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An Act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the thirteenth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

For pay of officers, instructors, cadets, and musicians, one hundred and seventeen thousand one hundred and seventy-six dollars.

For commutation of subsistence, five hundred and forty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

For pay in lieu of clothing to officers' servants, three thousand six hundred and seventy-three dollars and fifty cents.

For current and ordinary expenses, as follows: repairs and improvements, fuel and apparatus, forage, postage, telegrams, stationery, transportation, printing, clerks, miscellaneous and incidental expenses, and departments of instruction, thirty-nine thousand seven hundred and five dollars.

For gradual increase and expense of library, one thousand dollars.

For expenses of the board of visitors, four thousand dollars.

For forage of artillery and cavalry horses, five thousand dollars.

For supplying horses for artillery and cavalry exercise, one thousand dollars.

For repairs of officers' quarters, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For targets and batteries for artillery exercise, one hundred dollars.

For furniture for hospital for cadets, one hundred dollars.

For annual repairs of gas pipes and fixtures, three hundred dollars.

For kitchen of cadets' mess hall, two thousand dollars.

For furniture for soldiers' hospital, two hundred and sixty dollars.

For replacing roofs of academic buildings, four thousand dollars. *Provided*, That the walls of said buildings are, in the opinion of the Superintendent, strong enough to bear the weight of a slate roof.

For fire apparatus, three thousand dollars.

Approved, January 23, 1863.

ENGLAND.—The London Army and Navy Gazette says that the Confederate Generals have been overpraised. To stand and fight has been their great strategy. Not one of them seems to have had a campaign with a purpose. Not one of them has had the capacity to understand the value of a victory. They have now any thing but follies events and make use of the energy and zeal of their soldiers. Let some leader arise on either side who can lead a few square miles to press one of these broken armies, and the war will not long languish in the bloody trail of gory skirmishes.

An address of sympathy to President Lincoln was receiving acclimation at Birmingham. It expresses a strong belief that the Federal cause is that of humanity, religion, and freedom, and earnestly hopes for its success.

BEST LOSSES AT MURFREESBORO.—The following is a dispatch to the Richmond papers from Chattanooga, January 9: "Gen. Bragg now estimates our loss at nine thousand, which includes the wounded at Murfreesboro."

The Columbus (Ga.) Sun learns that "in the attack made by Breckinridge's division on the enemy's left, Murfreesboro, on Friday, in which the Confederates were repulsed, one thousand eight hundred of our brave troops were killed outright during the first hour and forty minutes of the engagement." The Mobile Advertiser states that Withers' division of four brigades lost two thousand five hundred and nine, and that Breckinridge's division was led into "a slaughter pen," where the loss was very heavy. Capt. B. C. Yancey, son of William L. Yancey, was one of the slain at the battle of Murfreesboro.

HE JOINED THE CHURCH.—Uncle Sam had a neighbor who was in the habit of working on Sunday, but after while he joined the church. One day he met the minister to whose church he belonged.

"Well, Uncle Sam," said he, "do you see any difference in Mr. P.—since he joined the church?"

"Oh, yes," said Uncle Sam, "a great difference. Before, when he went out to mend his fence on Sunday, he carried it on his shoulder; but now he carries it on his overcoat."

There are thirty-two regiments of two years' volunteers from New York.—Their terms of service will expire in April and May. The nine months' men of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania will be at liberty in the spring.

LITIGATION IN NEW YORK.—There were 8,000 cases put on the calendar, at a Circuit Court now sitting in New York. The average number disposed of each day, for several days, has been four. Litigants in that court ought to get their lives insured.

The total number of passengers carried by trans-Atlantic steamers last year, was 73,900—of whom 28,500 were to Europe, and 50,400 to the United States. This is an increase of 9,600, as compared with the previous year.

Kosuth is residing just now in the environs of Turin. He is in positive want of the necessities of life. His wife is dying of consumption. He is said to be tormented against men and fortune and life to a horrible degree.

Everything Whipped but Rosecrans.

MURFREESBORO, Tenn., Jan. 15, 1863.

We were discussing the great battle of December 31 for the twentieth time. An old campaigner, who had served through the war with Mexico, and who had continued at his post of duty from the beginning of the Rebellion, suddenly interposed:

"Well, gentlemen, I guess everybody but Rosecrans was whipped that morning!"

Those who surrounded him will, at all events, sustain the declaration, that his constituency did not waver in the most trying periods of that appalling morning. I will not undertake upon my own responsibility to say that it is true, but I have good reason to believe that many of his Generals advised retreat that night, and were answered with orders directing them to prepare for battle at dawn next morning. It is also but just to say that there is no moral doubt, notwithstanding the confidence entertained universally by men and officers in the great military qualifications of Maj.-Gen. Thomas, that had Gen. Rosecrans been disabled, the army would have been hopelessly defeated. The Commanding General will be as sincerely admired for his ability as a splendid tactician as he has been for his great strategic skill.

Had this army met with reverse we should have been more clamorous than the public should observe the disparity of numbers against us. Since we are victorious, we are merely solicitous that the fact should be recognized that the proportions of the forces may be properly estimated. We have abundant Rebel testimony that Bragg had 65,000 effectives, including his 10,000 enterprise cavalry. But this is strongly confirmed by our roll of Rebel prisoners. We have the names of captives representing all the ranks of the army, from the lowest to the highest. The object of the experiments was to perforate a target representing, in every respect, a complete section of the British war vessel Warrior—the iron plating, wooden packing, thickness of the timber, bolting, etc.—Targets representing the Warrior have frequently been perforated with solid shot fired from the Dahlgren gun, but the experiment of Tuesday was with a shell—Stafford, the inventor, believing that, with the Dahlgren gun, he could drive a shell thru' the iron plating of the target before it exploded, and perhaps entirely through, which would make the projectile still more destructive when directed against a ship. The Washington Republican says:

"The target was placed in a vertical position against the bank dug out of the hill-side for the purpose, and the shell was fired at short range from a one hundred and fifty pound rifled Dahlgren gun, with fifteen pounds of powder. The shell passed entirely through the iron, penetrated to about midway of the wood, and exploded, tearing the target as much as the small quantity of powder was capable of doing."

The experiment was considered by those who witnessed it (not connected officially with it), a complete success. Another of Stafford's projectiles—solid shot—was fired from the same gun at the same target, and the shot passed entirely through the target, iron and wood, and shattered the wooden portion of it into pieces, and penetrated the earth beyond some five feet!

When we remember that the above results were produced with a much less charge of powder than is used in any but the Dahlgren gun, we may look for still greater results."

Sous CALIFORNIA Editions.—The editor of the Washoe Times thus pictures a few of his contemporaries:

"There are some half dozen of newspapers in California, whose editors seem to have no other business on hand than to lay up constitutional objections to every effort that President Lincoln makes to crush the rebellion. They thought it unconstitutional to defend Fort Sumter against the attack upon it by Gen. Beauregard. They thought it unconstitutional to call out seventy-five thousand Northern volunteers to defend Washington City, the National Capital, against the aforesaid Beauregard's army. They thought it unconstitutional to blockade the Southern ports; and, not to put too fine a point on it, they treated every Federal victory, every step toward a reintegration of the Union, as grossly and wickedly unconstitutional."

By Gen. Pope's report we find that this gallant body of men, too small to be called a corps, fought often and as well as any of our soldiers in the battles beyond Washington. And yet this brave little army, the heroes of Rich Mountain, Franklin, Cross Keys, and so many bravely contested battles, has been called "demoralized."

ROSECRANS ON COPPERHEADS.—General

Rosecrans is a Democrat. In conversa-

tion which Mr. Sessions, of Columbus, Ohio, had with Gen. Rosecrans, at Murfreesboro, since the battle, that officer said:

"We of the North did not fully under-

stand the enemy we had to deal with; they

fought like demons, disregarding flags of

truce and all laws of civilized warfare,

forcing boys into their army, as the many

wounded and dead boys showed. Why,

he said, Bragg sent in a flag of truce, and

his men captured fifty prisoners immedi-

ately behind it! and being remonstrated with, justified himself, after considering upon it

five days. His condemnation of the Peace

Democrats was scathing. He says they

will lick the boots of the Southern thieves

and liars, who will turn round and kick

them; they mean fight, fight, fight, and we

can never conquer except by fighting in

earnest, expecting to lose many valuable

men."

Possible injustice may have been done

to meritorious soldiers on that field by

omission of their names in the public scroll

of credit which has been awarded by the

press to Maj.-Gen. Geo. H. Thomas. He

scarcely needs the eulogy of unofficial pens,

though public expression of merit is al-

ways sweet to the true soldier. What

more could be said of Gen. Thomas than

the simple statement that the confidence in

him of the General Commanding, was so

perfect that he felt no responsibility de-

volving upon him when Thomas held com-

mand. No man certainly, in the whole

army, after Gen. Rosecrans, so thoroughly

commands the confidence and esteem of

officers and troops. It would be absurd

to mention his bravery. "Under fire" to

him does not seem to signify mortal peril.

His command in that battle consisted of

the divisions of Negley and Rousseau—

names synonymous with everything that is

stanch, trustworthy and knightly. But if

I attempt to individualize the heroic lead-

ers of that day, I might as well publish the

master-troll of the army.

We have no means of ascertaining the

losses of the enemy. We are satisfied,

from their own accounts, that it was much

heavier than our own. Rebel officers now

in our custody say their superiors esti-

mated it at 15,000, killed and wounded, and

the way the Richmond papers howl seems

to confirm their statements. We have

some 3,500 prisoners, 2,500 of whom are

wounded, one third of whom will die—

Nearly twenty per cent of our own will die,

notwithstanding the care that is bestowed

upon them by hospital attendants, good

surgeons, and sanitary friends from the

North-West.

As usual, many extravagant state-

ments were sent North by telegraphists who did

not venture within twenty-eight miles of

the battle-field. The public were advised

that two of our divisions of the left-wing

had entered Murfreesboro two days before

the enemy fled, &c. Gens. Rousseau, Pal-

mer, Negley, and others were reported

killed. The Rebel Gens. Cheatham, and

McConn were "certainly killed." The N.

Y. Times had it that "Rosecrans's army

was terribly scattered"—a mischievous mis-statement. There was no time after Wednesday noon, Dec. 31, during which the army was not ready for battle at all points, in solid, compact mass, formed in column by division doubled on the center. The facts touching distinguished casualties are as follows:

Brig. Gen. Sill was the only Union General killed; Brig. Gen. Willich the only one captured. The only Union Generals wounded were Brigadiers T. J. Wood, Van Cleve, and Kirk—the latter severely.

THE LOSS.—The following is the official statement of the loss in killed, wounded and missing of the army of the Cumberland, Maj.-Gen. Rosecrans, in the late battle of Stone's River, or Murfreesboro:

Killed.....	1,697
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Wounded.....	7,425
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Missing.....	3,550
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Total loss.....	12,672
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