



Hail! brightest banner that floats on the gale, Flag of the country of Washington, hail! Behold thy stripes with the blood of the brave, Bright are thy stars as the sun on the wave; Wrapt in thy folds are the hopes of the Free, Banner of Washington! blessings on thee!

DEMOCRATIC STATE NOMINATIONS.

FOR GOVERNOR: GEORGE W. WOODWARD, OF PHILADELPHIA.

FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT: WALTER H. LOWRIE, OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

Election, Tuesday, October 13, 1863.

FOR SENATOR: HON. B. A. BRADY has our thanks for a copy of the Report of the Congressional Committee on the Conduct of the War.

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OLD BERKS AROUSED FOR THE STATE DEFENCE.

TOWN MEETING.

At a very large meeting held at the Court House, on Saturday evening last, for the purpose of devising means for the defence of the State, the following persons were selected officers:

President—DAVID MCKNIGHT. Vice Presidents—Hon. Joseph S. Hoyer, James Mitchell, Isaac Eckert, George Smith, John Green.

Secretaries—E. J. Knapp, William M. Baird, G. M. Lamm, Esq. offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to issue a proclamation in Monday morning's Times, calling upon all our citizens to close their places of business, and meet in the square to organize themselves into companies and regiments to respond to Harrisburg on Tuesday morning, to aid in driving the rebels from our State.

Resolved, That the citizens so assembling be under the temporary command of Dr. Hunter until they select their field officers, and their field officers, that a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to ascertain who and how many that exist for the emergency, have facilities left behind that need protection and care.

Resolved, That we, who go, provide ourselves with a sufficient number of teams to transport our baggage and subsistence.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Councils and ask an appropriation sufficiently large to provide us with subsistence for ten days.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed as Commissioners, to attend to the purchasing and arrangement of supplies.

Resolved, That all business and professional men who do not respond to this call of their country in its hour of peril, should not be patronized by the families of those who are willing to perish in the defence of their country.

Resolved, That all those who are patriotic and remain home for causes of old age and disability.

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WAR NEWS! THE INVASION.

CARLISLE ABANDONED BY GEN. KNIPPE.

Harrisburg, June 25.—Nooon. General Knippe, declining his forces so strong enough to meet the enemy, evacuated Carlisle last night. General Knippe reports them advancing about 10,000 strong.

A FORCE OF 15,000 REBEL TROOPS AT YORK.

Harrisburg, June 25.—General Couch to-day received the following information from a reliable source which he considers perfectly reliable: The rebel force at York is 15,000 strong, under Gen. Early, who has issued an order to the citizens levying a contribution of \$150,000, 150 barrels of flour, 100,000 pounds of beef, 50 bags of coffee and large quantities of sugar and groceries. He has given them twenty-four hours to comply with his wishes. Men of Pennsylvania I you see a forrest of the late reserved for you.

The rebel troops which were at Wrightsville, opposite Columbia, fell back to York to-day, Imboden, with 6,000 troops, comprising all arms of the service, is believed to be twelve miles from York, and advancing.

The position of Lee's army—MORE SKIRMISHES. Harrisburg, June 25.—Forty-two rebel prisoners, including a major and lieutenant, were sent to Philadelphia to-day, for safe keeping. They are the accumulation of the past week.

A citizen of Carlisle who left that place at eleven o'clock last night, arrived here to-day. He states that the barracks are empty, and that seven thousand men, besides a brigade which is encamped at each end of the town. He left there on Saturday for Gettysburg where Longstreet's headquarters are now established.

The rebels occupying Gettysburg—ALARM IN THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY. Harrisburg, June 25.—Governor Curtin has received information that the rebels occupied Gettysburg, to-day, with ten regiments of infantry, with cavalry and artillery. The operator at that point, while sending a dispatch to Gen. Couch, was forced to leave before receiving it, to prevent being captured. He believed this force intended to strike the Northern Central Railroad, either at Hanover Junction or York, which is distant about thirty miles.

The Governor has also received information that the rebels hold all the passes of South Mountain.

Hundreds of horses are being driven over the bridge of the Susquehanna, followed by men, women and children—the defenceless inhabitants of Cumberland Valley.

Harrisburg, June 25.—11 o'clock, P. M. The rebel force which occupied Gettysburg to-day was the Division of General Early, belonging to Longstreet's Corps. This makes two corps known to have crossed the Potomac. The corps of Gen. Early was supposed to have crossed at Shepherdsford.

When Rhodes' Division of Ewell's Corps arrived at Chambersburg, the telegraph operator was unable to escape. He remained until Wednesday, when he succeeded in escaping by the Lebanon to the Pennsylvania Railroad. He arrived here to-day. He reports that the enemy numbered twelve thousand and had five batteries of artillery. They were accompanied by a long train of wagons and ambulances. All the officers had on new uniforms. When he left, Gen. Johnson's Division, belonging to the same corps, was within six miles of the town. The soldiers believed they were going to Harrisburg, and were very anxious to know how far it was.

Following the capture of the telegraph operator, Carlisle to-day, although they are encamped within four miles of the town.

The advance on Gettysburg. Harrisburg, June 25.—On Friday morning the Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Militia, Colonel Jennings was sent by the Government to the Potomac, to guard the militia south of Gettysburg, and having but a small force he retired, after a brisk skirmish, marching all day Friday and bivouacked one mile east of Peterburg (or York Springs). He returned the march next day and arrived at Carlisle on Saturday morning. He reports that the rebels were not well acquainted with the roads, but met a gentleman from Dillsburg about two miles south of that town, who piloted him to Harrisburg. The rebels returned the march this morning at 2 A. M., and arrived at Bridgeport, opposite Harrisburg, about 12 M., to-day. The rebels kept up a close chase, and a sergeant, who was captured and subsequently escaped, says that the rebels were accompanied by a battery to capture the whole command, and to that end they pushed on rapidly without paying any attention to the stragglers. Col. Jennings' loss is estimated at 200; 70 are known to be prisoners, and 200, including the number one Captain and one Lieutenant. Some of the missing may yet turn up safe.

Reading as a camp. A Camp of Volunteers for 20,000 men has been established at Reading, by order of the Government. The Camp ground has been selected on Hawk's farm, South-East of the city, which is well adapted for the purpose, having plenty of shade and a proper slope, in case of wet weather. The Department has been instructed to issue camp, and to send to the city, for the purpose of procuring the necessary supplies. The camp will be under the command of Major W. M. Roads, Jr., who has the contract for furnishing the rations for this place upon very favorable terms. The camp is situated on the Northern Central Railroad, this side of that place, where have been burned.

When our troops fell back from Carlisle they left in the barracks equipments for one company of the 16th Alabama Regiment, and their provisions, which have fallen into the hands of the enemy. There is a report that the barracks have been burned, but this needs confirmation.

A fight took place at Wrightsville late this morning, and the rebels were repulsed. The rebels were repulsed, and the Northern Central Railroad retreated to Columbia bridge on the approach of the enemy, and all crossed the river except Col. Frick's regiment, who remained at Wrightsville to guard the bridge. The rebels attacked him in heavy force, and in order to save his men he was forced to cross to Columbia. This magnificent bridge was then burned to prevent the rebels from reaching this side of the river.

The Governor has information that the rebels are at Hanover Junction, twelve miles above Columbia, with a pontoon train sufficiently large to construct a bridge.

The rebels that drove our men from Strerret's Gap yesterday, and then moved towards Duncannon, have returned to the Gap. No demonstration has been made by the rebels on the Northern Central in that direction to-day, so far as known.

Colonel Jennings' regiment, which had the skirmish at Gettysburg, arrived here to-day. He lost about three hundred men in prisoners and stragglers. The officers were sent to Richmond and the men were paroled. Some of the men have arrived here.

MECHANICSBURG OCCUPIED BY THE REBELS. Harrisburg, June 25.—[Special to the New York Herald.]—At 9 o'clock this morning the rebels demanded the surrender of Mechanicsburg which was complied with, and our cavalry retreated to Goodsville. The enemy pulled the United States flag and raised the rebel colors. The town was very quiet, most of the people having left. The enemy captured several thousand dollars' worth of property contraband for the Government—salt, flour, &c.—at Kingston. The enemy's cavalry was abreast of Shermans town by noon. The rebels are said to be on several roads, and threaten to attack Harrisburg above and below.

The rebel Gen. Johnston's division entered Chambersburg yesterday, and on Friday moved towards Shippensburg. His forces numbered 8,000 to 10,000.

ADVANCE FOUR MILES FROM HARRISBURG. Harrisburg, June 25.—Midnight. The artillery firing heard to-day was a skirmish between the enemy's advance and our outposts. No damage is known to have been done on either side. Our troops then fell back, and up to the present time the rebel advance is four miles from here. The authorities expect an attack to-morrow.

FURTHER ACCOUNTS. Harrisburg, June 25.—Our troops slowly retreated from Carlisle, and are now in and around the fortifications of Harrisburg. The enemy is advancing slowly, and in all probability will soon commence an attack.

General Cameron has information that the rebels, 20,000 strong, are at Carlisle with 48 pieces of artillery.

Gen. Smith has made the proper disposition of his troops. Throughout the day men have been coming to the defence of the city, in response to the Governor's proclamation. Among the have been a great many contrabands. They are

IMPORTANT FROM CUMBERLAND VALLEY!

Our Troops Advance and Occupy Carlisle.

General Lee Demands its Surrender. GENERAL SMITH REFUSES.

THE TOWN BOMBARDED.

Yesterday morning the last of the rebel army moved through Carlisle. Our forces under General W. F. Smith slowly but steadily advanced, driving in their outposts.

Skirmishing took place along the whole line, with detached portions of the rebel cavalry and artillery, generally resulting in their being driven on back.

The commanding corps could be distinctly heard in Harrisburg at intervals during the day, and the city was in a great state of excitement. Our forces, the cavalry being in advance, entered Carlisle at 3 P. M., and continued to come in up to 8 P. M.

Between six and seven a large column of dust announced the approach of the enemy on the road leading to York, in the rear of Carlisle.

Soon after a flag of truce appeared, and a demand was made for an unconditional surrender by Gen. W. F. H. Lee. General Smith promptly refused to entertain it, and the enemy, having placed their guns (a battery of six pieces) in position to the left of the barracks, commenced to shell the town.

General Smith replied from his seven thousand men, besides a brigade which is encamped at each end of the town. He left there on Saturday for Gettysburg where Longstreet's headquarters are now established.

The city was considerably excited late this afternoon, and the streets were filled with people. The truth was ascertained it was found that our men were shelling the woods where a rebel picket had been established.

The enemy have shown no disposition to advance to-day.

EVACUATION OF YORK BY THE REBELS. COLUMBIA, PA., June 30. We learn from York that the rebel army, under General Early, evacuated that place about half-past four o'clock this morning, taking the road to Carlisle. The total force was about ten thousand men, with twelve pieces of artillery.

General Smith's force was about five thousand men, and was sent forward to Wrightsville. This force returned about three o'clock on Monday afternoon, and encamped some miles out, towards Carlisle, where they were joined this morning by Gen. Early and the balance of his force. The rebels are now in a hurry to join the forces of Gen. Ewell in the Cumberland Valley. During the stay of the rebel force in York private property was generally respected.

A number of cars of the Northern Central Road were running on the railroad station, Government hospital, &c., were left unguarded. They made no secret, yesterday, of their purpose to leave to-day, and their destination. Their wagons, mules, &c., were almost wholly those that had been captured from the Federal forces.

Gen. Early, who was in command, apparently about six five years of age, with gray hair and whiskers, and is quite infirm. Gen. Gordon is a man of about forty five, and a fine looking, dashing soldier. A somewhat singular incident occurred on Sunday. A rebel officer, who had drawn up his troops in the square at York, and read to them, from a Philadelphia paper, an account of the recent sacking and burning of Darben and Milltown, which he followed by a caution that any like excesses on their part would be most severely punished.

Of the cash contribution levied upon the citizens of York, they collected about \$80,000, and perhaps a larger amount in goods and produce. Gettysburg was called on for \$50,000, of which \$15,000 was collected.

MOVEMENTS OF THE REBELS IN THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY. Harrisburg, June 30. The city is as quiet as though it was Sunday. There is no excitement, and all the soldiers are at their posts. Yesterday 6000 cavalry belonging to Colonel Pierce's command (late McCoy's), had a fight with Imboden's Cavalry at York, and were repulsed. The rebels killed, while on our side two men were wounded. We took thirty-three prisoners.

General Early's division left York this morning taking the road to Carlisle. Lee is now occupying his army in the valley between Shippensburg and Chambersburg, and is anticipating an attack from the Army of the Potomac. Ewell's corps is still in front of Harrisburg, and may attack at any time.

Gen. Lee and his staff were at Carlisle last night. His headquarters were this morning at Wrightsville. The rebels are marching towards that city, and may come up to our forces some time this afternoon. An engagement is expected then, though it may be postponed till the morning.

The rebels were interrupted along the whole line of the Pennsylvania R.R. road. The trains are running slowly, and cautiously, so as to avoid a surprise.

REBEL MOVEMENTS ON THE NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD. COLUMBIA, PA., June 30. S. S. Blair, train master of the Northern Central Railroad, left York this morning about eight o'clock. The rebels had all left there except the rear guard, which he then left. The left were unexpectedly met by a battery. It was reported that Gen. Pleasanton's outposts had been seen within nine miles of York. The demand on York, including \$100,000 in money, was about 300,000. The citizens raised twenty days to raise the balance. None of the private families were molested. The citizens were all treated with respect, and the railroad property not disturbed, except about thirty old cars at York.

South-Glen Rock road is not disturbed. The rebel force at York was not over 8,000, with 18 pieces of artillery. Their force at Wrightsville was 3,000, with 5 pieces of artillery.

THE REBELS RETREATING BEYOND CARLISLE. Harrisburg, June 30. All is quiet here. The rebels have retreated beyond Carlisle.

THE REBELS' RETREAT—GENERAL PLEASANTON ONTON NEAR GETTYSBURG. Harrisburg, June 30. A portion of Gen. Lee's army has passed down the valley towards Shippensburg. Gen. Ewell has moved to Troy and got in the flank of the rebel advance before Harrisburg. The