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WASHINGTON.

Messages to Washington—Death of General Lee—Pittsburg, Penn.—Military Story—Arrived Washington—Washington Visited—Correspondence of the Franklin Repository.

Washington, September 11th, 1863.

Our city has been remarkably quiet for the last week, only two cases of murder have occurred; one of these is called a "shocking murder," because, I presume, one dark killed another dark with a penknife, and because he done it effectively, completely severing the jugular vein, causing death in a few minutes. No cause shown at the inquest. The other murder is called a "heart rending one," from the fact that a Policeman named Charles W. Thompson shot dead a detective, named Lieut. J. M. Brannan. Brannan is a native of New Jersey, and is the soldier that bayoneted Jackson at the same time he was shot by Brownell, at the assassination of Ellsworth, in the Marshall House, Alexandria, in 1861. He was an ex-slave detective and two things had something to do with his murder. First, as is generally the case in everything of the kind in Washington, a woman was mixed up in it. Second, Brannan was known to have over \$1,200 with him but a short time before the murder—after his death, none of it was found on his person. Where did it go? Murder here has become such a common thing, that it rarely causes a second thought.

The examination of the drafted men is progressing rapidly. Out of 2400 that have been before the board, nearly 700 soldiers have been obtained; of this number over 200 are colored. Drafted men from all parts of the country are arriving at Alexandria rapidly—by Rail Road and by Boat—that in a very short time the army will be recruited to its original standard. Very many Regiments that were detached from it, have again joined it—and they can again defy Lee to come out of his hole or they will bring him out. A good and sensible order is now rigidly enforced in this city, namely: General Order 114, "prohibits all officers from visiting Washington, without special permission from the War-Department." Another order compels all officers to wear their uniforms—consequently an officer on sick leave, (which is the general plea) if caught at places of amusement or houses of ill fame—is compelled to go enough for duty. These are two of the best orders ever enforced in this city, as it was a burning disgrace to see officers here by the thousand almost, and continually filling the hundreds of barrooms and supporting over 100 houses of ill fame, each one of which has not less than 10 girls; whereas the common soldiers had to live in camp year in and year out, without even so much as a day's furlough.

Gov. Curtin, the friend of the soldier will engrave himself still deeper to their hearts, if he will appoint, or give power to an agent, to be located in this city, who will look after the wants of each and every soldier, no matter what his rank may be, the same as Ohio and other states have now. The agent of Ohio, Mr. Witmer, attends upon applications, gets and gives transportation and goes to the most distant Hospital to attend to the wants of the soldier. Such an agent, is wanted from Pennsylvania more than any other State—and it is to be regretted that we have not had such an one long ago.

At Ford's Theatre, the Naiad Queen has been played for over two weeks, and yet the house is jammed every night. I have seen the pieces played in many Theatres, but never with such a series of enchanting pictures. Next week Fords treats us to the sight of a real Ghost—an import Ghost. The same Ghost that is creating such a sensation in the Eastern cities.

Quite a sensation has been created by the letting down by the eastern means possible, a number of high officials. Gen. Meigs, Chief Quartermaster; Gen. Ripley, Chief of Ordnance; Surgeon-General Hammond; Surgeon-Governor; Gen. Taylor, chief of Subsistence, &c.

A very large sale of confiscated property located in Washington city took place on Wednesday, a large crowd was in attendance, but there was no spirit in the bids. This sale has illustrated one fact, that is that no one cares much about buying an uncertainty. The sale was for the lifetime of the owner—such being the case, only a few thousand dollars was realized in an immense sale—which if it had been a sale of property good for all time, would have realized the Government nearly a million of dollars.

Quite a number of distinguished men left the country by steam speaking in the state of Pennsylvania in favor of Gov. Curtin. Col. Farney, Dr. Wm. Eder, Ex-Gov. Ranald, Hon. Green Adams and Chief Justice Carter. They will be followed next week by Maj. Gen. Butler and many others.

A large number of valiant persons were here yesterday. Com. Nagrant, Gen. Meade, Meade and Blair, John C. Frémont, Henry J. Raymond, Ex-Gov. H. H. Hitch, Gov. Morton, Hon. P. S. White, Hon. J. G. Phillips and Mayor O'Byrne.

The Crop—The crop throughout the County will be generally good, notwithstanding it was considerably neglected during the rebel invasion. Potatoes also are good, but the rot is affecting them to some extent.



Hon. Daniel Agnew, Union Candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court.

From the National Guard.

HON. DANIEL AGNEW.

Daniel Agnew, the candidate of the Union of Pennsylvania for Judge of Supreme Court, was born in Trenton, New Jersey, January 5th, 1809. His father, the late Jas. Agnew, A. M., M. D., of the city of Pittsburg, was a native of Princeton, New Jersey, a graduate of the college there, taking one year in the medical course with Prof. John Sergeant, Charles Fenlon Mercer, and others of distinguished reputation.

He was a man of commanding personal presence, and of magnificent intellect. His mother, who is yet living, and resides with her son the judge, is a daughter of the late Richard Price, a member of the Society of Friends, the New Jersey line. He was singularly honored for his services by his fellow-citizens, having been chosen Governor of New Jersey nine times in succession. Mrs. Agnew, the writer of this sketch is quite confident, was one of the little girls dressed in white who strewed flowers before the gates under the triumphal arch erected on Trenton bridge.

Washington, who he passed under the triumphal arch erected on Trenton bridge. Of this scene Irving remarks, "Never was ovation more graceful, touching, and sincere, and Washington, tenderly affected, declined the impression of it on his heart could never be effaced." The brother of Mrs. Agnew, Jas. Agnew, a Major in the Engineers, so well known in the Custom House, Philadelphia, were married in service in the war of 1812. The youngest of them, Franklin Howell, was a Lieutenant in the Navy, and lost his life by the shattering of a spar on board the ill-fated President in her fight with the Endymion, off New York.

Hon. Jas. Agnew, a son of Robert Moore, removed a number of years ago to Natchez, Mississippi, and is the father of the present Mrs. Jefferson Davis, the first Mrs. Davis having been a daughter of the late President Taylor. The treason and rebellion of Mr. Davis have not stirred up great interest in this city, and a daughter of the late Hon. Robert Moore, member of Congress from 1817 to 21, and in his time one of the distinguished lawyers and statesmen of Western Pennsylvania.

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qualification of the Judge to grace public station.

Dr. Agnew moved many years ago with his family to Western Pennsylvania, and settled temporarily in Butler county; thence he removed to Chambersburg, where he has resided ever since, receiving his education at the Western University of Pennsylvania, then in charge of the late Robert Bruce, D. D., and of the late John Black, the father of the distinguished and lamented Colonel Samuel W. Black. These were noble men, and while holding their graduations at the Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow University, Scotland. After graduating in 1825, the Judge studied law in the office of the late Judge Baldwin and W. W. Fetterman. He was a student in whom, as also in the late Hon. Walter Forward—a student of an earlier day, Judge Agnew, afterwards fell into pride. He was admitted to the bar in case of the law in 1829, and in the same year removed to Beaver, Pennsylvania, where he has resided to the present time, gathering by his unobtrusive course in daily life and by his great merit, influenced the young men of the community, and in 1830, on the 4th of July, 1831, to Miss Elizabeth Smith, who has now for more than thirty years adorned him with a quiet grace which has made it exceedingly sweet to him and to their children. She has proved herself the worthy wife of a noble man. She is a sister of Rev. F. Moore, D. D., the present pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, located in this city, and a daughter of the late Hon. Robert Moore, member of Congress from 1817 to 21, and in his time one of the distinguished lawyers and statesmen of Western Pennsylvania.

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On the breaking out of the rebellion, he at once took sides with those whose hearts were wholly given to the Union, and to the preservation of the existence and liberty of the nation. He was chosen President of the Committee of Safety, and the committee of correspondence, and as active an effort to preserve the authority of the Government and every effort to suppress the rebellion. He is one who considers it to be the duty of every patriot to sustain the Union, not only by professions, but by active sympathy, by all the means which are necessary to uphold the Government. His lecture on "Our National Constitution, its Adaptation to a state of War and Insurrection," is a masterly production, which has done valuable service in behalf of loyalty. He is the author of an able, eloquent and original treatise that has won the prize of the Academy of Law. His character in private life is, without any exaggeration, beautiful. Few men are more devotedly loved by relatives and friends who know him well. He possesses great clearness and force of intellect, an eminently judicial mind. If elected, as doubtless he will be, he will be a credit to the Commonwealth. He has a splendid career of public service behind him. If the people of the Commonwealth knew his private worth, his ability and integrity, his qualifications for high office, as they know him to his personal friends, they would elevate him to the Supreme bench as the Union Convention nominated him—by acclamation.

Coincident with such standard-bearers as the noble-hearted, patriotic Curtin and Judge Agnew, the Union party of Pennsylvania deserves success before the people at the coming election.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

The following dispassionate and patriotic letter was written by President Lincoln to a meeting of the Union men at Springfield, Ill. It effectively silences all the Copperhead clamor for peace on the ground that the rebels are ready to negotiate, and is followed by the assurance to the people, given with characteristic sincerity and frankness, that "if any such proposition shall thereafter come it shall not be rejected and 'kept secret from you.' We submit the letters:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26, 1863.

JAMES C. CORLEIGH.—MY DEAR SIR:

Your letter inviting me to attend a mass meeting of anti-slavery Union men to be held at the capital of Illinois, on the 2d day of September, has been recently received.

It would be well to agree with you that

to meet and to speak at such a meeting

would be to tax the people with a

large expense.

Quoitz Italy there is a difference of opinion between you and myself upon this subject. I certainly wish that all men could be free, while yet, I suppose, do not. Yet I have neither adopted nor proposed any measure which is not consonant with the principles of justice, and I am not anxious to have any slave, or any person who is not fit for freedom, to be taxed for the support of a government which is not fit for freedom.

You are, as you well know, a friend for

the Union. I consider you as one of

the best Union men.

I think that the Compromises invented to

keep the slaves in their

place are not fit for freedom.

They are not fit for freedom.

