



Col. Philemon Baldwin
1837 - 1863



INDIANAPOLIS

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This Certifies That the official records of which I am the lawful custodian on file in this office show that Philemon P. Baldwin

joined for duty and was
enrolled as a Captain of Company (A), 6th
Regiment, Indiana Volunteers at Madison on

the 19th day of April 18 61 by P.P. Baldwin

and that he was duly mustered into the Military
Service of the United States at Indianapolis on the 23rd
day of April 18 61 for the term of three months yearly

Maj. T.J. Wood, United States Army Mustering Officer

age: 24 eyes: black hair: dark height: 5'11" complexion: light nativity: Clark Co., Indiana occ'n: merchant. Mustered out at Indianapolis August 2, 1861. Enrolled as Capt. Co. A, 6th Regiment August 26, 1861 at North Madison, mustered in Sept. 20, 1861 at Madison, promoted colonel. Mustered out as Capt. Co. A, May 16, 1862 to Field & Staff 6th Regiment, Enrolled as Col. May 17, 1862 at Corinth, Miss. and mustered in May 17, 1862 at Murfreesboro, Tenn. age: 26. Killed in action at Chickamauga, Ga., Sept. 19, 1863.

This Certificate is given as official evidence of enlistment, service and death of Philemon P. Baldwin

Company A, 6th; F & S 6th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers

Witness my hand and official seal.

STATE OF INDIANA
COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RECORDS
For the Director

Edwin J. Howell, Director

Helen S. Morrison
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The Courier Office has lately been refitted and is now complete. We are prepared to execute all kinds of Job Printing with neatness and despatch; and at as low rates as any establishment in the West.

Death of Col. Baldwin.

The death of our young and gallant and accomplished townsman, Colonel Philemon P. Baldwin, of the 6th Regiment Indiana volunteers, is confirmed by the Cincinnati Gazette of yesterday. He was killed in the late battle near Chattanooga, while in command of a Brigade in General Johnson's Division of the Army of the Cumberland. The deceased was brother-in-law to General Thomas T. Crittenden, of this city. Upon the inauguration of the rebellion, he was one of the foremost in our midst to respond to the President's call for troops, and of the noble spirits who went forth from Madison there were perhaps none more hopeful and brave than he. Upon the organization of the company in which he enlisted, he was chosen 1st Lieutenant; and when Capt. Crittenden subsequently rose to a Colonelcy, Lieutenant Baldwin became Captain, in which capacity he served during the three months campaign in Western Virginia. Re-entering the service under the three years' call at the head of a company in the same Regiment—6th Indiana—and becoming remarkably proficient in military tactics, and efficient as an officer, he promptly rose from his place as Captain to the Colonelcy. In the memorable struggle at Stone River he commanded a Brigade, which he is said to have manoeuvred with skill. We presume that he has held the nominal position of Brigadier General since, as he was acting as such at the time he fell. Doubtless had he survived he would have received a General's star; but it was otherwise ordered. His life has been offered up, a sacrifice upon his country's altar.

"How sleep the brave, who sink to rest,
By all their country's wishes blest."

Death of Lieut. Scott.

It is with profound sorrow that we publish to-day the announcement of the de-

EDITOR MADISON COURIER:

DEAR SIR:—To correct an error in your issue of this date, it may be proper for me to state that the Detachment of the Invalid Corps at this place, is at present under the command of Lieutenant Brush. Lieutenant Sweeney is second in command.

Very Respectfully Yours,

J. R. BRUSH, First Lieutenant,
Commanding Invalid Corps.

Excursion Tickets to the State Fair.

The I. and M. R. R. Co. will sell tickets from Madison and Elizabethtown, and intermediate points, at \$2 each, and from points north of Elizabethtown at full fare going, to State Fair, by either of their trains, beginning on Monday, Sept. 28th, and ending Saturday, Oct. 3d, 1863.

Tickets good to return free on any of their trains during the week of the Fair.

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Notice.

An election for three Trustees for the Hebrew Congregation of this city will be held on Sunday, 3th October, at 2 P. M.; and an examination of the pupils of the school attached thereto will be held at 9 A. M. on Sunday, the 11th.

By order. L. KRONENBERGER,
Sep 26-44 Secretary.

CITY CHURCH DIRECTORY.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—

Wesley Chapel, Main Cross, near Poplar Lane. Services Sabbath at 10 1/4 o'clock, a. m., and 7 1/2 p. m. Rev. R. M. Barnes, Pastor.

Roberts Chapel, Third st., near Broadway. Services Sabbath at 10 1/4 o'clock, a. m., and 7 1/2 p. m. Rev. J. H. McClain, Pastor.

Saint John's, corner East and Main Cross sts. Services Sabbath at 10 1/4 o'clock, a. m., and 7 1/2 p. m. Rev. G. P. Jenkins, Pastor.

German Church, Third st., between Main and Mulberry. Rev. A. Gerlach, Pastor.

African Church, Fifth st. Rev. A. T. Wood, D. D., Pastor.

Walnut Street Church, Walnut street, near Fifth. Services at 2 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN—

First Presbyterian, (Old School,) Broadway, near Second. Services Sabbath at 10 1/4 o'clock, a. m., and 1/4 of 8 p. m. Rev. G. Archibald, Pastor.

Second Presbyterian, corner Third and West sts. Services Sabbath at 10 1/4 a. m., and 1/4 before 3 p. m. Rev. W. W. Atterberry, Pastor.

United Presbyterian Church, corner Vine and

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LOCAL MATTERS.

The customary Wednesday evening religious services—prayer meetings, lectures, &c., will take place in the various churches of the city to-night. Preaching in Roberts Chapel.

Gen. Reynolds is stopping at the American Hotel, to dispose of rights in "The Reynolds' Bolt." He publishes high testimonials from good sources in this city. See advertisement.

The mercury in the thermometer, in a sheltered position, this morning at 7 o'clock marked 40 degrees above zero; at 12 m., 40 degrees; wind, N. W.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AT AUCTION.—It will be seen by referring to our advertising columns that John Chambers will sell his household furniture at auction, on the 17th inst., at his residence on High street, near the Star Mills. M. A. Gavitt, Auctioneer. The sale will positively commence at 9 o'clock a. m., instead of 7 o'clock, as we erroneously had it in the advertisement yesterday.

Table with 2 columns: Name of firm and number of hogs packed. Total: 59,891.

With many thanks we acknowledge the receipt of a new-fashioned clothes-horse from the warehouse of B. P. Baldwin. Mr. Baldwin's stock of goods is large and well-selected. His is the only establishment of the kind in the city, and for these causes, if for none other, it should be extensively patronized by the good people in and around our fair city of Madison. Give him a call, or, if not that, a substitute almost as good—an order.

Uxra Sixty's School.—Prof. C. C. Pratt would respectfully announce to the subscribers of the Union Singing School that nearly seventy subscribers have already been procured, and the school will positively commence on Thursday evening, Jan. 12th, at Washington Hall, on Third street. A thorough rudimentary course of instruction will be adopted. A treasurer will be appointed by the class to sell tickets for the course, and retain the money in his possession until the close of the season.

KANSAS IN THE SENATE.—The Democratic managers are contriving plans for defeating the admission of Kansas, in the Senate. The pretended objections are urged against the honorable fulfillment of the term of Mr. English's bill, when the fact is well known that no appropriation was made for the census which it ordered. The population and boundary of Kansas are both questioned, but only for effect, the real design being to exclude the vote of Kansas in the Presidential election.—[Wash. Cor., N. Y. Tribune.]

DRIVING OFF THE CAMANCHES.—The San Antonio (Texas) Ledger is of opinion that the only way to get rid of the Camanches is for the Legislature to appropriate sufficient funds to sustain a thousand men one year, whose duty it shall be to march straightway to the Wichita Mountains, and there to stay until the last Camancha has sued for peace.

OLD AND YOUNG AFFIRM ITS TRUTH VIZ: THAT

Professor Wood's Hair Restorative Will preserve, INFALLIBLY, the GROWTH and COLOR of the hair, if used two or three times a week, to any imaginable age. Perfectly restores the gray; cover the bald with nature's own ornament, the hair; make it more soft and beautiful than any oil, and preserve the scalp from all disease, to the greatest age. Statesmen, Judges, Attorneys, Doctors, Clergymen, Professional Men, and Gentlemen and Ladies of all classes, all over the world bear testimony that we do not say too much in its favor. Read the following, and judge:

PROF. L. THALBERG, PIANIST, says on his arrival in the United States he was rapidly becoming gray, but on applying Wood's Hair Restorative his hair soon recovered its original hue.

CHAS. GARDEW, 13 NASSAU STREET, N. Y., says the gray hairs on his wife's head were, after a few weeks' trial, turned into a dark brown, at the same time beautifying and thickening the hair.

A. C. Raymond, Bath, Me., says he is now 60 years old, his hair and whiskers were two thirds gray, but by the use of two bottles of Restorative the gray hair disappeared both from his head and face, and is more soft and glossy than for 25 years previous.—His wife, at the age of 59, has used it with the same effect.

Finley Johnson, Esq., of New Orleans, lost his hair by yellow fever in 1854; Wood's Restorative made it again thick and glossy.

S. M. Middleton, Livingston, Ala., says the Restorative has done much good about there; he used it for baldness, and now has a fine head of hair.

T. L. Morse, Lebanon, Ky., has seen it used in hundreds of cases, and never know it to fail in accomplishing all it professes to do.

A. J. Alden, McLanesboro', Ill., says he had scald head eight years, and was bald, but by the liberal use of Wood's Hair Restorative he has now a rich, glossy head of hair.

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in two; that great, solid, decided success has thus been secured in a way unlooked for. Even the fact itself seems yet to be hardly recognized, because it was secured by the calm endurance of our fleet in running that gauntlet of death, and by their daring action in beating down the Rebel strongholds.

In Western Tennessee, in Northern Mississippi, in Missouri, in Southern Kentucky, in North Carolina, the movements have been greatly to our advantage, and to the disadvantage of the Rebels. They are baffled, disappointed and dispirited. The successes of General Banks in Louisiana are more brilliant, and they form a fitting climax to our successes thus far, and a pleasing augury of future permanent results. With a quiet, steady, but strong current the course of victory tends to the side of law and order, of justice and humanity. Though its course is not marked by fierce battles and fearful losses, yet is it none the less cheering, and we look forward with hope to the results of the campaign so favorably commenced.

SUBMARINE TELEGRAPHS.—The longest submarine telegraph yet laid is that from Malta to Alexandria, (Egypt) 1535 miles, with a maximum depth of 2,520 feet, or nearly half a mile. That between France and Algiers is 520 miles long, but reaches a maximum depth of 1685 fathoms, or 11,510 feet—nearly two miles—being about the same as that between the coast of Ireland and Newfoundland, over which the cable was laid in 1858. It is confidently predicted that before 1870 a telegraph will be in successful operation between Europe and America.

BLACK LAW TO BE TESTED.—The Quincy (Illinois) Republican says that a case involving the constitutionality of the Black Laws of that State came before the Circuit Court in session in that city on the 7th instant. Hon. O. H. Browning made an argument against the law, but Judge Sibley decided in favor of it; held the parties to answer—several negroes, who had entered the State in violation of the statute. The case is to be carried to Supreme Court.

The Chicago election will be contested. An investigation of the Wards shows a fraudulent vote of not less than fifteen hundred. A canvass in one ward, in which the name and residence of every male resident has been obtained, shows that the number of ballots exceeds by over four hundred the total number of male native

ing. Quite an expedition moved against McMinnville a few days since and was entirely successful. The rebels were driven away from the town, our men capturing a good number of them and two of their supply trains. The expedition accomplished its purpose.

During this time our division (the 2nd) was out feeling of the enemy's lines in our front. Considerable skirmishing was going on for three or four days, which served to draw their attention, while Gen. Reynolds pounced upon McMinnville. The plan worked admirably.

This is only a prelude I think to the real intention of our generals. The army is now ripe for a forward move. All are anxious to move against the enemy. Be patient, we'll do our duty. Calms are succeeded by storms. I think we're almost ready to strike. The iron is almost hot. The fierce storm must soon burst. Already the breeze is seen and felt, which is always the forerunner of the harsher gale.

We intend to take in the balance of Tennessee shortly. The Chattanooga Rebel *Banner* seems to think that they need reinforcements to the number of, about thirty thousand to successfully resist Rosecrans. That comes nearest to a wise conclusion it ever arrived at.

Our gallant Colonel (H. P. Baldwin) is now commanding our brigade, (the 3rd). He deserves to wear the "lion's star." He is as capable of handling a brigade as a Regiment, and there are no others in this army that can maneuver a regiment better than Col. Baldwin. He commanded our brigade throughout the memorable battle of Stone river, and with honor to himself and the men. He showed himself to every one, to be as brave a man as lives. A short time since, the officers of the Regiment presented him with a most superb sword as a mark of their high esteem of him as an officer and for the brilliant soldierly qualities Col. Baldwin possesses. It also fitly represented the sentiment of the men composing the Regiment.

Lieut. Col. H. Tripp is now in command of the Regiment. He gallantly led us through the six or seven days' battle, and if opportunity offers will do so again. There is no braver or more fearless man than Col. Tripp.

In making mention of our officers I must say a few words about our Major, C. D. Campbell. He is a very efficient officer, and none more deserving promotion than he.

I defy the army to produce a more thoroughgoing business or better looking man than our Adjutant J. J. Siddall.

Our Sergeant-Major, Wm. H. Torrance, is a perfect gentleman, and possesses all the qualities of an efficient officer and a good soldier. He is deserving of promotion, and I hope ere long he will receive it. Long may he live to enjoy the fruits of his labors, which must before many months result in much good.

Taking all in all the Sixth is officered with as good men as any other regiment, and under them we are willing to fight un-

fails to appear is rated as a desert subject to punishment as such.

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- Portable Steam Engines,
- Chain Pumps and
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Scythes, Cradles, Rakes, Hoes, Spades, Forks, &c.
 I would respectfully call the attention of farm-
 ers to the above large stock of agricultural implements,
 made by experienced workmen, and of the best
 material, and in the most durable manner,
 warranted to be of the best quality, and at as favorable
 prices as can be had elsewhere.
 It will be to the interest of farmers to give me a
 call before buying elsewhere.

P. P. BALDWIN,
 MAIN CROSS STREET, OPPOSITE
 WESLEY CHAPEL.

March 28
MADISON & INDIANAPOLIS

store and machinery, and now occupies
 store-house by Cunningham & Malloy, success-
 George Hession.

2. A fraction of lot numbered one hundred
 twenty-six in the original plat of said city of
 Madison, beginning on the north side of High street, bet-
 Mulberry and West streets, beginning at what
 formerly known and described as Terrill's east
 corner on High street, thence east thirty-two (32)
 thence north parallel with Mulberry street to a
 lot, thence west, with said alley, to the corner
 formerly known and described as Terrill's east
 thence south along what was Terrill's line to the
 of beginning.

3. A certain part of Block number six in
 the city of Madison, and bounded as follows,
 beginning at an alley in said block, on the east
 of said alley on High street and running east
 High street twenty feet, and extending back
 said alley one hundred and twenty-four feet,
 the premises (as is stated) in the title papers, that
 occupied by George W. Kimberly in March, 1854.

4. Also, the following other pieces of ground
 and being in the city of Madison aforesaid, being
 of the same block number 6, and bounded as
 set forth as follows, viz: Beginning at the east
 of the last aforesaid piece of ground, to
 feet from said alley, thence east, along High
 thirty (30) feet, and extending back with that
 one hundred and twenty-four feet, being the
 property occupied by Samuel Pollock in March.

On each of the two last-mentioned pieces of prop-
 erty there is a good two-story brick tenement.
 The above pieces of property will be offered for
 separately, and the terms of sale will be as follo-
 one-fourth of the purchase money in hand; one-
 in 6 months, one fourth in 12 months, and one-
 in 18 months from the day of sale. The deferred
 payments to bear interest, and to be secured by the
 purchaser's notes with good first-class security, wit-
 nessed from valuation or appraisement laws.
 If the said property, or any part of it, shall,
 being offered as aforesaid, remain unsold, the under-
 ed will then sell the same to any person wish-
 purchase, at private sale, on the terms aforesaid
 at not less than its appraised value.

BY: SULLIVAN
 mar 21-54 [pf #10] Ex. of Wm. Dutton, de-

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed
 in favor of James Hawell and others, and
 Charles L. Shrewsbury and others,

I will, on the 27th day of April, 1854, bet-
 the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'
 in the afternoon of said day, at the
 house door in the city of Madison, expose at
 sale, without relief from valuation or apprais-
 laws, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the
 and profits for seven years, by the year, of the fol-
 lowing described Real Estate, situate, lying and be-
 Jefferson co., Ind. to-wit:

Part of lot number 95 as known and designated
 the original plat of the town of Madison, commencing
 at the S W cor of said lot at the corner formed
 first alley west of Main street and the north line of
 thence E with the N line of said alley to a fence
 grave's lot; thence N at right angles with 24 feet
 the N line of said lot; thence W 20 feet to an
 thence N E 1/4 line 16 Second street, the place of a
 plug.

Also, a fraction of block number 5 in the ad-
 west to the old plat of Madison beginning S W
 John M. Price's lot on the N side of Ohio st, and
 thence V with said N line Ohio at 66 ft to a
 lay; thence N with E line of said alley to a fence
 lay; thence E with S line of said alley to N W cor
 John M. Price's lot; thence S with W line of said
 M. Price's lot; thence S with W line of said John
 Price's lot to the place of beginning.

Also, part of block number 5, city of Madison,
 bounding on the N side of Ohio 6 1/2 W of N V
 of Ohio and West st; thence W with N line of Ohio
 50 ft; thence N at right angles 90 feet more or less
 ten-foot alley; thence E with S line of said alley 50
 a point ranging with the centre of the west cor
 Woodburn & Shrewsbury warehouse, occupied
 them; thence S through the centre of said wall
 more or less to place of beginning.

Also, a lot of ground described thus, to-wit:
 Beginning 24 ft 1/2 inches from the intersection
 West and Ohio st; thence west 24 ft 1/2 inches; thence

Handwritten notes:
M. A. C. C. C.
A. C. C.

In Camp 2 Miles South of Murfreesboro

January 18th 1863

Dear Father I once more embrace an opportunity of sending you a few lines & I have great reasons to be thankful for the privilege & that I can inform you that my health is good. I sincerely hope these few lines may find you and mother enjoying good health & peace of mind & that they may reach you soon. It has been a long time since I heard from you, perhaps your letters have miscarried. I think the last I got was written about the first of Dec. I answered, but now disremember the date. The letter is lost. I have received but little mail matter for near a month. My last from home bears date Dec. 28th. My family were in usual health & doing as well as circumstances would admit. But it was hard enough I am sure. It makes me feel sad to think of their troubles. May God protect them & give them wisdom & strength to bear all. We all hope how soon the war will be over & that we may meet again in peace to enjoy the blessings of liberty. Yet I fear that the time is to be prolonged beyond this coming spring. It looks to me now that it will be necessary to make out a new levy for more men & that the policy of the war will have to be changed somewhat & a parcel more of our proslavery leaders & Generals will have to be dealt with & true patriots put into their places. Oh how I long to see our army perjured and made clear of all those rotten sneaking scoundrals who pretend to be Union men, while they are the worst & most dangerous traitors with whom we have to deal. I am inclined to believe that we was well nigh losing all here, in consequence of having a traitor to command a part of our forces on the right wing. I can't help but think him a blackhearted traitor or he would have done differently. It is true I may not know it all, but I think some.

Well I suppose you would like me to give you some items about our march & the battle at this place & e. Well I'll go back to about the time I wrote you last about the 25th of Dec. About that time our army was reorganized & made ready for a move, the morning of the 24th. We had orders to march and all was torn up and made ready & held in readiness some hours when we was ordered to pitch tents. We took our Christmas in rather a pleasant way & early the morning of the 26th we were ordered out again & that time we went. Our sick and camp equipage sent back to Nashville with all the teams except my old friend Watson's & mine. We went with the army J. Watson to haul hospital stores & I to haul quartermasters stores for our regiment. The rebels kept up a skirmish with our men every day. We could hear the canon roar at intervals through each day but the rebels would give back & keep themselves out of danger. I suppose they done so in order to ascertain the strength and whereabouts of our army which went out on different roads & came together at or near Murfreesboro. We had some rain which made it a little disagreeable at times. We traveled one night through a cedar

wilderness & over the roughest roads I ever drove a team, we stopped within about 5 miles of Murfreesboro & camped without fires & our boys lay down to sleep as best they could in wet blankets, (for it was raining) The next morning Tuesday our division was put in motion by times & took position on the fields. That day some skirmishing and feeling was done for the enemy, to find their whereabouts & that was about all that was done. The extreme right was commanded (as you have already learned from the papers no doubt) by Gen. Johnson, The next division by Gen. Jeff. C. Davis & the next towards the center was ours, or Sheridan's division all this you will get from the papers.

Our train was kept some two miles in the rear (it should have been six) & that night as the night before we did not unhitch our team, but watched them all night & on Wednesday morning the fight commenced in good earnest & to our surprise the rebels made an advance on Johnson's division when he was not ready for them & so our lines were broke & a lot of cavalry rushed on to our train & captured considerable of it. When it was known that we were in danger, we was ordered to haul out as quick as possible & led off through some old fields to the East towards the Murfreesboro pike, but the enemy was onto us soon after we got started & everything that could run was on the go. Many stragglers came rushing by from Johnson's division, & they run for dear life all was excitement & confusion every teamster making his mules do their best, a great many passed me just tearing things endways. It was not ---- untill our little squad of cavalry gave way & they came on our retreat past us & the rebel cavalry after them firing into our men & yelling at every jump & so fast as they come up with the train they would halt the teams & turn them back in order to get them inside their own lines. They would draw up their revolvers on us & order us to halt swearing that they would blow our brains out some five drew revolvers on me & two with carbons. I as a matter of course obeyed & then was a prisoner I was ordered back under guard but had not gone over half a mile when I herd some new confusion behind me & the order to "halt that team." I called a halt & found that the rebels were skedaddling as fast or faster than we had done. Some of our regulars had come in and commenced piling the secsh of their horses, some were taken prisoner & some five got away. So I with others were recaptured & drove off free again. We got onto the pike & was ordered back some six miles where we camped for the night, & the next day we was ordered back to Nashville, our train got strung out & was about six miles long & on we moved slowly. I had got on so that I was within 14 miles of Nashville (& 16 from Mur-) about 2/3 of the train was in front of me. Well at that point I heard the report of a gun & soon a number more. I looked of to one side & could see the smoke & in a moment we was greeted with the report of a canon which was repeated in quick succession for some moments that threw all into confusion again & got up a panick & such running & crashing & smashing wagons upside down & teams scared run off &

among the rest my team ran off & after running near a mile they ran through a fence My line broke & the best I could do I got them stopped among some trees. The rebbles cavalry were after us so close the best I could do was to mount a mule and leave while straglers took the rest of my mules & lost everything els except what I had on my back, so I barely escaped being taken prisoner again. The rebbles burned over 100 wagons out of that train mine with the rest. Our cavalry came up in the rear & saved the rear of the train & recaptured the prisoner. This was done ---- of some two thousand devils (?) (so said) & while this was going on a desperate battle was raging at Murfreesboro. Our regiment was engaged 5 times that day & once or twice nearly surrounded but they stood nobly & cut their way through many brave boys fell at their posts. It is almost a mericle that our regiment was not almost annihilated. All three of our Brig. Gen. were killed belonging to our division Gen's Schafer, Sill, & Roberds. Sheridan was at his post & Rosecrans is praised by all our men. It was by the hardest that he got Johnson's blunder covered up. But after hard fighting they took Mur-- & now we are camped 2 miles south & don't know when we will move. The rebbles are not far from us. They get after our forage train every few days & make us skeepdaddle. We are to go out in the morning for forage. I have been driving an other team up to Thursday last when I was appointed Foragemaster which gives me rather an easier position but gives the rebbles some better chance to get me. I'll do what I can to keep out of their clutches when hunting forage.