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How a Man Feels Under Fire.

How a man feels in battle is a question that our volunteers have doubtless frequently asked themselves. We yesterday stumbled upon a volunteer on furlough, who first smelt powder at Bull Run.

When his regiment was drawn up in line he admitted his teeth chattered and his knees rattled like a pot-closet in a hurricane. Many of his companions were similarly affected, and some of them would have lain down had they dared to do so.

The men who played the runaway at Bull Run were men who had not participated in the action to any extent, and who became panic-stricken where, if once smelling powder in the manner above described, they would have been abundantly victorious.

Feeling of the Country.

Great responsibility rests upon those (and we are among the number) who have opposed a war policy and have vainly cherished the hope that our national troubles could be composed without bloodshed.

But when the precipitancy of the South cut us off in the midst of efforts for peace and by its fatal assault on Ft. Sumter, and its threats to subjugate Washington, suddenly plunged us, unprepared as we were, into war, there was nothing for a true patriot to do, nothing that he wished to do, but to take his place under the flag of his country, and uphold the government under which he lives, and for which it is sweet for a good man to die.

Our sense of responsibility to God and to our fellow men requires us to say that mercy demands that the question we are seeking to settle should be speedily put at rest. We would have the government summon to its aid the entire force of the country, regardless of cost or of temporary inconvenience, and with all the prudence, firmness and energy at its command demonstrate its abundant ability to maintain its integrity and power.

New England and the War.

Some of the papers are charging New England with a want of enthusiasm in the war. It is said that she does not contribute her proper share of men to the army, and comparisons are instituted between Massachusetts and Illinois to the discredit of the former.

When the war broke out, it was not a man of Western birth can be found in an Eastern regiment. The truth is, the West has been for the last twenty-five years, draining with wonderful rapidity the East of its young men, until now the population of New England consists largely of persons who are either too young or too old for military service.

NEW GUNBOATS.

The new gunboats Unadilla and Ottawa are getting their armament on board, and will go into commission at once and proceed to sea. The armament of the two boats will be the same, and will consist of the following guns: One eleven-inch columbiad, placed amidships, weighing 16,857 pounds, and with the carriage nearly eleven tons.

DEBT TO NEWSPAPERS.

Subscriptions are infallible tests of men's honesty. They will sooner or later discover the man. If he is dishonest, he will cheat the printer some way—says he has paid what he has not—declares he has the receipt somewhere—or sent money, and it ceipit somewhere—or will take the paper and not pay for it, on the grounds that he did not subscribe for it—or he will move off, leaving it coming to the office he left. Thousands of professed Christians are dishonest, and the printer's book will tell fearful tales in the final judgment.

Gen. McClellan.

Gen. McClellan is evidently filling his place as the leader of a great army. A special correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune, writing from Washington, says: The only portion of the forces who have achieved the late victories under Gen. McClellan, that came to this city with him, is a company of thoroughly drilled riflemen, mostly from Chicago, Illinois, called the Sturgess Rifles, who act as the body guard of the General.

Gen. McClellan is regarded by those men as invincible—they say he never made a mistake, and I verily believe these eighty-three men would cheerfully march forth to-night, alone, to attack the entire rebel army at Manassas, if Gen. McClellan should give the order and lead the attack.

Gen. McClellan is one of the least pretensions of men—he generally wears the simple blouse of the rifleman, without even the starred shoulder straps to denote his rank—a man who never wastes time—who is indefatigable in his pursuit and attack of the enemy, and equally untiring in his effort to secure the utmost comfort of his men, compatible with the circumstances of a Soldier's life.

WELL SAID.

The following just and forcible statement from the Baltimore Clipper, is well said, and worth circulating in all the Free States: Every attempt of the Federal Government to protect itself and afford protection to loyal citizens, for whose safety it was instituted, is translated by the rebel sympathizing patriots into a grievous oppression.

"OLD VIRGINY."

"Occasional," writing to the Philadelphia Press, says: "A theory has lately been started, to the effect that the enemy is by no means so anxious for a battle in Virginia as he has professed to be; that he is looking now to Missouri and Kentucky, and may suddenly turn his back upon McClellan, and throw into these two States the troops he has been feeding with promises of an attack upon Washington.

Federal Victories.

It is astonishing how little we hear on this side of the mountains, says the San Francisco Mirror, of Union victories, which are matters of frequent occurrence, in spite of the silence of the news reports respecting them, while every little skirmish in which the rebels gain an advantage is blazoned to the world as an important battle.

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TELEGRAPH ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

The Sacramento Bee has an article upon rates of dispatches from the East to the California press, from which we copy: Full rates of private dispatches, for the first 100 words—two-thirds rates for all over 100 and up to 499—one-half rates for all over 400 and up to 500—and one-third rates for all over 500 words.

THE RATES TO OR FROM NEW YORK.

The rates to or from New York are \$6 75 for the first ten words, and 52 cents for each additional word up to 100—over 100 and up to 400, two-thirds those rates—over 400 and up to 500, one-half rates—and over 500, one-third rates.

ONE HUNDRED WORDS WILL MAKE ABOUT TWELVE LINES IN THE DAILY BEE; AND 500 WORDS WILL MAKE BUT SIXTY LINES; OR VERY LITTLE MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF A COLUMN!

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MOUNTED REGIMENT FOR OREGON.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, 1861. Col. Thomas R. Cornelius, Hon. B. F. Harding, and R. F. Maury, Esq., of Oregon.

GENTLEMEN—The War Department being convinced of the necessity of raising a body of troops in Oregon to meet all exigencies which may exist there, and with a particular view to the defense of the frontier, I am directed to authorize you to raise for the service of the United States, one regiment of mounted troops, to consist of ten companies, with Thomas R. Cornelius as Colonel, R. F. Maury as Lieut.-Colonel thereof; the two Majors will be selected hereafter.

B. F. Harding is appointed Quartermaster of the Regiment, and will be mustered into service immediately after the receipt of this letter, by any army officer in his vicinity. If no officer be near him, Mr. Harding will muster himself into service, taking the oath of allegiance before a civil magistrate as soon as mustered into service.

The organization of the Regiment will be in strict accordance with that prescribed for ten companies of cavalry in General Orders No. 16 of 1861 from this office, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

The medical officers of the Regiment will be one Surgeon and one Asst. Surgeon, to be competent medical men, appointed by the Colonel.

The company officers of the Regiment will be appointed by you from men deemed competent for the positions. Every man will be required to furnish his own horse and horse equipments, as prescribed in General Orders No. 15, of 1861, from this office, a copy of which is also herewith enclosed.

The Colonel will be mustered in upon receipt of this order, and is authorized to make all necessary requisitions upon any U. S. Quartermaster or Commissary for the supply and support of his command; the Quartermaster and mustering officer hereby appointed is also authorized to contract for supplies for the Regiment at the lowest market price, and to furnish them upon the requisition of the Colonel as fast as the supplies cannot be obtained by a requisition on the U. S. officers heretofore specified.

In all accounts for such expenditures or contracts the fact must be stated that the supplies could not otherwise be procured, and that the price paid was the lowest market price. The clothing, arms, and equipments, other than horse equipments, for the Regiment will be procured by requisition upon the commanding officer of the District of Oregon or the Department of the Pacific.

Owing to the great distance between Washington and Oregon, these instructions must necessarily be general, but the Department, acting upon the strong recommendations of the Hon. E. D. BAKER, Senator from Oregon, relies confidently upon the prudence, patriotism, and economy with which you will execute this trust. Unless otherwise ordered, you will be governed by any directions sent to you by Col. E. D. BAKER, and will under all circumstances report your conduct in the premises to the War Department through the Adjutant General of the Army.

Respectfully, L. THOMAS, Adj. General.

We understand that J. S. RINEFARSON, Esq., of this place, has been appointed Enrolling Officer for a company to be raised in this section. Each man will furnish his own horse and horse equipments, which will be paid for by the Government, if unavoidably lost in the service. The pay is \$31 a month, besides subsistence, clothing, and forage, with a bounty of \$100 to be paid when honorably discharged.

REMAINS OF GEN. BAKER.—Pursuant to notice, the citizens of Salem met at the court-house Nov. 16, at 6 p. m., to make provisions for the funeral ceremonies of the late Gen. BAKER.

E. N. COOKE was appointed chairman, and C. N. TERRY sec'y.

On motion, H. W. CORBETT, W. H. RECTOR, and I. R. MOORES were appointed a committee to co-operate with the family of the late Senator BAKER, in the removal of his remains to Salem, and also to act as a committee of reception.

On motion, L. HEATH, B. F. HARDING, and E. WILLIAMS, were appointed a committee of arrangements.

It was Resolved, that the committee have full power to make such arrangements as may be necessary, and that the citizens sustain said committee in all necessary expenses.

VANCOUVER ITEMS.

We copy the following from the Chronicle of the 15th: The small-pox has made its appearance lately in this place, but in no instance has as yet resulted fatally.

All the flags in the city were displayed at half mast yesterday and 13 guns were fired as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Gen. Gibson, Chief Commissary of the Army.

It is thought that this place will be made a Camp of Instruction for the Oregon Cavalry Regiment.

E. B. GEARY, late Sup't of Indian Affairs for Oregon, has gone East to obtain machinery for a Woolen Factory, to be established in Lion county.