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Sunday Jan 19th, 1862

We heard this morning of the arrest of a secessionist. He had been taken up before the house of Mr. Viley of this city for carrying the southern mail. Last Night an officer of Mundy's regiment with a squad of not more than six men went to the house of Mrs. Morgan, a secessionist and informed her that the man was in her house and must be given up immediately. Mrs. Morgan came out with her daughter and protested that she knew nothing about the man that he was not in her house. The officer dispatched a man for reinforcement in order to search the house and stationed his men so as to guard the premises as well as possible. He called a negro who was standing by and placed him to watch on part. The man had jumped out into the negro's very arms not having seen him perhaps and was secured and taken out to camp.

Tuesday August 19th

The city council has issued a resolution that all able bodied citizens shall attached themselves to some company and drill every evening at 4 o'clock at which time all shops shall be closed and Warner issued an order to enforce the resolution and that all disloyal citizens should not be permitted on the streets after 4 PM.

Thursday Sept 18th

About 2AM the rebels took possession of the depot & government storerooms at the edge of town but found no rolling stock. Next day Kirby Smith's command entered the city. Very little demonstration was made over them. Morgan's command came in about 11AM Thursday Sept 4th. A nasty dirty looking set they were. My brother who came in that day hearing that they were going to draft (as recruits didn't come fast enough) rode straight home and started on foot to join the Union forces (as did also a good many young men) we heard from him several days after that he was at Louisville. The secessh forced the union men to open their stores or broke into them especially clothing boot and grocery stores sometimes paying in script and sometimes not paying at all. We kept our house shut and locked from the day Morgan came in. My father was arrested three times, the first time they either wanted him to take an oath to the confederacy or leave the state, they ended up agreeing to let him stay as long as there were some of our soldiers in the hospital, the second time they confined him to our house and the hospital only, the last time they let him go as they could not find the officer who ordered the arrest.

Wednesday Oct 1st

About 11am a salute of 17 guns was fired to honor so they said the arrival of Gen Bragg. He didn't bring his army with him. They say his men are half naked and would have to be clothed before they could enter the city. One of their men was shot today from some house on Water St. by whom could not be ascertained.

Thursday Oct 2nd

Bragg issued a proclamation giving the Kentuckians 4 or 5 days to rally to his standard and said that after that if he didn't have enough recruits the Conscription law should be enforced.

Sunday Oct 5th

The rebels begin to move. They say our men have Frankfort and the rebels are going to make a stand at Lawrenceburg. The secessh are packing up as hard as they can. Good many of the rebel citizens too, getting ready to skedaddle. The secessh are taking up negroes tonight and putting them in jail, to be ready to take with them tomorrow when they leave.

Monday Oct 13th

The secessh are driving their sick out of the hospitals today telling them to "make their way to Knoxville a the best way they can".

Saturday Oct 18th

Morgan's guerrillas attack the 4th Ohio Cavalry encamped at James Clay's. Our boys were pushed back to the courthouse, and were forced to give up. The Seecessh ladies are in high glee but the gentlemen don't seem to be much more delighted to see Morgan than the Union people. The rebels didn't stay long. They were all gone by 4 1/2 PM. We also heard that when the rebels passed along Broadway they were fired upon from the houses.

Friday Nov 14th

There was a large flag suspended over the street by headquarters this morning. This street is now called "Union Row" by those living on it, for there are no secessh living on it from headquarters to the corner next to the big college lot.

Monday Dec 22nd

On account of some rumor about John Morgan that he was expected to come or send someone of his spies here. Gen Granger surrounded the city with a perfect "cordon" of pickets not only guarding the roads but every lot or dwelling at the edge of town where it was possible for anyone to enter.