

WAR STORIES.

A Boy in Butternut Gray and His First Service Recounted.

Atlanta Journal.

In the spring of 1895 I made my appearance in Macon to enter upon the duties of United States district judge. Twenty-one years had elapsed since my last visit to the beautiful Central City. This was about the 18th of November, 1864, and I came riding bareback on a very diminutive mule...

"Bud, do you want to ride?" I have no recollection of a time when I did not want to ride, and accepting his invitation I twisted the rope halter through the mule's mouth for a bridle and throwing my worn little overcoat across his back for a saddle...

"Those are not camp fires. They are built there by our people to fool the Yankees and make them think we have got a large force in Macon, when in fact we have got only a few cavalry and the militia."

Freighting nights of the terrible winter of 1864-5 when my tour of picket duty came, it was Captain Gaines as we called him, who gave me heedful instructions, and as I would mount to ride to my post, with a horseshoe nail would pin his own blanket around my neck.

At this point I was deeply humiliated by the irreverent conduct of a number of Macon boys who knew me well and who ran along by my side shouting and the tearing sound of the rap...

The rattling showers rode on the blast. Thinly clad, I was soon chilled to the bone and my teeth were chattering as with ague.

My friend Jerry and the other Kentuckians came to my relief, however, and consoled me and told me not to mind the boys, assuring me that as soon as I could get a suit of Confederate gray I would be a fine soldier.

Some time in the forenoon, as I recall, we reached the neighborhood of Griswoldville, which was then in the possession of the enemy in strong force. General Wheeler determined to attack. My brigade was to go in dismounted. We counted off four horseholders and I was number four, but I had no mind to remain with the horses.

My nearest neighbor now, and dear friend Colonel Dan Hughes, the courtly father of the courtly president of our State Agricultural Society, was in this fight, and is a fine type of the material of those gallant State troops.

The vast majority of our manhood who took part in those "days that tried men's souls" are now quietly sleeping in the bivouac of the dead. Boys in their teens who proudly wore the jacket of gray are grandfathers now, and perhaps one of them may be indulged in the quietude of his library, surrounded by the blessings of home, and guarded by the laws of our reunited and happy land.

"In Darkest United States." Berlin, June 14.—A pamphlet by Felix Baumann is having an extraordinary circulation. It is entitled "In Darkest United States," and contains extravagant descriptions of the immorality alleged to exist in American cities.

The general standard of measurement for womanhood is "grown-up-ness." When a girl is emancipated from school and arrives at the dignity of trailing skirts and elaborate hair dressing she is a young woman.

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In Slavery Days. The Southern Farm Magazine is at some pains to show that a story current in the press, illustrative of the fact that Gen. Hampton did not know some of his slaves at sight, was applicable to several thousand men who owned slaves to the number of a hundred and more.

The total white population of the South in 1860, according to the census, is noted as 8,099,760, of which 384,864 owned the 3,953,696 slaves in the country, excluding 2 owned in Kansas, 15 in Nebraska, 29 in Utah and 18 in New Jersey.

George Sobau, a well known German citizen of New Lebanon, Ohio, is a constant reader of the Dayton Volkszeitung. He knows that this paper aims to advertise only the best in its columns.

Mr. G. G. Conner, a resident of South Dakota and a member of the Spearfish club, while in New York, visited the Sportsman's show at Madison Square garden, and that fellowship which exists between the brethren of the west was recognized at once.

"That's no use," he said, "in trying to speak a good word for an Injun; that's nothing good about 'em; never say or never will be. Why, they'll just sell that lives for whiskey, and I jess rec'lect very, very strongly a circumstance that happened to me one day, an' it'll tell you what kind of a hog an Injun is."

"No, I tell yer; no sell." "Give all." "Now, jess think of that, thar, will yer, that thar low-down, pesky red-skin willing to give two hundred dollars for a dollar bottle of redeg.

"Well!" said one of his auditors, "no one could attach any blame to you for accepting his offer. If he placed that value on the whisky, it was immaterial what you paid for it; but I must say it was a good deal or your part."

"Huh!" said the guide; "who said anything about a deal. I wouldn't take his trade. It was the only quart of whisky I had."

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