

spot at the start and took advantage of it. Twelve thousand negroes labored to construct the entrenchments at Manassas; and all the way to Richmond, at every spot offering natural positions for defense, similar works have been constructed. Over these works our soldiers stand as overseers, keeping the blacks in subjection. The Confederate military engineers plan, and ours follow the ignoble pursuit of driving the slaves to the work.

But for such events as that at Manassas, at occasional intervals, to show us which side bears the penalties of the war, we might find it hard to determine which side we are on. During all the preparation for action, we fraternally operate together, building the entrenchments. If the negroes undertake to leave the work, we drive them back. When we think they have got everything complete, the strategical begins to tighten, and our troops are precipitated on the entrenchments which they have helped to build.

Then the Confederates also discovered that we were still in such fear of the slaveholder's lash, that we dared not accept good men for the war if their complexion was not fair. Whereupon they went to work organizing black regiments to fight against us. They are good enough for us, of course. Two of these are at Richmond. If we are beaten in a war made on such terms, it cannot be regarded as reflecting any superior glory on them. As we help them to the victory, we ought to share the glory with them.

OUR ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

[Our fellow-citizen, Col. Wm. H. Nobles, was an eye-witness of the recent affair at Manassas on the 21st, and describes the same in a letter to Chas. H. Oakes, Esq. We are permitted to make the following extracts. News of more recent date considerably modifies some of the statements.]

WASHINGTON, July 29.

FRIEND OAKS:—I have just returned from Virginia. I started from Washington on Sunday, intending to visit the scene of action at Manassas; but failing to obtain a pass, I came across Col. Leach, Captain of transportation of army supplies. He kindly made me a kind of assistant. We started from Alexandria about five o'clock on Sunday evening, with some two hundred and fifty wagons loaded with provisions, ammunition, etc., under orders to join the army at 10 o'clock in the morning, a distance of 27 miles.

About half way out, we began to meet carriages loaded down with Congressmen and politicians, who having failed to prevail upon Gen. Scott to make an immediate attack, obtained passes, and in large numbers visited General McDowell to urge him to action. Gen. Scott only ordered the army to Centreville, expecting that they would remain there and await further orders. It is generally believed that the attack was made on Manassas almost entirely in consequence of the pressure brought to bear on Gen. McDowell by the politicians.

We next met ambulances heavily loaded with wounded, and their wagons loaded to the fullest extent with officers and soldiers. At this time the crowd became so dense that we were compelled to order a halt, and our train went into camp to let the crowds pass, and up to that time we were unable to

LETTER FROM A PRIVATE IN CAPT. WILKIN'S COMPANY.

Interesting Account of our Soldiers in the Battle.

[Mr. William Nixon permits us to publish the following letter from his son.]

WASHINGTON, July 23, 1861.

DEAR FATHER:—I now write you in answer to yours. We arrived here yesterday afternoon from Manassas. I suppose you have heard of the battle we had there. It was a hard one. We fought steady for about six hours. Col. Gorman led us right into the mouths of the cannon, and into the midst of a large body of infantry. We were terribly cut up, losing half of our company, but it is lucky we got out as we did.

I have not seen Edward since we left the field, but I guess he is all right, for some of our boys say they saw him on the road. Half of our company only saw him, but I expect some of them are yet on the road.

In the fight, I saw several of our boys shot down, two on my right were shot dead with the same ball, which went through the body of the first man on my right and struck the man in his rear in the shoulder. They fell like a stone, and did not utter a word. Mr. Halsted had all of his fingers on one hand shot off. Robert Stines was shot in the elbow; he fell, and the blood ran out in streams. He asked me for some water but I had none to give him.

Mr. Neill was in the battle with us, but I do not know how he came out. One of the doctors was wounded, but not severely. Both Surgeons staid to take care of the wounded. It is reported that the rebels have slaughtered all the wounded.

In our retreat we were followed by several thousand dragoons for ten or fifteen miles. I thought I was at one time a prisoner. A companion and myself stopped to get a drink, and got left behind, and just as we were through drinking, a lot of cavalry came up and commenced firing upon us. I thought then that we were surely gone, so I told him to hurry up. He dropped his gun and came along with me a little ways, but could not keep up, but fell in with some other boys, and that was the last I saw of him. I have since heard that he was taken prisoner.

I got off better than I expected. When I went to the field, I did not expect to come off alive, but I put my trust in the Lord and he spared my life. As we were forming into line to go on to the field, I raised my eyes and asked Him to preserve me through the contest, and it so happened.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

LAND WARRANTS, Half Breed and Res. Scrip —all sizes—prices. THOMPSON BROS. July 25

JOHN RAWE is the authorized Collector for the Press Company in St. Paul.

THE NORWEGIANS CONTINUE TO COME.—The Golden Era on her last trip up left Duaneith with 300 Norwegian immigrants. About sixty landed here, the rest having got off at points below. They state that they know of three more emigrant ships from their country on their way with settlers for the North-West.

A MEMORIAL SERMON, for the dead of the Minnesota First Regiment, will be preached by Rev. Mr. Mattocks, in the First Presbyterian Church next Sabbath morning. Mr. M. desires such information from friends of the fallen as would be useful in preparing the discourse.

ONE OF THE PARTY.—Among the excursionists from Cincinnati, we are happy to welcome to St. Paul for the first time, C. D. Millar, Esq., of the Cincinnati Commercial. Mr. Millar is known from the Gulf of Mexico clear up to the heads of all the tributaries of the Mississippi, as the popular and efficient river editor of that widely circulated metropolitan journal.

DR. J. H. MURPHY, of St. Anthony, left yesterday morning for the camp of the First Regiment at Alexandria, to render such medical and surgical assistance as is in his power among our sick and wounded men. He had letters from Gov. Ramsey to facilitate him in his humane undertaking.

The Doctor took with him sundry articles necessary for the comfort of the wounded, such as sheets, pillow cases, etc., contributed by the citizens of St. Anthony and Minneapolis.

A HANDSOME PRESENT.—The river men intend presenting to their old comrade, Capt. John B. Davis, of the Second Regiment, a splendid dress sword, sash and epaulettes. The articles, which are as elegant and of as good a quality as can be found in the Eastern cities, have arrived, and may be seen for a day or two at Tom Martin's, Jackson street. No man is more entitled to receive such a substantial remembrance of the regards of his friends than Capt. Davis.

PACKAGES FOR THE WOUNDED.—The Ladies' Aid Society wish notice to be given that a box is to be sent to-day to the First Regiment, and any packages received by

ANOTHER GRAND EXCURSION

The Northern Belle on Saturday brought up the main body of the Cincinnati excursion party, which talked of for the past two weeks. To some mismanagement of the people at Chicago, not nearly as proportion of the party came to St. Paul as had originally intended. Still there is a very respectable number of Cincinnatians and their friends from places on hand. The War Eagle sailed on Sunday, and the Itasca yesterday morning, brought large additional advance force of Saturday. They are joying themselves in seeing the sights about St. Paul. Yesterday most were off upon a grand foray after and pickered of White Bear Lake.

We give below the names of those from the register of the Interior where, with two or three exceptions, are making their headquarters during visit to Minnesota:

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| Geo W Barton, Shelby, Ky | D W Clark & lady, Madison, Chicago | Robert Allye, Gustavus, Minn |
| Samuel Danson, Chicago | J G Connor | Miss Augustus Clark, Cincinnati |
| Rev A W Hitchcock | W Whitefield, Arkansas | T P Sear, Chicago |
| B O Conners, Beloit, Wis | O B Hancock, Fulton | Geo Kirk, Jr, Chicago |
| R G Wykoff and lady, Syracuse | Mr T B Webster, Kalamazoo | M S Bacon |
| Allen Potter and family | Wm H Hayden, Burlington | M J Binko & lady, Gold, Ill |
| J B Thompson, St Louis | J F Neare | A M Huston & lady, Lexington, Ohio |
| J E McCarty and family, St Louis | Miss Crozier, St Louis | J C Porter & lady, Ton |
| Capt Gould and family | D M Fisk, Chicago | Mrs Gurlick |
| Geo E Nelson | T J Weaver, Jr | W B Carter |
| T J Weaver, Cincinnati | M W Arzen & lady | W L Evans & lady, Madison |
| O Schultz & lady | Geo Huffer & lady | A Wessell & lady, Madison |
| Jan E Belle | W M Cameron & lady, Cincinnati | Rev W B Floyd, A A Clementine, Misses Floyd, S G Sterling & lady, W Bates & lady, Miss S Gano, N F Antrim, J M Lyon, W E Craine, Col C P Wiltsch, R C Baldwin, R R Cox & lady, Jas F Mills & lady, T J Stephens & lady, D E Hull & lady, L Buckhardt, G M Crelston, Doct Bull, L Hinedall, F Rosser, F W Corrin, Joe B Treerer, J C Adams & lady, J W Miller, J W Jones & lady, Miss Jennie E, J H'chinson & Springfield, J C Siddall & lady, F H Holmes, Indiana, Miss I J Nye, Rice, G W Dunithill, W H Rathbone and Chicago, C M King & lady, S Roberts, Cincinnati |

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by the officers. Ambulances heavily loaded and their wagons loaded to with officers and soldiers. The crowd became so dense as to be compelled to order a halt, and to retreat. Our teamsters were camp but a few minutes, and it was with great difficulty, Mr. Leach being in front, with pistol in hand to shoot those that started. In so doing, we were some retreat to Alexandria, and all that I could learn of Colonel and his whole command bravely, but were severely representing that nearly all were killed or wounded. One that he knew personally that was killed. This is not to say that our regiment was the field, and the portion of the march in comparison to Fort Coreoran, on Arkansas, and this city. The whole as I can learn, behaved and it was the severest fight the road was horrible to congressmen and gentlemen from the scene of dances, wagons and artillery harness and from one to their backs; the worn out soldiers, many having lost or their guns and knapsacks, headed, and some nearly their clothes literally torn off hand to hand fights, with pieces, arms broken, and any wounds, all wincing their down and as silent as comrades; to say nothing of regiments, lieutenants, captains, all upon the same footing the question was asked, "battle? about the only answer enough." I understand good source that Gen. Scott mark within the last twelve battle was not his, but be- cians. "There is more truth in the remark. Not that they a bead, for he personally is prevailing upon his officers ders.

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I never saw hail flying thicker than the balls did around me, some of them brushing my hair. We went in with the expectation of not seeing more than one or two hundred of the enemy, but when we got along by the side of a little grove a shower of balls came through the woods, and after a little there were about two thousand of the rebels ran out of the woods, and made believe they were our friends, and Capt. Wilkin ordered our men to cease firing, and then they poured a volley upon us, and just then we saw the Secession flag. I hauled up my gun, took deliberate aim at one of them, and shot him in the breast; he wheeled to run, took two steps and fell. I walked over him afterwards, and he was nearly dead. One of the Zouaves wanted to run his bayonet into him but he was stopped.

Our little Captain Wilkin fought like a man. He picked up a musket of one of the killed and shot four of the rebels, and took one prisoner.

Our boys fought like men—we were with the Zouaves all the time. They say they want the Minnesota boys to fight with them hereafter. No one can say but that all of our boys done their duty. They went at it as coolly as though they were shooting at a mark. We had a terrible hard time since we left Manassas; we camped one night at a place where we stayed one day, on the afternoon of which our company went out scouting, and discovered a battery of six cannon and several hundred men ready to fire upon us. We went back to camp to get more men, and when we got there the whole division were ready to march to Centreville, six miles distant! We had not had anything to eat since morning and all of our rations were gone, but we had to start right off, and march at double quick three or four miles to get up with our Regiment. We got to Centreville about nine o'clock at night and had to lay out all night in the rain without tents, and with nothing to eat until morning. We stayed here two days, and had nothing to eat but crackers, with dirty creek water to drink. We started at three o'clock in the morning for the battle field, and when we got within a mile of it stopped and got a drink. We were then ordered at double quick into the field, and were about dead when we got there. As we went into the fight, we threw down our blankets and knapsacks, and when the retreat commenced we had no time to pick them up. We marched the rest of the day and all night and part of the next day before we reached Alexandria, where we stopped about an hour and got breakfast, and then proceeded to Washington where we arrived yesterday, and went into quarters. It rained all the time we were marching.

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Send to the Hope Engine Co. House by ten o'clock.

SUPREME COURT.—The following cases were disposed of yesterday:

Vetal Guerin, appellant, against H. W. Hunt, et al, respondent. Continued.

Vose & Co., appellants, against Granvill M. Sterling, respondent. Continuance set aside, and cause submitted on briefs. Brisbin for appellant; Peckham for respondent.

Lovejoy & Brockway, appellants, against D. Morrison & Co., respondents. Both causes between these parties were stricken from the calendar.

Christopher M. Gallup, respondent, against Derby & Day, appellant. Motion for re-argument heard and submitted. Peckham for and Otis against the same.

W. C. Morrison, plaintiff in error, against The City of St. Paul, defendant in error. Motion for re-argument made and argued by Horn for defendant in error; Brisbin opposing the same.

Ditto—Weller against the City.

Carson & Eaton, appellants, against S. & O. Smith, respondents. Motion to re-argue, submitted.

Edward Heenan, respondent, against Hendy & Clark, and J. S. Prince, appellants.

Day, Griswold & Co., respondents, against Hendy & Clark, and J. S. Prince, appellants.

De Forest, Armstrong & Co. respondents against Hendy & Clark, and J. S. Prince, appellants.

L. Edgerton, Rogers & Hatch, respondents, against Hendy & Clark, and J. S. Prince, appellants.

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David Baker & Whitfield, respondents, against Hendy & Clark, and J. S. Prince, appellants.

Cook, David Baker & Co., respondents, against Hendy & Clark, and J. S. Prince, appellants.

Hyde, Coo & McCollum, respondents, against Hendy & Clark, and J. S. Prince, appellants.

Phelps, Bliss & Co., respondents, against Hendy & Clark, and J. S. Prince, appellants.

Argued and submitted. Brisbin for appellants; Gilman & Ames for respondents.

H. F. Ham, " Chicago
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Sands' Great Circus will also be in the city to-day, and will exhibit during the afternoon and evening, and also to-morrow, upon the lot near the Market House.

HARVEST MACHINES.—We call attention to the advertisement of S. P. & P. F. Hodges, whose establishment is on the opposite corner of Bridge Square from our office.

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