

UNION COUNTY STAR AND LEWISBURG CHRONICLE.

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Tuesday Morning & Friday Afternoon.

John A. Meritt's card for Treasurer was accidentally omitted last week.

Robert H. Laird informs the people he is a true five cent on some dollars.

Welder Roland is a candidate for the Sheriffship.

James Marshall is recommended as Assessor.

John Noll is asked to be a candidate for Commissioner.

Charles F. Hess is an Independent candidate for Sheriff.

John W. Simonton is candidate for Assessor.

Mahlon Breyman is a candidate for Sheriff.

Gen. Scott--that is, James of the Winfield--was not a member of the Union.

D. D. Guldin also is a candidate for Sheriff.

Judge Whitmer

is recommended for the Assessorship.

"Fair Play is a Jewel," and "Ain't it a pity you don't see a few more jewelers in your neighborhood?"

Without attempting to make literal quotations, we adhere to the general fact that paper has for weeks past carried up our State Administration, with a complete and gross exposure of our Union.

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Will they Learn?--The disastrous

result of the movement of Government

forces against Great Bethel--a town mid-

way between Yorktown and Hampton--is

another impressive warning to considera-

tion in both the election and appointment

of Military Officers. By all accounts,

there were enough soldiers, and they

fought bravely enough, to have been suc-

cessful. But their Generals are compara-

tively novices in the art of war--their

forces failed to agree upon signals between

each other--they encountered a ditch or

marsh, and batteries, of which they had

no knowledge--they got out of ammuni-

tion before the work was done--in short,

a want of complete preparation on the part

of the managers seems to have changed a

probable victory into a defeat. Happily,

it was a small force and not an important

point, or it might have been a sad disaster.

This, and the death of Edisworth, are

terrible lessons, in letters of blood, given

in good time for our benefit. They show

the necessity of caution, prudence, and

of ample preparation, in advance of every

movement.

This community were last week as-

saulted with news that a hawking officer-

named Rush Petriken, (who has for ten

or a dozen years annoyed both parties

on the West Branch by intriguing for

public positions of various kinds) had been

appointed a Colonel in the regular army!

We do not know the man, and have not

personal acquaintance with him, but the

general opinion is that he is not a man

of any unusual ability in this region

so far as the military service is con-

cerned. It is said that he has not the first

qualifications for the office; and it is

wondered how he could have imposed

and forced himself upon the appointing

power. Napoleon's plan of advancing men in

the army, step by step, as their merits

proved them worthy and reliable, was

the true and most politic way. We should

hope our Government would follow that

example, and not elevate any man to any

responsible post, in such a time, on account

of personal friendship, party bias, or

other propensities. These may be passports

to favor in civil service, but they should

be discarded when men are selected in whose

hands are the lives of others!

Some of Wm. B. Irvine's friends in

Union county assure us that they think

Mr. Kelly has a wrong impression of Mr.

Irvine's position on the Secession question.

They say he voted for Lincoln, and their

last letter from him breathed the true

Union spirit. We trust it may turn out

that in the excitement and confusion of

the time, Mr. Kelly has been mistaken--

and ask our readers to suspend judgment

in the case until Mr. Irvine can define his

own position.

Gen. Lyon of Missouri talks of making

Home Guards as fast as possible, and arm-

ing them--in which case, we hope Osage

Valley will be taken care of, and all the

Pennsylvanians who desire it may return

to their possessions.

At the Cavalry training at Gildon

Biehl's Hotel on Saturday last, after due

discussion of the landlord's delicacies, an

American Flag was raised at Jeremiah

Ritter's corner. A meeting was then

called at Biehl's Hotel, when that old

veteran Democrat and Soldier of 1812,

Capt. Wm. Fournier, was appointed Presi-

dent; Capt. Jacob Gandy and Wilson T.

Linn, Vice Presidents; and John M. Call,

Secretary. Maj. Charles H. Shriner ad-

ressed the meeting in glowing and patri-

otic terms. The assemblage was compos-

ed of true Unionists.

Among the multitude of appoint-

ments devolving upon President Lincoln,

he gave that of Minister to Portugal to

James E. Harvey. The progressing scri-

pture of the Telegraph despatches seems

to convict Mr. H. of having sent news of a

treasonable character to South Carolina,

his native State--for which he will doubt-

less be instantly recalled, and brought to

FROM THE "SLIPPER GUARDS."

(Extracts from various letters.)

JUNE 10.--Yesterday was a gala day in

camp. Imagine a lovely day, an extensive

fair-ground, a monstrous big old-fashioned

battalion and camp-meeting together, and

the attendant stirring events of such oc-

casions doubled, and you can form some idea

of the appearance of Camp Curtis. Many

strangers are constantly visiting here to

see the novelties of the camp.

Sheriff Crossgrove and Col. McCall were

cordially welcomed with their recruits. Col.

Slifer's repeated visits evince cordial but

impartial interest in our welfare.

On Saturday, the 24th Michigan Regiment

under Col. Richardson, fully equipped,

pitched their tents among us, and created

universal admiration of both their men

and their material.

We have here on exhibition three young

hubs--also five large Cannons, one of

which was captured by Gen. Scott from

the Mexicans at Cerro Gordo.

Yesterday, a platoon of Guards

was marched in front of the Capitol, and

discharged to attend religious services with

the different churches of their choice. I

believe most of the boys enjoyed the

privilege, but am sorry that a few abused it.

JUNE 11.--There is a general assembly

to be held at our headquarters, and various

subjects are being discussed--more particu-

larly the probability of some of our younger

soldiers passing muster--for Owen

and Reliance are busy making out the roll,

and to-morrow we go up for inspection.

On Monday, a man from a Lebanon

company was drummed out of camp, in

presence of the greater part of the troops,

for insubordination. He attempted to

commit suicide, by plunging into the

river, but the roll was prevented. This

afforded a salutary lesson to the whole

camp. Yesterday, a man in one of the

companies being near me, was accidentally

shot in the knee by a pistol in the hands

of one of his comrades. Considering the

number of men in camp, and the variety

of weapons in their possession--remark-

able that so few accidents of this kind

occur. But the boys are so healthy, and

I must close. Send us more news!

[Wednesday, we are informed, examina-

tions and "recitations" (for better, than

for ill) afterwards left the number only 44.

They, however, organized by the choice

of commissioned Officers, as follows:

Captain--CHARLES D. ROUSH

First Lieutenant--LEVI EVERS

Second Lieutenant--WILLIAM HARRISON

SERGEANTS

1. Edwin Leitcher

2. Charles Simon

3. Charles Miller

4. William E. Moore

5. William Oswald

6. Benjamin P. Parks

7. David Parker

8. Henry Harrison

9. John O. Rupp

10. Franklin Ruff

11. Samuel Rogers

12. Samuel Ruder

13. Henry Shrader

14. David Shall

15. H. L. Stock

16. Charles Spencer

17. Samuel H. Seasholtz

18. Nathaniel Schwartz