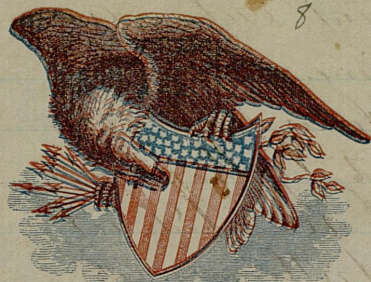


never will I give them away.
 We had got along building winter
 quarters very well, but it was
 all knocked in the head, Sat-
 urday night by orders from head
 quarters to stop work at them.
 As we were going to what is
 called the fair Fremont tent
 which has stores in to winter in,
 so that if we wished to move
 we could take our winter quarters
 along with us. I am on guard
 to day, it is one of the coldest of days.
 My health never was better than at
 this time. I am enjoying myself
 very finely now. Give my love to all
 and save a large portion for well
 yourself. Write soon. I hope Pa is better
 yet. Bless Yaps I would give a
 world to see him, if I had it.
 Yours Son Will H. Morgan

CIVIL WAR, PILOT KNOL, Dec. 9, 1861 - to see



OUR SHIELD IS STILL THERE.

Pilot Knol Dec 9th 1861

Dear Ma.

I got that box
 of provisions on Saturday last.
 Luc June had sent by
 express. It came through safe
 though, with the exception of
 the can of blackberries, they
 had bursted open and most
 of them spilled out but it did
 not hurt anything else.
 We had one of the best dinners
 yesterday, that I ever eat at
 least we thought so after doing

so long without eating any
thing from home. My guests
were, Sam Henry & Hanger
and a tent mate by the name
of Savage. If we did not
make peach butter, sweet
cake, butter, blackberries and
cream disappears. It is no use
to try, the cake was the very
best kind, the bread was most
too dry, but it was from home to fight the battle for them as
and it sat better than if we
had the best of warm biscuit,
from any place else.

Tell Mrs Bell that I am
a thousand times obliged to
her. Will always remember with
pleasure that at least she thought
enough a soldier to send me
something. Give her my regards.
Sam and Henry both are
more than thankful to her

for those cakes and sugar.
They think too much of them &
eat them have not touched them
yet. say they want to show all
the boys that there is at least one
person in Ill that thinks enough
them to send them something.
What can be the matter with the
people of Old Coles, that they won't
send their friend that went out
well as for their selves. Some little
butter bread and so on to eat.
I am more than anxious to
see that today was that thought
the soldiers had better fare they had.
Henry had a box expressed at
the same time, but has not got
it yet. The express on my box was
one dollar, but I would have paid
three, rather not have got it. I am
very thankful for those socks and
gloves.