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Jim,

As promised, enclosed is a copy of the flag story I recently told you about. It is from the Jan. 28, 1863 issue of the *Steubenville* [Ohio] *Weekly Herald*.

Regarding the story's mention of Lt. Col. John Kell, 2nd Ohio Infantry, who was KIA at Stones River, there is a nice wartime carte de visite of Kell at the McCook House Museum / Carroll County Historical Society in Carrollton, Ohio.

A few days ago I received from Paul Gibson (Blountville, Tenn.) a very good laser copy of the Jan. 2, 1863 "Extra" edition of the Murfreesboro *Daily Rebel Banner*. As far as I know, the original is still available for sale from Paul.

By the time you receive this I will be in Chicago, with plans to view several letter collections at the Newberry Library. I'm hoping two of them contain Stones River material. Then it's off to Madison and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, where there is a wealth of 24th Wisconsin / Stones River accounts. These research stops will be on my way to visit family near Sheboygan, Wis., for Christmas. I only hope the weather cooperates while travelling.

Happy holidays,

Rick Baumgartner

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MATTERS.

y, January 21.

he 98th Regiment:—
oe, has been promoted
f the 98th, *Vice* Poor-
he office of Colonel —
takes Pearce's place
t. James B. Jewett, to

:—Capt. Jno. Brown,
n dismissed from the
, without leave. He is
Jefferson, that county.
, died at Cadiz, Sun-
g illness....Thomas
ier of company A,
. V. I., died at Mar-
e 29th ult., of typhoid
t. William P. Saun-
(formerly of Steuben-
ner from the *Sentinel*,
ice, very seriously in-
g off of the team at-
n which he was riding,
after Morgan. He
precipice of some fifty
eft arm, besides bruis-
ide. Lieut Saunders
r's Hospital at Louis-
d home as soon as he
Oliver Carman died
the effects of disease,
hree months' service.
rom Harrison county,
ree men, lost in the
boro, killed—Joseph
Bell. Five wounded
t. Fox had his leg
since died. Of the
ealy severely, the an-
oseph Ferrell wound-
rely; Edward Horner
er; O. T. Jenkins in
A, McElvaine slight-
The missing are—J.
tin, D. Graybill, R.
W. H. Host, C. Les

upon the battle-field, for your, as well as their country.

Trophies:—We were shown this morning, by Dr. McCook, a flag taken from the Rebels at the battle of Murfreesboro.—The flag is suspended on a short wooden staff, painted black—a very indifferent piece of mechanism. The flag is coarse bunting—white and blue. A cross appears in its centre. Upon the upper edge of the flag is worked, in large and very indifferently formed characters, "30TH ARKANSAS REGIMENT,—FARMINGTON, KENTUCKY." On the lower part of the flag, in the same bungling style, appear the words "RICHMOND, KENTUCKY." At Farmington, this regiment is said to have distinguished itself in an attack upon the forces under Gen. Pope—hence the first inscription: and was, also, among the regiments that outnumbered and surprised our raw troops at Richmond, Ky., under Nelson's command. The flag was taken by the brave Second Ohio, (Col. Kell, formerly of Steubenville,)—in the contest for which the struggle must have been desperate, as the flag is pierced with bullets, and stained with human blood. The flag (which looks like a relic of barbarism) was advanced in front of the 30th Arkansas three times,—and the regiment fought up to it as often—but lost it finally in the last advance. The other flag, made out of muslin, had not been long in use, as the colors are still bright. On one side of it is the instription, "8d GEORGIA REGIMENT—DEFENDERS OF OUR HOMES." On the other appear the words "LADIES' PROTECTORS," from which we are led to infer that the 3d Georgia Cavalry was composed of *gal*-lant boys, as the regiment appeared to have the ladies in its special keeping. This flag, the 2d Indiana Cavalry, (Colonel Ed. McCook) captured in a gallant charge, on the 31st ult.,—which, with the flag of the 30th Arkansas, can be seen for a few days in the window of Sarratt's Jewelry Store, Market street.

Monday, January 26.

The Erie Canal has been through November, Decemt of January. A man in Der county, N. Y., made maple 7th of January. In Englan er of November and Decemt more like Spring than Wint says:

There has not been frost mud, and overcoats are a bur upon the coast indicate a wi as if the Gulf Stream had course a little, and was givir Islands an unusual supply waters.

The Bulls Have It:—T goes up in New York should to all prudent men. The s for the *Tribune* notes on follows:

New buyers appear in am to take everything offered, an steadily advances. The office mission brokers are crowd speculative public, and we ha heard expressions of disgust with which money is made day. Some of the most fort tors have an absolute surfei

On that day we notice C Columbus stock went up to land and Pittsburgh 74, ar and Toledo 95.

Sold Out:—We regret to the Parkersburg *Gazette*, p cently, by James E. Wharto out a few days ago by the debt. There is no paper i Parkersburg at present. Br is an able editor, but when should have a guardian appo after his pecuniary affairs.

Took up His Bed and W Cleveland *Herald*, tells a story, of a sickly-looking i the name of Hiram Lewis, a the City Hotel, that city, S last. On getting up on Mon he remembered the scriptur to the sick man to "Take up