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BY R. H. SPARROW,
PARKTON, MD., Sept. 19, 1862.

As Beaver county is pretty largely represented in this (the 140th) regiment, I thought, perhaps, a few items might not prove interesting to the readers of the *Argus*. The regiment arrived at this place on Wednesday morning, the 10th inst. Two companies are stationed above this place about five miles; two, four or five miles below, and the remaining six are stationed here.

Parkton is on the North Central Railroad, 55 miles from Harrisburg and 30 miles from Baltimore. It consists of a church, hotel, store, village post-office, two or three shanties, and a brickyardear. The people in this section all profess to be extremely loyal, which is generally the case in all sections as long as there are Federal troops in the neighborhood.

On the surrender and recapture of Harper's Ferry, your readers will have heard, or this reaches you, Col. Miles, who was in command at Harper's Ferry, and who was killed in the engagement, was a citizen of this county, and lived a few miles below this place. His body reached home 40 day, one of our companies acting as escort.

There has nothing transpired of any particular interest since we came here. Occasionally our scouts, which are out day and night, bring us stragglers and if he cannot give a good account of himself he generally lands in the guard-house. There is but little sickness in the regiment, so far. The fare is good, work not hard, and the boys all appear well contented. The regiment is officered as follows, viz:

Colonel, R. P. Roberts, Beaver.

Lieut. Colonel, J. T. Frazer, Can-

coughsburg.

Maj. T. B. Rodgers, Mercer co.

Adjutant, Will Shellenberger, Beaver county.

Quarter Master, S. B. Bently, Wash-

ington county.

Sergeant Major, Harry Boatman,

Washington county.

Quarter Master Sergeant, T. C.

Nicholson, Beaver county.

Commissary Sergeant, Tomas No.

o. Washington county.

Orderly to Colonel, Jas. McCrory,

Beaver.

Surgeon, Dr. Herr, Lancaster.

First Assistant Surgeon, Dr. Wm.

Hart, Washington.

Second Assistant Surgeon, Dr.

Sharp, Washington county.

The appointments of Chaplain, Su-

perintendent and Hospital Stewards, I believe

have been made, but have not yet been announced.

An election held by the Roberts

Infantry, to fill the vacancy occasioned

by the promotion of Capt. Robert

2d Lieut. Thos. Henry was elected

Captain, and A. H. Calvert was elect-

ed 2d Lieutenant. Capt. Henry, al-

though young, possesses the two

grand requisites to make an efficient

officer, viz: brains and energy, and I

predict that the company will never

reject their selection.

The Beaver companies have been

assigned the following positions in the

Regiment: "Roberts Infantry," Com-

pagny F; "Parvaugh Infantry," Com-

pagny I; "Ormond Rangers," Company II.

Should anything occur which would

be of any interest to your readers, I

will try and keep you posted.

BEAVER.

The President's Proclamation

Emancipation.

The rebellion is at an end! The

President has done a good deed, at a

good time. He has pronounced the

doom of Slavery on the American

Continent. After dallying with this

great sin, because he dreaded to do

restitution to the interests and wishes of

the rebels, and for other purposes,

approved July 17th, 1862, and which

sections are in the words and figures following.

"Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That

all slaves of persons who shall

hereafter be engaged in rebellion

against the Government of the United

States, or who shall in any way give

aid or comfort thereto, and escaping

from such persons and taking refuge

within the lines of the army, and all

slaves captured from such persons, or

deserted by them, and coming under

the control of the Government of the

United States, and all slaves of such

persons found on or being within any

place occupied by rebel forces, and afterwards occupied by the forces of

the United States, shall be deemed

captives of war, and shall be forever

free of their servitude, and not again

held as slaves."

"Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That no slave escaping into any State, Territory or District of Columbia, from any other State, shall be delivered up in any way impeded or hindered of his liberty, except for crime or some offence against the laws, unless the person claiming the said fugitive shall first make oath that the person to whom the labor or service of such fugitive is alleged to be due is his lawful owner, and has not borne arms against the United States in the present rebellion, nor in any way given aid or comfort thereto."

No persons engaged in the military or naval service of the United States shall, under any pretence whatsoever, assume to decide on the validity of the claim of person to the services or labor of any other person, or surrendered up any such person to the claimant on pain of being dismissed from the service.

President Lincoln has followed the logical course of events in issuing this proclamation. He turns a new leaf, and, at the head of the page, he writes

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"The safest, and much the com-

monest way to steal, is to buy and not to pay."

"And I do hereby enjoin upon and order all persons engaged in the mil-

itary, naval service of the United States to observe, obey, and enforce, within their respective spheres of service, the acts and sections above recited.

I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States of America, and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy thereof, do hereby PROCLAIM and DECLARE that hereafter, as heretofore, the war will be prosecuted for the object of practically restoring the Constitutional relation between the United States and the people thereof in which States that relation is, or may be, suspended or disturbed; that it is my purpose upon the next meeting of Congress to again recommend the adoption of a practical measure tendering pecuniary aid to the free acceptance or rejection of all the Slave States so called, the people whereof may not then be in rebellion against the United States, and which States may then voluntarily, or thereafter may voluntarily adopt, the immediate or gradual abolition of Slavery within their respective limits; and that the effort to colonize persons of African descent with their consent upon this continent or elsewhere with the previously obtained consent of the Governments existing there, will be continued; that on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State, or any designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then forward and forever free, and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom, but the Corps formerly under the command of McDowell is deserving of the highest praise. Not a single soldier could be seen on the field.

Done at the City of Washington, the 22d day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President.

Wm. H. SEWARD, Secy. of State.

The Pennsylvania Reserves.

It sends a thrill of pleasure through every loyal heart in Pennsylvania to hear of the high praise bestowed upon the conduct of our gallant and now veteran Reserves in the recent battles in Maryland. They were with Hooker when he advanced to the support of Reno; and they, with Ricketts' First Brigade, held the extreme left of the line. Here the fighting was the hottest, but the line moved steadily onward with a perfect and unbroken front. An eye witness writing for the New York Times, says:

The valor displayed on this occasion by the Pennsylvania Reserves is beyond comparison. They have been the best soldiers in the army, and their conduct has been uniformly brilliant throughout the campaign.

This wicked uprising against law and government has devastated our once happy land and brought mourning into many a household. All its direful consequences, notwithstanding the Divine Being himself, can wholly see or measure. Beginning in the midst of the nation's happiness, it has spread over the mountains in spite of any opposition that might be placed in their way.

The line did not give way for an instant, but kept moving forward, and upward, pouring volley after volley of musketry into the enemy's ranks until at last the rebels broke and ran, thence down on the opposite side. Thus has it always been with the brave Pennsylvania troops. The bairns, which fly over their thinning ranks, although drenched in blood and riddled by thousand balls, will come out of the fight more glorious than if they were plated all over with gold.

The Militia Ordered Home.

Gov. Curtin has issued the following proclamation, under date of Sept. 24th:

"Whereas the threatened invasion of Pennsylvania by the rebel army has been arrested by the prompt and patriotic response of the loyal men of the State, and the signal victory achieved by Gen. McClellan's army on the Antietam, and whereas, The alarm with which the people in every section of the commonwealth rushed to the rescue of their brethren on the Cumberland valley border, is worthy of the highest measures of praise.

Although not required by the terms of this wicked attempt at insurrection, and in its accomplishment, to devastate and ruin the land, make its rivers flow with blood, and clothe its people with habitments of woe?

The man who can find excuses for this hell-descending crime is either a traitor at heart, or a zealot so blinded by partisan views that he will not see its enormity.

What cause could justify this terrible crime against human nature, and against a Union a constitution and a government, so mild, so peaceful, so just? Who is so madly insensate as to question the loyalty of the entire Republican People's party? What has been done in casting aspersions upon the integrity of the Constitution and the laws? Who is so lacking in common sense as to suppose that slavery should be set up in the midst of the nation?"

He may not be a traitor, but he may be a zealot, and as to his heart, if he is not this handsome man's partner in the latest inspiring style, he would do well to look at a girl. Let his face dash of Niagara, with the baby's laugh in it, and it will be like the breaking of the sunshine on a spring day. As to his figure it should be enough to confound with a smile enough to tremble in the face of the woman he loves. Of course he is a well-made man, it is true, but he must be graceful, or else that perfect machinery works harmoniously; there is, and himself, and the milk and cream neighbors at the door, the style of a handsome man, and in the mind of carrying a sword, a pair of sugar tongs, a large bowl of cream, and a bunch of rose leaves over its lithe frame.

My readers, when soul magnetized, the question of beauty is settled. Whom one loves is always the world's arbitrary will, notwithstanding; therefore, "What can the hand of art do?" or, "What beauty is to like in that?"

Miss Jones?" you slyly talk as you generally do on such subjects. Still the person gets his due, the census goes on all the

time, and warm his hands in his sleeves, as he pleases. He commits the suicidal-beauty of his outside coat collar, and a stormy day with his hair, and a moustache, with a faint pat on each cheek, with pretty thinking it is, his shirt bosom, and a smile, as if he would be tickled; I'd be half afraid to always feel a desire to kiss him, with a pair of sugar tongs, a large bowl of cream, and a bunch of rose leaves over its lithe frame.

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