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Monday morning

We expect to go to press about 1 1/2 P.M. today. If you could give the people any information about the probable whereabouts of the "Slifer Guards" at that time, by telegraph, it would be good news, probably, to many.

Yesterday was much such a Sunday as that after the Infantry left - we supported "our boys" probably on a weary march toward or in our enemy's land, and liable to dangers new to them. God save them delivered.

Richard W. Lincoln will be proposed for Senator in our place this week. Two Union counts the Senator, and Snyder and Jurnetta could have Representatives for three years without contest.

Yours

O. N. Worden

Rees and Hedges pledged themselves to the 34 Stars and 13 Stripes, in M. E. Chapel yesterday. Hedges said he had voted but once in a dozen years, but had always been loyal to the M. E. Ch. of the U. S. and the Government at Washington.

[1861]

Monday morning

We expect to go to press about 11 P.M. today. If you could give the people any information about the probable whereabouts of the "Slifer Guards" at that time, by telegraph, it would be good news, probably, to many.

Yesterday was [illegible] such a Sunday as that after the Infantry left - we supposed "our boys" probably on a weary march towards or on our enemy's land, and liable to danger new to them. God send them deliverance.

Richard V. Linceter will be proposed for Senator in our paper this week. Give Union county the Senator, and Snyder and Juniata could have Representatives for three years without contest.

Yours &c

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Leedsburg, April 29th '61

Dear Sir:

The talk of issuing a half sheet Chronicle
to morrow morning. Should you have any good
news - of our boys or others - positive, which you judge
the public might know of - by seven o'clock this
evening, please let us know by telegraph, for the
good of the aforesaid public

It is and you advised our ladies that it was
unnecessary to make shirts, &c for the soldiers. I
suppose the Government furnishes them. Still, should
a second Company be called for, they might be
each furnished with something by the ladies, for
the advantage and pleasure of the soldier, and
thereby letting the ladies show their good will and be
more interested in their welfare. If there be some such
channel of effort, it should be known

(over)

How many have you accepted? and how
many rejected?

Let us know the next call (if made) as soon as
issued.

I did not call on you the other night for
I knew you wanted all that little time. Was glad
to hear that you looked comfortable, considerin'.

Yours
Chas. Horden

1861

Lewisburg
April 29, '61

Dear Sir:

We talk of issuing a half sheet Chronicle tomorrow morning. Should you have any good news - of our boys or others - positive, which you judge the public might know of - by seven o'clock this evening, please let us know by telegraph, for the good of the aforesaid public.

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Yours &c

O.N. Worden
1861

Louisburg, May 20 1861

Dear Sir

Fenel was installed ~~last~~ yesterday. — J. D. Caldwell, Assistant

"Will the Paper Rifle" — mellifluous, liquid, flowing nomenclature — be accepted?"

and

"Have our boys got to Washington?"

are the two questions now, which, if you could answer by to-morrow evening, ten o'clock, would be news. Any other important information, in your discretion, would be acceptable to the semi-weekly. All suppose enough have been offered for the new acquisition.

Let not Maryland play over again the Virginia farce — or, rather, do not let the Union men be deceived again.

Paul in an hour at Richmond, before Congress meets, is the public falling here — simply "holding the Capital" is of little consequence, since Virginia commenced the war.

All well in the County, I guess, for White Hat says nothing to the contrary
Yrs &c
O. N. Howard

Lewisburg
May 2, 1861

Dear Sir

Fenal was installed yesterday. J.D. Caldwell, Assistant.

“Will the Slifer Rifles” - mellifluous, liquid, flowing nomenclature - “be accepted?”
and

“Have our boys got to Washington?”

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Let not Maryland play over again the Virginia force - or, rather, do not let the Union men be deceived again.

Push on as far as Richmond, before Congress directs, is the public policy here - simply “holding the Capital” is of little consequence, since Virginia commenced the war.

All well in the country I guess, for White [Illegible] says nothing to the contrary.

Your &c

O.N. Worden

Lewisburg, Nov. 4, 1861

Dear Sir,

Mr. Johnson says he is impeded, and will do anything practicable for me as House Clk or Senator. I would like it and more full, to pay off my debts and run a home. What think you of it? If you can heartily commend me to Mr. Johnson, and others of your acquaintance, it might be very useful to me. Write me when you conclude what you honestly think best, and if you say so ahead I will get on at once.

Considering that, in the last resort,

the five Supreme Court Judges may
decide that the Judicial Appointment
was not altered by the Brady Sp. Act,
and therefore her 3^d maj. should be
excluded from the custom it seems
to me right and proper for safety —
that the 3^d maj. for Clucker from a
Mifflin Company, mailed a week or
more after the time fixed by law, she
also be excluded as illegal and open
to the suspicion of being manufactured
like that infamous Clucker in
Philed. Any thing, it is hinted, will
be done to out Woods. We had better
keep on the safe side

Yours &c
Chas. W. Woodcock

Nov 4/61
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Lewisburg
Nov. 4, 1861

Dear Sir:

Mr. Johnson says he is unpledged, and will do anything practicable for me as
Trains. Clk in Senate. I would like it one more pull to pay off my debts and own a home.
What think you of it? If you can hastily commend me to McClure, Breyhter and thus of
your acquaintance, it might be very useful to me. Write me when you conclude what you
honestly think best and if you say go ahead I will go to work at once.

Considering that, in the last resort,

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the five Supreme Court Judges may decide that the Judicial Apportionment was not
altered by the [Brady Spotet?], and therefore her 34 [one word illegible] should be
excluded from the [count?] as it seems to me right and proper - for safety - that the 34
may for Slasker form a Mifflin company, mailed a week or more after the time fixed by
law, shd also be excluded as illegal and open to the suspicion of being manufactured like
that unpronounceable [colones?] in Philad. Anything it is hinted will be once to next
[one word illegible]. We had better keep on the safe side.

Yours &c

O.N. Worden

Louisburg, Jan. 11, 1862.

Learning that you are not at home to-day, I write a line to ask your aid if you have the time - not otherwise.

For your part, the Northern Central have given me the compliment of an Editorial Pan. The only time I ever used it, was on a certain fruitless trip to Harrisburg, concerning some gubernatorial arrangements about A.D. 1860. Next Monday evening, I purposed paying a little visit to the Capitol, when one of those little cards might cause depletion of the purse. But I have lost the run of the paper - can you tell me the name of the man who issues that sort of paper? It might save one or more costs of transportation during the season.

Marshall Mendoch has warned me to be and appear as a Grand Juror in Pittsburg on Monday week, and as military men are now of greater authority than they were wont to be when you were your seniors, I shall obey - unless I have to take the oath to stay at Harrisburg, and help the Senate. My services to the Central Road ought surely to give me a life pass on all the routes and intersections of that interesting corporation, but I do not know to make the connection between my humble self and the inspiring genius of the concern - do you?

Hickok writes me that he had been "up" for Chief Clerk, but learning that I was in the field, ^{for that post,} peremptorily withdrew, I immediately wrote to correct the mistake - but fear it is too late.

Mr. Conwell acknowledges to me your letter, and will consider my claims, but says there is a disposition to omit Capt. Pardee, or regard him as one of Johnson's District. I had always supposed the Capt. a first-class, independent of party or locality. Johnson over our court had removed.

Mr. Sewell acknowledges the strength of my references, anyhow but makes no commitment out of the many applicants.

Mr. Chase assures me of his support.

These are all the replies I have received - indeed, I asked for no replies, but only that they should give my name fair consideration.

Judge Wood has made a grand impression, and I am better satisfied than I expected to be.

Mr. Aiken - with the gizzly sum of 67 years upon him, really got indignant the other day - for he wrote the stanza to England, and on New Year's Address, berate the "rifles." Really, you ought to give him a long credit mark for that study day's application.

Yours &c

C. N. Woodson

Lewisburg
Jan. 1, 1862

Learning that you are not at home to-day, I write a line to ask you aid if you have the time - not otherwise.

For years past, the Northern Central have given me the "compliment" of an Editorial Pass. The only time I ever used it, was on a certain fruitless trip to Harrisburg, concerning some Gubernatorial arrangements about A.D. 1860. Next Monday evening, I propose paying a little visit to the Capital, when one of those little cards might serve depletion of the purse. But I have lost the [run?] of the [ropes?] - can you tell me the name of the man who issues that sort of paper? It might save one or more costs of transportation during the season.

Marshall Murdoch has warned me to be and appear as a Grand Juror in Pittsburg on Monday week, and as military men are now of greater authority than they were wont to be when you won your laurels, I shall obey - unless I have to take the oath to stay at Harrisburg and help the Senate. My service to the Central Road ought surely to give me a life passage on all the [one word illegible] and intersections of that interesting corporation, but I do not how to make the connection between my humble self and the whispering genius of the concern - do you?

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Mr. Connell acknowledges, to me, your letter, and will consider my claims, but says there is a disposition to oust Capt. Brady, or regard him as one of Johnson's District. I had always supposed the Capt. a fixture, independent of party or locality, Johnson does not want him removed.

Mr. Sewill acknowledges the strength of my references, anyhow, but makes no commital out of the many applicants.

McClure assures me of his support.

Those are all the replies I have received - indeed, I asked for no reply, but only that they should give my name fair consideration.

Judge Woods had made a grand impression, and I am better satisfied than I expected to be.

Mr. Aiken - with the [grizzly] sum of 62 years upon him, really got induction the other day _ for he wrote the [one word illegible] to England, and our New Year's Address, beside other "trifles." Really, you ought to give him a long credit mark for that shady day's application.

Yours &c

O.N. Worden

Lauriburg, Jan. 27, 1862.

Dear Sir:

Since reaching home, I have been uncommonly busy in "catching up" with my business, and this (Monday) evening find a half hour to spare.

And first, I have to acknowledge your letter of the 30th inst, advising me that there was another "Richmond in the field," in the person of Mr. Bobb. But, sir, that letter did not reach me until my return from Pittsburg — nor had I the remotest idea of any competitor in the wishes or designs of our Senator, whose letter (in my possession) clearly evinced a clear way for me. Had I known there was such a rival, I should have declined or persuaded him to decline. It was not until ^{Saturday} Sunday, at Lauriburg, that I had any knowledge of his pretensions or Mr. Johnson's "fix." I state this that you may not suppose I could defeat or ask of my friends an unreasonable effort in my favor.

Secondly, Mr. J. renews his offer to aid me, next year, and says he will make all matters favorable to the end. Whether he has a suspicion of the matter you hinted at in your hotel room, I know not, but he and his town friend both appeared rather worried about something. The Clerkship is most pleasant and profitable, but most uncertain. The other matter depends entirely upon one man. I did not reply to Mr. J. except to ask him to give me a little time to reflect.

Please let me know when next you visit home, and whether you will have any time to spare — if so, I should be glad to consult you, and will call on you, or you on me, as may suit you.

No particular news since morning, I believe, except that there is "hemorrhoids" and sleighing, and a "hot of folk" seem to be enjoying it.

Yours truly,

O. W. Worden

I have sent in another batch of
 Court House offers to Washington,

Lewisburg
Jan. 27, 1862

Dear Sir:

Since reaching home, I have been uncommonly busy in "catching up" with my business, and this (Monday) evening find a half hour to spare.

And first, I have to acknowledge your letter of the 3rd inst, advising me that there was another "Richmond in the field," in the person of Mr. Bubb. But, sir, that letter did not reach me until my return from Pittsburg - nor had I the remotest idea of any competition in the wishes or designs of our Senator, whose letter (in my possession) clearly evinced a clear way for me. Had I known there was such a rival, I should have declined or persuaded him to decline. It was not until Saturday or Sunday, at Harrisburg, that I had any knowledge of his pretensions or Mr. Johnson's "fix," I state this that you may not suppose I could defeat or ask of my friends an unreasonable effort in my favor.

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No particular news since morning, I believe, except that there is "[beaudous?]" good sleighing, and a "part of the folk" seem to be enjoying it.

Yours truly,
O.N. Worden

I have sent on another batch of Court House offers to Washington.

Lewistown, April 28, 1862

Dear Sir,

Thursday next is appointed for meeting of State
~~Committee~~ Committee of the Administration Party. I have
time to go, but whether it is advisable I ask you to
say. My late pilgrimages political have all proven
utterly vain, because a pre-arranged "rip" had worked
me out. If the "rip" is again formed, a the thing all
"arranged," I had better save my money, feelings, and
credit. If sincere consultation is desired, and there is a
disposition to confer in fairness and manliness, I am willing
to make the sacrifice and go. Will you please drop
me a word by Telegraph tomorrow, (Friday,) or soon as you
have had time to consider it, that I may arrange for going
to-morrow night, and be off Wednesday.

Mr. Vilkmar is improving, and hopeful as ever

Yours

O. W. Howden

Lewisburg
April 28, 1862

Dear Sir:

Thursday next is appointed for meeting of State Committee of the Administration Party. I have time to go, but whether it is advisable I ask you to say. My late pilgrimages political have all proven utterly vain, because a pre-arranged "[one word illegible]" had worked me out. If the "[one word illegible]" is again formed, or the thing all "arranged," I had better save my money, [one word illegible], and credit. If sincere consultation is desired, and that is a disposition to confer in fairness and manliness, I am willing to make the sacrifice and go. Will you please drop me a word by Telegraph tomorrow, (Friday,) so soon as you have had time to consider it, that I may arrange for going to-morrow night, and be off Wednesday.

Mr. Hickman is improving, and hopeful as ever.

Yours &c

O.N. Worden

Lewisburg, May 6, 1862

Dear Sir,

Among the slain at South Mills, or Camden, are reported two of Capt. Wassup's Company — Mr. R. Hoffmann, son of John Hoffmann, one of our good Hartley friends, and Benj. T. Bruse, son-in-law of Henry Metz, of East Buffalo

John Hoffmann is now in my office, and is very solicitous that the body of his son may be returned. He knows both you and the Governor, and earnestly invokes your best efforts.

I tell him you endeavor to bring home all the brave Penna's boys you can — but that, as it seems those were buried at the battle-field, which is still in the enemy's possession, it is doubtful whether they can be returned until conquest or peace opens the way.

If it would be of any avail, please write to Capt. Wassup on the subject. If they cannot be obtained, please let it be known whether the graves can probably be identified — that is, known one from another.

Please answer Mr. Hoffmann at Hantleton, as soon as possible

Merrell Smith writes that Mr. Hoffmann's brother was slain when he fell

Yours recd — all right,

O. W. Warden

Lewisburg
May 6, 1862

Dear Sir:

Among the slain at South Mills, in Camden, are reported two of Capt. Hassenplug's Company _ Wm. R. Hoffman, son of John Hoffman, one of our good Hartley friends, and Benj. F. Brause, son-in-law of Henry Mertz, of East Buffalo.

John Hoffman is now in my office, and is very solicitous that the body of his son may be returned. He knows both you and the Governor, and earnestly invokes your best efforts.

I tell him you endeavor to bring home all the brave Penn'a boys you can – but that, as it seems those were buried at the battle-field, which is still in the enemy's possession, it is doubtful whether they can be returned until conquest or peace opens the way.

If it would be of any avail, please write to Capt. Hassenplug on the subject. If they can not be obtained, please let it be known whether the graves can probably be identified - that is, known one from another.

Please answer Mr. Hoffman. at [Haittleston?] , as soon as possible.

Merrill [Swiss?] writes that Mr. Hoffman's brother was [one word illegible] when he fell.

Your recd - all right.

O.N. Worden

Louisburg, July 1, 1862

Dear Sir

Judge Moulton and my niece suggest that all deficiencies and comforts needed for soldiers in hospitals and elsewhere should be purchased outright, as needed, and thus guarded against misappropriation, and thereby the burden fall equally upon all, and not upon the generous few who are no more concerned than the stingy many.

Should supplies of any kind be needed, a physician or nurses, a specific statement, in circular or by telegraph, should be sent along all the avenues of communication through Pennsylvania, above \$5000 or 15,000 Reserves and Regulars to each every part of the Commonwealth. Specify exactly what is needed.

Your despatch did not reach me until papers had all gone out for country and boxes in town. It saves for through subscribers this morning.

We do not know how many Reserves are in service.

Old Inman - not the "Doubtless without guilt" - is out full for Patterson, with his accustomed gratitude and duplicity. Suppose you ask him to publish the enclosed card in his this week's paper, which may appear in time to do some good at home.

Yours, &c

A. T. Hodson

John M. Baum was buried yesterday, James M. Child is dying with quick consumption.

Lewisburg
July 1, 1862

Dear Sir

Judge Marshall not [one word illegible] [said?] suggested that all delicacies and comforts needed for soldiers in hospitals and elsewhere should be purchased outright, as needed, and thus guarded against misappropriation, and thereby the burden fall equally upon all, and not upon the generous few who are no more concerned than the stingy many.

Should supplies of any kind be needed, [one word illegible] or nurses, a specific statement, in circular or by telegraph, should be sent along all the avenues of communication through Pennsylvania, above 8,000 or 15,000 Reserves and Regulars to act every part of the Commonwealth. Specify exactly what is needed.

Your dispatch did not reach me until papers had all gone out for country and one word illegible] in town. It served for Borough subscribers this morning.

We do not know how many Reserves are in service.

Old Israel - not the "Israelite without guilt" - is out full for Patterson, with his accustomed gratitude and duplicity. Suppose you ask him to publish the enclosed card in his this week's paper, which may appear in time to do some good at home.

Yours &c

O.N. Worden

John M. Baum was buried yesterday. James McCright is dying with quick consumption.

Lewisburg, Aug. 6, 1862

Dear Sir:

Is Capt. Meyer's Company the first
of the 9 months' men from the North or
West Branch? A great honor to Old
Union if it is. It comprises some of
our best boys - a Hayes, Halffpang, Ruler,
3 Kleins, Weirick, Reed, Sarahell, Gora
&c, fine old Kentley, a well, Meyer, Redeornal,
Wafa &c from Kelly.

Can Union County still volunteer
enough to prevent a draft,² that is
all the rage, now. A feasible
plan would be very acceptable. Only
be firm and decided in what you
grant.

Lawson has the nomination of
Scribble and can be elected if nominated.
Yours, &c
Cit. Worden

Lewisburg
Aug. 6, 1862

Dear Sir:

Is Capt. Moyer's Company the first of the 9 months' men from the North or [two words illegible]? A good [one word illegible] to Old Union if it is. Is comprises some of our best boys
_ a Hoyer, Halfpony, Rull, 3 Kline's-, Weirick, Reed, Lapells, Glora &c. from Old Hartley, a
Noll, Moyer, R-edearical, Hafer &c from Kelly.

Can Union county still volunteer enough to prevent a draft? Which is all the rage, now.
A feasible plan would be very acceptable. Only be firm and decided in what you grant.

Larson has the nomination of [Scukl?] and can be elected if nominated.

Yours &c

O.N. Worden

Leurisburg, Sept. 13, 1862.

Dear Sir:

Charles M. Hall says a big-faced, Jewish-looking man, from Baltimore, pretending he was on the wrong way, was put off at the Dauphin Bridge, ^{yesterday} - Hall says there seemed to be no one to guard it, and if that bridge were destroyed, he will look to him as the author. He thinks the State should have special guards at all the Bridges, and some detective along the road among the passengers could do no harm.

President Loomis has enlisted in Capt. Shunkley's Company, that goes this morning. He is hardly capable of effective duty, by reason of his lame foot, and is of course exempt. His absence might break up the College for the year. The other Professors ^{absence} would not have that ^{injurious} effect. It seems to me - after he has shown so noble an example - he should be declined, and with all due respect set to watch on Main's Hill.

Yrs &c

Chas. W. Gordon

Lewisburg
Sept. 13, 1862

Dear Sir:

Charles M. Hall says a big-faced, Jewish-looking man, from Baltimore, pretending he was on the wrong [wad?], was put off at the Dauphin Bridge, yesterday. - Hall says there seemed to be no one to guard it, and if that bridge were destroyed, he will look to him as the author. He thinks the State should have special guards at all the Bridges, and some detectives along the [wad?] among the passengers would do no harm.

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Yours &c

O.N. Worden

Leicester, Thur 11th Nov

Dear Sir,

Your of yesterday was recd, and of course in such a
manner as you'd entirely to your judgment. A portion of
the proposed ~~and~~ article, however, we have inserted, not
bearing in any way upon others, but giving the strong
points which may be urged in your behalf. This part
can not seem improperly inserted, or invidious, since it is
the issue before the election, and from a town where a
principal candidate hails from. I see a correspondent of
the Lancaster Examiner speaks not only well but con-
fidently of Mr Henderson

It need no paper except to acquaintances, or to
those in this District and adjoining — so that it will not
look like a Circular or Appeal, and connected with
Legislative proceedings can do us harm in the manner
suggested by you.

Mr. Hays told me yesterday he would go to
Haverling to-day. I urged upon him the fact that
among the sober-minded former Members he might be use-
ful. You will know where to direct him.

My hopes are stronger than yours. Among so
many candidates, if yours are true, there can not be a selling
of whole towns to any one man.

Keep cool, as does Mr. Patten and

Your friend

Wm. Wood

Lewisburg
Thurs Mornng

Dear Sir

Your of yesterday was re'd, and of course in such a matter we yield entirely to your judgment. A portion of the prepared article, however, we have inserted, not bearing in any way upon others, but giving the story points which may be urged in your behalf. That part can not seem improperly urgent, or invidious, since it is the issue before the election, and from a town where a principal candidate hails from. I see a correspondent of [last?] Lancaster Examiner speaks not only well but confidently of Mr. Henderson.

I send no paper except to acquaintances or to those in this District and adjoining - so that it will not look like a circular or Appeal, and connected with Legislative proceedings can do no harm in the manner suggested by you.

Mr. Hoyer told me yesterday he would go to Harrisburg to-day. I urged upon him the fact that among the sober-minded [one word illegible] members he might be useful. You will know where to direct him.

My [one word illegible] are stranger than yours. Among so many candidates, if yours are true, there can not be a selling of whole [one word illegible] to any one man.

Keep cool, as does Mr. Aiken and

Your friend

O.N. Worden

Office of the "Star & Chronicle,"

Lewisburg, Pa., June 15th 1863

Dear Sir —

Some time last winter or Spring, I handed in to the officer in the further corner of the State Department several recommendations for the promotion of Clinton McAlahan. His sister, Mrs. Spaulding, is desirous of having those papers again, as they seem of no effect in the Department. If consistent, please enclose them in the within envelope, and have it forwarded by mail from Harrisburg.

She returned earlier with her husband offer to return with him as Captain, and he is thinking of it.

Yours &c

G. N. Worden

Lewisburg, Pa.
June 15th, 1863

Dear Sir

Some time last winter or spring, I handed in to the officer in the further corner of the State Department several recommendations for the promotion of Clinton M'Mahon. His sister, Mrs. Spaulding, is desirous of having those papers again, as they seem of no effect in the Department. If consistent, please enclose them in the with in envelope, and have it forwarded by mail from Harrisburg.

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Yours &c

O.N. Worden

Lewisburg, Sept. 29, 1863

Thomas P. Wagner, enlisted with Capt. Merrill,
in Co. E, 142d P. V., was taken prisoner at Gettys-
burg, went to Richmond, was held in duration five
weeks, then released on parole, went to College
Green Barracks, at Annapolis, and came home -
for the first time since enlisting - a week ago.
He would like to remain with the family, if
possible, a couple of weeks, if a furlough could
be granted, but as he sees there have been
some exchanges thinks it would be proper to
make the application. He appears to be a fine
young man, and good soldier, and for his widowed
mother's sake would like at least a ten
day's furlough. I write to you by his
request, and that of his neighbor, Mr. Penney

Yours &c
O. W. Worden

It occurs to me that for you and W. Henry
Armstrong to address (more particularly) the working-
men of Lewisburg and vicinity, and your old
acquaintance, would be much the better than to
address Democrats as such, who might not
give you a very large audience. Those I
have conversed with, approve that plan. It
might be that Bidle Roberts would do
some good the Saturday evening before
Election.

I suppose you and W.H.A.
Come up next Saturday evening.

Thos. P. Wagner is a good fellow, and
would like to stay until after Election.
If you could consistently help him, do so.

The Copperhead Raid on Thursday
I suppose will be tremendous

Prof. Randolph's school did not start
Monday. He has had printed (sent at the
Chancellor's office) a card asking the good people
not to allow party feeling to enter into educational
affairs!

Yours

A. W.

Lewisburg
Sept. 29, 1863

Thomas P. Wagner, enlisted with Capt. Merrill, in Co E. 142d P.V., was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, went to Richmond, was held in durance five weeks, then released on parole, went to College Gen Barracks, at Annapolis, and came home – for the first time since enlisting – a week ago. He would like to remain with the family, if possible, a couple of week, if a furlough could be granted, but as he sees there have been some exchanges thinks it would be proper to make the application. He appears to be a fine young man, and good soldier, and for his widowed mother's sake would like at least a ten days' furlough. I write to you by his request, and that of his neighbor, Tho's Penny.

Yours &c

O.N. Worden

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It occurs to me that for you and W. Harry Armstrong to address (more particularly) the working-men of Lewisburg and vicinity, and your old acquaintances, would be much the better than to address Democrats as such, who might not give you a very large audience. Those I have conversed with, approve that plan. It might be that Biddle Roberts would do some good the Saturday evening before Election. I propose you and W.H.A. come up next Saturday evening.

Thomas P. Wagner is a good fellow, and would like to stay until after Election. If you could consistently help him, do so.

The Copperhead Raid on Thursday I suppose will be tremendous.

Prof. Randolph's school did not start – Monday. He has had printed (not at the Chronicles office) a card asking the same people not to allow party feelings to enter into educational affairs!

Yours &c

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(Confidential)

Sarisburg, Jan. 22^d, 1865.

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the honors.

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O.N. Worden