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FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE.—WM. N. BURCHFIELD, of East Liberty, Peebles township, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. my22:mtc

FOR SENATOR.—DANIEL L. EATON will be a candidate for State Senator, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. my8:tc

FOR CORONER.—BENNET LAKE, Esq., of the Sixth Ward, having been "agitated" out of the office to which he was elected by the people will be supported for Coroner, subject to the Republican Nominating Convention. my17:tc

FOR CORONER.—MILTON H. M'CABE, of Sewille township, will be presented as a candidate for Coroner of Allegheny county, subject to the Republican Nominating Convention. ap2:tc

FOR CORONER.—FREDERIC BESE, of the Third ward, Pittsburgh, will be a candidate for Coroner, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. mh18:tc

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.—A. FLOYD, of the Second ward, Pittsburgh, will be a candidate for the above office, before the Republican Nominating Convention. ap2:tc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—C. W. CARROLL, of the Fifth ward, Pittsburgh, will be a candidate for the above office, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. ap2:tc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—DANIEL ARMSTRONG will be a candidate for nomination before the next Republican Convention my4:tc

PROTHONOTARY.—N. PATTERSON, of the Borough of Birmingham, is a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. mh20:tc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—ISAAC WALKER, Jr., of Robinson Township, will be a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the Republican convention. mh22:tc

PROTHONOTARY.—JOHN MORRISON, of Allegheny, will be a candidate, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. mh21:tc

PROTHONOTARY.—Z. PATTERSON, of Indiana Township, is a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. mh21:tc

PROTHONOTARY.—JOHN G. CURTIS, of Allegheny city, is a candidate for Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention. mh15:tc

PROTHONOTARY.—CAPTAIN H. HATON, of Upper St. Clair township, asks the votes of his friends to obtain the Republican nomination for Prothonotary of Allegheny county—his left hand not allowing him the opportunity of traversing the country and seeing them all. my17:tc

PROTHONOTARY.—D. C. HULTZ, of South Strabane township, will a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. mh15:tc

PROTHONOTARY.—RICHARD DAVIS, of Peters township, will be a candidate for the above office, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. ja26:tc

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—JOHN FESSEMAN, of Wilkins township, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the Republican Convention. my18:tc

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—JOHN S. MILLER, Esq., of Shaler, will be a candidate for the above office, subject to the decision of the Republican Convention. my22:tc

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—DAVID COLLINS, of Penn township, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the Republican Convention. my16:dawtf

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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. fe21:tc:aw2t

FOR SHERIFF.—HENRY H. LEWIS, of Sharpsburg, is a candidate for Sheriff of Allegheny county, subject to the Republican Nominating Convention. fe11:tc

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. ja27:tc

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. mh8:tc

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. mh6:tc

FOR SHERIFF.—The friends of Gen. J. B. NEELEY, of Collins township, respectfully ask his nomination. His public services, both to his country and party, well-known energy and capacity to meet public respect, entitle his claims to every consideration. At the request of a large number of his friends in the district entitled to the office. fe27:tc

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

From Our Own Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, June 13, 1861.

This is the weather to try the Northern soldier. I do not speak of those along the border to whom "Northern" is rather a political than a geographical designation, but of those stalwart boys from the far off Granite Hills of New Hampshire, and the cool aisles of pine forests in Maine. The thermometer has ruled high here during the week. The health of the troops is, however, good. In some regiments not a man is sick.

There seems to have been an irruption of Pittsburghers here to-day. I met in the course of an hour the following gentlemen from the good old city: J. S. Newmyer, A. W. Foster, Wm. Blakewell, Wm. Barnhill, sr., Mr. Hartupee, Sam'l Hartman, Harvey Miller, Jno. M. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Varnum, Jos. Dilworth, John E. Parke, Gen. Wm. Robinson, N. P. Sawyer, J. B. Canfield, R. B. Sterling, and W. W. Stevenson, Esqs. This I call a pretty fine delegation in all ways from one city. Lieut. M. Graff, of the 12th Pennsylvania Regiment, Col. Campbell's, also arrived here yesterday. His furlough was for a couple of days. His regiment is, as you know, scattered along the Northern Central railway, doing the most disagreeable, as it certainly is the most necessary, of the duties incident to the times. Lieut. G. is now with his squad near Cockeysville, a name that will live in infamy as long as maps are made. He is *somewhat* sun-burnt; resides in a house erected of cross ties, covered with earth and shingled with boughs. When it rains hard the Lieutenant absconded. No reporter would violate his confidence or willingly add to his embarrassments. As it is, the reporters' responsibility is shifted upon the shoulders of the Government censor, who still remains at the telegraph office, and reads every line that is sent either to papers or individuals.

The Disposition of the Contraband Slaves.

The question of the proper disposition of slaves of the enemy which seek refuge within our lines, has been before the Cabinet several times recently. General Butler having desired further instructions. The inquiry is found to be not unattended with difficulties. The expensiveness of supporting so many negroes as are likely to fall into our hands, the trouble of finding suitable and sufficient work for them, and the importance of settling at once their final disposition, are thought to embarrass the question. An expression of opinion from the country is needed for the guidance of the Administration, which, unless supported by a strong popular sentiment, may hesitate to assume the obligations incident to the reception of slaves, women and children, who may seek to transfer their services from the Southern to the Northern Army. Can we declare that able-bodied men along are contraband of war, when their wives and children are, perhaps, as helpful to the rebels in other ways as they in digging entrenchments?

The Skirmish at Great Bethel.

The latest trustworthy report from Old Point Comfort reduces the number of killed in the Bethel skirmish to twelve, seven of whom fell in action, and five have since died of wounds. Seven were still missing. The explanation of the slightness of our loss is to be found in the fact that, when our soldiers saw the enemy about to fire, they fell on their faces or backs, jumping up before the enemy could reload, and firing, then fell again in season.

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Another Rebel Battery.

It is reliably reported that the rebels are erecting a battery at Matthias Point, some miles below Acquia Creek. Should this prove true, it may considerably interfere with the navigation of the Potomac River, and perhaps require its immediate removal, and the plans of the Government in case of two instances plans have been changed, in consequence of hasty exposure. This is all true, but Col. Stone must blame himself rather than the reporters. He is very approachable, and treats any one connected with a daily paper as if he were a spy. He might easily avoid all this, if he would courteously indicate such points as he desired to remain unrevealed. No reporter would violate his confidence or willingly add to his embarrassments. As it is, the reporters' responsibility is shifted upon the shoulders of the Government censor, who still remains at the telegraph office, and reads every line that is sent either to papers or individuals.

The Disposition of the Contraband Slaves.

The question of the proper disposition of slaves of the enemy which seek refuge within our lines, has been before the Cabinet several times recently. General Butler having desired further instructions. The inquiry is found to be not unattended with difficulties. The expensiveness of supporting so many negroes as are likely to fall into our hands, the trouble of finding suitable and sufficient work for them, and the importance of settling at once their final disposition, are thought to embarrass the question. An expression of opinion from the country is needed for the guidance of the Administration, which, unless supported by a strong popular sentiment, may hesitate to assume the obligations incident to the reception of slaves, women and children, who may seek to transfer their services from the Southern to the Northern Army. Can we declare that able-bodied men along are contraband of war, when their wives and children are, perhaps, as helpful to the rebels in other ways as they in digging entrenchments?

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A Terrible Weapon of Death.

At the Navy Yard this afternoon Commandant Dahlgren practiced with a new rifled cannon or 6 inch bore, with a half charge of powder—viz: 4 lbs. The gun threw a solid shot nearly two and a half miles, the ball striking the Virginia shore.

The last experiment was with a shell, which was thrown a distance of almost four miles.

The cannon is an invention of Capt. Dahlgren, and had just been finished, and the experiments were highly satisfactory in all respects.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT NEWS.

WASHINGTON, June 13, 1861.

From Virginia.

This morning a Baptist Minister arrived here from Virginia, and gave information that General Beauregard is intended to march immediately on Washington. Although this sounded very much like an old story, it seemed to confirm the serious apprehensions that many have experienced for a few days past, and which were naturally fed by the defeat at Bethel, and therefore created little no exciting interest. There is no one who doubts that the rebels are just reckless and bold enough to make an attempt to move on this city from their standpoint at Manassas. The rumors to this effect tally exactly with the declarations of the Richmond press and the rebel orators.

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