The Aurora War Correspondent

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It has been reported that some portion of the Fourth of July celebrations in our city included a coterie of our gentlemen parading an effigy of Jefferson Davis through the streets, concluding with a hanging and a burning of the figure to the tune of the death march. While we may hesitate to applaud the means, we certainly can sympathize with the public sentiment against traitors to our government of Mr. Davis's ilk, and it has also reached our ears that some of those who participated would like to make this act a yearly observation during the celebration of our county's independence.

With the original three month's term of service ending for many of our earliest volunteers, several men have returned to the city including Captain S. E. Lawyer fresh from Cairo, and seeking new recruits to replace those who declined at committing themselves to the government's three-year term of service. Others of his soldiers are home for a fifteen day leave, and thirty or forty of them have expressed an interest in starting a new company. Captain Joslyn of Elgin is also back in his home city with twenty of his men. Most have re-enlisted, and the Captain is also seeking more recruits to fill his ranks.

Captain Gardner's Company, in conjunction with Colonel Wyman's Regiment, is currently in southwestern Missouri engaged in chasing former Missouri Governor Claiborne Jackson. After conducting secret negotiations with Confederate representatives leading to the Federal takeover of the State government at Jefferson City, Jackson is now out of office, and is being called "Governor in exile of the 12th Confederate state" according to his traitorous friends from the south.

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Claiborne Jackson
Former Governor of Missouri,
and Confederate sympathizer

Captain Washington Walker Gardner

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