centre, killing and capturing some and disper-
sing the rest in all directions. The remainder of
the division hurried up through the village and
joined Cadwalader's brigade. The whole division pressed
on along the highway in hot pursuit of the re-
treating enemy up to the village of Churubusco,
where our troops came across another strongly in-
trenched position. The defences consisted of a
regular bastion field work, with wet ditches. It
served as a bridge head, and was thrown across the
road; to its right and somewhat in advance of it,
is a strong stone church, with a field work in front.
The flanks of the field work were connected with
a high stone wall, which enclosed the church.—
To the rear of the church and bridge head there is
a deep wet ditch, running perpendicularly to the
road, and extending far off to the enemy's left,
and therefore, parallel to our front; behind this
ditch was an infantry line, stretching from right
to left quite a mile long. When Worth's division
came within reach of the bridge head, it was
formed on the right (our right) of the road, and
moved forward through the dense corn fields, in
front of the enemy's lines. The infantry troops
behind the ditch before mentioned, soon gave
way and fled to their entrenchments. As our troops
approached the enemy's intrenchments, the most
terrific fire that you can possibly imagine was
opened upon them. Suffice it to say, that the
bridge head was forced, and the enemy's left com-
pletely routed. Twiggs' and Shields' troops and
some of Pillow's approached the right of the ene-
my's lines, where they suffered severely. Frank
Taylor's battery was brought up to counter batter
the field work, and most gallantly served, but be
ing directly opposed to heavier metal, was cut to
pieces. Duncan's battery was established in a
position which enfiladed or took the enemy's
works in reverse; it therefore did great execution,
and not being opposed to the enemy's heavy guns,
suffered but little. Our loss was severe—probably
it will exceed a thousand killed and wounded.—
The loss of the enemy, in killed and wounded, is
much greater than ours, but cannot be accurately
estimated. We have 2700 prisoners, several hun-
dred of whom are officers, of all grades, from
generals to lieutenants. There is no obstacle to
our entering the city at any time we choose.

MASONIC NOTICE.

A special meeting of Lodge, No. 45, A. Y. M.,
will be held at their Hall, corner of 3d and Wood
sts., THIS AFTERNOON, (Saturday,) at 2 o'
clock. By order of the W. M.

THOS. W. WRIGHT, Sec'y.
Pittsburgh, Jan. 1, A. L. 5848.

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