

THE ADVERTISER.

R. W. FURNAS, EDITOR. THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 13, 1862.



OUR FLAG. Then up with our flag! let it stream on the air! Though our fathers are cold in their graves, they had hands that could strike, they had souls that could dare, and their sons were not born to be slaves!

LATEST NEWS.

Another Great Fight.

Gen. Curtis Meets Price and his Cohorts and Sends them to "Dixie," with a "Plea in their Ear."

Cockpit and Leesburgh Taken.

THE REBEL BLOCKADE ON THE POTOMAC FIZZLED.

MANASSAS AND CENTREVILLE EVACUATED.

FORT CLINCH CAPTURED.

The Rebel Steamer Merrimac, Attacks the Federal Fleet near Norfolk; Sinks the Cumberland and Burns the Congress, but is Compelled to Retreat.

As we go to press we have the gratifying intelligence that Gen. Curtis has defeated the combined rebel force of Price, McCullough, McIntosh, and Van Doria. The battle took place at Sugar Creek Hollow, and lasted three days. Gen. Curtis says in his official dispatch to Gen. Halleck that our loss is one thousand killed and wounded. A large number of prisoners, cannon and muskets have been captured. Gen. Sigel is in pursuit of the flying rebels. The enemy's force was 30,000. McCulloch is this time seriously, if not mortally wounded, also Gen's McIntosh and Rector. A number of prominent men and officers were taken prisoners.

The Federal Naval force, at Newport News, has met with a reverse. On the 5th of this month the rebel steamer Merrimac, accompanied by the Yorktown and Jamestown, on Saturday, attacked the United States frigates Cumberland and Congress, sinking the former and capturing and burning the latter. At a subsequent engagement between the rebel fleet and the Monitor, which battled four hours, the Merrimac retired, supposed to be damaged. The Congress is supposed to have lost over a hundred men, including one officer. To the opportune arrival of the Monitor is to be attributed the safety of the Minnesota and other vessels, and the disabling of the Merrimac, which, previous to her arrival, was proof against everything.

Notwithstanding this serious loss, we have other and cheering news. Col. Geary has taken Leesburgh, Va. This is one of the rebel's strongholds. Many prisoners were taken. Cockpit Point has been taken by the federals. This raises the quasi-blockade of the Potomac. Brunswick, Georgia, and Fernandina, Florida, have been captured.

The expedition sent against the Bates county, Mo., rebels, has returned, having taken forty prisoners, and a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The President has ordered the army of the Potomac to be divided into five "Corps de Armee," under Generals McDowell, Sumner, Heintzelman, and Banks. The rebel force at New Madrid is said to be 10,000, and four gun boats. It has been completely invested by our forces, and the officers are confident of an easy and complete victory.

Commodore Dupont has taken possession of Brunswick, Georgia; also Fort Clinch in the same State, where twelve large cannon fell into our hands. This has been one of the most useful ports of the rebels.

There is no longer a doubt but that Centreville and Manassas have been evacuated. The rebels commenced evacuating Saturday last, and continued until Sunday night. They blew up bridges, tore up railroad tracks, burned tents, forage and provisions, and in fact destroyed everything they could not remove. Most of the cannon have been taken away. Those remaining are of an inferior quality, and all spiked.

The fortifications are most formidable, stretching over a chain of hills in the rear of Centreville for several miles, one behind another, so that if we took one we would be at the mercy of the next.

The fortifications at Manassas seem to be the same ones that were there before the battle of Bull's Run. A fight at Sangster Station, south of the Potomac, between Gen. Kearney's brigade, and an equal number of rebel regiments. The latter were driven back, with 13 prisoners captured. There were several killed on both sides.

The House bill providing that no officer or soldier shall be employed in returning fugitive slaves, passed the Senate—Yeas 29, Nays 9. The signature of the President is all that is required now for it to become a law.

Nebraska City Correspondence.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 5th, 1862. MR. EDITOR: The troops of the Union that ushered in the first days of the summer of '62, and sends the rapid snow flakes hurrying through the air, show that our present month of March has been correctly named. He certainly presents a rough and warlike appearance, and should his blustering continue these twenty days, we shall sing—

"The winds of March are humming, Their parting song, their parting song; And summer skies are coming, And days grow long, and days grow long."

Should the splendid victories of the last month be followed up, and fresh laurels be added to the army of the Union, as we confidently expect, during the next thirty days, the God of War, will have established his claim of protection and rights to rule the month. And now that the great plan conceived alike in the spirit of humanity, and in accordance with the profoundest knowledge of military skill, is beginning to unfold itself, we may with assurance anticipate results that will make glad the heart of every true friend of the Union. We may expect the next few weeks big with events. Our recent brilliant triumphs were but the beginning of the end—indications of the still more glorious results just in reach. It was befitting and proper that the great heart of a loyal and generous people should celebrate these victories with "bonfires illuminations and every appropriate demonstration of thanksgiving and rejoicing."

Our city presented a brilliant appearance on the evening of the 22d in honor of the birthday of Washington, and in celebration of the splendid victory at Ft. Donelson. Nearly every house in the city was illuminated, and the streets and places of public resort seemed to vie with each other in the brilliancy of their transparencies. Hon. Wm. H. Taylor read the farewell address of Washington, prefaced by some most judicious and appropriate remarks. Judge Holly delivered the oration, doing full justice to the occasion.

You may have noticed in the News a few weeks since, an exceedingly silly, and facetious epistle, written by our delegate from his seat in the exterior Department at Washington, in which, with his accustomed vanity, he affects to take all the odium attached to the false entry of the Saline lands of Nebraska. There is no more doubt Morton was privy to the fraud and collusion, than that he committed a dastardly act of rascality and meanness in his abortive attempt to enter saline lands, through his hired man, Bill Prey. But whether his capacious shoulders are capable of receiving all the blame is a matter of question. Happily the iniquity is being ventilated, and to no other man are the people of Nebraska so much indebted for exposing the fraud as to Hon. Wm. H. Taylor of this city. It happened on this wise—

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to this and the district land offices, to the end that such tracts may be respected accordingly, any location or sale interfering therewith to be reported by said register and receiver for cancellation, and should it be found that the three locations for which patents have been delivered, or either of them are saline, and the patents should not be surrendered upon a formal demand for the same, steps be recommended on the law side of the government to have said patents set aside and annulled by scire facias."

Our merchants are making preparations for a heavy trade with the opening of navigation. Many of them have consummated arrangements for a shipment of large stocks of goods with the first boats, and the indications are that there will be a brisk and lively levee the coming season.

The California fever rages here quite violently, and threatens to take off some of our oldest and best citizens. We wish they might be induced to reflect on the maxim that "a rolling stone gathers no moss," and remain where they are.

Quite an interest is being awakened in our city on the subject of temperance. Weekly meetings are held, and a good deal of enthusiasm and feeling manifested.

[The above was received last week, just as our paper was going to press.—Ed.]

From the Nemaha Boys of the Kansas Second.

QUINBORO, KANSAS, } March 3d, 1862. FRIEND FURNAS: Having a few leisure moments, and thinking a line from a Brownian might help you (in a very humble way,) to while away a lonesome hour, I have thought proper to write you. Not that I can give you anything like a life-like picture of this God forsaken place, or its immediate vicinity. The person that could give anything like a true description, is yet unborn; and, in the opinion of your humble servant, ever will be. The only thing that one can say for it, is that if the Kansas Second, (of which we are the largest part,) was not here, that it would be almost entirely depopulated.

The most of our boys are well pleased with the consolidation of the 9th and 2nd Regiments, and christened the latter. I am exceedingly well pleased myself, as Col. Mitchell has a very enviable reputation, as has also his brave men. It will be some honor to have it said that we were in the noble Second Kansas. The only news that has been received here to-day, of general interest, is that the Kansas troops are to march immediately to reinforce Gen. Sam. S. Curtis, who madam rumor says, is surrounded by "the notorious arch-traitor, Price." You bet if the Second gets after the rebels, more were needed where they were during the engagement. While our infantry were in the hottest of the fight, our cavalry were watching the movements of the enemy in the surrounding country, carrying messages &c., to our stupendous whole.

You have doubtless heard of the movements east of here—at Clarksville, Bowling Green and Nashville. In the neighborhood west of here, for thirty miles, the secesh are packing up and leaving. Contrabands arrive here every day, and with other sources of information, we are kept fully posted. There has been 300 secesh cavalry about 20 miles from here, which have kept our men in a rage for some days. Not that they annoy us; but our men remind me of a noble horse, fully equipped and impatient to be let go. They only wish the Commander-in-chief would say the word, and any number, from 30 to 200 would give them a trial of their steel. Others are anxious to cut off communications between Columbus and Memphis by railroad, and would delight in undertaking the expedition. Two of our men stationed as pickets on a road towards a secesh town one day, rode leisurely on to town, alone, stopped awhile, tried to get the news, and after proving themselves Yankees, by their numerous questions, rode leisurely back to camp, the party having returned before dark.

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February 25. We have just received word that our battalion, which embraces all our Nebraska men have just been permanently attached to Thayer's command. This is received by most of us with joy. We expect Thayer's brigade over to join us immediately, and shall then hope for a forward movement. In military matters few can tell what a day may bring forth. The spies just informed us of a design of Clay King to capture our forage party, and have set out a bait. Let him try it on. We have good boating; the rains keep the Tennessee river full. M. S.

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mail matter. Somebody is to blame. We mail a package every week to those from this county who are in the "Nebraska First," "Curtis Horse," and "Kansas Second," put up with good substantial paper, tied with twine, and plainly directed to the Capt. of the company, Regiment, and to the Post Office at or near the place where the boys were last heard from; paying the postage, and request the post-master to forward if the soldiers have left when the package arrives. With such care, the boys ought to get papers regularly, and yet all the soldiers complain that they get papers and letters but seldom. The Post Office Department ought to require extra attention to mail matter for the brave men who are fighting the battles of the country.—Ed.

From the Curtis Horse, FORTS HENRY AND DONELSON, TENN. AND KY. February 24, 1862.

FRIEND FURNAS: The rain and soaked ground has carried considerable sickness among both men and horses. The climate and water is so different from what we have been accustomed to that we begin to feel like going through a regular course of acclimating.

The thousand reports which are coming to us of surrenders, vacations, &c., while on the other hand there are reports of new fortification, drafting, &c., &c., on the part of the Confederates, and fighting until the last man has fallen, before peace shall again be restored, are enough to create a smile, when we find tens of thousands of men well armed and equipped, provisioned, &c., yielding, as at Ft. Donelson. I think they are beginning to realize the feeble hold they have upon the masses, without whom the chivalry can do nothing. The fact is now beginning to be realized, that the laboring classes, the "muddills," constitute the real power of the country, and that the traitor hold on them is too feeble to enable them to cope with men who realize the fact that the good institutions, the happy homes with peace and plenty, depend upon their own right arms. Men accustomed to work for themselves, are best suited to fight for themselves, and will be found lying in the trenches or upon the field, rather than abandon the benefits of the past and prospects of the future, by surrender. Well may the people rejoice at the noble stand made by our troops. The only complaint I have heard has been among those stationed away from the immediate scene of action, though doing important duty. All were needed, and from the best information I can gather, more were needed where they were during the engagement.

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The President has designated Hon. Andy Johnson to be a Brigadier General, and he proceeds to Tennessee to-morrow to open a military provisional government for Tennessee until the reconstruction of the civil government. General Lander died to-day, at Paw Paw, Western Virginia, from the debilitating effects of wounds received at Edwards Ferry.

COLUMBUS, KY., March 4, VIA CAIRO, Ill., March 4, 1862.

Columbus, the "Gibraltar of the West," is our, and Kentucky is free, thanks to the brilliant strategy of the campaign, by which the enemy's centre was pierced at Forts Henry and Donelson, his wings isolated from each other and turned, compelling thus the evacuation of his strongholds of Bowling Green first, and now Columbus.

At four o'clock this morning, the flotilla, under Flag Officer Foot, consisting of six gun boats, commanded by Captains Dove, Walker, Stembie, Paulding, Thompson, and Skirk, and four mortar boats, in charge of Capt. Phelps, U. S. N., assisted by Lieutenant Lyford, Ordnance Corps, U. S. A., and the transports conveying Colonel Buford's Twenty seventh Illinois regiment, battalion of the Fifty-fourth, the Seventy-fourth Ohio and Fifty-fifth Illinois regiments, commanded by Majors Andrews and Sanger, the whole brigade being under Brigadier General Sherman, who rendered the most invaluable and efficient assistance, proceeded to this place.

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