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Thursday Jan 1 1863

A battery or part of one was brought into the college lot last night. "We heard that when the rebels were here before you had no cannon and so couldn't help yourselves"

Tuesday Jan 6

About 300 more sick are expected here and it has been decided to take medical hall. New floors will have to be made for the present ones are fitted only for lectures or school rooms.

Monday Feb 9th

The local news is that the rebels think Kentucky in a fair way for joining the Confederacy and have sent John C. Breckinridge to assist in taking her out of the Union.

Monday Feb 23rd

The town is full of refugees from Richmond and a good many persons have left for Cincinnati and other places of greater safety but not so many as went the last time Richmond was taken. The rebels are at Winchester and Nicholasville and it is thought they will try to get to Midway and Paris and cut the railroads. John Morgan is to be at Athens.

Thursday Feb 26th

Reported fighting at the river. The hospitals have turned out about 200 convalescents to aid in the defense of the city if necessary.

Friday Feb 27th

A good many people came in from Winchester, they were running from the rebels whom they feared were coming back to Winchester.

Monday March 2nd

About 27 prisoners brought in last night dressed in our uniforms. That is the way the rebels are able to find out so much about our movements; dressed in our uniforms they can easily slip into a place like this or even pass the very sentinels or mix among our soldiers with out being suspected and learn all they want to know.

Thursday March 26

The rebel force that invaded the southern portion of the state about a week ago are said to have been about 3000 men under Col Wm C.P. Breckinridge who issued a proclamation at Somerset calling upon all "good Citizens" to join his standard. All who did not do so within four days to be conscripted. The Counties of Fayette, Clarke, Bourbon, Woodford, Jessamine, and part of Franklin are placed under martial law and authorized to collect together as many negroes as may be wanted to work on the entrenchments, etc. by general order No. 2 of Gen O.A. Gilmore.

Tuesday April 7th

The notorious rebel "emissary" Miss Moon was captured the other day starting from Cincinnati and a large number of letters, papers, and bottles of quinine and morphine found on her. She has made several trips south for the secesh here.

Saturday April 18

The rebels burnt the jail at Booneville in Owsley county and fired the Courthouse, but the latter was saved by the citizens.

Thursday April 30th

This is the day set apart by the President as a Fast day. Stores were closed and services held at nearly all the churches.

Tuesday May 19th

A post is to be established at Hickman Bridge. Fortifications and a hospital erected there. I suppose the authorities have found it is no use to try to fortify Lexington. It would require much too large a force to hold fortifications around here.

Thursday May 21st

All the secesh ladies here who have husbands in the rebel army are ordered to leave within thirty days. They are not allowed to take over \$1000 in money with them.

Friday May 22

Between 12AM and 1 PM today Hospital no. 6 (the Medical Hall) was discovered to be on fire and shortly after the roof was on sheet of flame. The engines were well served and officers and men worked with a will. The sick were all got out safe and the greater part of the clothing, bedding, furniture, etc. was saved but notwithstanding all the efforts made the fire spread with such rapidity that it was impossible to stop its progress. In one hour's time what has been Medical Hall was only a mass of blackened ruins.

among which the fire continued to burn in places until night.

Thursday June 4th

Quite a movement of troops going on in this part of the state. The Cincinnati cars are in the employ of the military today and there is quite a stir among the troops here.

Saturday June 13th

Heard this evening that the rebels had made a raid on Mt. Sterling.

Monday June 15th

A report today that Maysville had been sacked by a body of rebels.

Monday July 6th

The city was thrown into a state of excitement this morning by the news that rebels 5000 or 6000 strong were at Lawrenceburg. They knew a week ago that the rebels might come here and had telegraphed to Cincinnati for troops but could get no answer. All the troops here had been sent out to Fort Clay ready to repel an attack.

Friday June 10th

With the two boats he had seized on the night of the 7th, Morgan crossed the Ohio at Brandenburg Ky with a force of 6000.

Tuesday July 28th

Another scare, the rebels at Richmond this morning; were fighting there at 8 AM with Col Saunders force which is said to be 300. The rebels have 1500. Col Saunders was forced to retreat.

Friday July 31st

There is a law setting forth that any person who has served the Confederacy or the Provisional Government of Ky, in either civil or military capacity, or given voluntary aid and assistance to those in arms against the forces of the United States, or the State of Kentucky since the 10th of April 1862 cannot exercise the right of voting, and is deemed to have expatriated himself, which law is being published in the papers by Gen (Governor) Robinson's direction.

Saturday August 1st

Gen Burnside has declared the state under martial law in consideration of the avowed intention of the rebel forces in the state to interfere with the election.

Monday August 31st

It is reported that our dishonorable and much to be ashamed of relative, the rebel Gen Floyd is dead.

Wednesday Sept 2nd

Fuel still continues very scarce, wood is used almost entirely, very little coal to be had for any price, either because there are not enough men at the mines to work or because transports are not to be had, to bring it. If this state of things continues into the winter there will be a great deal of suffering here.

Sunday Sept 20th

2500 rebels under Gen Frazer captured at the Gap by Gen Burnside.

Saturday October 10

All the unmarried free negro men between the ages of 16 and 50 as well as those having slave women for wives are to be impressed to work on the military railroads in Ky by an order of Gen Boyle.

Saturday Oct 17

Gov Bramlette has issued an order saying that if at least one company be not raised in every county of Ky before the 14th for the purpose of putting down guerrillas he will enforce a draft.

Monday Oct 19th

There has been an unusual degree of housebreaking and stealing going on lately.

Saturday Nov 28th

The news arrived this evening that John Morgan and six other had made their escape from the Penitentiary. \$1000 reward has been offered for Morgan.

Friday Dec 4th

There was a great sensation story in town this morning. The news came last night that the rebels or rather guerrillas who had been at Mt. Sterling and burnt the Court House there and stolen some horse, were coming this way. The military however could find no traces of the rebs, nor meet any one that would tell of their whereabouts, and the number of guerrillas dwindled down gradually until from 5000 it got to 200, which was the most probable number.

Saturday Dec 19

The Draft in Ky has been stopped; it is doubted now whether we will have any at all, as some mistakes have been made in reckoning up Kentucky's quota, and it is thought probable it is not so large that we can't fill it by volunteering.

Wednesday Dec 23rd

A rumor is prevalent in town today that Longstreet is coming through the Gap. We thought the secesh had some news on hand from the way they were flocking to Mrs. Morgan's today and yesterday evening and collecting in groups on street corner.