A ight on the morning of the 19th immense body hurled back in utter dis-uiter, our cavalry pickets at the order before my two divisions, number-rested. Wharton's division maintained us of the Orequan on the Berry ing very little over 5,000 muskets. Ram- its organization on the left, and Ramseur al were driven in, and information's division had received the shoek of fell back in good order on the right .ately ordered all the troops at back a little, but soon recovered itself. brought from the right and was in posia noon's depot to be in readiness to Lomax, on the right, had held the ene- tion on Fort Hill just ontside of Windirection being given for Gordon, my's cavalry in check, and with a part of chester on the west. Just after the ad arrived from Bunker Hill, to his force had made a gallant charge vance of the enemy's infantry was at once, but, by some mistake on against a body of infantry, when Ramy checked by our artillery, it was reported part of my staff officer, the latter or- seur's line was being forced back, thus to me that the enemy had got around on sus not delivered to Gen. Breekin- aiding the latter in recovering from the our right flank, and as I knew this was or Gordon. I rode at once to Ram- momentary disorder. Fitz Lee on the perfectly practicable and was expecting and 's position, and found his troops in left, from across the Red Bud, had poured such "a movement from the cavalry on the across the Berryville road, skirmish a galling fire into the enemy's columns the Front Royal road, I gave the order in with this sharp shooters, and horse artitles to retire, but instantly discovering that is point, I had ascertained that Gordon ry, while Nelson's and Braxton's batter- the supposed force of the enemy was w is not moving, and sent back for him, lies had performed wonders. This affair Ramseurs' division, which had merely and now discovering that the enemy's ad- occurred about 11 A. M., and a splendid moved back to keep in line with the othvance was a real one and in heavy force, victory had been gained. The ground in er troops, I gave the order for the latter 1 west orders for Breckmridge and Rodes front was strewn with the enemy's dead to return to the works before they had in move up as rapidly as possible. The and wounded, and some prisoners had moved twenty paces. This order was possible by Ramseur was about been taken. But on our side Major Gen. ob yed by Wharton's division, but not me mile and a haif out from Winchester, Redes had been killed, in the very mo- so well by the others. The enemy's cavthan's Oreck and Red But Run. Abra- attack of his division with galfantry and us, and having the advantage of open num's Creek crosses the Valley Pike one skill and this was all a heavy blow to me ground, it again succeeded in getting in the South of Winchester, and then Brigadier Gen. Godwin of Ramsear's di- around our left, producing grint confutorses the Front Royal road about the vision had been killed, and Brigadier sion, for which there was no remedy .since distance Southeast of the town, and, rounning Eastwardly, on the Southern an arm. Other brave men and officers through Winchester, and Ramseurs' di-by the side of the Berryville road, crosses that had fallen, and we could illy bear the vision, which had maintained its organiread a short distance before it empties loss of any of them. Had I then had a zation, was moved on the east of the into the Opequan. Red Bud flun cross- body of fresh troops to push our victory, town to the south side of it, and put in es the Maritisburg road about a mile the day would have been ours, but in position, forming the bassis for a new and a half north of Winchester, and rous this action, in the early part of the day, 1 line, while the other troops moved back eastwardly, on the northern side of the had present about 7,000 muskers, about through the town. Wickham's brigade, Detryville rold, to the Opequan. Ram-seur was, therefore, in the obtuse angle formed by the Martinsburg and Front all been engaged. Whatton's division checked the pursuit of the enemy's cavjoyal roads. In front of and to the and King's artillery had not arrived, and alry. When the new line was formed, right of him, for some distance the coun- Imboden's cavalry under Col. Smith, and the enemy's advance was checked until try was open. Abraham's creck rons McCaustand's under Col. Ferguson, were night-fall, and we ihen retired to New through a deep valley, and beyond it, on watching the enemy's cavalry on the left, town without serious molestation. Lothe right, is high open ground, at the in- on the Martinsburg road and the Ope | max had hid the enemy's cavalry on the tersection of the Front R yal and M di-wood roads. To Ramseur's left the count had not been engaged, and there remain attempt at pursuit was repulsed Ram t ystoped off to the Red Bud, and there ed his heavy force of cavalry. Our lines seur near Kernstown. were now formed across from Abraham's of cover for froops. To the north of the Creek to Red Bud, and were very attens Red Bad, the country is very open, at- nated. The enemy was still to be seen trains, stores, and sick and wounded in fording facilities for the movement of any in front in formidable force, and a way to the hospitals, to Fisher's Hill, over the sind of troops. Towards the Orequan, our right, across Abraham's Creek, at the Cedar Run Creek Pike and the Back on the front the Berryville road runs junction of the Front Royal and Mil, Road. This was done with safety, and through a ravine with hills and woods on wood road, he had massed a division of each side, which enabled the enemy to | cavalry with some artillery, over lapping move his troops under cover, and mask us at least a mile, while the country was which had not been brought from the them out of range of artilery. Nelsou's open between this force and the Valley artiliery was posted on Rainseur's line, Pike, and the Cedar Cre & Pike back of covering the approaches as far as practi- the latter; which roads furnished my oncable; and Lonax, with Jackson's cave ly means of retreat in the event of disas-stry and part of Johnson's, was on the ter. My line did not reach the Front right, walcong the valley of Abraham's Royal read on the right, or the Martins- after having repulsed thesenemy's first creek and the Front Royal road beyond, burg road on the left. while Fitz Lee was on the left, across the . When the order was sent for the subsequently contested every inch of Red Bad, with his cavalry and a battery troops Breckinridge had moved to the ground with unsurpassed obstinacy. We of horse articlery, and a detachment of front, with Wharton's division and deserved the victory, and would have i densua's cavalry watched the interval King's artillery, to meet a cavaly force had it, but for the enemy's immense an between Ramseur's left and the Red which had driven our pickets from the periority in cavalry, which alone gave it Bad. These troops held the enemy's Opequan on the Charleston road, and to him. main force in check until Gordon's and that division had become heavily engag. Three pieces of King's art llery, from iloue's Divisions arrived from Stephen-son's depot. Cordon's division arrived first, a little his cavalry, while its own flanks were in his cavalry, while its own flanks were in

BATTLE OF WINCHESTER the new proved to be the 6th and 19th with the aid of artillery, which was corps, and it was a grand sight to see this brought back to this position, the pro-

stter lo o'clock A. M., and was placed great danger from the enemy's main he captured that number, two where lost under cover in rear of a piece of woods force on the right, and a column of his by the cavalry as d not reported to me. to used the interval between Ramsenr's cavalry moving up the Martinsburg road My loss in killed, wounded and prison hue and the Red Bad, the detachment of on the left. After much difficulty and ers, was severe for the size of my force, Jobuson's cavalry having been removed s me hard fighting, Gen. Breckinridge but it was only a fraction of that claim to the right. Knowing that it would not succeeded in extricating his force, and ed by the enemy. Oowing to its o edido for us to await the shock of the ene- moving up the Martinsburg road to join ence to orders in returning to the works, my's attack, Gordon was directed to ex- me, but he did not reach the field until the heavie t loss of prisoners was in amone the grounds on the left, with a about two o'clock in the afternoon. view to attacking a force of the enemy In the meantime there had been heavy were Major Gen. Rodes and Brigadier which had taken position in a piece of skirmishing along the line, and the re. General Godwin. Col. G. W. Pation, woods in front of him, and while Fe was ports from the front that the enemy was commanding a brigade, was mortally so engaged, Rodes arrived with three of massing for another attack, but it was wounded and fell into the hands of the is brighdes, and was directed to form on impossible to tell where it would fall.- enemy. Major General Fitz Lee was dordon's right in rear of another piece of As the danger from the enemy's cavalry severely wounded, and Brig. General words. While this movement was being on the right was very great and Lomax's York lost an arm. In Maj. Gen. Rodes, Accased, we discovered very heavy col- force very weak, Wickham's brigade of I had to regret the loss, not only of a timus of the enemy, which had been Fiz Lee's cavalry had been sent from most accomplished, skillful and ga lant massed under cover between the Red the left to Lomax's assistance. When officer, upon whom 1 placed great reli-Isud and Berryville road, moving to at. Wharton's division arrived, Patton's ance, but also of a personal friend, tack Ramseur on his left flank, while an-brigade of that division was left to aid whose connects had been of great ser other force pressed him in front. It was Fitz Lee in guarding the Martinsburg vice to me in the trying circumstances s-moment of imminent and tarilling dan- road against the force of cavalry which with which I had found myself surroundger, as it was impossible for Ramseur's was advancing on that road watched by ed. He fell at his post, doing a soldier's intro ion, which numbered only about Lomax's two small brigades, and the and patriot's duty to his country, and hi-1.700 muskets, to withstand the immense rest of the division was formed in rear memory will long be cherished by his birce advancing against it. The only of Rodes's division in the centre, in or- comrades. General-Godwin and Colo chance for ne was to hurt Rodes and Gory der to be moved to any point that might nel Patton were both most gallant and don upon the flank of the advancing col- be attacked. Late in the afternoon two efficient officers, and their loss was deeppmus, and they were ordered forward at divisions of the enemy's cavalry drove lyfelt, as was that of all the brave offionce to the attack. They advanced in in the small force which had been watch. cers and men who fell in this battle .most gallant style through the woods in- ing it on the Martinskurg road, and The enemy's loss in killed and wounded to the open ground, and attacked with Crook's corps, which had been engaged, was very heavy, and some prisouers fell the right, and Braxton's on the left open of a destructive fire. But Evan's brig-ade of Gordon's division, which was on the extreme leit of our infantry, received of cavalry, under Fitz Lee, were forced have reached him, and thus ensured the is check from a column of the enemy, and back. A considerable force of the ene- destruction of my force; and later in the was forced back through the words from my's cavalry then swept along the Mar day, when the battle had turned against behind which it had advanced, the ener timeburg road to the very skirts of Win- us with the immense superiority in cavwoods, and within musket range of seven proces of Braxton's artiflery, which were des were moved in double quick time destroyed my whole force and captured without support. This caused a pause in to the left and rear, and making a gals everything I had. As it was consider-'our advance, and the position was most lant charge on the enemy's cavalry, with ing the immense disparity in numbers civical, for it was apparent that unless the aid of King's artillery and some of and equipment, the enemy had very litthis force was driven back the day was Braxton's guns which were turned to the the to boas of. I had lost a few pieces of hat. Braxton's gans, in which now was rear, succeeded in driving it back. The artillery and some very valuable officers out only hope, resolutely stood, their division was then thrown into line by and men, but the main part of my force, ground, and under the personal superior- Gen. Breckinridge, in rear of our left and all my trains had been saved, and ndence of Lient. Col. Braxton, and C. I. and at right 'angles with the Martins- the enemy's loss in killed and wounded T. H. Carter, my then Chief of Armilery, burg road, and another charge of the was far greater than mine. When Hook are ind with cartister on the enemy. This enemy's cavalry was handsomely repulse back to this battle. I can har attribute hre was so rapid and well directed that ed. But many of the men on our front my escape from u ter anni-silation to the the shearly staggered, "halted, and come line, hearing the firing in the rear, and incapacity of my op, onent. menced tailing back, leaving a battle- thinking they had been flanked and flag on the ground, whose bearer was about to be cut off, commenced falling out down by a canister shot. Just then, back, thus producing great confusion .tiame's origade of Rodes' division, which 'At the same time Grook advanced against that the number of suits brought at Las arrived and formed in line for the our left and General Gordon threw Gen- the late term of Edgecombe Superisurprise of advancing, to the support of eral Evans' brigade into life to meet or Court was 775. Of this number reat of the division, moved forward him, but the disorder in the front line 300 paid the one-tenth, and 30 setand swept through the woods, driving became so great, that after an obstinate tled in full. About 40 judgments by and was allied and brought back to the to retire also. The whole front live had Unarge. Our advance, which had been now given way, but a large portion of mainder pleas of every description supported for a moment, was resumed, the men were rallied and formed behind were entered, thus staving off judgand the enemy's attacking columns were an indifferent line of breastworks, which ment for twelve months.

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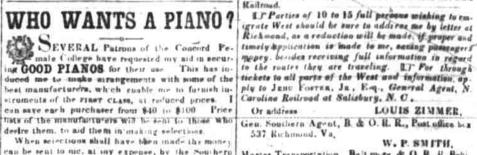


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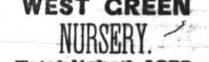
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