

UNION COUNTY STAR & LEWISBURG CHRONICLE--JAN. 17, 1862.

A Touching Incident.

The humanizing influence of the greatest of all the virtues was thrillingly exemplified in a circumstance which occurred near Sedalia, Missouri, on the night of the 9th instant, the particulars of which have been communicated to us by a gentleman well known in this city, who happened to be present at that time. Sedalia is the terminus of the Pacific railroad, and a military point of the Federal army, under the command of Gen. Steel, an accomplished officer of the regular service. A short time since he learned that Ebenezer Magoffin, a brother of our Governor, and a Colonel in Price's Rebel army, was stealthily lying around his own premises, going in occasionally to see his wife, who was exceedingly and very dangerously ill with the jaundice, and at the same time anticipating a confinement, which had been terribly protracted some six or seven weeks. Upon the day mentioned, Gen. Steel dispatched one of Col. Magoffin's own political friends to him, inviting him to come to the residence of Dr. James R. Hughes and hold a conference with Col. E. R. Brown, in the presence of the Doctor. Col. Magoffin was at the appointed place when Colonel Brown arrived. The latter, after the courtesies of the evening were interchanged, said: "Col. Magoffin, what will you have?" Col. M., throwing up his hand to his face, said: "I want to see my dying wife." Col. Brown immediately replied: "You can do so in entire safety. Dr. Hughes and myself will accompany you as a body-guard." Col. Brown then asked him: "Will you have anything else? Have you any terms of peace and reconciliation to propose to me as the Federal agent?" Col. Magoffin paused for moment, again threw his hand up to his head, and remarked: "Col. Brown, my brain is addled; I am almost crazy; I have not slept for three days and nights, I have slept out in the cold and in the rain, I am full of cold. Give me ten days time to answer, then my poor wife will either be dead and buried, or convalescent."

Col. Brown, full of kind feeling and deeply affected by the terrible sufferings and mental agony of this misguided gentleman, replied: "You can have it." The three then repaired to the residence of Col. Magoffin, which was about two miles distant. When Col. Magoffin approached the bedside of his wife, who was speechless and almost senseless, momentary glister of the eye seemed to indicate a recognition of her husband, while at the same time she made a very feeble effort to place her dying arm around his neck. Dr. Hughes, anticipating her wish, assisted her; and then at that perilous hour was demonstrated the strength and endurance of the pure affection of a noble hearted woman—"faithful unto death." She seemed to be perfectly happy and resigned, as if she were ready to exchange the love of earth for the joys of heaven, which were opening on her sight. The scene was intensely affecting. Col. Magoffin was bowed down with the profoundest grief; his heart was a bruised reed. Around the dying lady, as witness to the thrilling event, and the humanity of the Federal Army, sat Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, the father and mother of Mrs. Magoffin, the Colonel's whole family, and several neighbors and friends.

In most instances the chamber of death should be sacred from the apparent profanation of newspaper comment; but there may be some good accomplished to the cause of humanity in this instance by detailing the circumstances. Col. Magoffin has been the most active, the most seductive, and the most influential secessionist in Missouri. When Col. Marshall's cavalry regiment was passing through Georgetown, some time in August, Col. Magoffin, from a window, shot at and killed two of the number and wounded others. He was captured by Col. Marshall, taken to Lexington, and kept in the fortifications there until Col. Mulligan surrendered that post. He then went with Price to the southwest part of the State, and held a prominent position in his army; and yet while the Federal army is denounced by these very men as barbarous, this deed of Christian charity, was performed by those who sympathized with the afflicted husband, though they so strongly condemn his pernicious course and counsels.—*Louisville Journal.*

The Grand Army of the Union.

The great army of freemen now fighting for the integrity of the Union is contributed by the several States as follows—the second column showing the percentage of soldiers to the population of the several States, the third the number of inhabitants to each soldier sent:

State.	No. Percentage.	Proprietary to Pop.
California,	4,688 1/2 or 1 to 82 inh.	
Connect.,	14,636 3/11 or 1 to 31 "	
Dover.,	2,775 5/47 or 1 to 30 "	
Illinois,	81,941 5/02 or 1 to 20 "	
Indiana,	62,018 4 5/2 or 1 to 32 "	
Iowa,	20,768 3/04 or 1 to 33 "	
Kansas,	5,600 4 27 or 1 to 23 "	
Kentucky,	15,000 1 29 or 1 to 27 "	
Maine,	15,093 2 42 or 1 to 41 "	
Maryland,	7,000 0 56 or 1 to 105 "	
Massachusetts,	30,195 2 45 or 1 to 41 "	
Michigan,	29,331 3 90 or 1 to 26 "	
Minnesota,	4,160 3 90 or 1 to 42 "	
Missouri,	31,586 2 41 or 1 to 38 "	
N. Hamp.,	10,379 3 18 or 1 to 31 "	
N. Jersey,	12,420 1 94 or 1 to 54 "	
N. York,	110,389 2 87 or 1 to 35 "	
Ohio,	91,441 3 89 or 1 to 25 "	
Penn's,	114,959 3 89 or 1 to 29 "	
R. Island,	7,183 4 06 or 1 to 24 "	
Vermont,	8,780 2 78 or 1 to 36 "	
Virginia,	12,779 0 80 or 1 to 125 "	
Wisconsin,	11,945 1 94 or 1 to 51 "	

The Port Royal forces have captured altogether about two millions of dollars worth of cotton.

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