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A PAST INCIDENT REVISED.

The History of Abraham Lincoln, by his former secretaries, J. G. Nicolay and John Hay, is still continued in the Century. All critics admit it is the most valuable record of that historical character that has yet been published. These writers have access to papers that have reached no other eye, and their frequent use of such documents throws new light on events that have not been clearly elucidated, and it authenticates the statements they make. The June number contains an interesting account of the advance of the Union army into Virginia, the successes of McClellan in the Shenandoah Valley, the battle of Bull Run, and the panic produced by the disastrous route. After the firing on Sumter, and the patriotic response of the north to the president's call for troops, some time was spent by the administration in estimating the extent of the rebellion it had to deal with, and by the military authorities in preparing their raw recruits for the field. An uncertainty hung about the movements of the border states, but by prompt action Missouri, Maryland and Kentucky were kept out of the confederacy, although Virginia, after a brief period of indecision, allied its fortunes with the south. There was great restlessness at the delay in using the volunteer forces that poured into Washington from every loyal state, and it was in obedience to the cry "On to Richmond!" raised by Horace Greeley in the New York Tribune, and re-echoed by thousands who thought a decisive blow would end the war, that the advance was made.

The story of the battle is told with fresh details which render the chapter unusually interesting. McDowell's strategy was to fight Beauregard, while Patterson was detached with a heavy force to hold Johnston in the valley of Winchester. But this slow moving Pennsylvanian allowed his enemy to escape him, and the junction of the two rebel forces was effected. The result was a defeat and a rout to our undisciplined army, and for awhile there was imminent danger of the rebels capturing Washington. But it is now made apparent that the enemy was on the point of retreating when our lines gave way, and he attempted no pursuit fearing a trap had been set for him. The authors sum up the battle and its results in this terse language:

The administration was responsible for the forward movement; Scott for the combined strategy of the two armies; McDowell for the conduct of the Bull Run battle; Patterson for the escape of Johnston, and fate for the panic. For the opposing forces were equally raw, equally undisciplined, and, as a whole, fought the battle with equal courage and gallantry.

But the conduct of Horace Greeley was the most inexplicable at this trying time. The advance movement was unwise, seeing the unprepared condition of our army, and the short term of volunteer enlistments. McDowell was hurried into his fight because in the next few days he would have lost "ten thousand of the best armed, drilled, officered and disciplined troops in his army," and Gen. Scott was so chagrined at the defeat, that he charged himself with cowardice in giving way to a clamor, when his judgment condemned the hazard. "I deserve removal," he exclaimed petulantly, "because I did not stand up when my army was not in a condition for fighting, and resist it to the last."

But what confused the men who were charged with the conduct of public affairs, demoralized and overwhelmed the Tribune editor, and he wrote to the president a hopeless and envenomous letter. After admitting that he had passed seven sleepless nights, he makes the following proposition:

Will visit Silverton.

Our traveling correspondent, Mr. T. D. Porter, will visit Silverton tomorrow, and talk advertising and other interesting topics to the business men of that place. We bespeak for him a kind hearing.

Breastplate.

Baspies cut by the latest bias system, at Mrs. A. H. Farrar's.

NEW TO-DAY.

Proposals for Supplies

The board of trustees of the Oregon State Insane Asylum hereby invite sealed proposals for furnishing at the asylum near Salem, Oregon, the following supplies for six months, commencing July 1, 1888:

GROCERIES.
100 lbs Liverpool salt, fine.

200 lbs Soap, Kirk's sapon.

10 lbs Dried peaches, machine dried.

10 lbs Margarine, No. 1 Extra mess.

10 lbs Tea, U. S. brand, Pouhon.

10 lbs Tobacco, Rapidan brand.

10 lbs Glass starch, (Flemington) Mfg. Co.

10 lbs Corn starch, (Oswego) Mfg. Co.

10 lbs Salted crackers, extra fresh.

100 lbs Raisins, California Lays.

100 lbs Butter, Sherry's new process.

Sugar, 70 lbs the Golden, 30 lbs Granulated.

2 lbs Cheese, Cranston's, or as good.

Corn meal.

Dried oats.

Coffee, Romany.

Dried entrants.

10 lbs Flour, all purpose.

Carls' soda, Church & Co., A. & H. brand.

White castle soap, Conif.

Tablets.

10 lbs Brooms, No. 1 ex-shield.

10 lbs Oysters, blue pol., 2 lb.

10 lbs Playing cards, never broken.

10 lbs Worcester sauce, Lee & Perrin.

1 qt Olive oil.

9 gal. Syrup, extra golden, American reines.

100 lbs Cider vinegar, 40 qt. pure.

100 lbs Coal oil, 50 gallon tanks Pearl brand.

100 lbs Molasses, Orleans extra.

10 lbs Mustard, all kinds.

10 lbs Clavers, All standard ground.

PLUMBING.

1/2 doz Jenkins valves, 3 1/2 inch, 6 1/2 inch, 3 1/2 inch, 6 1/2 inch.

1 doz brass, reddish, pipe.

1 doz compression hose bite.

3 lbs E. bows, 1/2 doz 2 inch, 2 doz 3 1/2 inch, 1/2 doz 4 inch.

2 doz wash brooms, 2 string, velvet top.

10 lbs Centesized lye.

10 lbs Turkey dusters, 14 inch.

COFFEE.

1000 lbs Costa Rica 1st grade.

1000 lbs Government Java.

64 lbs R. Mocha.

400 lbs Chicory.

SPICES.

100 lbs Black pepper.

20 lbs Mace.

60 lbs Cinnamon.

50 lbs Ginger.

20 lbs Allspice.

20 lbs Mustard.

20 lbs Clavers, All standard ground.

PAINTING.

1/2 doz Jenkins valves, 3 1/2 inch, 6 1/2 inch, 3 1/2 inch, 6 1/2 inch.

1 doz brass, reddish, pipe.

1 doz compression hose bite.

3 lbs E. bows, 1/2 doz 2 inch, 2 doz 3 1/2 inch, 1/2 doz 4 inch.

2 doz wash brooms, 2 string, velvet top.

10 lbs Centesized lye.

10 lbs Turkey dusters, 14 inch.

DRY GOODS.

75 pairs buttons, 10 doz, 2 shirt, 10 coat,

100 pants, 15 doz, 10 shirt.

1 gross pins, American.

150 yds Cambric flannel, white.

100 yds Cambric, bleached, 16 inch.

100 yds Cambric, 16 inch.