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SAD BUT SO.

BY WILLIAM H. MORRIS.

To win the smiles of her he sought,
The errant knight of yore,
Upon his helm his lady's scarf
To deeds of daring bore.
Tho' love was glowing in his heart,
Her hand he could not claim
Till valor on the battle field
Had earned the wreath of fame.

Then sighed the gentle troubadour,
Who tuned his lute to prove
The passion that consumed his breast,
For his fair lady love;
Who sang his plaintive melodies
With words of winning tone,
Until the heart of her he loved
Beat warmly as his own.

The courtier, author, orator,
Have gained the world's applause,
By advocating fearlessly
Some patriotic cause.
The scintillations of their wit,
Made lowly people stare,
Won admiration from the great
And favor with the fair.

Alas! how changed the ways and means
That now achieve success—
The beau, to captivate the belle,
Expensively must dress;
His father may have borne a hod
Or labored in a ditch—
She cares not, if some confidant
But hint, he's very rich.

The Pennsylvania Thirteenth, the camp paper of that regiment, published at Great Falls, Md., says that if the Government keeps the soldiers and their wives so long apart, (granting no furloughs,) there will be no "future generation" to fight in another war. The paper represents that 20 per cent of the married men ought to have a furlough every few days! It is a sheet of about four inches square, containing about what would make half a column of our paper, and it gravely announces that it declines publishing the President's message, because he neglected to furnish them a copy of it!—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

—The Bulletin is mistaken. We did not ask the leave mentioned "every few days" but for a few days!

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 78.

Headquarters, Camp Tannallytown,
December 14th, 1861.

The Governor of Pennsylvania has informed the Brigade Commander that the 13th and 98th Regiments of Volunteers from that State will be presented with a stand of colors.

The Brigade Commander directs that the Brigade be formed on the drill ground in line of battle, with the Pennsylvania Regiments in the centre, at one o'clock precisely, on Tuesday next. Every available man will attend, including the old guard, and such members of the new guard as may not be on posts at the time. The Court Martial will not meet on that day, and the members will join their commands.

The Regiments will each be equalized into eight companies, and the men will parade without knapsacks, haversacks or canteens and without overcoats should the weather be favorable. After the Review there will be a Brigade drill.

The Brigadier General feels assured that every member of his command is equally desirous as himself to sustain the reputation which the Brigade has already acquired, and to realize the sanguine expectations of the distinguished visitors, who will be present on this interesting occasion as representatives of the patriotic and important State of Pennsylvania.

By order of Brigadier General Peck,
Wm. H. Morris, A. A. Gen'l.

Did Their Duty.—The Ninth Penna. Reserve Regiment, (now the 38th) Col. C. F. Jackson, was in the battle near Drainsville, Va., on the 19th, and did their duty nobly. A list of their wounded will be found below from which it would seem that Capt. Galway's company was in the thickest of the fight:

Killed—John Sexton, Co. E.; I. W. Stockdale, Co. F.

Wounded—Alexander Smith, Co. A, neck; John Schmidt, Co. B, arm; Wm. Earnest, C, leg; Capt. Robert Galway, D, leg; George Mortor, D, thigh and arm; Joshua McMaster, D, arm; W. O. Mither, D, loins; John Raymond, D, arm; C. E. Patton, D, thigh; Wm. Lindsey, D, hip; John F. Hum, D, arm; Corporal Pearsol, D, head, slight; Ralph White, E, neck; Capt. S. W. Dick, F, thigh; Wm. McGill, F, abdomen; John Hatch, F, arm; Wm. Millison, F, hip; Edw. Davis, H, leg; Silas B. Newall, H, hip; John H. Webber, I, thigh.

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"If any one attempts to pull down the American flag, shoot him dead!"—The sentiment of every True American.

☞ We owe no apology for the non-appearance of our paper, since the 14th inst., as we have had no quarters to print it in.

Long May They Wave.—On the 17th inst. Gen. Peck's Brigade was ordered out on review and drill, for the purpose of receiving the flags presented by the old Keystone State to her regiments, the 13th and 21st Penna. Vols. The Brigade was formed in line, the Penna. Regiments forming the center, flanked by the 55th N. Y. on the right and 62d N. Y. on the left. The exercises commenced by noon. Hendrickson Wright, M. C., who was introduced by Gen. Peck, and presented, on behalf of our State, beautiful flags, to the 13th Regiment, Col. Rowley, and the 21st Regiment, Col. Ballier, with appropriate remarks. Gen. Peck then handed the flags to the Colonels of those regiments, in an eloquent appeal to their respective regiments to stand by them to the last, complimenting them on their present state of efficiency, and assuring them that the sons of the Empire State, who composed half the Brigade, would stand by them, shoulder to shoulder, in any conflict with treason which might ensue.

Hon. Robt. M'Knight replied on behalf of the old Thirteenth, in a few pertinent remarks, and was followed by Col. Ballier on behalf of the Twenty-first, when the color-guards, under command of Adjutants Browne and Ladner, took charge of the colors, and escorted them to the interval between the Pennsylvania Regiments.

The Chaplain of the 13th, Rev. A. M. Stewart, made an appeal to the Throne of Heavenly Grace, which was followed by a benediction by the Chaplain of the 21st.

After conducting the colors to their posts, the Commanding General drilled the Brigade in numerous complicated manuevers, when the regiments were marched to their respective parade grounds and dismissed.

The performance concluded by a dinner at Headquarters, attended by the field and staff, and numerous visitors, who had been at the presentation.

The camps of the Pennsylvania regiments were handsomely decorated on the occasion with evergreen arches, containing the letters of the respective companies, and numbers of the regiments. In the company streets pine trees were arranged in rows, and the whole effect was really beautiful.

Among the visitors present on the occasion were Gen. E. D. Keyes and Staff, Gen. J. K. Moorehead and daughter, Col. John J. Astor, jr., and others.

—Probably owing to the error of the painter, who lettered the flags, the flag for the old Thirteenth had 102 on it, and that of the old Twenty-fifth 98—which will doubtless be corrected. The painter must have been insane or drunk.

A son of the Emerald Isle, who is a member of a neighboring regiment, and whose frequent bulls are the source of mirth to the whole of his company, happened to be on guard on one of the coldest night last week. At the usual time the relief, accompanied by their corporal, proceeded to relieve guard; on reaching the post of our Celtic friend they were halted by his sonorous challenge, "who comes there?" the answer was: "Second Relief." Advancing without further parley he received with a smile of joy, remarking, "you're wilcome, gentlemen, if iver mortal man was wilcome in the world!" A hearty laugh was the response in spite of discipline.

Our friends will be glad to learn that the health of our regiment is rapidly improving. The sick are nearly all convalescent, and the number of cases has been reduced one half within a very short time. The total number unfit for duty is only between sixty and seventy in the whole brigade, which speaks well for the care taken of the men by their officers, and the skill of the Surgeons, and enables us to congratulate ourselves upon being one of the healthiest, if not the healthiest, in the service.

The 62d New York Regiment has removed from the vicinity of Fort Pennsylvania to "Rowley's Rill," near the river road.

Liberal.—We are under obligations to our friend, Captain Samuel M'Kee, for a liberal donation of five dollars towards sustaining our paper. Captain McKee made a similar donation last campaign, at Williamsport, in July, and none, among civilians, have proved more liberal than our veteran captain of the Greys. We will remember him in our recollections, and will address sundry papers over the river, now and in future, until funds contributed to sustain our valuable little paper are reported to be minus.—In case funds are low, we know we can draw at sight on Capt. McKee for a supply, unless pay day intervenes meantime. We would say more, but we are writing our last line, and *h's* are scarce, so we are avoiding *h's* in every word we write. Expecting *sorts*, we will not be so worried in the future.

Christmas was boisterously observed outside of our camp, on the 25th inst. The Insanitary Commission are now holding an inquest on the dead turkeys sent our men, now buried in the deep recesses of the Adams Express Co.'s Agency in Georgetown. We trust hot weather may not drive them off, and that the turkeys may be delivered when "far enough gone to be good!"

Countermanded.—We regret to learn that subsequent to the 18th inst., none are allowed to pass the Chain Bridge on the Union Grip of the Three Months' Campaign. We have the authority of Maj. Stephen A. De Foe, for announcing (as he did in our camp the other day,) that a general order from headquarters of that date, countermanded such use of the grip—which is now of no service but in regiments that were out in the last campaign.

A Good Substitute.—It is currently rumored some of our boys used a box of emery for black pepper on Christmas Eve. Our Surgeon, on being applied to for a remedy for the poison, declared they had been sufficiently scoured out already.

Is Pittsburg Drunk?—The Pittsburg Post of Christmas morn comes to us with part of its head turned! Was the city drunk—or Fifth street only?

What Is He Going to do With It?—A bachelor officer recently purchased at an auction, in Tennallytown, a cradle. Of course he is in the Infantry.

Bully for Gov. Curtin.—The 2198 and 13102 regiments in the field—See Cock-a-Doodle-Do.

The sober grey of the army has been abolished, and the soldiers are now all blue.

ITEMS.

Col. Ballier is now occupying the mansion recently the residence of Jefferson Davis.

The "solitary horseman" passed through Tennallytown yesterday.

A photograph of General Peck and Staff has been taken by Brady. The picture was highly successful.

Col. Riker was serenaded on the 21st by the Utopian Society, composed of men of his regiment.

Aid-de-Camp Loder and Sterling made a thorough reconnoissance of the vicinity of Great Falls on the 22d.

The Brigade Commissary has hired the church at Tennallytown, for the storage of provisions.

The Brigade Quartermaster has invented a guard house of a novel construction. It is justly esteemed the Titus-est guard house ever erected. Long may it stand.

If the mountain can't come to Mahomet, Mahomet must go to the mountain. The War Department having denied leaves to the married men to visit their wives, their wives have taken leave to visit them.

DIED.

—At the Hospital near Fort Pennsylvania, on Friday night, Dec. 13th, at 10 o'clock, of disease of the liver and kidneys, Robt. McCaw, private, of Co. E, aged 28 years.

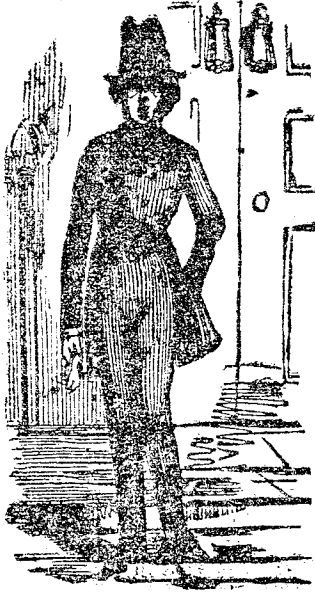
A native of Ireland, deceased had for some years resided in Pittsburg. He served three months under Gen. McClellan in Western Virginia, and enlisted for three years or during the war, with Capt. John W. Patterson, but upon arriving at Washington his health failed. Although known by but very few of his company, during his illness he was well cared for, and the last hour of his life was spent in the presence of Lieut. James Bishop and Orderly Sergeant D. A. Jones. He was buried by the company on the following day, at the Tennallytown graveyard, and with sorrowful hearts his comrades fired a farewell shot o'er one whose warfare was done forever. Peace be with his ashes.

—At Tennallytown, D. C., on the morning of the 10th of December, of typhoid fever, Wm. J. Phillips, First Lieutenant of Co. L, 13th Regiment Penna. Vols. His remains were taken to Pittsburg, Pa., where his parents reside, for interment.

—At the Regimental Hospital, on Dec. 13th, of typhoid fever, Lewis L. Kniss, a private in Co. H, 13th Regt. Penna. Vols.

—At the Regimental Hospital, on Dec. 18th, of typhoid fever, Henry Dunlap, a private in Co. H, 13th Regt. Penna. Vols.

OUR PICTURE GALLERY.



The Live "Sesesh" discovered at Beaufort, S. C.

Professional Pride.—The old story of the General, who, on being introduced, was told, "General, I knew you when a drummer boy," and his reply, "didn't I drum well?" should be familiar to all persons who take arms in the service of their country, whether they intend to follow it as a profession or not. There is no motto more appropriate than that, "whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." A proper encouragement of that spirit can make the 13th Regiment not only the best from Pennsylvania, but the equal of any in the U. S. Army. This spirit has been evinced by several of the companies during the past week, and while Co. F, Captain McIlwaine, is a model of good discipline, promptness at roll calls and drills; Co. C, Lieut. Large, of neat and comfortable mud houses for the men; Co. A, of straight ditches, clean streets, and comfortable quarters for the officers—it has been left for Co. K, (the company which is generally considered to be the extreme end of the regiment), to turn out arms which, for perfect cleanliness and artistic polish, would surprise the armorer at Washington Arsenal—and this too, by a proper professional pride on the part of the men, without any promise of favors by Capt. Ham. Lowe. If this spirit can only be fostered and encouraged, we will not hear any more the insinuation, "Go and see the 8th New Jersey camp," or "Go and see the 9th Pennsylvania drill."

L. C.

Great excitement was caused in our camp the other day, by the receipt of a copy of a letter from Pittsburg, written to a lady in the Sixth Ward, and purporting to be from an officer of our regiment, setting forth that the men were "without proper covering to protect themselves from the rigors of the season," and that we "had thus far to depend upon the donations of kind friends." "Many of the men are very sick in consequence, and I am fearful that, if we wait on 'the powers that be' much longer, we will have half in the camp prostrated in consequence!" "Any description of bedding, however old and worn, will add much to our comfort."

The fact is, our men have about as much clothing as they care to carry, and, if any are without overcoats or blankets, they have lost them by carelessness, or by being too lazy to carry them along.

The boys are quite busy in cutting logs to build their tents three or four feet higher; and, with old log-cabin "stick-and-mud" chimneys, or "California furnaces," manage to get along reasonably comfortably on occasional raw days. The weather, so far, however, has been mainly an Indian Summer.

—The officer alleged to have written the letter alluded to denies that he penned it, and says the person deputed to write for him used language he did not authorize and cannot endorse.

Hospital Department.—The late order issued from our Brigade Headquarters, regarding the accumulation of a Hospital Fund in the different Regiments, has already met with success.

The Surgeons cannot but feel grateful to our Brigade Surgeon for his energetic efforts in bringing this matter to so favorable an issue. It is too much neglected by the majority of our volunteer regiments, and the Surgeons must either suffer the expense consequent on supplying the little luxuries of diet necessary for our brave fellows, while on their sick beds, or else see them neglected.

We would advise all medical officers to give this their earnest attention, do justice both to themselves and their patients, and thus add to the comforts of those who have left their homes to Battle for the Right.

A. L.

The different grades of butter are now arranged according to the following scale:—Strong, bad, rancid, vile, abominable, Sutler's.