

WAR TIME ANECDOTES AND REMINISCENSES

The following reminiscences and war stories were told to a representative of The Record by Mr S J Taylor of Greelyville, an enthusiastic veteran who finds no greater pleasure than talking over "old times" with his comrades whenever they meet together. Mr Taylor served through the whole of the war from the first battle of Manassas to the surrender at Appomattox court house on April 12, 1865, and is one of the most interesting raconteurs on this subject that we know of in this county, being gifted with fluent expression and a very retentive memory.

Mr Taylor recalls the following incident while his company was in Virginia:

A cavalryman carrying news from one regiment to another rode up to a dwelling and asked the lady for a drink of water. After satisfying his thirst he asked her if she had heard any news from the front and this was her answer:

"An exeter stopped here today and said that the Yankees were mortifying Blacksburg, that Goslin's critter company had been routed, that news had come over the pindergrass wire that the preserves had been ordered out and it was feared the whole State would have to be vaccinated. While he was talking the provoking guard came along and interested him."

What she meant was that a deserter had said that the Yankees were fortifying Blacksburg, that McCouland's cavalry had been routed, the news had come over the telegraph wires that the reserves had been ordered out, and it was feared that the whole State would have to be evacuated. While he was talking a provost guard came along and arrested him."

PAT SURROUNDED THEM.

On one occasion an Irishman in his brigade captured ten men and took them to General Jenkins. "Did you capture all of them, Pat?" asked the general. "I did thot, sor," replied the Irishman. "How did you do it?" was asked. "Begorra, I surrounded 'em!" replied Pat without the flicker of a smile.

COULDN'T FIGHT "NATIONS."

A Confederate soldier was seen one day leaving the battle ground in great haste. Someone asked him why he was running. He said that he couldn't fight whole nations; that he had just heard General Grant give the command: "By nations, right wheel!" and he thought it was time for him to leave.

OUR VALIANT SHERIFF.

While fighting in the upper part of Virginia Mr Taylor's company was once barricaded in an old fort. They were attacked from the front by two or three thousand Federal troops. The other part of the regiment was about a half mile distant and the only exit from the fort was on the side the Yankees occupied. It was too dangerous for the whole company to try to get out that way and things were looking very "squally." As a last resort Captain Brant asked if one of the soldiers would volunteer to go and apprise the colonel of their dangerous position. One man who was anxious to get a little farther from so much hot lead immediately volunteered to go, not thinking of his chance of being killed. But when he stuck his head out the gate a rain of bullets was directed at him, and he lost no time in closing the gate. Immediately Mr George J Graham stepped up to Captain Brant and offered to go. He went out amid the cheers of his comrades into a fusillade of bullets and made good his escape, returning soon with reinforcements for his company. This is the same George J Graham who is now the fearless and popular Sheriff of our county.

CAPTURED A "YANKEE."

We are indebted to Sheriff Gra-

ham for the following joke on a raw recruit, which provoked hearty laugh among his comrades at the time the incident occurred and even yet causes the features of the "vets" who recall it to relax in smiles:

Young Ringgold Haselden, of the Johnsonville section of this county, a "gosling boy," as he is described at the time, joined the army in Virginia along near the close of the war. When assigned to picket duty the first time, having been told by some of the soldiers that it was customary for the pickets on the opposing lines to exchange courtesies and camp commodities, he conceived the brilliant idea of capturing the enemy's picket should the opportunity arise.

With this aim he looked about him and soon espied a lone figure at a distance, which he took to be one of the outer sentries of the opposing forces. Young Haselden accordingly made friendly signs, which were responded to, and the two men advanced so as to meet on middle ground. They soon got in friendly conversation and, seeing a spring hard by, Haselden in the furtherance of his scheme, proposed that they get a drink of water. He drank first and when his intended victim was taking his turn at the spring, Haselden fell upon him and tried to throw him to the ground. The other fellow, though taken unawares, struggled furiously and soon the tables were turned and he had Haselden completely in his power. The latter yelled lustily for help and Mr W S Eaddy, the officer of the guard, hastened to his relief. When he reached the scene he found Haselden on the ground held firmly by the "Yankee" on top of him, who turned out to be one of our own men, a member of a Georgia regiment encamped near by! Haselden, very much chagrined, explained that he wanted to capture at least one live Yankee and this looked like a very good opportunity. The young man never heard the last of his exploit while in camp.

Stopping the Paper.

She came down the street three steps at a time and sailed into the county newspaper office like a whirlwind. She waited for no ceremony, but wildly asked:

"Is this the printin' office?"
"Yes, madam."
"I want to stop my paper."
"All right, madam."
"Stop it right away, too."

"It's stopped," we replied, making a blue line through her husband's name on the subscription list.

"Mebbe that will learn you some hoss sense and how to do the square thing next time, and not slight people just because they are poor. If some rich, stuck up 'niggers' happen to have a bald-headed, cross-eyed brat born, you're in an awful hurry to put it in the paper and make it out an angel, but when poor people have a baby you can't say a word about it, even if it is the purtiest child borned. That's what I'm stoppin' the paper fur. This ort to be a lesson to every paper in Michigan," and she went out of the office as mad as a wet hen—*Ex.*

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He Got the Rest.

A certain member of Lord Kitchener's staff in India who had been married a few months previously applied for sick leave, which was readily granted. A couple of days afterward Lord Kitchener happened to meet the wife of the officer. She thanked him profusely for allowing her husband to go to the hills and explained that she was now in the midst of packing up. "But there is some mistake," said Kitchener. "When I gave Captain permission to go to the hills it was so that he might have a rest, and I am going to see that he gets it. If you go his leave will be canceled!"

Perseverance.

The tendency to persevere, to persist in spite of hindrances, discouragements and impossibilities—it is this that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak.—Thomas Carlyle.

Needed Scratching.

They were having trouble in getting a jury to try a case in a county court. There had been a good deal of feeling aroused, and no one seemed particularly anxious to put himself on record for either side. One man hesitated a long time about stating the grounds on which he based his claim of exemption. Finally he said: "Well, your honor, the truth of the matter is I have the itch!" "Scratch him off, Mr. Clerk; scratch him off," instantly replied the judge.—Lippincott's.

Got His Man.

Some years ago in Egypt General Hunter was at dinner with some friends when one of his orderlies entered the room and said there was a messenger outside anxious to see him. General Hunter could not leave the table at that moment and told the orderly so. "What shall I do with him, then, sir?" asked the orderly. "Oh, knock him down!" said Hunter impatiently as he turned to his dinner. Five minutes later the man returned bearing obvious marks of the fray. He saluted stiffly and said to the astonished general, "I had a bit of a job, sir, but I knocked him down at the finish."

Next Best.

A certain young minister in Philadelphia, recently ordained, is still very nervous, and sometimes his remarks do not convey exactly the meaning he intended. A few Sundays ago he rose, fumbled with the papers on his desk, blushed and then said: "My friends, I—I am sorry to say that I have lost the notes for my sermon, and I therefore cannot deliver it. I will have to do the next best thing and read a few chapters from the Bible."

Citation Notice.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG. By P M Brockington, Esq, Probate Judge. Whereas, R D Robinson made suit to me, to grant him letters of administration of the estate of and effects of Scott Robinson. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Scott Robinson, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of probate to be held at King-tree, S C., on the 21st day of May next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted. Given under my hand this 2nd day of May, Anno Domini, 1910. Published on the 5th day of May, 1910, in the County Record. P M BROCKINGTON, Probate Judge.

Notice of Election.

By order of the County Board of Education of Williamsburg County an election will be held at King Pond school, near Trio, S C., on Tuesday, May 17, 1910, to determine whether a four cent tax shall be levied in School District No 39 for school purposes. Those in favor of such levy will vote "yes," and those opposed will vote "no." All qualified electors in the district will be allowed to vote and the trustees will act as managers. TRUSTEES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 39. 5-5-2t per A W Graham, clerk.

Notice of Election.

By order of the County Board of Education of Williamsburg county an election will be held at J D Carter's store at Lvo, S C., on Saturday, May 14, 1910, to determine whether a special tax of two mills shall be levied in School District No 14 (Lake) for school purposes. Those in favor of such levy will vote "yes," and those opposed will vote no. All qualified electors in said district will be allowed to vote and the trustees will act as managers. TRUSTEES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 14. 5-5-2t per J Davis Carter, clerk.

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