

From "C." to "Col."

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St[.] Joseph Mo[.]

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Dr. Col.

Speed W.C. has just returned from Lexington. the Federal forces surrendered at 2 oclock on Friday last, loss not known but as the fire had been kept up since Wednesday morning with out ceasing day and night by General Price it is bound to be pretty heavy -- he says he left at 10 oclock friday and the confederate loss to the time he left did not exceed 10 men killed.

the boys that left this upper country had a brush with the Iowa 3d, at Liberty landing laid in ambush untill they drewed the Iowa boys where they wanted them and let fire on them[,] killing sixty dead on the ground and wounding at least 100. General Wilson says they brot 20 wagon loads of wounded into [Cameron?] on Friday. The Confederate Forces fought under Boyd Saunders & Patton. their loss was one killed and nine wounded. four of the wounded has since died[.] the ballance will get well. got their arms and cannon carriage. Hardin [Dysants?] oldest Son was wounded. Young [Well's?] was killed. nearly all the wounded was caused by cannon balls. the ballance all got across the river without further interuption. the Clay county boys say that the stampede into Liberty reminded them of Bulls Run. all well[.]

Yours

C[.]

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[P.S.] Later,

an express has just arrived[.] confirms surrender of Lexington. Confederate loss 130 killed and wounded. Federal loss 400. killed & wounded. that Price swore the men not take up arms against the confederate states and held the officers all prisoners. he got 6 cannon and 45 hundred guns but Little ammunition, besides other valuables.

our country has been robed by both parties[.] our loss is 2000\$. up to date, do not know how soon it may be larger. Nearly evry body that is worth any thing has been robed more or less, no matter what their politics are.

Nobody has been killed yet but no telling how soon it will commence[.] the feeling is verry bitter all through the platte purchase.

C[.]