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Dear Pa.

We have all been anxious for the past few days to know the result of the great battle fought by Rosecrans. At first we were a little discouraged but now we feel easy & are satisfied with the way things are going. Rosecrans is a hero & should be our next President. Up to this time I have had very little confidence in him, but now he is all right in my estimation. When will these bloody fights end? I fear never, as long as we or the Rebels have a man to carry a gun. There is a great deal of talk in our Regiment about Lincoln's Proclamation. I fear he will keep on until he does something serious. The Negro is a powerful element of strength against us & I say take him. Let everything else a Rebel has, but there are a great many men in our Regiment that love the black rascals better - far better than the Union. I would like much to hear your opinion on these matters. Write me long letters & tell all the news of the neighborhood as well as your opinions on the war question. I cannot imagine the cause of my getting no letters from anyone. I should