

**From General Pope's Army.**

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

"ELM FARM," NEAR RAPIDAN RIVER,  
Saturday, August 3d, 1862.

Your correspondent has just returned to this place, some four miles from the Rapidan river. Yesterday, General Bayard, Chief of Cavalry, (v. General Hatch, detached,) left Culpeper for the Rapidan river. We arrived there about four o'clock in the afternoon, and commenced skirmishing with the Confederate pickets, driving them from the banks of the river. Our pickets were then thrown out for the night. But they, in turn, were compelled to fall back some time through the night.— This morning we again proceeded to the vicinity of the river. After arriving within a short distance of the banks of the stream our skirmishers were fired upon by the Confederates.

Detachments of the First New Jersey, First Pennsylvania and First Virginia Cavalry Regiments, were sent out as flankers for a considerable distance, both up and down the stream, and who returned the fire of the enemy in a brisk manner. But one man was hurt on our side. Joseph Moore, Co. B, First Virginia Cavalry, shot in the right arm, just above the wrist. The wound is not considered dangerous. The skirmishing continued at intervals until between eleven and twelve o'clock, in the morning, when we observed the enemy's pickets "skedaddling" at a deal run across the hills and into the woods. Subsequently, a contraband came into our lines, and informed us that Col. De Forrest, of the fifth New York Cavalry, together with other forces under his command, had entered Orange Court House, capturing a number of prisoners. Hence the hasty disappearance of the enemy from our front.

Gen. Bayard would have pursued the enemy had not his orders been stringent that he should not cross the Rapidan river. We were still about four miles from Rapidan Station and within three miles of Orange Court House. The Confederates were undoubtedly caught napping, and in order to avoid being "bagged," were compelled to make hasty tracks from before us. Our troops now hold the river bank for some distance. There is a large mill at Barnett's Ford, which our troops now have in their possession. The Confederates kept the mill continually running making flour for the Southern army. It contains at present some 200 barrels of flour and nearly 10,000 bushels of wheat. There is also a carding machine fitted up in the mill. Large quantities of wool are stored away in the mill and vicinity.

After our troops have been supplied with as much flour as they can conveniently carry, it is to be supposed that the mill will be destroyed. Another colored man, who lives at the scene of this morning's skirmish, stated that he overheard the Confederates who used to come to his house say that General Jackson was at Gordonsville with twenty thousand men. We could easily hear the car whistles at Gordonsville, and, judging by the frequency of the sound, it is presumed that troops are being rapidly forwarded to that place from Richmond.

A reconnaissance was made, this morning, in the direction of Madison Court House. A force of Confederate cavalry were met with, who opened fire upon our men. One horse killed was the only casualty on our side.

The residence of Captain Walker, of Walker's Battery, stands near Barnett's Ford. It is a beautiful place, and looks as though its owner had once enjoyed happy days. The Captain came home a few nights ago, and visited his father. He avoided our scouting parties, and returned at his leisure. He is said to be a splendid officer, and "secesh" are very fond of him.

In one of the suburbs of Culpeper Court House (Fairfax), is a large graveyard, containing the remains of over five hundred soldiers,

who were wounded and sick, and who have died in the hospitals since this war first began. Immense platoons of graves stretch from side to side of the enclosure. The poor fellows have laid down to a bivouac from which no reveille has yet awakened them. There will they sleep until the last great trump shall awake them.

The weather is extremely hot just now, and men and horses suffer severely from the intense heat.

The wheat and hay crops have long since been gathered. The corn is fast maturing, and the crop will be very large. The country abounds in fruits of all kinds. We have had abundance of berries, and apples, cherries, &c., are as plenty as sands upon the sea-shore.— This portion of the State is far different from some other parts through which our army has traveled.

**LIBERTY HALL.**—This is announced as the last night but two of the great Canterbury Company, and the managers present an entire new programme for this evening. On Saturday afternoon, a grand matinee will be given for the exclusive benefit of the ladies, and a rich treat may be expected. Go, ladies, and take the little ones to see this really capital company. Saturday night, Mr. Parker, who has made many warm friends here, is to receive a benefit. We predict a bumper for him.

**CAPTAIN GWYNNE AND THE RAM ARKANSAS.**—Captain Gwynne, the captain of the gunboat Tyler, it will be remembered, was sent up the Yazoo to look for the Arkansas. He found her, and the next thing that was seen of him he came tearing around the point, the Arkansas in his rear, putting balls through his stern at every shot. Coming to the flag-ship some time afterwards to report, he stated that "he had brought in the Rebel ram Arkansas." He is like the man, he said, who was sent out to procure game for breakfast. Looking for rabbits and prairie chickens, he encountered a grizzly bear. The brute caught firmly hold of his coat tail, causing him to retreat, without standing on the order of his going. Rushing into camp, with the bear close behind, he announced his success to his comrade. "Here boys," he cried, as the bear bounded over among them, "I've fetched game."

In the Washington Hospitals there are now nearly 4,000 empty cots, but they will be filled again shortly by the sick from Gen. McClellan's army.

The Montreal Gazette of Thursday states that the Provincial Government are now engaged in organizing an active volunteer militia force of 30,000 men, to be paid, armed and clothed; also, that it is their intention, when this is completed, to endeavor to organize another force of 30,000 volunteers, to be armed and clothed only.

The republicans of Dacotah have nominated William Jayne, the Governor of the Territory, as a candidate for delegate in Congress.

**DIED.**

In June last, at his residence, near Baltsville, M.I., Mr. JOHN W. BROWN, aged 64 years.

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