

fused forces already there gallantly struggles to organize a line and make a new stand but without success. Our forces recross the Neck and occupy Ploughed Hill, now Mount Benedict, at its head, but there is no disposition on the part of the British to pursue, for the terrible slaughter too well attests the price at which the nominal victory has been obtained.

The loss of the British, according to General Gage's account, was in killed and wounded, one thousand and fifty four, and it was generally believed that this was understated by him. There was inducement enough to do this, for so disastrous was his despatch felt to be that the government hesitated to give it to the public until forced to do so by the taunts of those who had opposed the war and the method by which it had been provoked.

Sir William Howe seemed to have borne that day a charmed life, for while ten officers of his staff were among the killed and wounded, he had escaped substantially uninjured. His white silk stockings dragged with the crimson stain of the grass, wet with the blood of his men, attested that he had kept the promise made to them on the beach, that he should ask no man to go further than he was prepared to lead.

On the American side the loss as reported by the Committee of Safety was in killed and wounded four hundred and forty nine, by far the larger part of these casualties occurring in the capture of the redoubt, and after the retreat commenced. Prescott, who in the hours that had passed since he left Cambridge had done for the independence of his country work that the greatest might well be satisfied with doing in a lifetime, was unhurt, but as the retreat commenced had fallen Warren, than whom no man in America could have been more deeply deplored.

The orator followed his description with a masterly sketch of the consequences of the battle of Bunker Hill, and of the final success of republicanism in America, and closed with the following peroration:

"We are gratified today by the presence of citizens of Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, as well as of other States of the South. Their fathers were ancient friends of Massachusetts; it was the inspiration they gave which strengthened the hearts and nerved the arm of every man of New England. In every proper and large sense the soil upon which their sons stand is theirs as well as ours, and wherever there may have been estrangement, here, at least, we have met upon common ground. They unite with us in recognition of the great principles of civil and religious liberty; and in pious memory of those who vindicated them, they join with us in the wish to make of this regenerated Union a power grander and more august than its founders dared to hope.

"Standing always in generous remembrance of every section of the Union, neither now nor hereafter will we distinguish between States or sections in our anxiety for the glory and happiness of all. Today upon the verge of the centuries as together we look back upon that which is gone in deep and heartfelt gratitude for the prosperity so largely enjoyed by us, so together will we look forward serenely and with confidence to that which is advancing. Together will we utter our solemn aspirations, in the spirit of the motto of the city which now encloses within its limits the battle field and the town for which it was fought, 'As God' was to our fathers so may He be to us.'"

Altogether, General Devens may be congratulated on having made a magnificent oration, by no means unworthy to follow

those of the great masters who preceded him and whom he has had the daring to follow.

The National Guard.

THE NEVADA BADGE.—In accordance with the terms of the Nevada Badge Match, as published in the *Army and Navy Journal* and in G. O. No. 20, A. G. O., S. N. Y., series of 1875, and on behalf of the National Guard of Virginia City, Nevada, I hereby announce that Company A, Forty-eighth Infantry, National Guard State of New York, having complied with all the conditions of the match, and made the highest score therein, on the 28th of October, 1875, at Oswego, is the Winner of the Nevada Badge for the years 1875-6, the same to be held, in accordance with the conditions of the match, till October 28, 1876. Thereafter the badge is to be subject to the result of challenge from any company or companies of the National Guard, S. N. Y., as expressed in the conditions of the first match, the second match to take place on or after October 28, 1876, strictly under the rules of the National Rifle Association and the terms of G. O. No. 20, A. G. O., S. N. Y., July 3, 1875. The score of the winning company, with the accompanying certificates, are appended hereto.

On behalf of the National Guard of Virginia, Nevada,

Wm. C. Church.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF RIFLE PRACTICE by Company A, Forty-eighth regiment, Twenty-fourth Brigade, Sixth Division, N. G. S. N. Y., at Oswego, on Oct., 28, 1875.

Name and rank.	Yards.	Scores.	Total.
H. H. Herron, 1st Lt.	200.	03300	6
	500.	00000	0-6
T. W. Goodsell, 2nd Lt.	200.	34443	18
	500.	40044	12-30
S. S. Barton, Sergt.	200.	4444	20
	500.	44553	21-41
J. C. Harding, Sergt.	200.	42204	12
	500.	55500	15-27
L. L. Barnes, Sergt.	200.	44344	19
	500.	43435	19-30
Chas. Fingerhut, Corpl.	200.	44555	23
	500.	54445	22-45
L. Dale, Corpl.	200.	44445	21
	500.	00302	5-26
R. T. O'Neil, Corpl.	200.	34034	14
	500.	00000	0-14
A. Kimer, Corpl.	200.	44434	19
	500.	23334	15-34
J. E. Slight, Corpl.	200.	55311	21
	500.	03344	14-35
C. A. Cleming, Corpl.	200.	03340	10
	500.	02000	2-12
L. Miller, Corpl.	200.	45355	22
	500.	45025	16-38
A. J. Hooker, Corpl.	200.	34444	19
	500.	22000	4-23
G. E. Schaffer, musician.	200.	35455	22
	500.	30024	9-31
J. Bennett, Pte.	200.	33444	18
	500.	45544	22-40
C. Cray, Pte.	200.	54455	23
	500.	42054	15-38
Wm. Chauncey, Pte.	200.	45434	20
	500.	34302	12-32
M. Caulfield, Pte.	200.	42430	13
	500.	00524	11-24
A. Cavalier, Pte.	200.	54544	22
	500.	53234	17-39
J. Donovan, Pte.	200.	00534	12
	500.	00400	4-16
A. Harness, Pte.	200.	45444	21
	500.	24304	13-34
Jas. Hughes, Pte.	200.	24444	18
	500.	05224	13-31
Samuel Leighton, Pte.	200.	43443	18
	500.	02000	2-20

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CERTIFICATE NO. 1.

I, Captain A. Curtis, I. R. P., Forty eighth regiment Infantry, N. G. S. N. Y., do hereby certify on honor that I personally attended and supervised the shooting of Company A, Forty eighth regiment Infantry, N. G. S. N. Y., in the Nevada Badge Match on the 28th of October, 1875, the scores of which are herewith annexed; that said scores are correct, the points recorded being made by the man opposite whose names they are entered, with separate rifles of State pattern, and State ammunition, both unaltered, and under rules of N. R. A., and that all such men are known to me by certificate of company commandant and company muster-roll, to have been duly enlisted members of Company A, Forty eighth regiment, aforesaid, on or before the 3rd day of July, 1875.

A. CURTIS,
Capt. and I. R. P. Forty eighth regiment,

CERTIFICATE NO. 2.

OSWEGO, November 6, 1875.

Captain A. Curtis, Inspector of Rifle Practice
Forty eighth regiment:

Sir: I hereby certify that the members of Company A, Forty eighth regiment, whose names are herewith annexed, were all duly and regularly enlisted before the 3rd day of July, 1875, and are now active members thereof.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,
H. H. HERRON,

First Lieutenant Commanding Company A.

CERTIFICATE NO. 3.

I hereby certify that the within score is correct.

EVANS HOOD,
Major and I. R. P. Twenty fourth Brigade.