

FROM HAWPE'S REGIMENT.

CAMP OSAGE, Benton County, Ark.,

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EDITORIAL HERALD:—Agreeable to promise, I send you a few items of news, such as I have been able to gather. Heretofore, we have never been at a point where we could get any news of importance. The health of our Regiment is much better now than heretofore—there were 88 reported sick this morning, though none of a fatal character. There are no Federals in this immediate vicinity, at present. Occasionally we are visited by their scouts, trying to pry into affairs here. The nearest Federals, of any force, to us, are at Springfield, which are composed almost entirely of Missouri State Militia, numbering at most, not over 5000 men. There is a constant bushwhacking warfare going on in Missouri. Since the passage of an act by the Federal Government, for raising 300,000 men by drafting, scores of Missourians are pouring in every day from that State, they now being compelled to take sides one way or the other. Col. Cockrell and Col. Coffé, (both Missourians) struck into that State a short time ago, with a mere handful of men, and soon had a very formidable force at their command. They met and defeated a large force of Federals, under Major Foster, on the 16th, at Lone Jack, in Jackson County, Missouri, killing 104 and wounding a large number. They also captured two fine pieces rilled 12 pounders from the enemy. Our loss was 35 killed and about 70 wounded. The enemy were reinforced with a large force and compelled our forces to fall back to Bentonville, in this State. Col. Cockrell brought his captured guns, with 300 rounds of shell, with him. There will be active steps taken in this direction soon. Gen. Hindman arrived at Post Smith, 75 miles south of us, on Saturday last, on his way, it is said, to take command of this portion of the army. I hope it is so, as all we require is a leader to carry us into Missouri. The way is open to lend that State a helping hand, and I do think we ought to avail ourselves of it as early as possible. Gen. Raines is at Fayetteville, on his way up here, and it is also asserted, that Gen. Cooper is ordered up with his command. Col. Shelby arrived with 1,000 Missourians yesterday. They are coming in every day. We are ordered to Maysville, tomorrow morning, about 20 miles from here. More anon. C. H. F.