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☞ CORONER—MILTON H. M'CABE, of Neville township, will be presented as a candidate for Coroner of Allegheny county, subject to the Republican Nominating Convention. ap2te

☞ FOR COUNTY TREASURER—A. FLOYD, of the Second ward, Pittsburgh, will be a candidate for the above office, before the Republican Nominating Convention. ap2te

☞ PROTHONOTARY.—N. PATTERSON, of the Borough of Birmingham, is a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. ap2te

☞ FOR PROTHONOTARY—ISAAC WALKER, Jr., of Robinson Township, will be a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the Republican convention. mh15te

☞ PROTHONOTARY—JOHN MORRISON, of Allegheny, will be a candidate, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. mh31te

☞ PROTHONOTARY.—Z. PATTERSON, of Indiana Township, is a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. mh15te

☞ PROTHONOTARY.—JOHN G. CURTIS, of Allegheny city, is a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. fe13te

☞ PROTHONOTARY.—CAPTAIN H. BATON, of Upper St. Clair township, asks the votes of his friends to obtain the Republican nomination for Prothonotary of Allegheny county—the infirmity of his left hand not allowing him the opportunity of traversing the county and seeing them all. 5 fe26te

☞ PROTHONOTARY.—D. C. HULTZ, of Bowden Township, will a candidate for nomination to the above office, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. fe12te

☞ PROTHONOTARY.—RICHARD DANVIR, of Beaver township, will be supported for the above office, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. ja30te

☞ FOR COMMISSIONER—WILLIAM MEES, of Forbes township, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. ap18te

☞ COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—JOHN MILLER, Esq., of Shaler, will be a candidate for the above office, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention.

☞ FOR CORONER.—FREDERIC BESE, of the Third ward, Pittsburgh, will be a candidate for Coroner, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

☞ FOR SHERIFF.—ADAM WEAVER, of the Seventh ward, Pittsburgh, will offer himself as a candidate for Sheriff of Allegheny county, subject to the Republican Convention.

☞ FOR SHERIFF—HENRY H. LEWIS, of Sharpsburg, is a candidate for Sheriff of Allegheny county, subject to the Republican Nominating Convention. fe11te

☞ SHERIFF—HARRY WOODS, of Peebles township, asks the votes of his friends to obtain the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Allegheny County. His business will not allow him the opportunity of traversing the county and seeing them all. fe11te

☞ SHERIFF—JOHN AIKEN, of the Eighth ward, Pittsburgh, will be a candidate for the above office, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

☞ SHERIFF—JOHN MILLER, of East Liberty, Collins township, is a candidate for Sheriff of Allegheny county, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

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[Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

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Editors Gazette: Your correspondent, still in the flesh, gives you greeting. Seeing that I could not communicate with you, as all mail and other communication with Washington was suddenly cut off, my next desire was to return home. Still, it did not seem exactly right to leave the Capital, as every arm, however puny, would be of some aid in its defence, so I abandoned the idea of letter writing and telegraphic correspondence, and gave my attention to military affairs. I joined the Clay Guard, so called because Cassius M. Clay is its Captain, and lent my little aid for the defence of the city. It may be considered that this was not all much a virtue as a necessity, for there was from Monday last, no way of exit from Washington, except on foot or in private conveyance. The government, on Tuesday afternoon, took complete possession of the railway, posted guards in the depot, seized all the boats and steamers plying between Washington and Aquia Creek, permitted no vessel to go or come unless by order of the Secretary of War, and shut the city up. An effort was evident on the part of the Virginia rebels to starve us out by way of retaliation. They, on their part, stopped all fish boats and meat and milk wagons from coming to Washington. Flour, on Saturday week, took a leap from seven to fifteen dollars per barrel. On Saturday night, by order of the President, all flour in store in Washington, and two vessel loads for Virginia at the wharf in Georgetown, together with all in store at that place, was seized. One hundred carts and drays under a file of soldiers conveyed the whole to the public buildings and there stored it. Notice was then given that flour would be sold to the people at the old price, about seven dollars per barrel.

Thus from Sunday till Thursday we lived on in the midst of perplexities. All inquiries for the troops intended for the defence of the Capital, were vain. The people of Washington, shut out from the world, lived in a state of feverish excitement and constant and corroding alarm. Including the District militia, and the regular army forces, there must have been up to last Thursday from ten to eleven thousand armed men in Washington. On the latter day the railway was opened as a military road, and headed by the New York Seventh, the long obstructed line of march began to show itself in the Federal City, which was wild with excitement. The glittering ranks of the New Yorkers, the grey and steady files of the Massachusetts Eighth, the gallant ranks of Col. Sprague, of Rhode Island, the sturdy platoons of the Sixty-ninth New York Irish Regiment, showed the people in Washington that the North had arisen from its long sleep, and that its steady march for the defence of the Capital was not to be checked.

On that morning, of Thursday, about two dozen of us, men and women, left by private conveyance for the North. The names of the company I do not remember them are Silas F. Smith, of Syracuse, C. A. Perkins and Hon. Mr. Lansing, of Oswego, New York, George Farr, Hanover, New Hampshire, P. M'D. Collins, the celebrated traveller, author of a "Voyage down the Amoor," he being the first American that ever made it, Mr. Greenwall, of California, Jos. S. Lare, of Pittsburgh, Miss Florence Pettibone, of Oswego, Miss E. Thompson, of Deerfield, N. H. There were also Messrs. John Wrightson, C. Gist and Thomas B. Colgan, of Philadelphia, Henry Sirk, of Lancaster, York county, and Mr. J. F. Rose and wife, of Camden, N. Jersey, all of whom were ordered out of Richmond because they are Union men, and all bringing high recommendations. They had all travelled through the virtuous State of Virginia on a passport of Gov. John Letcher, which passport, by the way, was, to an American citizen, quite a curiosity. I might add here that I saw scores of men fleeing from Virginia for their lives, leaving everything but their wives and little ones behind them—only too glad to escape uninjured from a despotism more ruthless and tyrannic than can be found in any other civilized community under heaven.

If your readers will take a map of Maryland they will find a road marked on it, from Washington to Hagerstown, through Frederick City. On that road, 71 miles, we toiled along towards the land of freedom, the glorious old State of Pennsylvania. From Washington to Frederick, a distance of 45 miles, we made in 9 hours. Our second stage, from Frederick to Hagerstown, we made in six hours.

AN INCIDENT.

An incident occurred at Rockville, 18 miles out of Washington, which I am constrained to relate, and which will indicate the state of the public mind in that part of Maryland, as I think. We arrived at this Rockville, the shire town of Montgomery county, at about noon. And here let me warn everybody not to stop there for dinner. The meanest display of food, impossible to eat, cost 75 cents. All that was eatable for any other supper could be bought for 25 cents. But this was not the worst of it. As soon as we arrived, a curious crowd collected around our stage, when the following conversation occurred between a black wheelwright fellow whose name is Col. Alcott and Mr. Perkins, one of our fellow travellers:

Col. A.—"What's the news in Washington?"

Mr. P.—"Not much; the government is collecting troops and getting ready to defend the city from attack."

Col. A.—"Well, what do you hear from Baltimore?"

Mr. P.—"There is no going to or coming from that city, except as much as the mob chooses to permit. In fact, as near as we can find out, the mob has complete control of the city."

Some other conversation may have occurred, but this I believe was the substance of it. No sooner had "Col." Alcott got the word "mob" than he circulated it through the crowd that this d—d Yankee had called *them*, the free and enlightened Southern gentleman of Rockville, Maryland, a "mob". He had called our friends in Baltimore a "mob," and we are of course included. While we were yet waiting for our "grub" and before the delectable meal had been shoveled upon the table, there was a big crowd of men and boys, some with muskets, some with knives and pistols collected in front of the doggery and in the bar-room, eagerly and "Whiskeyly" discussing what should be done with the Yankees who would dare thus insult the free and enlightened people of Maryland. One fellow said—"By G—d they steal our niggers, and if we allow them to go through our town they will steal our other property." The police could not have paid over 50 cts. for all he stood in, including boots and hat. Another fellow, with a pistol butt sticking out of his breast pocket, "Allowed he could stop any d—d Dutch Yankee in his crowd. Wouldn't see nobody say which man they wanted to see hung or cottoned?"

Boys, from fifteen to twenty years of age, swaggered about mouthing big oaths and loaded with deadly weapons, eager to join in an attack upon a company of peaceable men and women, traveling through their town. Could barbarism go further even among the dwellers in Arabia?

At length the "dinner" was served, and after all had taken seat, Col. Alcott came into the room and walking up one side of the table and down the other, got his eye on Mr. Perkins, whom he then, at the door pointed out to a half dozen ill looking scoundrels, as the offender. A meeting of "gentlemen" was therupon improvised in the bar-room, to take into consideration the offence and decide upon the punishment due. So when "dinner" was over, Mr. Perkins was taken aside and closely questioned by Col. Alcott as to his views, and his meaning in the incendiary language he had used. Perkins was in a very tight place. It was finally communicated to him, that he could go no further; that as he seemed to be favorable to Abe Lincoln, he had better return to Washington and help to defend him, for by G—d they were going to have the Capital within ten days. This was about the conclusion to which Rockville had arrived, when as it happened, Mr. Haim, late Consul at Havana, drove up on his way to Hagerstown. He being a Southern man, and a gentleman of course, but really so in this case, at once caused parley to be held with Alcott, showed him how badly it would appear for him to interfere with this man, who had in his charge two ladies and that for their sakes Mr. Perkins should be permitted to go on. So it was finally settled, after much protesting and confabulation; that the honor of Maryland and the South should be suffered to bleed unavenged in consideration of the two ladies in charge of the "wretch" Perkins, and we went on our way rejoicing.

We rode all night, through the calm moonlight, while cats slept. We heard nothing but the song of the whippoorwill, with which the air was filled. We arrived at Frederick at 8 o'clock and left at 6, without molestation. At Middletown we found the American flag and a very strong Union sentiment. The people told us that if Maryland seceded, as they believed she would, they would recede from her.

At Hagerstown, the Union sentiment is in the ascendant, but there are many violent secessionists, and South Carolina badges quite numerous.

At Hankstown, a flag staff bearing the U. S. flag had been cut down the day before we arrived there. You may infer from the incident at Rockville, that the disposition of the secessionists, They are mostly men who hang about street corners and bar-rooms, with nothing to lose and everything to gain by the reign of anarchy. There are also with them many owners of large flocks of slaves. The party, as a party, are entirely careless of life, men who are ready to shed blood at all times; who neither fear God nor regard man. That they will plunge the State into all the misery of anarchy, and render it necessary to suppress them by the strong hand of power, there can be no doubt. They boast their determination and ability to carry the flag of the Confederate States in triumph, not only to Washington, but to New York, and dictate a reconstruction of the Union on their own terms.

At Hagerstown, we got the cars and were soon on our way towards the blessed free soil of old Pennsylvania. We got the conductor to give us a signal when we reached the line, and then the whole car, as by one impulse gave three of the heartiest cheers for the Union and the Keystone State. We shook hands all round and blessed God that we were once more in the land of law and order. The skies shone brighter, soon