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HOW ARE YOU, TELEGRAPH?

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

[Morgan's] raid would have been a success—that is to say, he would have given us a good scare,

relied us of divers horses, and made good his exit out of the State, to retail over camp fires his wonderful ride through "the United States"—if it had not been for the telegraph.

The lightning dodged his steps; it cut his jaded steed; it put swift riders on his trail, gunboats up the river, and armed men in his front; it encompassed him with the yeomanry of Ohio, and stripped him of men, cannon and steeds. Let us salute the telegraph!

John Morgan paid us a visit, you know; All hooded and spurred was he, With a jolly good gun, four thousand or so, And cannon numbering three.

He made his boast, he could gallop straight through; (What a roasting blade was he!) Buckeyes and Hoosiers, with all of his crew, 'Till he heard the bugles of Lee.

How are you, Telegraph? John came in excellent style, to be sure; With banner and brand name he; His clattering hoofs made a terrible roar, And his cannon numbering three.

The Hoosiers were scared, so entered the race— What a rowdyish set were they! And the Buckeye mounted to join in the chase As Johnny galloped their way!

How are you, Telegraph? John rode till the seat of his breeches was worn; What a sorry rider was he, With his jolly gun flags, so dusty and torn, And his cannon numbering three.

All jaded for sleep, and weak in the back, His troopers vote it a bore; But the Buckeyes relish the fun on the track— What a merry go round to be sure.

How are you, Telegraph? John ordered his scouts to the river to scan; What a chop fallen fellow was he; But when he returned, he sighed for his men (For a ravenous loss).

A pleasant old gubnot, mousing below, Was waiting for toll that day, John Morgan concluded his scrip wouldn't go, So Johnny must gallop away.

How are you, Telegraph? John rode to the left, John rode to the right; What a wool-gathered Morgan was he; Don Quixote had never so ugly a plight, With cannon numbering three.

Bedeviled, begirt on bill and on plain, The foe on his front and his rear, With the most of his troopers captured or slain— Why, John, what a wonderful scare!

How are you, Telegraph? Then Shackelford came with sabre and gun; What a sorry old fellow was he; And he gubnoted up as a boy would a bun, He and their cannon three.

He gobbled them up in all of their pride, John Morgan, where is the fun? And he taught them a lesson in taking a ride, To go where the winner don't run.

How are you, Telegraph? NEAR MANASSAS JUNCTION, July 28. EDITORS PATRIOT AND UNION:—We have changed slightly since my last letter was written.

We were detached from our brigade on the night of the 26th, and sent to guard the Warrenton and Alexandria railroad, between

Bristow station, at Broad Run bridge, and Manassas Junction. We arrived there on the morning of the 26th. Two companies were sent out amongst the bushwhackers to do picket duty—and we did get amongst them in reality.

At about 3 a. m., some fifteen bushwhackers moved on two of our pickets, and had them surrounded, forming a circle of not more than ten yards in diameter. Four of them advanced cautiously, trying to spy out the exact position of the picket, when Private Lewis W. Powell fired at the one in advance and killed him;

his comrade also fired, but did not know with what effect. They then made their way through the circle to the place where the balance of the company were quartered, closely pursued by the rebels. We laid ourselves down quietly in our position, which gave them no chance of picking us off, unless they would rush upon us. This they knew would be giving us the advantage. There was no loss on our side. They all retreated before the break of day, so we had no chance of capturing them. Our company are now guarding the bridge across Canon's Run, assisted by Co. K. The chief produce of the land here now is blackberries, which we relish very well. We are in Prince William county, about six miles from Brentsville, the county seat. Yesterday we received our mail—the first time since the 10th of this month—and also received eight numbers of your paper, which created a general rush for my tent to have a glance at the old Patriot—All were anxious to have a chance to read them. I saw in your paper that three regiments of the drafted men had arrived at Camp Curtin. We are very much at a loss to know why they held any of us over the 16th of this month, and more so to know why our regiment cannot return when the rest do. Our regiment was not the last formed, as all can see by its number.

I stated to you in my last letter that we had received an official notice stating that this regiment's time would not expire until the 15th of August. How is this? Will some one be kind enough to explain? I tell you it is hard for men to "grin and bear," as they commonly say—but so a soldier has to do; right or wrong, you must obey. With the hope that their time will expire sometime, obedient all should be until they are discharged. The weather is very warm. All letters directed to this regiment should be addressed to Manassas Junction, Orange and Alexandria railroad, 173d regiment-P. V. This is the most direct route to send letters at this time, for I suppose we will remain in this vicinity the rest of our time of service. There are no sutlers here, and it is impossible to buy anything; they do not like to get in close proximity with old Mosby

but the soldiers have not much money left to buy if the stores were plenty, as we have not been paid since the 28th of February.

Yours &c., S. K. J.

CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES.

Gov. Kirkwood, (Abolition,) of Iowa, recently addressed a meeting in Iowa City, in which he thus invited mob outrage:

" Fellow citizens, you have traitors among you who ought to be looked after. If a man insults your wife you would knock him down. If he insults your sister or daughter, you would knock him down. Will you have less regard for the flag of your country than for your kindred? Remember that I am Governor of eighteen months to come, can remit fines and can exercise the pardoning power."

THE DRAFT AND INCENDIARISM.—The Cambridge (Md.) Herald says:

Three stacks of rye belonging to Martin L. Wall, Esq., in the Drawbridge district, were set on fire on Tuesday night and consumed. The party who committed the offence is unknown. Mr. Wall is the enrolling officer for that district. We also learn that Mr. John Langrell's storehouse was set on fire last week, also a lot of cord wood—both were extinguished without much damage. Mr. Langrell is the enrolling officer for Straits district. No doubt the citizens of the respective districts will be taxed to indemnify the losses of the enrolling officers.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF MISSOURI.—The Auditor of the State of Missouri gives the debt of that State at \$38,158,000, beside \$15,000,000 issued by the Legislature for war purposes, which Governor Gamble proposes to exchange for \$10,000,000 new bonds; a debt of \$50,000,000 for Missouri in addition to its proportion \$20,000,000 Federal debt, and the tribute to New England it must pay under the high tariff on manufactures, is a burden which will test that devastated State to the utmost. The whole makes a debt of \$150,000,000, or \$150 per head of the population, besides \$20,000,000 tribute to New England under the present tariff.

DRAFT NOT NECESSARY.—The fact that a vast number of the new men sent to camp from various localities are substitutes, shows that we were right in saying enough men could be obtained under the volunteering system, with proper bounties. The only difference now is, that individuals, and not the Government, pay the bounties.

GEN. GRANT.—General Grant is a man of great military resource. His latest contrivance is the organization of a Water Department in his army, by which his forces will be able to traverse any portion of the Mississippi, however destitute of water.

TAXATION.—The Albany Argus says: The Tax Payers will remember that their bread is taxed by Republicans! Their tea is taxed by Republicans! Their sugar is taxed by Republicans! Their business is taxed by Republicans! Their clothing is taxed by Republicans! In short; that everything they eat, drink or wear is taxed by a reckless Administration, not to supply the real necessity of the country, but to fatten and enrich an army of greedy partisans, and to pave with "greenbacks" the road to the next Presidency.

EPITAPH.—At one of the stations on the Aquia road where the subsistence was received and delivered to the army of the Potomac, a very faithful man was fatally injured and died shortly after. The Commissioner wrote the following epitaph, which marks the spot where he is buried:

Here lies the body of Michael Farrell, who lost his life in the 22d Infantry. Life is sweet, but he gave up his existence in furnishing the army with a safe subsistence.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.—In Boston, on Wednesday, a child two years old fell into a vault, going in so far that nothing but her feet could be seen above the surface. The child's mother, in order to save her from suffocation jumped in after her, descending into the contents of the vault to the depth of several feet, so that nothing but her head remained above the fifty mass. She succeeded in saving the child and in handing her out, but could not extricate herself until a teamster, who was passing by, came to her assistance. Taking the reins from his horse, he let them down into the vault and the woman placed them under her arms, when she was hauled out completely exhausted.

DEATH OF AN OLD PIONEER.—Joseph Campau, of Detroit, died in Detroit on the 29th inst., aged 94. He was born in the city in 1769, and it was a mere Indian military post. At eighteen he commenced business as a fur trader and general merchant. His earlier voyages were made to Montreal in a bark canoe, with his wife. His profits were invested in land, mostly upon the present site of Detroit. The result was great wealth, which he carefully husbanded. He has lived under the flags of three nations—France, England (twice) and the United States, and with him has departed nearly the last of the French citizens of Detroit.

THE DRAFTED MAN.—At the present rate of progress the Board of Enrollment will not be through their business for three months. In the Fourth district, where the Board sits from 8 o'clock, a. m., until 5 o'clock, p. m., there can only be from 40 to 50 men examined; and the 14th ward, which was the first one drawn in the city, is not yet disposed of! The machinery being new, it is of course cumbersome. Time and experience of their duties, but it will be impossible to comply with the ten days' clause. Already the officers have discovered this, and in many cases the notices give fifteen and twenty days within which to appear, and it is believed that the time will have to be still further extended. No drafted man have been forwarded yet from Philadelphia. On Friday, 150 substitutes were sent to the Army of the Potomac from the barracks, Twenty-second and Wood streets. They were under a strong guard. Details from all the Philadelphia regiments are now in the city with requisitions to fill up their respective regiments with drafted men. They will have to wait a long time, inasmuch as the exemption will more than cover the 50 per cent. drawn in excess of the quota, and consequently there will be another draft from the first class to make up the deficiency. It looks now as if the writer would be far advanced before the draft is concluded.—Philadelphia Mercury

WHIPPING IN ENGLAND.—The days of the whipping post have returned in England. An act has been passed for the punishment of "garotters" and others, which adds to the old penalty of penal servitude for life or imprisonment the new punishment of whipping, to be inflicted once, twice or thrice. An English paper says:

" A man whose age does not exceed 16 can be flogged with a birch rod up to 25 strokes on each occasion, and above that age 50 strokes can be inflicted on each occasion. The whipping is to take place within six months after

the sentences, and in a case of penal servitude before the removal to a convict prison to undergo the sentence. The act is now in force, and 'may' be adopted by criminal courts."

NOBLE DEED OF A CATHOLIC PRIEST REWARDED.—During the recent riots in New York, the Rev. Matthew Nicoit, a Roman Catholic priest in that city, by his heroic efforts saved from destruction at the hands of the mob an entire block of buildings on Third avenue, between 45th and 46th streets. The occupants of the dwellings thus preserved met on Monday last, and presented Father Nicoit with a handsome case, and a beautiful writing desk and cabinet, and a luxurious easy chair; the presentation address on the occasion having been made by the Rev. Henry Bromle, a Baptist minister, who occupies one of the houses saved from the violence of the mob.

WOMEN AS HARVESTERS.—Several German girls have gone to service in the harvest fields of northern Illinois, where they receive one dollar per day wages. The Galena Advertiser says the German girls are not the only ones who engage in this employment. Last year, in many districts around that city, where the men were unenterprising for the want of a scarcity of outdoor assistance on the farms, women of energy turned out and assisted in gathering the crops. In many instances, in peculiar cases, the women of a settlement would go in a body and harvest large fields of corn for some poor soldier's lone wife in a single day.

THE NEXT STEP.

The progress of the government in breaking the military power of the rebellion has been very great during a few weeks past. The capture of Vicksburg and Port Hudson opens the Mississippi river and cuts off from co-operation the Mississippi and the territory west of it. The defeat of Lee has broken the prestige of his army and hurled it back to a defensive attitude in Virginia. Bragg retires before victorious Rosecrans, and Tennessee with its large, loyal and suffering population is liberated. The capture of Charleston, which we are confident will be accomplished in a few days, will not only shut up the most important rebel port, but will enable our army to sever and hold the railroad line of the Atlantic coast. With Grant's, Rosecrans' and Meade's armies, we shall be able to press the rebellion on every side, and constantly contract its area. The prestige of Davis and his government can hardly fail to be broken, and the probable, if not certain collapse of the secession movement must be a growing conviction in the minds of the people of the South. The fate which awaits their cause and all their material interests must speedily become with them a subject of anxious deliberation. What door of hope is open to them? How can they return to their former position of citizens of the United States? How can they resume the States as they were at the time of the Union Constitution? Though these are arduous and difficult questions, the attention of the Southern people at this time.

If we should the administration at Washington meet these circumstances and this state of feeling? Should all yearlong on the part of the rebels for a return to the Union be secured? Should those inclined to bring back their States be encouraged,