

Raftsmen's Journal.



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THE WORLD MOVES. Within the past two or three weeks a manifest change has taken place in the tone of the Copperhead press on the "nigger" question.

That the only hope of the Democratic party is to strike out boldly for an amendment of the Constitution which will forever settle this troublesome question of Slavery by removing the institution from the country.

The work being done, and faithfully done, it matters little who shall have the credit of it. We opine, however, that the people will require more than mere words from these new converts to the Emancipation theory.

THE WAR NEWS. A private letter received at St. Louis, dated Vicksburg, 8th, from an eye witness says, that Gen. McPherson's Corps crossed the Big Black River, fifteen miles east of Vicksburg on the 7th Gen. Harlbert's corps took a parallel route from Vicksburg, and crossed at Messinger's Ford, five miles above McPherson's pontoons.

With regard to the power of endurance of negro soldiers, a correspondent at Fortress Monroe says that when the late expedition towards Richmond reached Bottom's Bridge, where they found their game blocked, roll was called and it was found that while nearly one-half the white infantry had fallen behind in the long and rapid march, every negro soldier was up to the mark and answered to his name.

The notorious Rebel naval officer, Capt. Coxsetter, was drowned off Wilmington on the 10th inst., while trying to escape from the captured blockade runner Fannie and Jennie. The purser of the vessel was also drowned.

DEATH OF MAJ. J. H. LARRIMER.

Meetings, Speeches, Funeral Obsequies, &c. MEETING OF THE BAR.

On Thursday evening news having arrived at Clearfield of the death of Major James H. Larrimer, the Clearfield Bar, of which he was a member, hastily assembled at the Prothonotary's office to make arrangements to show due honor and respect to the gallant dead.

THE MEETING WAS ORGANIZED BY APPOINTING officers and committees as follows: Hon. W. A. WALLACE, President. J. B. MENALLY, Esq., Secretary.

Walter Barrett, T. J. McCullough, James M. Galloway, Israel Test and W. D. Bigler, Esq., Committee to receive body, and of arrangements.

H. B. SWOOPES, J. L. CUTLER and R. J. WALLACE, Esqs., Committee to report resolutions, etc.

Mr. John W. Bigler, who was present, offered to proceed at once to Philipsburg and Centre county to ascertain and report respecting the destination of the body of Major Larrimer, and to give information to his friends in Centre county—which offer was accepted.

The meeting then adjourned to assemble again in the Court House.

SATURDAY, FEB. 20.—The members of the Bar met at the Court House.

was escorted to the residence of Charles Larimer (brother of the deceased, and who is also in the army) where it was deposited until Sunday morning. At 10 o'clock the remains were taken to the Court House, where they lay in state within the railing of the bar, which was suitably draped in mourning.

On Monday at two o'clock, P. M. the funeral ceremonies took place at the Court House. The Rev. Mr. Barron of Hollidaysburg conducted the religious services. He preached from the text—

"Prepare to meet thy God." The house, large as it is, was entirely too small to hold the vast concourse of people. It is seated for thirteen hundred, and every part of it, save the bar, was closely packed, while at the doors and in the streets there was a dense crowd that could not gain admittance.

As the procession slowly wended its way, on foot, to the melancholy dirge played by the band—it presented a most imposing and solemn spectacle. He was buried with the honors of war.

Public Meeting of Citizens. In the evening of the 22d, the citizens assembled in the Court House, for the purpose of uniting in a tribute of respect to the memory of Major James H. Larrimer.

During the absence of the committee, ISAIAH TEST, Esq., having been called upon, addressed the meeting—delivering a choice and eloquent eulogy on the character and virtues of Major Larrimer, who had for a number of years been his law partner.

He was followed by J. L. CUTLER, Esq., who added his testimony to the virtues and estimable character of Maj. Larrimer.

On this day one hundred and thirty-two years ago was born him of whom it was justly said he was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen"—and on this day in the year 1864, we have consigned to their last resting place the mortal remains of one of whom we can say with equal truth, and without detracting in the least degree from that veneration which we feel for "the Father of his Country," that in ardent, unyielding, devoted patriotism, and in a courage that knew no sense of fear, he had few equals and no superior, not even the immortal Washington himself.

More than ten years ago, sir, two young men who had but recently finished their professional studies, came to your beautiful town—so romantically located on the banks of yonder lovely river and hemmed in by ever-green crowned hills—to establish themselves in the practice of the law.

The common hopes and aspirations of your people, became their hopes and aspirations—and the common prosperity and common weal were to them equally objects of desire or subjects of gratitude.

When the tocsin of war sounded over the land—when traitor hands aimed their guns at the stately flag of the Union, as it floated over one of the fortresses of the Government—he was among the first to prepare for the conflict.

His regiment being the fifth of the immortal Penn'a Reserves, it is scarcely necessary to say, that during the period of almost three years since he entered the army, he was in many a hard fought battle, and endured trials and privations, which must be experienced to be realized.

Immediately after the battle of Fredericksburg, it was my province to visit the Army of the Potomac in search of a wounded relative, and I passed a night in the quarters of Maj. Larrimer, who was for the time, in command of the regiment. He was suffering under a severe attack of rheumatism, brought on by exposure, which had not been sufficient, however, to prevent him from participating in the battle, where he had behaved with most distinguished gallantry.

It was proposed to him, in my presence, by one who had influence with the authorities, that an application should be made for his promotion. Thanking the gentleman for his kindness, he said, in that emphatic manner which we all remember, "make no such application for me, for I will accept of no promotion that is not unsolicited and unsought." He deserved, and should have received, at that time, the command of a regiment, for which he was eminently qualified.

On last Sunday morning a week, news arrived at Division Head Quarters that a band of guerrillas were lurking in a clump of woods in the vicinity, and Major Larrimer, with a small squad of cavalry, was sent to make a reconnaissance. When he arrived at the place designated, he rode on in advance of his men to examine the ground and make the proper disposition of his little force.

I would cheerfully, sir, add more, if I could, to this imperfect tribute to his memory. But words are all powerless to express the deep emotions of the truly saddened heart. I can only wish, in conclusion, that the winter winds to-night, with mournful cadence they chant his requiem, may kiss softly the new-made mound we have left today on yonder hill—and that we who remain, may avoid what few faults he had (for no one is without them) and strive to emulate his virtues—imitate, especially, his deep, fervent, constant devotion to his country in her hour of peril—that when we too, have departed, it may be said of us, with truth, as it can now be said of him a HERO AND A PATRIOT HATH FALLEN!

J. B. MENALLY Esq., was then called upon, and responded in a glowing and eloquent tribute to the memory of the deceased—testifying to his exemplary character, his noble and generous qualities.

Resolved, That in the death of Major Larrimer, we have, as citizens and neighbors, sustained an irreparable loss. He was endeared to us all, because of his pure patriotism, his unyielding and constant devotion to the cause of his country, his generous and noble qualities, his undaunted courage, his manly bearing, his readiness to oblige, and his upright walk and conduct.

Resolved, That as citizens, for whose rights he fought and died, we can never be sufficiently grateful, and that our best efforts must fall to do enough honor to his memory.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his friends and relatives in their severe affliction, and would point them to Him who alone hath power to heal their wounded hearts and can pour into them the rich consolations of His grace.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to open a subscription and take proper measures to erect a suitable monument over the grave of our departed friend.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted. T. J. McCullough Esq., being called upon, addressed the meeting in a short and eloquent speech, endorsing all that had been already said in commendation of the character of the gallant dead.

The President then announced the appointment of Col. E. A. Irvin of Curwensville, H. B. Swoopes, W. A. Wallace, Esq., and Hon. G. R. Barrett, of Clearfield—Wm. L. Gilbert of Bell, Stacy W. Thompson of Boggs, David Tyler of Huston, Dr. J. W. Potter of Covington, F. K. Arnold of Brady, and Thomas H. Forey of Graham, as the Committee to receive subscriptions and take the necessary steps for the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of Major Larrimer.

The subscription was commenced in the meeting, and quite a number paid the amount expected from each person. It is designed that the subscriptions should be small, so that all can have the opportunity of uniting in this merited and proper testimonial of respect.

The meeting then adjourned. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. To insure attention, the CASH must accompany notices, as follows: All Clauses with \$1; Strays, \$1; Auditor's notices, \$1.50; Administrators' and Executors' notices, \$1.50, each; and all other transient notices at the same rate. Other advertisements at \$1 per square, for 3 or less insertions. Twelve lines (or less) count a square.