Confederate Prisoners at Camp Randall

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"Visits to Camp Randall Discontinued"



Arrangements have been made by the U. S. Quartermaster for the burial of these unfortunate men in the new cemetery grounds, where a beautiful spot is set apart for the purpose. The graves are marked by a simple painted head-board, giving the name, company, regiment, state and date of death of each.

VISITS TO CAMP RANDALL DISCONTINUED.

—We learn that the officer in command of the prisoners depot at Camp Randall has found it necessary to hene forth refuse passing citizens within the Camp.

The difficulty of discriminating between proper persons and others passing the guard has doubtless caused the escape of two or three prisoners, and the precautionary rule adopted by the late order is commendable. An additional reason for cutting off passes is that they were transferred from hand to hand, and consequently the privilege of admission was not confined to those to whom it was intended to be given.

THE SICK IN CAMP.—We learn from Dr. Joseph Hopkins, who has charge of the sick prisoners in Camp Randall, that, though a large number of the last lot brought here were quite ill, they are doing as well as could be expected, and are much improved from what they were on their arrival. One surgeon, Dr. Martin, who came with them, is said to be untiring in his exertions to alleviate his brethren—laboring day and night—and with great skill and success. With those who came into Camp healthy, there is no difficulty. But little sickness exists among them.

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