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From the Dubuque Times.
A PATRIOTIC HYMN.
BY J. E. SANBORN, M. D.

God of the free! To thee we raise
The anthem of a Nation's praise
To us, our sons, our father's friend,
To us, their souls, Thy blessings send.

To thee, on each successive day,
Millions of patriot voices pray
That this, our native land, may be
The eternal home of the free!

By memories of our martyr sires,
By our own household hearts and fires,
We here, on Freedom's altar, now
Renew our holiest patriot vow.

Woe to each arm that aims, in strife,
A blow against our country's life;
A myriad hands shall swell in wrath
Each gathering foe from out our path.

Flag of our hearts! Whose starry glow
Strikes terror to the dying foe,
Thy gorgeous folds shall ever wave,
The ensign of the free and brave.

While rolls the earth, or shines the sun,
Let our whole country still be one;
From age to age, from shore to shore,
This pledge shall swell forevermore.

God of our native land! we raise
The anthem of our loftiest praise;
Thou didst our father's cause defend;
Thou didst our fathers' souls defend.

Erworn, Iowa, August, 1861.

EXTRACTS FROM SOLDIERS' LETTERS.

A GOLD MEDAL AWARDED.
James E. Lord, of the 3d artillery, at Fort Monroe, says:

To-day we have had a grand parade, undergoing a thorough inspection, and fortunately for me, I was awarded a gold medal by Gen Butler, for being the cleanest soldier in the ranks.

GOING TO CHURCH.
C. F. Meeker, at Arlington Flats, September 3d, two miles from Ball's Cross Roads, says:

The rebels are within a mile of us there, and have thrown up a breastwork and planted twelve rifled cannon there. We expect to make an attack on them the last of this week, and drive them out, as we have to take every place they fortify.

Forten of Company H went to church last Sunday to Alexandria, seven miles. We had a good Union sermon. It was communion day. We have a Protestant chaplain, but he is not allowed to preach, as two-thirds of the regiment are Catholics. The priest is here twice a week, and they all have a chance to go to mass. There was quite a number angry last Sunday because we got a pass from the major to go to church.

STEALING PEACHES.
Two of our company were out in a peach orchard between our pickets and secess, getting peaches; one of the boys saw two rebels and fired on them, but his musket would not reach them. They both fired back with rifles and hit the fence close to our boys where they had hid. They left a handkerchief and a haversack of peaches, and took double quick back to our lines.

RIDE WITH A SLAVE.
P. Reynold, of the Tennyson Camp, writes:

I went down to Georgetown yesterday to get some necessary articles for our company, and on my way back got a ride with a slave, that had been down to market with a load of hay for his master. In conversation with him, he told me that Bill and Tom ran away last night, and his master told him that he would give him a dollar if he would find them. I asked him why he did not go too; he said he should have gone the other day, but his master would give him fifty cents for every load of hay he sold, so he said he thought he should stay a little while longer.

DOING PICKET DUTY.
Wallis E. Southworth, in a regiment near the Chain Bridge, thus describes picket duty:

At 3 o'clock, we were sent eight miles up the river as picket guards. We got there at half past 6 o'clock, were divided into squads of four, and stationed ten rods apart; two were to watch and the other two sleep; we had orders to lie on the ground with our feet together so as to see each other. When we watched two hours we woke the others as silently as possible. It seemed like a long night. In the day time it goes very well, as we can have our men at the post and travel around; but we cannot go far, as the rebels are all around us.

TAKING SOMETHING TO EAT.
Myself and two others went off and got something to eat; we got a hen piece. The captain got a live of bees; so we had some honey. Some of the boys got a turkey. The next day we had a good dinner. We had to run down the chicken; if we had about them it would have been an alarm. Probably you call this stealing, but I don't. We got them of a man that owns 6,000 acres of land and 500 slaves. There are a good many farms left alone, the owners having gone South and taken what they could with them.

A SECESSION FLAG.
George Warner, of Captain Gates's company, has been in a fight near the Chain Bridge, and says:

We took a secession flag. I will put a little piece in this letter. I could not get any more, for the boys tore it all up in little pieces, and they pretty much all got a little piece. We are all ready for another fight, and it cannot come too quick.

GEORGE GETS A CHICKEN.
When I was coming home, I saw five or six chickens sitting on the fence and got one, and the others flew. We are going to have it to-day for dinner. I wouldn't be at home for quite a sum. I have got case-hardened.

SUNDAY AMUSEMENTS.
J. H. Albright, of Fort McHenry, thus describes the Sunday amusements of his company:

It is now Sunday, and about 2 o'clock, p. m. The boys are amusing themselves in various ways. Some are reading, some are writing, and some are talking about the war. Fred Finney is playing his guitar and Charley Gilmore is playing the fiddle. The most of them do little realize that they are engaged in war. I can hardly make it seem so myself, but still, when I see prisoner after prisoner marched in here, I can but think that we are in an enemy's country.

A CURIOUS FUNERAL PROCESSION.
On the anniversary of the bombardment of

Fort McHenry, the following incident occurred:

There was a curious incident happened that day about 1 1/2 miles from camp. About the time the cannon were fired there was a funeral procession set on to crossing the bridge which crosses the Patuxent river. The bridge is in plain sight of our camp, and is guarded by a company of men at each end and a sentry to each pier. The procession was headed by a preacher and his choir, and there were about thirty men and women, apparently mourners. They had advanced part way across the bridge when one of the sentries surprised them, and insisted on seeing the corpse, but the priest refused, saying that the person had been dead several days and smelt very bad, but the guard was bound to see, and also called for the corporal of the guard. The coffin was opened, and found to be full of Goli's revolvers, worth about \$40 each, and also a lot of papers containing prominent men in Baltimore, one of whom is Rosa Winans, the inventor of the great steam gun. They were all taken the same night to the fort. The preacher proved to be a rebel captain, and the women were men in disguise. They are all confined here in a brick barn, with guards at every door.

The Fremont-Blair Correspondence.

The following additional letters in relation to the Fremont embroglio are now published:

HEADQUARTERS, WESTERN DEPARTMENT,
St. Louis, Sept. 25, 1861.

SIR: In consequence of a telegram from your brother, Postmaster General Blair, followed by a letter asking your release, for public reasons, the Commanding General instructs me to say that you are hereby released from arrest, and directed to resume your sword, and join your regiment for duty.

He also directs me to inform you that, as a personal matter, this question has had no interest for him, but when your family position was used by you to lay private letters, with unsolicited accusations, before the President, disturbing the President's confidence in the Commanding General, and seriously impairing the efficiency of this Department, then it became his duty to arrest you.

The Commanding General, in directing your release, trusts to your sense of duty to, in future, avoid so evident a breach of military propriety.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
(Signed) Assistant Adjutant General,
To Col. Frank P. Blair, jun., first Missouri light artillery, St. Louis.

St. Louis, September 26, 1861.

Brigadier General L. Thomas, Adjutant General of the United States Army, Washington, D. C.

GENERAL: I herewith enclose a letter from Captain McKeever, Assistant Adjutant General, addressed to me by the order of Major General John C. Fremont, commanding the Western Department, which is dated September 24, 1861, and was received by me last evening.

You will observe that the letter orders my release from arrest, as it alleges, in consequence of the request of my brother, Postmaster General Blair, and accompanies the order for my release with some strictures upon "the breach of military propriety" of which it states I have been guilty, and states moreover that the improper conduct in using my family position to lay private letters with unsolicited accusations before the President, disturbing the President's confidence in the Commanding General, and seriously impairing the efficiency of this Department.

I feel myself constrained to say that I have not, in my opinion, been guilty of any act of impropriety, but have performed my simple duty to the Government in the act to which I refer, which was, moreover, done at the instance of the President himself; and that I am unwilling, under any circumstances, to shield myself from responsibility by the influence or favor of any individual.

I could not, without an utter disregard for my character as an officer and a gentleman, permit the statement that I had made unsolicited accusations against the Commanding General of this Department to pass without notice, and therefore, as soon as the charges can be made in form, I shall transmit them to you through the proper channel, to be laid before the President; and, if he shall consider it expedient to order a court martial, I shall be prepared to sustain the accusations I have made against the Commanding General of this Department.

In the meantime, as I find myself and my motives assailed in the public press of this city, which, under the military surveillance which exists in this Department, could hardly have been also except by the sanction of the Commanding General, and as my arrest and release without any charge preferred against me has given rise to imputation upon my character as an officer, I demand a Court of Inquiry to afford me an opportunity of clearing myself from all stain in a matter which I consider vital to the honor of a soldier, and in which I believe that I have acted for the good of the service alone.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
FRANK P. BLAIR, JUN.,
Colonel First Regiment Mo. Light Artillery.

THE FEELING AT THE SOUTH.—A correspondent at Fortress Monroe says:

Persons who by flags of truce reach here, via Norfolk, from Richmond and other cities in the South, bear witness to the comparatively liberalized state of feeling prevalent at Norfolk. I have before referred to the fact that in that city there is a Union League that has grown so influential as to cause Gen. Huger to be unwilling to undertake to deal with it, lest he should make (for the rebels) a bad matter worse. I have heard gentlemen lately speak of the liberal treatment received at his hands in "passing through the dreary land" of secessionism, as well as the general deportment of the community, differing so markedly from what they saw elsewhere as to make them feel that they were in another land, and indeed about to emerge from darkness into light. It is well known that Gen. Huger went into the service of Jeff. Davis, not only at a late day, but with extreme reluctance, and with the assurance to his Union friends that he joined the rebellion in the hope of being useful in giving it a speedy termination, and in re-love for the old flag than with spirit of resentment.

The King of Portugal has issued a proclamation strictly prohibiting privatising of harboring of privateers, in his dominions.

GREAT HURRY FOR SEVENTH BY SMITH IN FURNISHING GOODS.

By SMITH in Furnish-goods, Trunks, Hats and Caps, No. 450 Seventh street, opposite Post Office, Oct 2-1m

NOTICE.

SALE OF THE PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD.

By virtue of a decree of the circuit court of the United States for the northern district of Ohio, in a case in which the said railroad, with certain franchises, rights and appurtenances, were sold to the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company, and others are defendants; and pursuant to auxiliary decrees of the circuit court of the United States for the western district of Pennsylvania, the district of Indiana, and the northern district of Illinois, respectively, in cases depending in chancery in said courts respectively, wherein the same parties are complainants and defendants respectively, as in and under the decrees mentioned, the undersigned, John Ferguson and Thomas E. 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