

GRAND ARMY DEPARTMENT

Notes from a Private Diary on the Siege of Vicksburg.

LAST WEEKS OF THE UNION SIEGE

Building Earthworks to Withstand Artillery That Did Not Exist—Stines and Cannons—The White Flag and the Scenes That Followed.

The assault on Vicksburg took place on May 19 and 22, 1863, and on the night of the 24th the siege operations began in earnest.

Although the night of May 25 was hardly dark enough to suit, with a heavy line of pickets in advance to fire in the direction of a powder flash coming toward us, we marched beyond our line of artillery, armed only with picks and shovels.

Suddenly a cloud that had hidden the moon passed away, and our pickets among us. There was no order given, no running, but everybody dropped, and each with the other to see who could hug the ground the closest.

We dug our trench three feet wide and two feet deep, connecting with the next detail, and on, until at daylight as far as we could see the right and left was a line of fresh earth.

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both artillery and infantry. At regular and the best positions were situated the batteries, of which our division had three, one of them being a thirty-pound rifle Parrott, and they could be fired almost at any angle.

In order for them to do this they had to expose themselves. To say the least, it was irritating, and we felt that it must be stopped.

There was a V-shaped fire in our immediate front and Major Taylor decided one morning to see what was inside. The Parrott battery opened on it and literally took the point out, so that the inside could be seen.

One morning at 4 o'clock there was a terrific artillery practice, and we ceased work and went to watch.

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him hungry. He disappeared and soon returned with two cans of poles. Fitting the small one into the larger he took of his boot, fastened the strap into the end of the pole, and ordered the peach and pulled it off, the peach dropping into the boot.

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

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WOODEN SIDEWALK RESOLUTION—CONSTRUCTION. Council Chamber, Omaha, Neb., Dec. 3, 1892. It is resolved by the city council of the city of Omaha, the mayor concurring: That the following resolution be adopted: The streets specified herein and to be constructed, paved, and improved as follows: West side of 28th avenue, lots 10 to 7 block 3 Fred DeLeon's addition, present grade, 6 feet wide.

Proposals for Removing Election Booths. The city council of the city of Omaha, Nebraska, do hereby order that the election booths now located at the following places be removed and placed in the city of Omaha, Nebraska, at the following places: On the east side of 24th street, lots 1 and 2 block 1 Isaac & Seldon's addition, present grade, 4 feet wide.

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