





Michigan Argus

SPRING FESTIVAL

From the Thirteenth Regiment

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Letter from Gen. B. F. Granger. I have your kind note of the 14th inst. which you received and would have been, as I deserved, more promptly answered had I not been excessively pressed with a thousand and one other duties that could not be so readily delayed.

From McClellan's army. A dispatch from McClellan's army says: "The movements of the enemy to-day have been extensive, and are not involved in mystery. Large bodies have been seen moving down from near the Mechanicsville bridge and Richmond, towards the late battle field. Our pickets yesterday were driven in from Old Church, showing that the enemy intends making a demonstration in that direction."

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The Battle of Port Republic. Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Times. Front Royal, Saturday, June 14. Prisoners captured at Port Republic, who were in the Monday's fight with Shields, say that it was the hottest affair for its size that has occurred during the war. A Louisiana Tiger told me it was the first time his regiment ever gave way before Yankees, but that in this instance they, with the other advanced rebel regiments, were driven steadily back until the whole center was broken up, and Shields' little command fairly crushed by overwhelming numbers.

Capture of the Steamer Gordon. It is ascertained that the Gordon, crewed by an iron steamer with 10 or 12 Armstrongs and a few other guns, on board the gunboat Chippawa, of Wilmington, writes, June 4th, that the Mount Vernon, Capt. Gleason, has just come over from Fort Gaswell with the information that the State of Georgia has captured the rebel steamer Gordon, owned in Charleston, and sent her to New York. The Gordon is a 120-ton iron and can make 10 or 11 knots. Eight of her crew jumped overboard from the State of Georgia, and tried to escape, but were recaptured, and the crew which had collected to receive them were shelled by the Victoria, dispersing them. They soon returned with a litter, bearing off two killed or wounded. The Gordon alias Nassau, has already arrived at New York.

From Santa Fe. KANSAS CITY, June 7. The Santa Fe mail with dates to the 26th has arrived. The Texans had reached Mesilla with five pieces of artillery and four wagons. It is said, after stopping at Fort Pecos to recruit their exhausted energy, they will continue their homeward bound march. Gen. Sibley is reported to be at Fort Bliss, far in advance of his command, taking care of himself. Capt. Crayton, who followed the trail of the enemy's retreat, reports that it bears evidence of suffering and destitution, from one end to the other. Some remains of men were found in some places which had not been entered, and other articles, including a few horses, to recruit their exhausted energy, they will continue their homeward bound march.

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Friday Morning, June 20. The Sheep Shearing Festival and Horse Show of the Washtenaw County Agricultural and Horticultural Society, commenced on Tuesday and closed on Thursday of this week.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.—We published last week the list of exercises, etc., for commencement week at the University. There were some omissions, and we now publish the programme as furnished by the faculty: Sunday, 3 p. m., June 22d, Baccalaureate Sermon, by the President, at the Methodist church.

Monday evening, June 23d, 8 o'clock, Anniversary of the Alpha Delta Phi Society. Oration by Hon. Byron G. Stout, of Pontiac, and Poem by Chas. R. Miller, of Adrian, at the Congregational church.

Tuesday, June 24th, 2 p. m., Exercises of the Alumni Society, at the address by E. P. Evans, A. M., Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Wednesday, June 25th, Commencement, at the new Presbyterian church.

ROBERTS' STATUE OF NYDIA has been removed from Detroit to our City, and is now on exhibition in one of the recitation rooms on the first floor of the Union School building. We trust that our citizens will continue the liberality heretofore manifested, visit themselves and call the attention of their friends to the beautiful work. As all the proceeds are to be appropriated to paying for the Statue no one need stay away for fear of putting money in the pockets of speculators.

THE FRIENDS OF E. P. CLARK of this city, a Sergeant in Co. F, Sixth Michigan Infantry, have just learned of his being severely wounded about the last of May. He went with a boat's crew to the shore for forage, landed with one comrade, was welcomed by a planter, and told that they could have what they wished, but on nearing the house were fired at by a party from within. CLARK received three shots, and both were taken prisoners. Their companions in charge of the boat hurried to the ship, and a Lieutenant and party were sent on shore, the treacherous foe captured, and the prisoners released. We have no further particulars. Mr. C. is a son of the Rev. C. G. CLARK.

THE CHARLESTON PAPERS are quarrelling about Jeff. Davis. The Courier eulogizes him strongly, but says a conspiracy is on foot to depose him, and set up a military dictator. On the other hand the Mercury denies that any conspiracy exists, but admits that "President Davis is an incubus on the cause," and asserts that "he has lost the confidence of both the army and the people."

LATE NEW ORLEANS PAPERS say that Gen. Butler has been engaged in returning fugitive slaves to their masters, and that he refuses to tolerate run-aways in his camp, or furnish them provisions from the public stores. He will soon lose odor with that class of people who persist in thinking that this war is being waged for the exclusive benefit of the negroes, and that a General is no General at all who does not invite slaves into his camp and feed them at the expense of the government. Wendell Phillips will take back his recent compliment.

THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES at Washington have taken possession of three churches of secessionist proclivities—for hospital purposes. One of them is Trinity, from the Rectorship of which Dr. BUTLER was recently ejected for his Union principles.

MATCHED CARRIAGE HORSES. The following entries were made: B. Green, Ann Arbor, span black mares, 6 years old; H. Markell, Ann Arbor, span bay, geldings 5 years old; W. V. Wykoff, Superior, span black mares, 5 years old; N. B. Cole, Ann Arbor, span bay geldings, 6 years old. The premium was awarded to B. Green's team.

FARM HORSES. ENTRIES.—L. Kellogg, Pittsfield, span gray geldings 6 years old; J. Nowland, Scio, span sorrel geldings 10 years old; W. V. Wikoff, Superior, span black mares 5 years old; J. Clark, Lodi, span bay geldings 8 years old; Smith Hall, Saline, span gray geldings 4 years old; R. Mills, Saline, span bay geldings 4 years old. Premium to Smith Hall.

PACING MATCH.—The following entries were made: Nottawa Chief, by P. Cornell, of Coldwater; "Peter Berdan," by Alfred Miller, of Saline; Wessel, by John Richards, of Dixboro. The match came off at 2 o'clock P. M., Nottawa Chief winning the first heat in 3:07. On the second heat he made his own terms with the track, winning the first and the \$200 purse in 2:40, leaving his competitors to make the home stretch at their leisure.

STALLIONS FOR GENERAL USE.—B. Green, Ann Arbor, grey 6 years old; Chas. Ellis, Lyons, bay, 2 years old; F. H. Kennedy, Webster, chestnut, 5 years old; J. Kyle, York, dark bay, 11 years old. First premium to B. Green; second to Chas. Ellis.

SINGLE CARRIAGE HORSES.—W. R. Clark, Saline, cream gelding 8 years old; B. Green, Ann Arbor, chestnut gelding 6 years old; H. Krause, Lodi, gray gelding 9 years old; D. L. Uhl, Ypsilanti, bay mare; John Dale, Ann Arbor, black gelding 5 years old; G. W. Effer, Ann Arbor, chestnut mare 7 years old; J. Rome, Ann Arbor, bay gelding 7 years old; J. C. Batchelder, Ann Arbor, black gelding 4 years old; Ed Ryan, Ann Arbor, black mare 6 years old; P. Cornell, Coldwater, chestnut mare 8 years old. Premium to B. Green.

FOUR YEAR OLDS.—P. H. Wheeler, Ann Arbor, bay mare; John Green, Lodi, bay gelding; O. M. Warner, Pittsfield, sorrel gelding; C. Foster, Hudson, Lenawee county, black gelding; T. F. Leonard, Ann Arbor, brown gelding. Premium to T. F. Leonard.

THREE YEAR OLDS.—Samuel Parks, Dexter, brown gelding; C. Foster, Hudson, Lenawee county, gray gelding; D. DeForest, Ann Arbor, bay gelding; same party, a brown gelding; T. H. Karney, Webster, bay mare. Premium to Samuel Parks.

TWO YEAR OLDS.—W. A. Benedict, Ann Arbor, received the premium in this class.

YEARLINGS.—A. Norton, Ann Arbor, mare colt; Sidney Benham, Ann Arbor, bay gelding; T. H. Karney, Webster, bay stallion. Premium to A. Norton.

THE SHEEPS OF THE IOWA STATE Prison were destroyed by fire on Monday evening last. Loss from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Gov. Johnson of Tennessee requires persons who avow secessionist sentiments within his jurisdiction to take the oath of allegiance to the government and to give bonds for its faithful observance; failing in which they are to be transported into Seecia proper, and forbidden to come back under penalty of being treated as spies.

THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE adjourned sine die on Tuesday, having repealed the Personal Liberty Laws.

MRS. GEN. LEE and her two daughters have been released from duress and sent within the rebel lines. Great pains were taken to prevent them carrying any news that might benefit the rebels.

THE SCENE OF OUR MILITARY OPERATIONS. Every step trod by the Union army since leaving Yorktown, has been on classic ground. Williamsburg, the seat of William and Mary College, was the capital of the colony of Virginia, and until the adoption of the constitution in 1789, the capital of the independent State. Winchester, further up the country, was, in the early part of the last century, the seat of an old English huntsman, whose horses and hounds ranged all along the country, followed by the Virginia aristocracy, and oftentimes by the youthful Washington.

LOSS AT PORT REPUBLIC. The following is a list of killed and wounded at the battle of Port Republic, so far as ascertained: Seventh Indiana; 300 struck—Killed, nine; wounded 123; missing, 74.

OPINION OF A BRITISH OFFICER.—Captain Bowman—Captain of a detachment of British engineers stationed at Halifax—visited Yorktown a week after the evacuation. He is entirely convinced that the entire works of the enemy and our own. He expressed himself as astonished at the magnitude of our works, and the skill displayed in military roads, bridges, parallels and batteries. He also expressed his surprise at the number of our batteries and the size of our guns. In estimating the weight of metal which our guns could have thrown into the enemy's works at every discharge, he placed it at one million six hundred and thirty thousand pounds. He is entirely convinced that the entire works of the enemy and our own. He expressed himself as astonished at the magnitude of our works, and the skill displayed in military roads, bridges, parallels and batteries.

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