

The Latest News.

There is nothing of startling importance from any of our armies. But from all points we have the cheering reports of perfected preparations and onward movements. Nothing now but the lateness of the season, and inclemency of winter, can prevent the speedy success of our arms.

The Good Work Commenced.

The last dispatches give the names of about one hundred officers of the army who have been dismissed from the service for absence, drunkenness, dissoluty, &c. A list of a thousand more is already made out and will be sent to the Governors of the several States for publication.

Parson Brownlow

Has just written a letter on the conduct of the war, which tells some home truths. Here is an extract that is worth studying. We emphasize a few lines of most instructive import: "The opinion prevails widely that there have been a set of men in command of the army who desired to either favor the Southern rebellion, or protract the war, with a view to break down party in power, and to build up another party, with an eye to the next Presidential contest."

Communicated.

For the Pomeroiy Weekly Telegraph. Letter from the Camp. CAMP GAULEY, Nov. 9, 1862. Mr. Editor—It has been so long since I have seen a copy of your patriotic paper, that I believe a single column of the Telegraph would be the best antidote our Surgeon could prescribe for the sore eyes. I trust, therefore, if you will be so kind as to publish a few lines for a humble soldier, that if we cannot hear from our friends in Old Meigs, they shall, at least, hear from us.

Of course you all know that Capt. Cooper, of Co. E, 92d O. Regt., went out of Meigs on the 12th of last August, with a full Company of brave, noble and patriotic boys. And I trust to-night, even while I write, there is many a fervent prayer ascending from affectionate mothers and friends to heaven for our welfare and the success of our cause.

As I never had much talent for writing, I find it difficult, right in the start, to tell precisely where we are, or what we are doing. Some of the boys say we are "fifty miles from anywhere," while others say we are beyond the limits of the United States—that Uncle Sam would never disgrace himself by owning such rugged, gloomy and cheerless mountains. But suffice it to say, we are bivouacked to-night (on picket) two miles above the mouth of Gauley, under some stately hemlocks of apparently five centuries' growth, at the foot of a towering mountain, with a cliff of solid rock two hundred feet high on our side to back us. I presume our friends, (our timid ones, if we have any) will be gratified to learn we have such substantial backing.

But, by the by, I have just discovered I commenced at the wrong end of my story. I have managed to tell you where we are, without telling you where we have been. But I presume our friends, and perhaps everybody else, knows that Capt. Cooper's Co., together with two others, spent the first two months of their service in watching railroads and stopping rat holes. We, therefore, had the honor, about the 20th of Oct., of being put in the First Brigade of Major-General Cox's Division, commanded by Gen. Lightburn.

Absenteeism.

Absenteeism, with or without leave, has prevailed to such an extent as to heavily reduce the force nominally in the field. We are informed it is officially shown that on James River 34,000 men were absent from McClellan's army, on leave, and 4,000 without leave. This reflects seriously on the discipline of that army. An effort is now being made to stop the desertions by enforcing the penalty, and by stopping the struggling which leads to desertion. It is singular that the Captains and subordinate company officers should have so little acquaintance with their men, that they can desert and return home and remain with impunity.—Cia. Gazette.

The foregoing statement is a revelation that will startle the community. It proves conclusively that it was not McClellan's design to march upon the rebels this winter. While the country was waiting in suspense, trembling between hope and fear, and all knowing that delay was death to the nation, thirty-four thousand of the soldiers were absent on leave, and four thousand without leave! Does not this explain the intention of the Commander, and more than justify his removal. True, the facts were not known while he was in command, and would not have been known if he had not been removed. It is no wonder the rebels are furious at his removal. They were perfectly safe with McClellan and Buell at the head of our armies, and time was all they wanted to wear out the patience of the North, and of Europe, and force the "compromise" which would place the conspirators in full power, and keep them there.

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New Advertisements.

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I would here remark that the men were not allowed to take any article for their own use, nor indeed did they seem anxious to do so. To damage the rebels to rescue their friends, and show that they could be "sogers," seemed the one desire of their heart. It was truly surprising to see how rapidly and expeditiously they could land; after leaping from small boats into water knee deep, and climbing up the many feet of a dog after a fox. They felt perfectly at home, scouting in the woods, and were an awful terror, as we had reason to know, to the enemy. Their intimate knowledge of the rivers made them invaluable as pilots.

On passing among the men as we were leaving the scenes of action, I inquired if they had given any to-day; many simultaneously exclaimed: "Oh, yes, massa, we have grown three inches." "Som said: 'I feel heap more of a man.'"

With the larid flames still lighting up all the region behind, and the bright rays of the smiling moon before them, they formed a circle on the lower deck, and around the hatchway leading to the hold, where the women and children captured during the day, and on bended knees they offered up heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for the mercies of the day. Such fervent prayers for the President, for the hearing of his proclamation by all in bonds, and for the ending of the war, were seldom or never heard before. About one hour was spent in singing and prayer. Those waters surely never echoed with such sounds before. It really seemed, sometimes, as if we could almost hear the angels chanting over us, the song of Judea: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

We refer again to Col. Beard's report. He says: The colored men fought with astonishing gallantry and bravery. For alacrity in climbing landings, for determination, for "bush" fighting, I found them all I could desire, more than I had hoped. They have acted bravely, gloriously, and deserve all praise.

Our steamer left Beaufort without a soldier, and returned after an absence of twelve days with 156 fighting colored men, some of whom were taken from their captives, while our steamers brought back the scars of one hundred and fifty of the enemy's balls. The men entered Beaufort singing the John Brown song more heartily, I venture to say, than it was ever sang before. The negroes now think they will be ready, when the brigade is completed, to take the job of putting down the rebellion.

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