

The Watchman

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BELLEVILLE, March 20th, 1862.

THE VERY LATEST.

Ireland No. 10, to which the Confederates retreated after the fall of Fort Donelson...

Gen. McClellan's Address.

We publish to-day, in another place the address of Gen. McClellan to the soldiers of the "Grand Army of the Potomac."

The address is, by far, the most appropriate of any that has yet been issued...

We hope our readers will all peruse the address. And to those who have, hitherto, been in the habit of grumbling at the apparent delay of the army of the Potomac...

As the Central Press appears to be very much exercised of late, because we don't endorse every act of this administration...

We will be frank and we do hereby re-assert what we said last week, that we do not endorse the last two sections of the message as far as they acknowledge the doctrine of State rights or State sovereignty...

On newspapers and other publications, the duty is made very heavy. On any newspaper, magazine, review or literary, scientific or news publication, a duty of 5 per centum on advertisements is levied...

We find the above delicious morsel of news, says the Harrisburg Patriot, in a synopsis of the proposed tax bill, and publish it for the benefit and consolation of our friends of the country press...

FERRETT AGAIN.—My reference to another place it will be seen that Gen. Fremont has been again assigned to a command, which embraces all that district of country west of the Department of the Potomac...

Since our last issue, news has been received of the evacuation of Manassas Junction by the Confederates, and its occupation by the United States forces under General McClellan.

Hickman and the President.

On the passage of the joint resolution, pledging the government to pay for the slaves of those of the border States...

The Battle of Pea Ridge, Ark.

Further Particulars—Brigadier Generals McCulloch and Slack Killed—Colonels McIntosh, Rives and Herbet Killed and Wounded—Gen. Sterling Price Wounded—Our Loss 800 to 1,000 Killed and Wounded—The Rebel Loss from 2,000 to 3,000—Eighteen of our Killed Scaped by the Indians Col. Jeff. C. Davis after Price.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 10.—(Special to the St. Louis Republican.)—A messenger arrived at ten o'clock last night, bringing additional news of the recent battle in Arkansas.

The engagement took place at Little Sugar Creek, five miles this side of the stream of the same name, where a skirmish occurred on the march down.

In anticipation of an attack on the South, General Curtis ordered the trains to be drawn up on the north side; but, unexpectedly, the attack was commenced on the north side by the rear of our army...

General Sigel, with eight hundred men, protected the train for several hours, holding the Rebels in check, while the teams pushed backward to the main body.

While thus engaged General Sigel was three times surrounded, but he cut his way through each time.

The principle fighting on Thursday was done by General Sigel, in this way: Col. Carr's division, and the greatest loss was suffered by them. Col. Dodge's brigade of this division consisted of the Fourth Iowa, the First Iowa battery, the Thirty-fifth Illinois, Colonel Phelps' regiment, and the Twenty-fourth Missouri.

The second brigade under Col. Van Dorn of the Ninth Iowa regiment, consisted of his own regiment, the DuPage battery and Col. Carr's regiment of cavalry.

A large amount of Rebel prisoners were taken, and the number of our killed was estimated at 800 or 1,000 killed and wounded.

Our loss is estimated at 800 or 1,000 killed and wounded. The Rebel loss is not known by our men, independent of the pieces lost by General Sigel, at Wilson's Creek.

PEN, PASTE AND SCISSORS.

Tattling is mean. Laziness is shameful. Standering is despicable. Telling lies is contemptible. Loud laughing is impolite. Inquisitiveness is offensive. Vulgar language is disgusting. Profane swearing is abominable.

Army Correspondence.

CAMP WOOD, MONROEVILLE, KY., March 10th, 1862. MESSRS. EDITORS:—Since you last heard from me, our Regiment has had a very disagreeable march of about forty-five miles.

Where I see a house furnished with books and papers, there I see intelligent and well informed children; but where there are no books or papers, the children are ignorant, if not prodigal.—Franklin.

The marine losses on the St. Lawrence and the Essex, were 188 men and 8,000 lbs of stores, and 3,564 lbs of sailing vessels and their cargoes.

Dennis Taylor, arrested at Camp Wood, in the month of February, and sent to the Mercer County Court, of murder in the second degree, for killing George J. Eagles at Hendersonville, and sentenced to a term of eleven and a half years in the Penitentiary.

The last dog story is of two dogs who fell to fighting in a saw mill. In the course of the tussle one of the dogs went plump against a saw, and was killed.

A Western soldier gets off the following squib on his comrade: He fired his Minnie rifle at midnight and the whole camp is aroused and formed into line; when, lo! his mess comes bearing a nice porker, which he declares so resembles a Scotch that he was compelled to pull trigger.

The following note was found in the pocket of a pair of pantaloons among some new uniforms received the other day at Paducah, Ky.

I made these pants for the pitiful sum of 30 cents. If they last the wearer no longer than this sum of money lasts the maker he will be a failure.

Address of Gen. McClellan to his Soldiers.

HEAD QUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, FAIRFAX C. H., VA., MARCH 14, 1862. SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC: For a long time I have kept you inactive, but not without a purpose.

These preliminary results are now accomplished. I feel that the patient labor of many months has produced their fruit.

The period of inaction has passed. I will bring you face to face with the Rebels, and only pray that God may defend the right.

Whichever direction you may move—however strange your actions may appear to you—your bear in mind that my sole object is to bring you where you wish to be—on the decisive battle field.

It shall be my care, as it ever has been, to gain success with the least possible loss. But I know that if it is necessary, you will willingly follow me to our graves for our righteous cause.

EVACUATION OF NEW MADRID.

The Rebels Leave all their Guns and Camp Equipage—Twenty Five Pieces Artillery Taken—Thirty Two Batteries of Field Artillery, Several Thousand Small Arms, and a Great Quantity of Stores Taken—The Town Occupied—No Rebel Flag Remaining in Missouri.

St. Louis, March 14.—The following is a copy of the official despatch sent to the Secretary of War.

After several days' skirmishing and a number of attempts of the enemy's gunboats to dislodge General Pope's batteries at Point Pleasant, the enemy has evacuated his fort and entrenchments at New Madrid, leaving all his artillery, field batteries, tents, wagons, mules, &c., and an immense quantity of military stores.

Brigadier General Hamilton now occupies the place. This was the last stronghold of the enemy in this State, and no Rebel flag is now flying in Missouri.

St. Louis, March 15.—Gen. Pope, in a despatch to Gen. Halleck, says: Our success at New Madrid has been greater than reported.

Twenty five pieces of heavy artillery, (twenty four pounders and rifled) thirty two batteries of field artillery, an immense quantity of fixed ammunition, several thousand small arms, hundreds of boxes of musket cartridges, three hundred mules, tents for an army of 12,000 men, and an immense quantity of other property, of not less value than a million dollars, have fallen into our hands.

The Richmond Examiner.

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Business Men owe much of their prosperity to a thorough, practical education received before commencing business.

This can be acquired in the shortest time and best manner from thoroughly educated, experienced and practical accountants, by attending the Iron City College, as attested by its large number of graduates now in successful active business throughout the United States.

Strange Incurance.

The Lancaster Express says that at a late distribution to about two hundred persons in that city of money sent home by the soldiers, sixty American women out of ninety were called for their portions.

Despatch from Atlanta, Georgia.

A despatch from Atlanta, Georgia, says that the Federal troops have occupied Mariettaborough, Tennessee, and that Gen. A. Sydney Johnson has retreated to Decatur, Alabama.

The Battle at Pea Ridge.

ROLLA, Mo., March 16.—The remains of Col. Hendricks of the 20th Indiana Regiment, killed at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, arrived here yesterday, accompanied by his brother and two or three other gentlemen.