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Editor's Notice—
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ARMY LETTERS.

From the Cameron Guards.

CAMP NEAR FENIX, June 2.

On Saturday morning, we were surprised by a heavy discharge of musketry on our left, and a few minutes after received orders from Gen. Negley to march up the road. We did so, and were drawn up in line of battle about twenty minutes, when Gen. Custer came along and ordered us into the ranks. We were advancing, when the Rebels poured into us a discharge of musketry from the front, right, and left, three whole regiments advancing in solid column against us. In a few minutes, a third of our number were killed or wounded, when we withdrew about sixty yards and stood again. It is a queer sight the fire became too hot for us, when the Regiment scattered considerably, and fought as best they could—in small parties, others joining other Regiments as they advanced in our support, and some standing by the Colours and the colors until the end of the fight. Custer's corps came up on the right, and brought the Rebels to a stand on the edge of a depression where a New York Regt had lain down along a fence to support a battery, which moved down in withdraw the Rebels as they advanced from under cover; a brigade of them was almost annihilated by a cross fire of grape and canister; six times they rallied and charged upon our artillery, but were driven back by the bursting fire of the New York Regt.

As to the general conduct of the engagement, I have nothing to say. Our brigade was about one third on picket or other duty, and the rest were stretched out with very long intervals for more than a mile, thus affording the Rebels in their advance marching in solid column to flank every Regiment. In proportion to our number, and with the disadvantages of the ground in which we fought, we did our best—and that is all that could be expected of us.

Early, June 6.—Persons just arrived from Mount Chunk, give a fearful account of the damage above. The dam at Mount Chunk, as well as two others, are swept away, and many houses demolished. The railroad bridge is also gone.

Deserters from the Rebels army in Richmond, say they lost Ten Thousand killed, wounded, and missing, at theights of Saturday and Sunday week. Gen. Joe Johnson was badly if not mortally wounded by a Minie ball in his groin, and Gen. G. W. Smith took command. The state of things in Richmond is confused, uncertain and alarming.

All was quiet last Sunday. Thirteen negroes of Gen. Ripley, of S. C., recently "left" with him, and were taken up by a blocking ship.

Awful Flood on the Lehigh.

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Canal navigation will not be running for some weeks.

The whole town of Weissport is washed away. There are but three houses left out of about three hundred. Several families were drowned.

Hundreds of canal boats have been lost. The lumber men have been heavy losers by this disaster, millions of feet of sawed lumber and thousands of logs being carried away.

Great drifts in Schuylkill are flooded.

General Fremont's Head-Quarters, Mount Jackson, June 6.

The further pursuit of Jackson has been impossible today, owing to the sudden rise of the Shenandoah river. A pontoon bridge, replacing the bridge burned by the Rebels, was completed, and part of Gen. Fremont's force crossed this morning. It rained hard all night and day, and the river began to rise very rapidly, and swelled twelve-fold in four hours, bringing down great quantities of drift wood and heavy timber, which finally parted the bridge in the middle. The material was all saved and no accident occurred. Four hundred prisoners have been taken.

The people here have expressed the wounded men thoroughly concerning the action of Gen. Casey during the battle, and all agree that the troops of his division fought heroically, and that the old veteran, Gen. Casey, handled them in the most effective manner. His brave brigadiers, especially Nagles, fought their commands with perfect desperation. At one time, Casey rode to the front, and led a gallant charge of his whole division. Riding up to the enemy's guns, he raised his sword above his head and his men to follow him, but the Rebels were swarming in every direction down upon this Division, and it had to fall back, *postumus*, after successive charges, it was almost cut to pieces."

Virtually Ended.

The capture of Memphis, it would seem, must prove any future considerable army from concentrating at the West. The demoralization of the men under Beauregard is evidently so great that they can not be trusted. They are now men enough to make better fights, if the men were not *cowards* disengaged.

In the East, the reduction of Richmond is a matter of time only, for there is an ample force of men and munitions, if properly directed. But there should be no more such needless exposure of a small body of brave men to certain destruction, as on Saturday week beyond the Chickahominy.

H. W. BREWER, styles newspapers, "one of the most potent elements of our civilization." There is, said he, "a coming vulgar objection about newspapers, that they lie so." They don't lie any more than you do. Man is naturally a lying creature. Truth is from Heaven, and very few possess it before they get there. Newspapers give both facts and rumors, and it is for the reader to judge of these rumors. The last economy should be in regard to newspapers. Better deprive the body of a ribbon, of a jewel, or a garment."

Capt. James Chamberlain's modest but comprehensive report of the part Co. D, 52d P. V., took in the recent action at Fair Oaks or Chickahominy, will be read with mournful interest. Our county has again lost brave defenders. But they, and the living, as far as we can learn, have done their whole duty.

Last Day before Corinth.

MAY 29.

The position gained by Gen. W. T. Sherman's division the 17th inst., has been well fortified—no resistance offered. Since then, nothing of importance has occurred in this division, until yesterday, when we took an advanced position, and although the Rebels appeared in force, our batteries drove them back, we losing only a few wounded. All night we worked throwing up a breastwork, which now needs only a little polishing. It is a mile in advance of the former, within good shelling distance of the enemy's works, and is being mounted with light artillery and siege guns. On the left there was

heavy skirmishing all day yesterday, with musketry at intervals. They are at it again today.

This morning, it is quiet along our line, but there is no telling how long it will last. We are beginning to believe the ball is opened. The Rebels have been moving on our right for several days, and it is thought they intend to flank us—but they will be nicely fished in that. Daily deserters, coming in, agree as to scarcity of water and provisions at Corinth, also of disaffection of the Kentucky and Tennessee troops there. We suffer for good water, but there is such a thing as getting used to it. The weather is warm, yet we are camped in the pleasant shade of woods, and enjoy pretty good health. But I will have to stop, and if spared through the coming battle will tell you something more about Corinth.

Wm. REED.

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The *Star* & *Advertiser* we believe was

the first to adopt the plan of supplying a

half sheet of news twice a week without extra charge, and we are the first to continue it. It has been highly praised by the most of our *Telegraph* papers, as it always brings news in advance of the weekly and sometimes makes it advance of the daily. We only promise to keep it up as long as the War news continues stirring—for the increased patronage has not corresponded with the increased labor and care. And yet, for advertising and local purposes, it often proves so valuable to the Town and County where it circulates, that we think somewhat of issuing a whole sheet semi-weekly, at \$2 a year in advan-

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