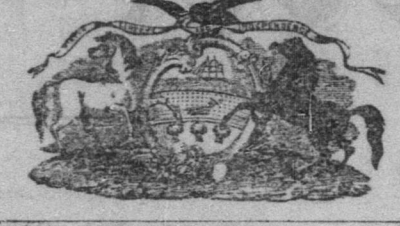


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"FEARLESS AND FREE."

D. OVER—Editor and Proprietor.

To all whom it may Concern.

We have a good deal of money to pay the coming spring, and judging the future by the past, we do not consider it worth while to send out accounts.

The following article from the Harrisburg Telegraph, suits the latitude of Bedford, as well as that of Harrisburg.

NEW-MADE PATRIOTS.

It is wonderful what a difference a Union victory makes in the way that some people regard the rebellion.

One brigade of the first division will move by the Telegraph Road directly upon Fort Donelson, halting for further orders at a distance of two miles from the fort.

The force of the enemy being so variously reported, it is impossible to give exact details of attack, but the necessary orders will be given on the field.

22D OF FEBRUARY.

The anniversary of the birth of the Father of his country, was celebrated at the Bedford Hotel, in the evening.

Messrs. Jas. B. Sanson & Bro., have disposed of the Falton Democrat, to Messrs. H. G. Smith & J. U. Shafer.

To the exclusion of many other things we publish a long and interesting account of the battle of Fort Donelson.

It is not yet known how many killed and wounded we have lost at Fort Donelson, but it is thought it will reach ten or twelve hundred and that of the enemy fully as many.

Ex-Governor Pennington of New Jersey, died at Newark on the 15th inst. He was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives after the protracted struggle in 1860.

Nathaniel Gordon, the Slave trader, was hung in New York on last Friday. This is the first execution for this crime in the United States.

We publish an article on the election of school Directors, from our paper of March 1860. It is from the pen of Mr. J. R. Durbin.

We understand that the Sunday School exhibition at Bloody Run, on Friday and Saturday nights last, was an excellent affair.

Our boys at Port Royal, have sent home several thousand dollars. Good.

VICTORY OF FORT DONELSON.

FULL AND THRILLING ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE.

[Correspondence of the Missouri Democrat.] FORT DONELSON, Monday, Feb. 17.

THE MOVEMENT FROM FORT HENRY.

Wednesday was quietly consumed in moving from Fort Henry and getting into position before the rebels a mile and a half from the Cumberland and the Fort against which we were moving.

Most of Gen. McClernand's division had crossed the slough of deep mud which encircles Fort Henry, the afternoon before.

HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF CAIRO, ) FORT HENRY, Tenn., Feb. 11, 1862.

The troops designated in General Field Orders, No. 9, will move to-morrow, as speedily as possible, in the following order:

One brigade of the first division will move by the Telegraph Road directly upon Fort Donelson, halting for further orders at a distance of two miles from the fort.

The two brigades of the second division now at Fort Henry, will follow as rapidly as practicable by the Dover road, and will be followed by the troops from Fort Helms as fast as they can be ferried across the river.

One brigade of the second division should be thrown into Dover to cut off all retreat by the river, if found practicable to do so.

By order of Brigadier-General U. S. Grant, commanding.

JOSHUA RAWLINS, A. A. G. DEPARTMENT OF GEN. GRANT.

The army being well started, Gen. Grant and staff left their headquarters on the steamer Uncle Sam, about ten o'clock, and followed rapidly after a division which had taken the ridge, or more southerly route.

We pressed on amid the moving columns which lined the road without any incident worthy of special note, until one o'clock, when emerging from the woods into a little cleared valley, we found Gen. McClernand and staff.

Receiving information that the enemy had been seen on the ridge in front of us, General Grant immediately ordered the hills to be occupied by our forces moving in line of battle order.

In the meantime, while this order was being carried out, sharp musketry firing was heard up the hill over which the road led, and occupied by Gen. Oglesby's Brigade.

The Eighth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first Illinois were drawn up on the road in line of battle.

He, and in the front Capt. Selwitz had got a couple of his guns in position, ready for any emergency.

A CAMP OF THE ENEMY DISCOVERED.

After considerable scouring of the woods to the north, it was discovered that what rebels were to be seen were on the road to the front of us.

But few troops were visible about it, and at first it was difficult to ascertain where the rebel force had been distributed.

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During the night previous, Gen. Oglesby, in advancing along the ridge running toward the river above the fort, and which formed our right wing, suddenly came upon a battery sweeping the road upon which he was advancing.

In the meantime Birge's Sharpshooters were doing good execution both to the right and left of this position.

Thus passed Thursday morning. General McClernand's gradually closing in toward the river on the right, and Gen. Smith slowly and surely completing his line of circumvallation on the left.

STORMING THE ENEMY'S REDOUTS ON THE RIGHT.

In the afternoon Gen. McClernand determined to make a formidable assault of a redoubt of the enemy fronting about the centre of his right wing.

After a long and successful attack, the batteries on the right wing were ordered to retire, and the main body of the army to advance.

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THURSDAY NIGHT.

The night of Thursday will long be remembered by the troops surrounding Donelson.

FRIDAY.

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everywhere to the front of us, I feared that the task of reducing them would be at the best a matter of considerable time.

Nothing of especial note transpired along the lines on Friday. The sharpshooters notwithstanding the cold, encamped themselves in their old positions on the hillsides, and were as great a terror as ever to the gunners of the batteries above them.

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