

MEETING OF CONDOLENCE.

A very large meeting of the citizens of Milton, was held at Academy Hall, on Wednesday evening, July 24, 1861, for the purpose of taking suitable action in regard to the death of our lamented fellow citizen, Col. JAMES CAMERON, who fell at the battle of Bull's Run on the 21st of July, while gallantly leading his brave soldiers on that memorable occasion.

The committee then reported the following resolutions, viz: "Whereas, The melancholy intelligence has been received that on Sunday the 21st inst., Col. James Cameron was shot and instantly killed whilst at the head of his regiment, bravely battling for the preservation of the government, and sustaining and defending our great national emblem, which has been torn down and trampled upon by a band of rebels and traitors—Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Col. Cameron the army has lost a brave officer, the community a useful and liberal citizen—one who was always ready and willing to do an act of kindness to all, we, his immediate friends and neighbors sensibly feel and mourn his loss.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his widow and friends in this hour of their affliction. In this disposition of Divine Providence they have the satisfaction of knowing that he died doing his duty in a glorious cause; and that his memory and his name will live on to posterity as a noble one who sacrificed his life in defence of freedom.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be presented to the widow of Col. Cameron, and that R. M. Frick, W. H. Frymire and L. B. Davis, be appointed a committee to hand her the same.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published in all the papers in the county. After the adoption of the resolutions, the Rev. Dr. Watson and Hon. F. Bond made a few feeling remarks, and the meeting adjourned.



SUNBURY, PA.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1861.

H. B. MASSER, Editor and Proprietor.

TO ADVERTISERS.—The circulation of the AMERICAN among the different towns on the Susquehanna is not exceeded, if equaled by any paper published in Northern Pennsylvania.

UNION ENVELOPES, of good quality for sale cheap at this office.

BARTON'S VOLUNTEERS MANUAL, neatly illustrated with engravings, for sale at this office Price 25 cents.

DECLINED.—George F. Miller, Esq., of Lewisburg, declines being a candidate for President Judge, in that district. Mr. Miller enjoys an extensive practice, which he thinks will interfere with the duties of his office.—James F. Linn, Esq., is proposed in his place.

Court will commence next Monday, August 6th, to continue two weeks. We doubt, however, whether many cases will be tried. The weather is too warm, and the politicians will be too busy to attend to law suits, or let others attend to them. Litigation never was intended for the dog days.

James E. Harvey, Minister to Lisbon, who was charged with having sent dispatches to the rebels at Charleston, denies the charges imputed to him, and courts an investigation.

We understand that the Eleventh Regiment, Col. Jarrett, has been reorganized at Harrisburg, and its services tendered to the Government during the war. Lieut. Col. Coulter has been elected Colonel, and Major Earnest Lieut. Colonel.

The first Lycoming Troop has tendered its services to the Government and was accepted. A meeting was held at Montgomery Station on Saturday last.

COW-BELL NUISANCE.—A petition will be presented, asking the Council to impose a fine of two dollars upon all who may choose to annoy their neighbors with this nuisance.

There has been a great, and we think unnecessary delay, in mustering out of service and paying the returning volunteers at Harrisburg.

Out citizens have made preparations to give the boys an ovation, and looked for them on Wednesday or Thursday last. They will most probably arrive to-day (Friday).

COL. BALDY.—The Seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve, have elected Capt. Peter Baldy, of the "Easton Guards," their Colonel. Col. Baldy received a military education at West Point, and has the reputation of being an excellent officer. He is a Sunbury boy, son of the late Capt. John Baldy, of this place, who was a gallant officer in the war of 1812, and was at one time, when the office was an important one, Brigade Inspector of this Division. Col. Baldy is a member of the Easton Bar, and was lately District Attorney of Northampton County.

The Lewisburg Company, belonging to the Pennsylvania Fourth, was received by a procession of citizens at the depot on Saturday last, and escorted through the town. There was no dinner or other demonstration.

CANDIDATES.—In our columns will be found the names of all the prominent candidates for office at the ensuing election.—There may be a few others, whose names do not appear, who rely more upon the management of party leaders than any merit of their own, and are therefore often indifferent in regard to consulting the people.

MILITIA TRAINING AT MAHANOY.—There was quite an old fashioned military display at Smith's Tavern, in Jackson township, on Saturday last. Speeches were also made on the occasion by Rev. Mr. Rizer, Chaplain of Col. Cameron's Regiment, J. B. Packer, Esq., and others. Our Mahanoy friends have always insisted on keeping up their military organizations.

The old broken mouthed cannon of this place was repaired by bushing the vent hole at the shop of Northern C. Railroad and three or four rounds fired to test its quality, on Wednesday last. This famous old piece is a relic of the Revolution, and is greatly prized by our citizens. It was discovered and raised out of the river some fifty years ago, and had been used, most probably, in Fort Auguste, just above town. It was fired on Thursday, on the arrival of the Sunbury Guards, on their return home from the army.

FORWARD TO RICHMOND.—The New York Tribune acknowledges its error in having persistently urged the army "forward to Richmond," and thus, perhaps, induced the attack on Manassas before there was a sufficient force ready to meet the enemy. Mr. Greeley says he will hereafter leave all these matters to the Secretary of War and commander in chief as the proper persons to attend to these affairs. This is certainly a wise conclusion. In this instance, at least, "discretion is much the better part of valor."

THE HEALTH OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.—It is a most gratifying fact that our volunteers, almost without exception, have returned more robust, vigorous and healthy, than when they left. This, with proper treatment and proper conduct on their part, was not unexpected. Some have grown larger and others are reduced in size, though not in vigor and solid health. There is just about enough exercise in a soldier's life to be conducive to health, and there is not much danger of dyspepsia in over-eating too much of rich and highly concentrated food. Our soldiers compare favorably, it is said, with the rebel soldiers, whose habits of dissipation are not improved in the camp.

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FROM FORTRESS MONROE. BUILDINGS BURNED AT HAMPTON. Withdrawal of Our Troops.—The Hampton Bridge Destroyed.—Tricks of the Enemy.—Threatened Attack on Newport News.—Our Troops Ready to Give the Rebels a Warm Reception.

FORTRESS MONROE, July 28. via BALTIMORE, July 29.

The Odd Fellows Hall, the jail, and a few other buildings in Hampton, were burned yesterday by our troops in apprehension of an immediate attack by the secessionists. Our troops were entirely withdrawn from Hampton last night. Max Weber now occupies Col. Duryea's former quarters. The bridge of the Hampton bridge has been destroyed in order to prevent communication with this side of the creek. The place is not yet occupied by the secessionists.

Capt. Bryan, of the Georgia Hussars, and four others, came in yesterday with a flag of truce, relative to the baggage of Capt. Jenkins and the artist Sturdliff, who were wounded and made prisoners by them some time ago. It turns out that they were met by a party of amateur soldiers on the other side. The flag was received by Capt. Butler and Lieut. Wisgel, outside the entrenchments. A proposal to exchange them for two Confederate soldiers was rejected, but arrangements were made to forward the baggage of the wounded men. The flag of truce was retained by a detail for reconnoitering Hampton and vicinity.

A flag of truce came into Newport News this morning with a proposition giving our troops twenty-four hours to leave, with the threat that in case the place was not evacuated they would force us out.

The gun boat Dale, twenty-four guns, at once went up from Old Point. The Albatross and Penguin are also stationed there, while the Minnesota and seven gun boats at Old Point are ready to assist should Newport News be attacked.

Col. Phelps says that he can hold the place against twice the number of his force, which now consists of four effective regiments. The entrenchments are of a formidable character and the rebels will meet with a warm reception. Both flags of truce of course represent that there is a very large rebel force between Yorktown and Old Point.

The rebels have to-day been practising from a battery at Willoughby's Point, some five miles below Sewell's Point. Heavy firing is now going on at Pig Point.

THE SEARCH FOR THE BODY OF COL. CAMERON.

WASHINGTON, July 28.

Information was received this evening relative to Messrs. Arnold, Harris and Magraw, who several days ago went in quest of the body of Col. Cameron. The former was killed by the rebels at Richmond, and the latter at Manassas Junction. They did not accomplish the object of their mission.

Mr. Brick, who drove them to Bull's Run, has returned, and reports that all the dead are not yet buried, and that the slaughter on the side of the enemy is greater by far than the themselves report.

It is believed that Gen. McClellan has been assigned to the command of the troops on both sides of the Potomac. He visited Arlington on Sunday, in company with Secretary Cameron.

Official information has been received here that the rebels contemplate an early day the planting of a battery on the Potomac, at points to command the channel. As part of their general programme, they have, at Aquia Creek, five guns upon one battery and three upon another, and while an excursion of distinguished gentlemen from Washington was in that vicinity, on Saturday, a train of cars full of troops came up to the station there. By way of amusement, or experiment, a few ineffectual shots were fired at a distance, three miles from the steamer commanding the pleasure party, which comprised several members and ex-members of Congress.

WASHINGTON, July 29.

FIELD OFFICERS TO BE COURT MARTIALED.

It is reported that four field officers are to be court-martialed for an unsoldierlike conduct on the battle field at Bull's Run last week. One is charged with taking refuge behind a stump during the fight; another with not flanking a bayonet and gaining its rear; while the two last "occupied" the back of a horse, and fled ignominiously, as their regiments were engaged in fighting.

SEVENTY-NINE REBELS CAPTURED.

Capt. Tompkins, of the United States Cavalry, captured twenty-nine Rebels back of Fort Corcoran this morning.

THE ILLNESS OF COL. FARNHAM.

Col. Farnham, of the New York Fire Zouaves, who was so severely wounded in the Bull's Run fight as to cause temporary insanity, and his consequent removal to the insane asylum, is reported as doing well to-day, and is out of danger.

THE REPORTED ROUTE VIA LEESBURG TO WASHINGTON.

The reported intention of Beauregard to make a demonstration on Washington by way of Leesburg, does not alarm the Government. They are in a condition to intercept any such movement on the part of the Rebel army.

WASHINGTON, July 30.

A large proportion of the army appointed to be confirmed by the Senate, as General McClellan will not have received orders in the army. They will all have to undergo an examination.

General Knyon goes home immediately to raise five more regiments.

The reports that Col. Slocum, of New York Twenty-seventh, and Col. Farnham, of the New York Fire Zouaves, had become insane, is not true. They are both improving and will soon be restored to health.

It is reported that hereafter no passes will be issued to strangers to cross the Potomac, except by General McClellan. He is determined to enforce the most strict police arrangements. Not even the commissioned officers will be allowed to pass over the Long Bridge without passes. The orders in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors to the soldiers will be strictly enforced. Any person caught furnishing the soldiers with liquor from a pocket-book, will be locked up in the guard house twenty-four hours.

Colonel Baker received authority to raise five thousand men, including one regiment of Cavalry.

Beauregard has sent parties of troops into Loudon county, Virginia to procure provisions for his army.

General Robert Anderson paid his respects to the Secretary of War, today.

St. Louis, July 30.—It is stated on reliable authority, that General Watkins, who has been in command of the Rebel forces in southeast Missouri for some time past, resigned on Saturday last, and strongly urged all of his troops to disband and have nothing more to do with this rebellion. Mr. Watkins is a man of large property, and the reason assigned for this sudden change of conduct is the contemplated passage of the confiscation bill by Congress.