



The Bugle Call for June 2021



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John Hartman Editor

On the Cover: Champion Hill Battlefield as seen today. The Battle of Champion Hill, May 16, 1863, was the pivotal battle in the Vicksburg Campaign of the Civil War. Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and the Army of the Tennessee pursued the retreating Confederate States Army under Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton and defeated it twenty miles to the east of Vicksburg, Mississippi, leading inevitably to the siege of Vicksburg and surrender.

In This Issue: The Chairman's Column, The Confederate Column, The No-Frills Editorial, Board Meeting Summary, Mail Call, a Barn Burning, a Balloon Ride, Words and Terms, a Book Review, and other cool stuff.

The Chairman's Column

By Don Benson

Hi all,
As we enter the summer, things are starting to become relaxed in the Northwest. This coming weekend there is an actual reenactment in Cheney, Washington. If anyone is going it might be too late to pay your dues, but you can still do pay to play. If you do go, I would try and contact a unit ahead of time, but I am sure you will be welcome.

Looking for someone to take over the Colton event, it is almost two hours from me. I would stay on and help and least for a couple years. This is a pretty easy event and a good way to become more active in the club and lead it into the future.

Still looking for someone to take over as treasurer. Julie Bishop has done a great job for several years and is looking to pass it off. Just remember our club runs on volunteers, so if not you, then who? Many of the senior leadership in the club have been leading the club for years, we need to start bringing in the younger generation to become the club leaders.

On that note, this is an election year. So, if you have aspirations for greatness now is the time to put your hat in the ring and run.

Do not forget this is a testing year, so units should be getting them done.

Dues, I know, is a controversial issue. There are two reasons to pay, first is I think we will have an event this year, at least Colton. The biggest question is will it be a public or tactical event? The driving factor will be Clackamas County reaching 65% first time vaccination rate. The other reason is we still have operating costs that must be paid. Insurance is still required for the officers and we must pay our event insurance, even if it's just in hopes of an event. This last year we did get a partial refund since we had no events. In Washington they did not get a refund due to the fact their insurance plan is written differently. Just want to make that clear, since there was a rumor that WCWA got a 100% refund.

We are planning a work party at my house on Saturday June 5th. My neighbor has a bunch of fir down and we will cut, split and stack it on my property to be used at an event and save the club some money. Check the Facebook page for details.

Last, I want to make a pitch for the Woodland Tactical event. August 14-15, everybody is welcome. NCWC and WCWA are working together to bring this event off. This is hoped to be the future site of a public event. If you have never done a tactical, you need to come out. They are so different from public events.

Faithfully yours,
Don Benson

The Confederate Column

By Jim Stanovich

ATTENTION BATTALION!

Well, 2021 is proving to once again being a very challenging season for the NCWC.

With the ever-changing rules and regulations mandated by Oregon's governor regarding the corona virus, the Antique Powerland event has been the latest to fall victim.

Our event coordinators having been working hard to try and come up with solutions to the current mandates. Some of the ideas we have talked about recently are simply unacceptable, in my opinion. IF we are able to do any events this season they will most certainly be different than we are all used to.

As of this moment, the Battle For Clatsop County and Colton are still on the schedule.

We have set the June board meeting as the deadline for deciding whether or not to go forward with Clatsop.

On a more positive note, the WCWA is currently going ahead with their schedule in Washington. The first event coming up Memorial Day weekend in Cheney.

I encourage all of you to support their events if possible.

General James Stanovich

The No-Frills Editorial

Some folks might look at the list of events for this year and tell themselves that things are no better, that this year will wind up just like last year. I would tell them, "No, it won't."

Firstly, if you live in Northern Oregon, WCWA has two, and maybe three events which they will put on one way or another, and you can attend them.

Secondly, the NCWC has two events left on our calendar, and Colton will be viable either as a public event, or a tactical for NCWC members.

This means that many NCWC members have the opportunity to attend between one to possibly five events this year, compared to none in 2020.

That, my pards, is progress. That means that by the middle of August I will have to get my lip in shape to play those bugle calls, and prepare paper copies of the *Chattanooga Gazette*, the longest published period newspaper in NCWC history. Well, the only one, to my knowledge.

So really, things are not the same as last year, and we have genuine events to look forward to. I can

smell that wood smoke and hear those cannons already. Can you?

In the meantime, keep your heads down out there.

Board Meeting Summary

The regular monthly board meeting was opened May 20th, at 7:07 p.m. with a quorum via Zoom.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented. The treasurer was absent, but Chair Don Benson reported that we have had only two small expenses in the past month, for legal consultation fee, and assets of \$32,901.

The city of Oakland has cancelled their Living History Days for June 12-13, due to the county moving between COVID risk levels so often.

Powerland was trying to plan for a probable living history day on July 4th only, with maybe four different presentations by the NCWC. Event coordinator Mark Stevens reported that in the last month he received no offers from the membership to do presentations. After a lengthy discussion of the topic, the board voted to cancel Powerland as an NCWC event, but leave it open to individual units to attend if they wish.

Clatsop is still viable. Event coordinator Annabelle Larson plans to have twice the amount of porta-potties and hand washing stations, and will get a legal opinion on how to best have the event open to the public.

Colton is still viable. Event coordinator Don Benson is planning to have a public event, but will turn it into a tactical event for NCWC members only if state COVID guidelines at the time prove to be restrictive.

Stan Southern, WCWA chair, reported that the Cheney reenactment will go on May 28-31. People will be allowed to set up the day before, and stay through June 1st. Proof of COVID vaccine is not required, and people can sign a liability waiver. WCWA may change it to a tactical reenactment at the last minute, if needed. The Eagle Creek reenactment near Wallace, Idaho will be on with no restrictions, September 11-12.

NCWC chair Don Benson reported that WCWA is organizing a tactical event for August 14-15 at Woodland, Washington. Event coordinator Rich Bright, 3rd WV Cav, suggests that those who plan

to attend pay \$10 to cover the cost of the porta-potties.

Equine Safety Committee – Shardon Lewis reported that equine training is held at the Patterson Arena in Molalla, with the next training on June 5th.

Membership report – Sharon Stanovich reported that NCWC has 213 paid members, 7 who have submitted paperwork but who have not paid, and 4 awaiting approval from their unit commanders.

Public Relations – nothing to report.

Website – Shawn Strutton reported that the message board is inoperative, possibly because the provider's bill may be past due.

Facebook – nothing to report.

Education Committee – nothing to report.

Civilian Alliance – Deb Martin reports that this is the year that Heritage Grants are awarded, and that she will be in contact with Rosemary Johnson regarding an application. She also encourages unit commanders to pass on Civil War lecture links to their memberships.

CSA Battalion – nothing to report.

Union Battalion – Colonel Burton is absent.

Unit reports – none.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business – Russ Wentworth, a Washington State certified pyrotechnician and WCWA guest gave the board a presentation on ground charges. The board passed a motion to invite him to attend Colton and give a demonstration. Chair Don Benson suggested that the NCWC change its rules regarding ground charges so that they align with WCWA rules to facilitate easier participation.

In other new business Chair Don Benson will plan a work party to cut wood, June 5-6 at his home. Don's neighbor has lots of downed fir, and we are welcome to cut the wood and use it for free at the Colton reenactment. Don invites people to bring tents if they wish, and has plenty of room for horses as well. He will provide directions on the NCWC Facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The Bugle Call is usually sent out on the 25th of each month. Sometimes it may be sent sooner, sometimes it may be sent later, depending on the importance of needed information. Got a pard who wants to subscribe? The nice subscription app on the NCWC

website works as smooth as butter, or direct your pards to send an email to: jandghartman76@gmail.com.

Safety Test Year

Since 2021 is an odd-numbered year, that means that it's Safety Test Time! Stop by the NCWC website, download the safety test pages, answer them satisfactorily, and send them to your military C.O. pronto. Don't delay, do it today!

Membership 2021

Membership Diva Sharon Stanovich wishes to remind everyone that it is time to renew your membership for 2021. Membership fees remain unchanged for 2021: \$25 for individual membership, and \$50 for a family membership. Renewing your membership is as easy as using the online payment on the NCWC's webpage. Don't delay, do it today!

Powder and Caps Prices Higher

If you anticipate needing to restock your powder and caps for later this season, be forewarned: prices of both have increased greatly, and are in short supply. You may want to make your purchases sooner, rather than later, and avoid being caught short.

Wood Cutting Party June 5th

Chair Don Benson is inviting all NCWC members in Marion County or close, to a wood cutting party at his property on June 6-7. The actual six fir trees are on his neighbor's property, and his neighbor has told him that if we buck up the trees, the wood is ours at no charge. Don intends to provide it at the Colton reenactment September 18-19. Don says that tents are welcome on his 37 acres, and there is plenty of room for people to bring their horses for trial rides. Directions to Don's place will be on the NCWC Facebook page.

2021 NCWC Dates

Oakland - June 12-13 cancelled

Powerland- July 4 cancelled

Clatsop - Sept. 3-5

Colton - Sept. 18-19

Albany Veterans Day Parade

These events are pending no
Covid restrictions.

WCWA Events

Battle of Cheney May 28-May 31
Tactical Reenactment at Wood-
land, WA August 14-15

Contact Rich Bright, 3rd WVA Cav for details.

Battle of Eagle Creek, Wallace,
ID September 11-12

Mail Call

Our first letter is from a private in the 38th Ohio Infantry written after the Federals captured Corinth, Mississippi. Spelling and punctuation are his own.

Corinth Miss. June 13, 1862

Dear Nancy,

As it has been sometime since I wrote to you I will try and make up for lost time. I am sorry that it has been so long since I wrote to you but while we was at our entrenchment we was expecting an attack and I did not want to write with out I could give you some satisfaction. I did not want to until after the battle if we had any and then after the evacuation we were started off in pursuit and when we were in camp there was not mail going out and while we were gone last week I had neither pen, ink nor paper so that I had no chance to write.

Fathers letter brought me the news that you had a young dish washer. I have been very anxious to hear from you for I was quite uneasy about you. I am glad you got along so well. I hope you will continue doing so well and both do well. Father bragged on it considerable I should like to see you all three very much. Emmet I suppose has grown so that I would not know him. Father wrote that he was so much company to him.

I have not saw Ben since I wrote you. There regt. is about 30 miles from here on the railroad. I saw Phil Hunt while he was out last week, he and Abe

Shery was in our camp twice while we lay there. Their regt. was camped about a quarter of a mile from us. Phil does not look as well as he did when he was in Paulding. He has been sick but is able to be with the regt. It seems like old times to be with him. I wish he was in our company. I saw Rob Evan several times. They are in our division but I have not been in their camp since we left Columbia. George is improving in health fast. He looks better now than he did when we left London, KY. I think he will be able to stand it now. He went with us last week and we done some pretty hard marching in the hot sun and he stood it as well as I did. We both complained some of sore feet. My health is as good as ever. I have no right to complain. _____ I hope it will continue.

George is writing a letter to father. Hes writing it on a blank sheet that he found in Corinth yesterday. They are railroad Blanks.

Our regt. got their pay, three companies, ours and two of the others was paid the night before we started on our march last week. The balance of the regt. was paid yesterday. Our clothing bill was settled up this pay day. We settled for 8 months. All that we had got over what the Government allows us we had to pay for. I was out \$2.70 so that I got 27.90. I should like to send some home if I can but I don't expect that I can since as much as I did the other time.

You sent in fathers letter that you wanted me to send you a name for your girl but that is out of the question for I have none on hand that I can think of at present so that I had better leave that for you but be sure and give her a good one. I can think of none now or I would send you one.

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Lieut. Gleason got a letter from home last night. He told me the news first so that we are even now. you wrote in one of you letters about his boy and had not heard of it til I told him. It is very warm today.

I can think of no more at present.

N.E. Ward
ever,

But remaning as

Stephen Ward

Our second letter comes from a better educated sergeant in the 5th Tennessee Infantry, C.S.A. a year later.

Marietta, Georgia

June the 21, 1864

Capt. W. H. Wilson

Most Esteemed Friend,

This rainy morning finds me trying to interest one whom I have not seen since the day we formed our first line of battle. I have no news more than what you have heard. Our Brigade acted cavalry for a week at Dalton after which time we have had some pretty hard fighting to do. As for myself, I left the regiment at Kingston owing to a chronic sore on my leg. I was in the fight at Resaca and since that time have been detailed at the Div. Hospital. This is a protracted fight and [if] we get a chance at those blue you-know-what, we will not leave one of them to tell the tale. We capture some of them every day. Two of them came by here this morning with their arms in a sling. I had much rather see them with their neck in one.

Well, Tip, I will change the subject. I have received seven letters from home since we have been on this tramp—two of which came from Salie & Anna. They both expressed a wish to see your Lady. Anna says you did not get her consent to marry. I have not answered it yet nor will not until you get back—i.e. if you are coming soon. Tip, I am writing in post haste. What you can't read, you can spell & guess at the balance. I am needed at the hospital every minute so I will very soon have to close. Tip, you know we have been soldiers over three years and we never have seen the time when we were more exposed. We never saw as hard time before but our boys will not give it up. They build fortifications and hallo at the Yankees to come on. We have a slaughter pen for them.

Well, I must close. Give my respects to your lady. I am going back to the company in a few days—i.e., if I can get off from the hospital. The colonel, a few hours previous to his death, eulogized *Old Co.*

A very much. ¹ He said he never saw better fighting done in his life by any troops. No more. I remain your most devoted friend.

B. F. Taylor, Third Sergeant in Co. A, 5th Regt. T. V.

P. S. I have a note for you from Anna.

Fire Destroys Barn Used as Civil War Field Hospital

ELIZABETHTOWN, Pa. (AP) — April 28th -- An early morning fire destroyed a Pennsylvania barn used as a field hospital during the battle of Gettysburg in the Civil War, authorities said.

The barn, described by reliable sources, was on the Jacob Schwartz farm, and was used by the Union Army as a field hospital for II Corps. It also received dozens of Confederates, including men from Heth's division who fell in the July 3 charge against Cemetery Ridge. Some were buried between the Schwartz and Jacob Bushman farms. Two division hospitals of the Third Corps also occupied the ground nearby.

Adams County emergency dispatch records indicate that the Mount Joy Township fire was reported just after 2 a.m. Wednesday, The (Hanover) Evening Sun reported.

Chief Eric Hubbard of the Barlow Volunteer Fire Company said the structure was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived. The barn was vacant at the time and no injuries were reported, he said.

The barn was kept in its historic state by the owners, the Outlet Shoppes of Gettysburg, Hubbard said. A state police fire marshal had been called to determine the cause of the blaze, he said.

Fitz-John Porter Gets a Ride

This fun little story is recorded in the Civil War diary of Pvt. Robert Sneden, a cartographer assigned to III Corps headquarters during the Peninsula Campaign, April 12, 1862. From the book *Eye of the Storm*, pub. 2000 By The Free Press. It has been edited for the sake of brevity and clarity.

This morning at 7:00 a.m. cries of 'the balloon is loose' and "look at her" startled most of us at headquarters while the crowds of soldiers came

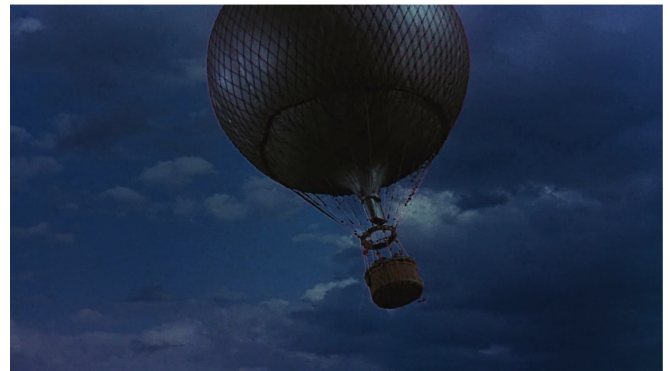
running from all directions out of the woods to see (Professor Lowe's balloon) sail gracefully away high in the air with two ropes dangling from the basket. It was going straight for Yorktown. It rose two miles or more when about three quarters across the open ground in our front, it struck an upper current of air and came slowly back to our lines in a slanting direction and suddenly came down in the woods where Birney's brigade was camped. General Fitz-John Porter after a while made his appearance to report to General Heintzelman.

Porter had ascended the balloon yesterday to observe the enemy, the ropes being securely fastened to a tree. This morning he unloosened one rope which held the balloon, leaving one to hold it, and tried to ascend by himself. When the balloon arose, the rope broke and set him free. He had been up with (Professor) Lowe many times before, but the idea of being loose and sailing at such a swift rate had confused him, and he did not know how to operate the balloon either. It was dead calm on the earth's surface, but the balloon moved very rapidly. As he passed over our heads we shouted, "pull the valve," but he did not heed or hear us. Lowe soon came up on horseback and went after his balloon. The Rebels would have been delighted to get the balloon with Fitz-John in it. We at headquarters did not care as long as they did not get the balloon.

The balloon rose to about 1,600 feet, sailed across our front and to the right over Yorktown. The general crouched down in the (basket) as volleys of rifle balls were fired at the balloon by the enemy as the basket descended lower and directly over their works. Porter now threw over all the sandbag ballast and the balloon rose quickly to a great height, and striking an upper adverse current came sailing slowly back to us again to the camps of Birney's brigade. Porter, fearing that he would be carried beyond the James River unless he could descend, became desperate, climbed out of the basket and gave the valve line a hard jerk, which opened the valve wide. It also made him loosen his grip on the ropes and he fell into the basket, one half of his body hanging over the side with the balloon 2,000 feet above the earth! Porter now was aware that he pushed the

valve too wide as the balloon now began to fall rapidly and with a fearful rush, he could not close the valve again for the rope was far out of his reach away above his head in the netting. Even if he had the strength to reach it, he could not climb up and get it.

The balloon now began to be as limp as a rag and was tossing from side to side, but was descending straight into the camp. Seeing a large tree beneath him, he took his chances for life by jumping into it, and in a second was hanging in the branches by one arm and leg, completely enfolded by the shattered balloon with the escaping gas filling his lungs with every breath. Help was on hand, however, and he was rescued by the soldiers of Birney's brigade. The balloon was torn away, and he was lowered to the ground in an exhausted condition.



On investigating, it was found that both ropes which held the balloon had become corroded by contact with the acid wagon tops, by which the gas is manufactured, and broke at the jerk when the balloon got to the end of its tether. New ropes were of course attached to it. General Porter investigated the cause and found out that the sergeant who had been detailed had exchanged some harsh words with his captain who had charge of the balloon the evening previous. The sergeant therefore smeared the ropes with acid from the gas wagon, which ate the ropes so that they broke loose. As the captain generally made the ascent at an early hour, the sergeant thought it would be a good thing for him to get loose once and go anywhere or nowhere. But the captain was not on the ground until later, when General Porter decided to go up alone, so he was carried off instead of the captain.

Words and Terms

These twenty words and phrases showed up at the bottom of the internet page of a CNN news report a couple of weeks ago. Some of them may come in handy.

Tennessee Quick Step: diarrhea

Lucifers: a specific brand of matches, but also meaning strike-anywhere matches

Sawbones: a doctor

Balderdash: an alcoholic drink made by mixing together whatever was on hand, often putrid

Dog robber: a soldier so inept or incompetent that he was sent off to be a commissary assistant

Secesh: a Confederate or Confederate sympathizer

Open the ball: start the battle

Tight: drunk

Bust head, pop skull: moonshine or inferior whiskey

Light out: to leave or retreat quickly

See the elephant: experience combat for the first time

Contraband: an escaped slave, or material useful to the Confederates that has been confiscated

Housewife: a soldier's sewing kit

Skedaddle: to flee the battlefield

Somebody's darlin': a dead soldier

Forty dead men: forty rounds of ammunition

Play old soldier/hospital rat: a soldier who is shamming illness to get out of duty

Parlor soldier: an unsuitable soldier with no combat experience

Gray backs: lice

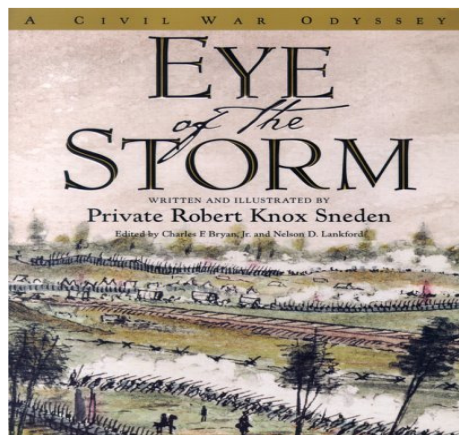
Long sweetening: molasses

Book Review: *Eye of the*

Storm written and illustrated by Private Robert Knox Sneden, 329 pg. with epilogue, notes on sources, and index. Pub. 2000 by The Free Press.

Private Robert Knox Sneden was not the typical Federal soldier. Before the war he was an architect in New York City, skilled in design and drawing. When hostilities began, he joined the 30th New York Infantry, and ended up as a civilian dealing with the regiment's quartermaster needs,

sending materiel from New York City to their training camp near Yonkers. By October 1861 he got into uniform, and soon got the attention of III Corps commander Samuel Heintzelman, who had been informed that he had a soldier who could draw legible maps. Sneden then was attached to Corps staff as a cartographer, and spent the rest of his enlistment drawing maps for the III Corps command.



He also kept a diary of his experiences, and illustrated his diary with well-done paintings of many of the places he saw. Military sites often had details noted. Sneden was taken prisoner on November 26, 1863 by none other than Col. John Mosby, who placed Sneden on a POW train first to Richmond, then to Andersonville, where he continued to illustrate what he saw until being paroled in December 1864.

What drew me to Sneden's book when I first browsed it were the many paintings, then the diary entries, like the tale of Fitz-John Porter's free-flight balloon adventure.

I got my copy at my favorite used bookstore in Eugene for a mere ten dollars. You might be that fortunate yourself. I would have paid double!

The Chattanooga Gazette

James Rogers Editor

John Hartman Correspondent

May 20th, 1863

THE CURRENT SITUATION

A dispatch from Cairo on the 11th says that, according to the Memphis Bulletin, Jackson is already invested, and that Confederate forces have no way of getting out of Vicksburg but by cutting their way through the Federals. A dispatch from Jackson to Richmond, dated the 5th, says that Federal troops were repulsed the day previous at

Anderson's Ferry, on the Big Black, after four hours' severe fighting.

General Grant has captured Port Gibson and taken five hundred prisoners. He drove the Confederates, eleven thousand strong, from the place after a hard contest, and they retreated toward Vicksburg, destroying the bridges over the two forks of the Bayou Pierre. A Federal cavalry brigade rode from Northern Mississippi, rapidly southward, destroying bridges, railroads, locomotives, and stores of all kinds, and was at last accounts supposed to be on its way to Baton Rouge.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL CAVALRY RAID

General Braxton Bragg sends an official account to Richmond of our cavalry raid in Georgia. He describes the resistance offered to our troops as stubborn, and boldly maintained from point to point, resulting in the capture of Colonel Streight's command by General Forrest, near Rome. General Bragg claims one thousand six hundred prisoners, with all their horses and rifles.

A NEW REGIME IN NEW ORLEANS

General Nathaniel Banks has been issuing some important general orders. One condemns to death all who supply aid to the Confederacy; another orders the registered enemies of the United States Government to leave the Department by the 10th of May, and another forbids sheriffs and others to conscript slaves for the rebel army, in pursuance of the action of the Louisiana Legislature.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

General Hooker recrossed his army safely on 4th and 5th, and part, at least, of his forces occupy their old camps. Some divisions are reported to have crossed the river again; but of this we have no reliable information.

All the bridges in the vicinity of White House have been destroyed. West Point is now occupied by Federal troops. General Dix, having returned to the fortress, reported that Colonels Fitzpatrick and Davis had reached Gloucester Point with 700 cavalry without losing a man.

It is rumored that General Buford's light cavalry have gone as far as the Alleghany Ridge, in Western Virginia, and cut the Richmond and Tennessee Railroad in several places, destroying at the same time large quantities of Confederate stores intended for the Army of the Southwest.

DEATH OF STONEWALL JACKSON

General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson was badly wounded in the arm at the battles of Chancellorsville, and had his arm amputated. The operation did not succeed, and pneumonia setting in, he died on the 10th inst., near Richmond.

The losses in the battles appear to have been about ten thousand on each side.

THE ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

General Lee has kept the army on the south side of the Rappahannock. All wounded have been sent to hospitals in Richmond and the surrounding area, most to Chimborazo. The army is waiting to see what the Federals plan to do before it commits to any movement, and in the meantime is getting resupplied and reinforced while the veterans get some rest.

GERMANS IN ST. LOUIS HOLD MEETING

It has been learned that on the 10th inst. a huge meeting of the German population of St. Louis was held. Eight thousand Germans met and passed a resolution condemning military interference with the freedom of speech. They also demanded the removal of Halleck, and the promotion of Sigel, Willich, and Butler.

TELEGRAPHIC

ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES

FALL OF JACKSON, MISS.

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FIGHTING ALL DAY YESTERDAY

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FEDERALS OCCUPY THE TOWN

Mobile, May 14. - Jackson is occupied by the Federals. We fought them all day but couldn't hold them.

Richmond, May 14 - No news from Fredericksburg except that citizens report a large column of smoke from the direction of the Federal camps. The aggregate number of casualties brought here is 7,000 - 8,000 of which have returned to duty.

The retaliations resolutions accepted by Congress provide that every commissioned officer who shall command negroes for military service against the Confederate States or aid them in any military enterprise shall, if captured, be put to death.

Negroes, when captured in arms against the Confederate States shall be turned over to state authorities to be dealt with according to the present or future state laws.

At Tullahoma - All quiet on the front.

Grant has telegraphed Halleck that he has captured Port Gibson, and 500 rebels. His losses were 200 killed or wounded. He also states that Col. Grierson's cavalry scoured Mississippi en route to Baton Rouge, destroying railroads, locomotives, bridges and trestles, and destroying stores of all kinds.

The *Nashville Dispatch* of the 10th has New York dates of the 9th saying that Federal losses on the Rappahannock were in excess of 15,000.

The proceedings of the trial of Vanlandigham by court martial have been suppressed. No particulars.

Richmond, May 15 - The finishing shops of the Tredegar Iron Works and Crenshaw's woolen factory have been destroyed by fire. Heavy losses.

From a surgeon who left Fredericksburg on Thursday, we learn that the surgeons in Gen. Lee's army estimate losses in the recent battle: Wounded 7,000 - Killed 900 - Missing 1,200. Total: 9,100. The estimate is liberal, and it is believed that actual losses will be below, rather than exceeding that sum.

Nearly, Miss: Gen. Van Dorn's men engaged a Federal brigade here May 12th with each side taking about one hundred casualties.

LOCAL INTEREST

Sawyers Mercantile has just received 300 sacks of meal, 50 sacks of peas, 30 boxes fine tobacco, 30 boxes candy, 50 dozen cast steel hoes, two casks of hooks and hinges, one lot of Kentucky cow bells and hand saws, a few extra large mirrors, and a nice second hand buggy top and harness.

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TO THE EDITOR: I am at a loss to understand the finer points of warfare. If we are in the Second War for Independence, as some call it, why don't the Yankees wear red? I thought we fought against the Red Coats in the War for Independence. Am I wrong? Also, why are we fighting so far west? Didn't the War for Independence take place in New England and along the East Coast? Seems like a couple of armies are off course.

Signed: Clara McClueless

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DRUNKEN SWINE RUNS LOOSE

A large and belligerent sow hog got out of its pen yesterday. It consumed a great deal of corn mash which had fermented on its owner's property, as mash sometimes does, then proceeded to drunkenly stroll down Fourth St. accosting many citizens and snorting in an aggressive manner.

It entered Parker's Shoe Repair, grabbed a brogan in its mouth, then fled down an alley and came out on Market, where it wandered into Sawyer's Mercantile and traded the shoe for some crackers, when it bumped the barrel and spilled its contents. It was then persuaded to leave by liberal applications of a new ax handle on its hind

quarters, and promptly visited the Gazette offices, where it left its calling card with a most odiferous scent.

After strolling along the east boardwalk and belching loudly at passersby, it apparently felt the tug of home on its heartstrings, and staggered back to its pen after a busy afternoon, to the relief of its owner, who by then had repaired its humble domicile.

ACTRESS ARRESTED

According to sources in Bragg's Army, Miss Pauline Cushman, the vivacious actress and singer, has been arrested on charges of spying for the Federals, and is being held in the jail at Murfreesboro. She is to be tried before a military court at the convenience of the Provost Marshal of the Army of Tennessee. It is not known if she has legal counsel.

TAKEN UP & JAILED: May 15: Fenton Tarpaper, for selling black market men's drawers of inferior quality. Appeared before Judge Lindahl May 16th, fined ten dollars.

AT THE CONCERT HALL

May 16: The Four Musketeers with Dirk Squarejaw as Beau Regard, Penelope Pleases as Kate, E.C. Throttlestop as Col. Cobb, all seats 50 cents.

May 17: Robert Oakes & the Acorns. Songs and comedy.

May 18: Porky & the Ham Hocks

CITED BY CONSTABLE: Bob Ewell, 220 5th St. Hog running loose. Five dollars fine.

TAKEN UP & JAILED: Deborah Doggitt, of Knoxville, for asking gentlemen improper questions on May 14th. Appeared before Judge Lindahl, fined 5 dollars and sent to Knoxville.

EDITORIAL: It is surely springtime, for the squirrels and nuts appear. Drunken swine not only stroll the streets of our fair city, but they even print newspapers in Johnson County. The recalcitrant miscreant of an editor, McGuffy, has poured out his poisoned pen upon the poor readership to our northeast, who have no recourse but to read his tripe, or find other uses for the paper upon which it is printed. The Johnson County citizens have put up with this journalistic carbuncle for too long. It is time to lance it.

Legal Notice Hereby Given: As of June 1, 1863, I, Chauve T. Backy, being deserted by my wife, Becky, am responsible for no debts other than my own.

Auction and Sale

by B.F. Shields Auctioneers

Will sell tomorrow without reserve the estate of the late Sauxon Fox. House at 810 Cameron St., contents thereof, fine carriage and assorted home furnishings. Bidding at no reserve will start at 10:00 a.m. at the auction house.

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TO THE EDITOR: Dear Editor, I am truly puzzled by all this bloodshed over our rats. I heard some gentlemen speaking strenuously after Sunday service about how we must defend our rats. Is that what all this Unpleasantness is about? Vermin rodents? The flower of our Southern youth is going to the grave for defending rodents? Surely Governor Isham, where ever he might be, had more in mind than calling our husbands, brothers, and sons to fight for dockside mice and rats. I, for one, cannot tolerate them. They spread disease and bite small children.

Yours very truly, Alice Chalmers

WANT TO RENT HOUSE

Looking for a modest and clean house to rent, three or four rooms, kitchen, yard, etc. Must look good in the neighborhood. Write Jeffrey Appleby, Gazette Box 15.
