

MY CHILDREN.

Have you seen Annie and Kitty, Two merry children of mine! All that is winning and pretty Their little persons combine.

OLD FRIENDS.

The old, old friends! Some changed, some buried, some gone out of sight, Some enemies, and in the world's wide way No time to make amends.

THE INVASION.

Rebel Occupancy of Carlisle. BOMBARDMENT OF THE TOWN. INCIDENTS, &c. The ten days just past have been the most eventful and interesting in the history of our Valley.

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turnpike. The companies were composed of the best elements of the town, and among the members were several gentlemen over sixty-five years of age.

CAPT. BOYD'S CAVALRY. Capt. Boyd, who had under him about two hundred of the New York 2nd Cavalry picked the road between Carlisle and Shippensburg.

THE RETREAT. About nine o'clock at night, Gen. Kuiper received information that the enemy were within two miles of his command in overwhelming force.

THE SKEDADDLE OF CITIZENS. The information that the rebels were upon us, seriously affected the nerves of some of our citizens.

A DAY OF QUIET. The residents of our town retired to bed on Thursday night under the full conviction that the rebels would occupy the town before morning.

THE MILITIA TURN OUT. The New York regiments were removed from their camps and took positions, the 8th on the Walnut Bottom road, and the 71st on the turnpike, about two miles west of town.

the women and children. Gen. Jenkins said he had no disposition to do so, and would much prefer to enter the town as quietly as possible.

REQUISITIONS. On Saturday evening Gen. Ewell sent his card, with a note, to several families, assuring them that the strictest discipline would be maintained in his command.

THE PILO. There can be no doubt that we were some persons in our midst, who acted as pilots, and pointed out where goods and produce were secreted.

CITIZENS FLENDER THE POST. After Ewell had gone hundreds of persons hurried to the Garrison, to see the condition of affairs.

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present when the demand was made, and they informed the officer of the utter impossibility to comply with the requisition.

THE CONDITION OF THE TOWN ON SATURDAY NIGHT. Before dark on Saturday the entire command, which consisted of Rhodes' Division of Ewell's Corps, had passed through the town and encamped in and around the military post.

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they worked it was apparent that they were new hands at the business, but the earnestness which they exhibited showed that their hearts were in the work, and that it was only necessary to take off the restraint which was held over them.

For two days all communication with Harrisburg had been cut off, and our community was in total ignorance in regard to events transpiring anywhere except in our midst.

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They had not been in town half an hour until they were riding wildly through the streets. By some means and at some place they procured liquor, and this exciting drink appeared to madden them.

About eleven o'clock at night General Jenkins' command, which had been doing picket duty between Carlisle and Harrisburg, to cover the movements of Ewell, returned to the town.

At sunrise on Wednesday morning Captain Boyd's efficient command entered the town. It was hailed with shouts of joy. A few minutes elapsed until the public square was filled with citizens, all anxious to learn news.

About three o'clock in the afternoon news was brought to town that the rebels were advancing on the Baltimore pike from Papertown.

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shells and the terrific report of their explosion. The utmost alarm and consternation ensued. This most brutal and inhuman action convinced the people that the force under whose command they might be, were imbued with a spirit of demagogism which has no parallel in history.

Just about dusk the firing ceased and a rebel officer with a flag of truce entered the town. He was conducted to General Smith's headquarters on Hanover street opposite the volunteer printing office.

It was terrific, fiercer, heavier and more devilish than at first. The streets at the time were crowded with those who were fleeing from the scene.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GAS WORKS. The fire of the board yard and the dwelling were not sufficient to satisfy the appetite of the rebel artillery.

About ten o'clock the torch was applied to the barracks simultaneously to each row of buildings, and by seven o'clock great sheets of flames spread over the sky in the north east, turning the terrible scene into sublimity.

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