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# LOCAL MATTERS.

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FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1865.

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## BLUE AND GRAY.

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*List of the Union and Confederate Soldiers Buried at Forest Hill—Where they Died—History of the Capture of the Confederates—Governors Fairchild and Washburn and Mrs. L. M. Waterman's Attentions to the 'Boys in Gray'—Lec-  
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SOLDIERS' REST.

## THE GRAY.

### CONFEDERATE-REST.

In an unenclosed, but very neatly kept plat of ground, near the eastern fence of Forest-hill cemetery, less than two miles southwest of this city, is located Confederate Rest, where the bodies of nearly 150 Confederate soldiers lie buried. They are the only soldiers who fought in behalf of the lost cause, whose remains rest in Wisconsin, and it seems fitting that a historical record be made of the circumstance, and the names of the unfortunates be published.

### ISLAND NUMBER TEN.

When the Confederates, who held Columbus, Ky., evacuated that place, in the spring of 1862, they proceeded a short distance down the Mississippi river and took possession of Island Number Ten, which was thoroughly fortified and placed in condition to withstand a siege. Gen. Pope had command of the union land forces in the vicinity, and, after capturing New Madrid, on the western shore of the river, he descended upon Island Number Ten, being assisted by a flotilla of gunboats under command of Commodore Foote. After vigorously bombarding the island for a period of twenty-three days, it was compelled to surrender, which it did upon the 7th of April, 1862. The whole garrison of 5,000 men was captured, and the river was thus opened as far south as Memphis. The prisoners were immediately transferred to St. Louis, and several hundred transported up the river by boat to Prairie du Chien, at which point they were placed upon cars and brought over the Prairie du Chien division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, to Camp Randall,—now the fair grounds of the Wisconsin State Agricultural society. At Camp Randall, the prisoners were held for exchange, and the survivors at the end of about three months were transferred to Camp Douglas, Chicago.

### THE HOSPITAL.

The building upon the highest point of the fair grounds, which is now known as fine-arts hall, was constructed just before the arrival of the prisoners, to be used for hospital purposes. A large portion of the prisoners reached Madison sick and wounded, and in the space of three months—April, May and June—nearly 150 died, as many as ten passing away in a single day. Malarial fever and a severe bowel affection were the chief causes of the great mortality. As fast as death ensued, the bodies of the victims were interred in the particular plat at Forest hill now known as Confederate rest.

### NEGLECTED AND FORSAKEN.

Here, for several years, the bodies rested, with scarcely a thought being bestowed upon them by any human being. No charitable hand removed the rank grass from the graves, nor were any stones or boards erected over them to indicate who slept beneath. In 1869, however, Mrs. Alice M. Waterman, a lady of great gentleness and refinement who resides in the city, took an interest in the neglected resting places of the misled boys in gray, and in a very unobtrusive manner began to care for them.

### MRS. WATERMAN.

This lady was born in Baton Rouge, La., but removed to New York when she was 9 years of age. Her father was a southern gentleman and the owner of

slaves; it is therefore not strange that his daughter should inherit a love for the south, its people and customs, nor yet that that love should linger through all the years of the war and since. The knowledge of the fact that many of her countrymen lay neglected and almost forgotten among strangers at the north, far removed from the homes of their youth and the loving care of those to whom they were near and dear, touched a tender spot in the heart of the lady, and she resolved to do what lay in her power to beautify the resting place of the strangers. She heaped up neat mounds over each grave, planted trees in the plat and an evergreen hedge along the east and south sides, cleared away the weeds, trimmed the grass, and had a rude board fence, which has since been removed, constructed around the plat. Then she secured head boards, had them appropriately inscribed with the names of the dead, their company and regiment, as well as the date of death.

#### GOVERNORS FAIRCHILD AND WASHBURN.

Her work was commenced during the time Gen. Lucius Fairchild was governor, and that gentleman displayed the charity of a true soldier for a fallen enemy, by doing various little acts of kindness tending to aid Mrs. Waterman in the work which her sympathetic nature inspired: Governor Washburn, who succeeded Governor Fairchild, went a step further than his predecessor in office, for upon a Memorial day when he was the state's chief executive, he led a party of old union soldiers into Confederate Rest, and with his own hands strewed floral offerings upon the graves of the boys in gray. This custom has been generally followed since it was established. Gov. Washburn was the first chief executive in any of the northern states to exhibit such charity, but his conduct has since been very generally emulated where union and confederate soldiers lie buried together. Hon. B.

J. Stevens, while acting as mayor of Madison last year, showed great kindness to Mrs. Waterman and offered to assist her in any manner he was able, while the cemetery commissioners,—General C. P. Chapman, Deming Fitch and Darwin Clark,—have of late years been very thoughtful in their attentions.

#### "MY BOYS."

Mrs. Waterman has an affectionate way of referring to the buried confederates, whose graves she guards so tenderly, as "My boys." She says she planted the hedges around the plat to "keep the cold wind off my boys," and it affords her pleasure to know that when the sun rises in the morning, it shines warmly in the faces of "my boys." She planted white lilacs amid the graves because they will blossom even if she is "not there to watch them," and her object in setting out two butternut trees was, as she puts it, so "that the children will go there to gather the nuts, and thus make the place more pleasant by their presence."

The subjoined is as complete a list of those who lie buried in Confederate Rest as can be obtained. There are five graves which are unmarked. Following is the list, together with the company and regiment and date of death, the year in every case being 1862:

Adams, T. C.—Co. K, 1st Ala. April 30.  
 Aoner, H. J.—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 7.  
 Albritton, Hen.—Co. B, 1st Ala. May 7.  
 Andrews, J. W.—Co. E, 1st Ala. June 11.  
 Barber, J. H.—Co. D, 1st Ala. April 23.  
 Bates, Ed.—Co. G, 1st Ala. April 21.  
 Bard, W. D.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 16.  
 Baykin, F.—Co. G, 1st Ala. May 12.  
 Braning, E.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 12.  
 Bridges, A. B.—Co. B, 11th Ark. May 27.  
 Brocken, W. B.—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 27.  
 Brook, Wm.—Co. G, 1st Ala. May 27.  
 Browden, Joel—Co. G, 1st Ala. May 30.  
 BATTERY, M. F.—Co. C, 55th Tenn. May 9.  
 Browden, Joanna—Co. G, 1st Ala. May 6.  
 Brandon, John—Co. H, 1st Ala. May 7.  
 Bird, D. D.—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 6.  
 Bracken, John—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 5.

Barber, S. M.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 22.  
 Beasley, J. H.—Co. G, 1st Ala. May 24.  
 Benedict, David—Co. E, 1st Ala. June 12.  
 Codrick, J. F.—Co. H, 1st Ala. May 27.  
 Coon, Samuel—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 1.  
 Casciabury, R. S.—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 29.  
 Cooker, Thos.—Co. F, 1st Ala. June 3.  
 Clifton, R. W.—Co. G, 1st Ala. June 13.  
 Caul, J. M.—Co. G, 1st Ala. May 11.  
 Crew, Isham.—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 26.  
 Drinkhard, W. A.—Co. B, A. S. M. May 9.  
 Davis, T.—Co. I, 55th Tenn. April 30.  
 Dumson, T.—Co. I, A. S. M. May 9.  
 Dameron, J. G.—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 6.  
 Davidson, Geo.—Co. D, 12th La. May 3.  
 Demmins, T. T.—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 10.  
 Drinkhard, P. L.—Co. B, 1st Ala. May 23.  
 Duffin, John—Co. D, 1st Tenn. June 12.  
 De Puepter, Samuel—Co. G, 1st Ala. June 19.  
 Edwards, J. M.—Co. E, 1st Ala. May 16.  
 Esry, Thos.—Co. H, 1st Ala. May 13.  
 Earned, W. T.—Co. E, 1st Ala. May 23.  
 Eddings, Joseph—Capt 12th La. June 17.  
 French, M.—Co. E Heav. Art. April 2.  
 Faulks, H.—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 16.  
 Fulton, T. D.—Co. G, 1st Ala. May 10.  
 Farmer, J. J.—Co. O, 1st A. S. M. July 3.  
 Galloway, Leo—Co. E, 1st Ala. May 16.  
 Gilmore, J. J.—Co. P, 1st Ala. May 13.  
 Green, Wm.—Co. H, 1st Ala. June 4.  
 Grant, John—Co. C, 4th Tenn. June 17.  
 Gillis, Abel—Co. C, 12th La. May 9.  
 Grantham, M.—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 5.  
 Gisson, Henry—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 2.  
 Gordon, J. B.—Co. H, 55th Tenn. May 28.  
 Gilman, J. W.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 25.  
 Hutson, C. M.—Co. C, 11th Ark. April 24.  
 Ham, Wm.—Co. F, 1st Ala. April 29.  
 Hollister, N.—Co. K, 1st Ala. April 30.  
 Hood, F. N.—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 1.  
 Hillingworth, C. A.—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 12.  
 Holt, John R.—Co. I, 40th Tenn. May 24.  
 Henry, J. E.—Co. K, 1st Ala. May 30.  
 Harrow, B. F.—Co. H, 1st Ala. June 12.  
 Hullburn, J. C.—Co. K, 13th La. May 6.  
 Hadden, W.—Co. B, 1st Ala. May 24.  
 Insler, Ham.—Co. D, 1st Ala. April 2.  
 Ingraham, W. M.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 16.  
 Jarmegan, J. P.—Co. F, 1st Ala. May 29.  
 Jones, J. H.—Co. H, 1st Ala. May 3.  
 Kelly, Richard—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 1.  
 Ketbe, L.—Co. C, 1st Ala. June 11.  
 Kanwater, Thos.—Co. H, 1st Ala. May 3.  
 Lodowick, Joel—Co. D, 1st Ala. April 28.  
 La ron, Geo.—Co. E, 1st Ala. April 2.  
 Lockridge, I. H.—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 1.  
 Lucham, Thos.—Co. G, 1st Ala. May 4.

Loyd, Henry—Co. I, 1st Ala. June 12.  
 Marquis, G. S.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 10.  
 Matthews, W. C.—Co. E, 1st Ala. April 28.  
 Mansell, B. F.—Co. G, 1st Ala. May 14.  
 Menchem, F. C.—Co. H, 1st Ala. May 29.  
 Manerick, J. A.—Co. K, 1st Ala. June 7.  
 McKibben, Davis—Co. F, 1st Ala. June 11.  
 Moore, W.—Co. H, 1st Ala. May 27.  
 Mum, Thos.—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 6.  
 Morrison, J. T.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 5.  
 Mender, Harry—Co. F, 1st Ala. May 3.  
 Mays, J. M.—Co. K, 40th Tenn. May 19.  
 Settler, Chas.—1st Ala. May 21.  
 Oliver, S. T.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 14.  
 Odonor, James—Co. C, Walker's reg't. May 12.  
 Oatine, Thos.—Co. E, 1st Ala. May 28.  
 Pipkins, W. M.—Co. D, 1st Ala. April 30.  
 Parker, D. D.—Co. D, 55th Tenn. May 13.  
 Pencock, Bennger—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 24.  
 Pencock, W. L.—Co. D, 1st Ala. June 25.  
 Rivers, David—Co. C, 1st Ala. April 21.  
 Reardon, N. T.—Co. I, 1st Ala. April 30.  
 Register, Pierce—Co. E, 1st Ala. May 16.  
 Riley, Robert—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 14.  
 Reynolds, W. T.—Co. H, 55th Tenn. May 13.  
 Russell, W. J.—Co. F, 1st Ala. May 12.

Ross, J. H.—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 22.  
 Stoenly, E. C.—Co. C, 1st Ala. April 2.  
 Settery, W.—Co. C, 49th Tenn. April 30.  
 Smith, J. F.—Co. E, 1st Ala. May 16.  
 Stoyner, J. V.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 16.  
 Strickland, J. H.—Co. F, 1st Ala. May 16.  
 Stripper, A. J.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 14.  
 Spears, A. F.—Co. B, 1st Ala. May 13.  
 Sanders, W. J.—Co. H, 40th Tenn. May 10.  
 Syers, J. B.—Co. F, 40th Tenn. May 10.  
 Smith, F. D.—Co. G, 1st Ala. June 2.  
 Spears, G. W.—Co. B, 1st Ala. May 19.  
 Smart, N.—Co. C, 1st Ala. May 19.  
 Smith, Edward—Co. E, 1st Ala. May 19.  
 Scott, D. M.—Co. F, 1st Ala. May 30.  
 Smith, William—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 23.  
 Sager, S. J.—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 23.  
 Tucker, T. T.—Co. G, 40th Tenn. May 13.  
 Taylor, Isaac—Co. H, 1st Ala. May 5.  
 Tawers, J. H.—Co. G, 1st Ala. May 19.  
 Taylor, Robt.—Co. D, 1st Ala. May 21.  
 Tucker, G. E.—Co. G, 40th Tenn. May 26.  
 Upry, J. B.—Co. I, 1st Ala. June 12.  
 Withomer, James—Co. C, 55th Tenn. April 30.  
 Wicks, N. J.—Co. C, 1st Ala. April 30.  
 Wilke, John—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 1.  
 Warren, J. C.—Co. G, 55th Tenn. May 7.  
 White, J. R. H.—Co. I, 1st Ala. May 3.  
 Wylie, J. M.—Co. H, 1st Ala. May 5.  
 Willis, Samuel—Co. H, 1st Ala. May 24.  
 [No Name]—Co. C, 55th Tenn. April 30.  
 [No Name]—Co. D, 1st Ala. April 30.  
 [No Name]—Co. B, 1st Ala. April 2.  
 Unmarked graves, 5.