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Passage of Troops, and Return of our Volunteers.

Since our last issue, our town has been kept in a continual state of excitement by the passage of troops to and from the seat of war...

A number of the regiments that responded to the three months' call of the President, have passed through this place on their way home.

The rebels took the houses of all the Union people in this section, and yesterday our boys thought they would retaliate by robbing Sece-sion houses.

Since Thursday evening last, when it was first known that the third regiment had returned to Harrisburg...

When it was known that they would positively arrive on Tuesday evening, a meeting was held at the Altoona House on Monday morning.

The work of felling the trees all progresses from Arlington Heights to Alexandria.

they were dismissed, it seemed as though they were about to be derided. Of course it was principally the male friends of the soldiers that approached them in the ranks...

On Wednesday morning, the Logan Rifles, Capt. Szink, and the Juniata Rifles, Capt. Lloyd, of Hollidaysburg, together with several other companies of the 3d regiment, came up on a special train.

All of them show the effects of exposure to the sun, with little to shield their faces. With a few exceptions, all look better than when they enlisted, which is some evidence that the diet given them by Uncle Sam agrees with their constitutions.

By permission of the recipient we copy the following extracts from a letter written by a private in Colonel Simmons' regiment of Penna's volunteers, recently ordered to Cumberland, Md.

"On Saturday last we left Cumberland for this place—22 miles distant—rout out a lot of Sece-sionists who were robbing the positions of everything they had, and packing the goods in boxes to be sent to Romney.

"We remained in camp, about three miles from this place, until last Tuesday, when our regiment was ordered to the support of Colonel Kane, who was surrounded by the Rebels, some three miles from this point.

TABLE OF DISTANCES.—Just at this time the question of distances from point to point in Virginia is frequently asked and few are able to answer it.

Table with columns: From, To, Miles. Lists distances between various Virginia locations like Washington, Alexandria, Fairfax, etc.

APPROXIMATE ESTIMATE OF OUR LOSS.—Although no official returns have yet been sent to the War Department, of the loss in killed and wounded, guns, provision-wagons and small arms, in the retreat from Bull Run, on Sunday, it is believed that the following is an approximate statement:

MILITARY RUMOR.—It appears from the Bulletin Express that the Fourth Wisconsin regiment, on their arrival at Corning, found an appointment in the way of their further progress, in the form of a despatch from Superintendent Minot, of the Erie road, prohibiting its passage over that road to Elmira.

PEN AND SCISSORS.

Rev. S. Royer Hamill, of Hollidaysburg, was, on Tuesday, 23d instant, admitted to practice law in the several courts of Blair county.

In order to raise money to contribute a full share of support to the rebellion, the people of the city of Memphis, Tenn., have suspended their public schools.

The Petersburg (Va.) Express says that the Confederate troops now in Virginia and under the command of one hundred and seventy thousand.

A letter was received in Washington on Wednesday from a lady in Richmond, in which she says: "There is no rejoicing in Richmond."

A slight mistake.—The secession paper at Bonville, previously to the battle at that place, exhorted the State troops to meet the enemy and "strike terror" into their ranks.

On Saturday week a Welsh miner was killed by the premature discharge of a blast in one of the coal drifts from the Colwell mining, in his safety.

Winchester letters to Sece-sionists report, in part, twelve hundred Sece-sionists killed at Bull's Run; that it is California Albert Johnson who is killed, and not Utah-Joe Johnson; that the enemy retired from the field; and that the Sece-sionists showed the white feather during the battle.

A disheveled member of Congress said to General Scott on Tuesday after the battle at Bull's Run, "We've missed them, sir, straightening himself up, replied, "No, sir, no, sir, we're not beaten; the government isn't to be defeated on Sunday."

Col. Wilcox, of the First Michigan Regiment, who was wounded and fell on the battle field, has been heard from, and is safe. His wife, who went on from Detroit to ascertain the facts about his fate, has received a dispatch from the Colwell mining, in his safety.

A correspondent of the New York Times writing from General Lyon's army says—One of the principal features of the march are General Lyon and his German body guard. The latter is composed of ten athletic St. Louis butchers.

More Incidents of the Battle-Field, Cullied from Various Sources.

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About half-past seven o'clock, while Bleeker's brigade was still at Centreville, General Sprague rode up, as cool as if in a parlour, and said, "I am withdrawing the Rhode Island troops in good order. You must help to make a stand here."

Colonel Cameron seemed to have a presentiment of his death. In a conversation with him in his tent, on the evening prior to the battle, he said to me, "I have received no orders from the gallant Highlanders, because he had only a short time to live, he might as well devote it to his country."

On a hill commanding the battle field was a house, the possession of which position would be an important advantage in the operations against the enemies batteries.

General McDowell is said to have behaved admirably. He was active, cool, and attended to everything in person, so far as possible; but he had not a sufficient staff, and was not properly supported by his subordinates.

When the colors of the Sixty-ninth were captured by the Virginians, two of them seized the colors and were going off with them, when Lieut. Matthews, of the Sixty-ninth, sprang forward and killed both the Virginians, and recovered the flag.

Among the dispatches received at the Washington office, was the following, addressed to a member of one of the regiments quartered at Arlington Heights—the Sixty-ninth, of course: "Dear Sir, July 23, '61. Your wife wishes to know if you are dead, alive, or wounded. If dead, please send the body on."

Here are a few brilliant samples of "Southern chivalry." It is stated, with entire reliability, that those who were in the late battle, that the Rebels carried American flags, to display our men, and when small squads that had not separated from their regiments approached these flags, they were slaughtered without mercy!

DESERPTION OF REBEL VOLUNTEERS.—The Bowling Green, Kentucky, Gazette, says: "The Confederate troops are deserting in large numbers from the encampments in Tennessee, and those who remain are reported to be in a wretched condition."

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