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A TRUE STORY OF THE WAR IS FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF A CAVALRYMAN.

In September, 1861, after the first battle of Bull Run had been fought, and the Northern army had been most ignominiously licked, Uncle Sam had just gotten it through his hands that he had an awful job on his hands, not to be compared to building a Panama Canal, or two or three canals, or humiliating Spain, in magnitude, so he set his family to work in rushing the troops to Washington to prevent Beauregard from doing as the British did in 1812 by creeping up to Washington by way of Alexandria and burning the capitol which might never be to be happened. wonder how many in the County of Oakland are cognizant of that fact.

Well, as I said before, Uncle Sam really became alarmed and not without good cause, and consequently made supreme effort to rush troops to Washington to prevent another such catastrophe. Colonel Thornton F. Broadhead had raised a cavalry regiment, by a special order from the War Department, thereby ignoring the rights of the State of Michigan. But this was no time to be chewing the rag, something was of more importance than states' rights, it being a question whether or not we would, in a short time, have a state to our right.

As the Broadhead cavalry was already organized, we were hustled off to Washington as fast as was possible for one little railroad, and that one rather poorly equipped, could transport us, so by the end of September, 1861, the whole of the First Michigan Cavalry was in Washington, camped about an eighth of a mile south of the Capitol, where the old canal (now filled up) emptied into the East River.

Not an arm did we have, neither a sign of a horse equipment. We had to use broom handles for sabres when in camp on the race course, at Detroit. After a while we had our horse equipments issued to us. Saddles, bridles, nosebags, lariat rope and iron pikes made us feel a little more like soldiers, but the weapon a cavalry man most delights in and is so fond of, is the trusty sabre.

Well, after a long wait, several government teams drove into camp loaded with sabres. They were soon disposed of by being issued to the several companies and then distributed to the men in a few hours. Every man in the regiment had a sabre. At once our fears all vanished for we cannot imagine the change it makes in a fellow's feelings, he feels so brave and proud with an eight-pound sabre belted around him. It began to look like business and as all good soldiers like to have their accoutrements look clean and nice, nearly all the men began to clean up their own weapons and make the broom hilts shine.

Our bugler, Company G, who now lives in Birmingham, and the writer of this, sat upon a box polishing up our blades, when we noticed a member of the Company, called Billy Miller, who was a noisy and half-brave fellow, coming down the line and swinging round sabre and challenging some of the members of the company to fence. R. I. Bryan, who was a soldier from Franklin, was the one whom this crazy fellow challenged. Bryan was a man of persuasive measures to have him put his sabre in his scabbard, but he would not bear to it, and wanted to show off his expertness with the sabre. At last he came to where the bigger of Company G, was sitting by the side of the cleaning our sabres, and nothing could prevail on him to sheathe his weapon. Instead he raised his sabre and struck the writer's sabre and absolutely forced him to fence himself, as this big crazy, Dutchman insisted, as this big strike. He then understood that this was considered all in fun. The writer paid all of his attention to guarding his own person, and when his opponent raised his sabre to tap him, as he thought, on the head, the writer's sabre was at the head parrying, but not thinking it would be anything of a blow, did not make a stiff back party, and consequently Miller drove his sabre with such force as to drive the writer's sabre down on his head as so raise a large ridge with the back of his own sabre, driven down by the edge of Miller's sabre. The writer could feel the blood rush in his cheeks and to speak the honest truth, he was mad. He then made up his mind that at the next opening he would pay Miller back in his own coin. Well they fenced for about a minute and the writer saw by his eye that he (Miller) was going to strike again for the writer's head, but this time the writer made a stiff parry, which effectually stopped the force of the blow and under the guard, it went returning to the ground. It seemed as though Miller's thrust making to the writer with the point of the sabre, three inches long, and had it not been for his heavy whiskers it surely would have cut his throat. It scared the writer, but if ever there was a scared man, it was this crazy Dutchman. Miller, however, was turned as white as a sheet. Bugler of Company G, intervened and made

FROM ROMBLON P. I. Come the Following Interesting Letters from John H. Jenkins, an American Teacher There.

ANXIOUS WEDDING The Wedding of Miss Lulu Williamson and Willford Rickamore Took Place Dec. 18th, at Troy.

One of the society events of the season was the Christmas-tide wedding of Miss Lulu Williamson and Willford Rickamore, of Berryville, Virginia, at the home of the bride's father, Elmer Williamson, of Troy, Tuesday evening, December 18th. Rev. Exley, of Troy, performed the divine rites in a large hall. The bride was daintily gowned in cream lace over silk, carrying an arm bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Grace Elliott, was gowned in filmy white and carried the most beautiful of the season. The groom and groomsmen, John Willford, waited the coming of the bride and bridesmaid; under a canopy of ground pines and holly festooned with white chiffon and a beautiful white dove was suspended from the ceiling. A large vase of white chrysanthemums formed the back ground. Little O'elia Williamson, of Pontiac, was ring bearer. The bride's party table was laid for eleven. Pink and white carnations and large pink chiffon bows on the candlesticks decorated the decorations, while holly wreaths with large red bows adorned the walls of the dining room. Small tables were placed in several rooms at which 50 guests were seated for a three course supper. Miss Bessie Stanley waited on the bride's table, Miss Clara Strat played the wedding march and Miss Margaret Wilbur received the gifts. The father's gift to the bride was a diamond ring, and the groom's a beautiful to the bridesmaid was a beautiful gold bracelet. Mr. and Mrs. Rickamore left for Berryville, their future home, Dec. 28th, where they will be at home to their friends after Feb. 1st.

THE SUNNY SOUTH. Now when all the outdoor farm work has ceased in the North the term "Sunny South," and all that it means, appeals with full force to the northern farmer as he realizes that with him it is a case of remaining indoors for the next several months consuming every minute of his leisure during the growing season. In the Sunny South something can be raised every month in the year, and practically every day can be spent out of doors. No blizzards, no snowdrifts, and no ice raising is very little labor in growing fruits, vegetables, etc., for northern markets. Strawberries and canteloupes are great revenue getters. Water unsurpassed. Work plentiful. Land cheap and productive. For reliable information, address G. A. Park, General Immigration and Industrial Agent, Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, Louisville, Ky.

Build up waste tissue, promotes appetite, improves digestion, induces refreshing sleep, gives renewed strength and health. That's what Jjollister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. 25c. Tea of tablets. Wholesale & Mitchell.

James M. Dungan and wife, who have a ranch on Pitt river, near Carbon, Shasta county, conceived the idea of irrigating and raising alfalfa. To get water for the purpose it was necessary to dig a tunnel into the hills, a mile and a half from their farm, to strike a subterranean water convey it by a ditch to their land. The work was begun, and without any outside assistance husband and wife drove a tunnel 1,350 feet in length. Two years were consumed in the work, says the Sacramento Bee. Much of the time Mrs. Dungan had to work alone in the tunnel, as Dungan was sick for several months and unable to work. Mrs. Dungan learned to use the drill as well as the hammer. She drilled the holes, put in the charges of powder, set off the mine, and then wheeled the dirt to the dump at the mouth of the tunnel.

Modern kings are not majestic in appearance. Almost every one on a European throne is shorter than his wife. William of Germany, Edward of Spain, Nicholas of Russia, Carlos of Portugal, Victor Emmanuel of Italy are all short men, and the princess of Wales is taller than her husband. The royal women are like Tenbyson's daughter of the gods—divinely tall. They are not all "most divinely tall."

Wise Counsel from the South. "I want to give some valuable advice to you," says J. H. Blakesslee, of Berryville, Tenn. "I have proved to me the absolute certainty that all matters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief, the second bottle cured me completely. It became a pleasant duty to recommend it to all who would under guarantee at Whitehead & Cobb's drug stores. Price 50c."

IS INTERESTING Julian Leet Writes the Following Interesting Letter to the Editor, from Bisbee, Arizona.

BISBEE, ARIZ., Dec. 25, 1906. DEAR SIR: I just want to tell you what Christmas day is like in Arizona. It has been perfect weather for several days. The alligators come out of the fountain in the park—this in El Paso, Texas, I have seen. In the sun, about 70 degrees, and in the evening come out to go into the water. They say they were put in there about 13 years ago when quite small, and they are now as large as I am. They are carrying out gold in the sun and plenty water, too. Warm with the doors and windows open, I do not think to close my windows day or night. I am not on my way West to look for gold, I am here, at Goldfield, and I have a big strike. They only pay the miners \$5 per day and since they are enforcing the rule that prevents the miners from taking away gold when they leave the mines from work, many are dissatisfied. It was for some time to carry away more gold than his wages and so long as there was no inspection many were making big money. But in some places they are doing as they do in the diamond mines, compelling the miners to strip naked and cross a large room or to another room and dress in the clothes they took off before going into the mines. That puts a stop to carrying away nuggets and where men were carrying out gold they are not doing it where this rule is enforced. This is a great country and the ground is rich with minerals but as fast as discovered it is monopolized by corporations which are so thoroughly organized that there is no chance for a man to get the outside. If a claim shows up rich it is at once gobbled by some syndicate and the claim is gotten into corporation control. There are some good openings in Mexico, but some money is being made there but miners are getting big money and many salaried men from stores and even banks are going into the mines to work. It does not require that to be an expert, any one who can use a pick can get a job. I am getting per day and up. Plumbers and fitters get \$5 for eight hours and some come here hardy do as well as common helpers in Michigan. The writer thinks he can get big money as mechanical engineer. None but Americans are allowed to work in the mines. Mexicans can not work in the mines here but I guess they do in Mexico.

I was so busy yesterday evening and for today that I cannot make my Christmas dinner but am going in now to my turkey. Trusting that you, as usual, had a merry Christmas and wishing you a happy new year, I am as ever, Yours, JULIAN S. LEET.

That's the house the doctor built. The biggest house you see; Thank goodness he didn't get money. For we talk Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea.

Washington of Lincoln's Day. Dr. Johannes Hosing, who was attached to the German and Hanoan legations at Washington during the civil war, and who later became consul general of the North German Confederation at New York, publishes in the West-Zeitung extracts from his reminiscences, dealing rather indignantly with conditions in Washington immediately preceding the first Lincoln inauguration. The federal capital of the time, he remarks by the way, was hardly the present, brilliant city of magnificent mansions. The streets, which were unpaved, and the air uncleaned, were a habitat for domestic animals of all descriptions, except after a heavy rain, when they reminded Lord Lyons, the British ambassador, of the mud of Fanyabur. On one occasion a horse and rider were drowned on Pennsylvania avenue, and a like fate almost overtook the Italian minister on his way home from the second inauguration of Mr. Lincoln. The coach fell into a hole and was wrecked, and the minister was saved only through the devotion of a negro, who plunged in his rescue and carried him out of danger on his back. Aenas-like.

How to Cure Chilblains. To enjoy freedom from chilblains, writes John Kemp, East Grinstead, "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I have used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guarantees a cure for veruvers, sore indolent ulcers, skin diseases, frost bites and piles, burns, scalds, and Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb's drug stores.

I will be at Big Beaver every Wednesday until Jan. 10th; at Troy every Wednesday until Jan. 10th; at Exchange Bank, Birmingham, every Saturday until Jan. 10th. ROSS A. LANEY, Troy Township Treasurer.

A FINE COUNTRY The P. O. & N. Railroad Opens Up the "Poor Man's Paradise"—A Very Promising Country.

In 1882 the Pontiac, Oxford & Northern railway was started at Pontiac, run up to Oxford and from there it took a north-easterly course for 100 miles into what was then called "No Man's Land." Since that time many thriving towns have sprung up along the line, and the country through which this road runs has proven to be one of the best farming sections of the whole state. Farmers who are renting here can almost buy a farm in Tuscola county for what they would pay out for one year's rent here, and there is no better land to be found any where. Many people from this vicinity who located along the P. O. & N., and started with a few dollars have fine farms today. Among them are, Clark Courlis, Wm. McCracken, Orin Stowels, C. H. Hoffman, John McCracken, Philetus Gibbs, Wm. Parks, Richard Sargent, Wallace Trumbull, John Ashcroft, Dave and Jim Plute, Lester Voorheis, Ved Lord and many others.

Beauty More than Skin Deep. Every one who wants a good healthy color and a clear skin, free from biliousness, sluggish liver and chronic constipation should get a package of Dainty Laxakola Tonic Tablets, nature's sweet gift. Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb's.

BLOOMFIELD TAXPAYERS. I will be at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham every Wednesday; county treasurer's office, every Saturday, during banking hours to receive taxes, from December 10, 1906, to January 10, 1907. GEORGE C. HUPP, Township Treasurer.

January Clearance Sale

1 lot Ladies' Rubbers, per pair 50c and 60c
1 lot Men's Rubbers, per pair 75c and 85c
1 lot Men's Rubber Overshoes, per pair \$1.00
1 lot Men's Fleeced-lined Shirts, each 39c
1 lot 10-4 Blankets, each 58c
1 lot Men's Laundered Shirts, each 39c
New line of Muslin Embroideries, Beadings and Insertions, per yard 5c to 25c

Our Spring line of Wall Paper Decorations is beginning to arrive direct from manufacturers, and we can furnish new 1907 styles at very low prices.

F. Blakesslee Birmingham

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Will clean your stove and chimney by putting it on the fire. 25c per Can

Burn-Soot makes it easy for you to burn soft coal and yet keep the home free from soot stains; and think of the money-saving as compared with the use of hard coal or wood. No more dirty curtains, draperies, upholstered furniture, carpets and rugs when you use Burn-Soot. If you are having trouble with your stove, and it does not draw good, you can get your money back. Burn-Soot does not do the work. It will clean Furnaces as well.

I. LEE TRUAX Everything in Hardware

January Sale Commences Wednesday, January 2. A rapid and constant increase in the price of Raw Silk will not prevent our making our usual liberal reduction in prices during January. With but few exceptions every piece has been reduced in price. We have selected special lots where "have-been" prices have not been considered. A variety of weaves, colorings and styles: January price One lot—High-class Novelties, Plaids, Brocades, etc. 80c One special lot Novelty Camel Hair, Clovelets, 14-wed Black and Colored Plain, Chiffon, Paon, Pannes and Costume Velvets, all reduced during January. Colored Taffetas. Our 75c quality. Our \$1.00 quality. Our \$1.25 quality. \$1.00

BLACK GOODS DEPARTMENT. A reduction has been made on every piece. One special lot 45-inch Siltings, Mexican Etamines, etc., regular value \$1.00 to \$1.50, now 75c. One special lot 45-inch Siltings, Camel's Hair, Plaids, etc., regular value \$1.00 to \$1.50, now 75c. One special lot Novelty Camel Hair, Clovelets, 14-wed Black and Colored Plain, Chiffon, Paon, Pannes and Costume Velvets, all reduced during January. Colored Taffetas. Our 75c quality. Our \$1.00 quality. Our \$1.25 quality. \$1.00

It may not be known to many of our customers that the main reason for the great advances in all linen goods is that about 90 per cent of the world's supply of flax comes from Russia, and that the troubles there have largely cut off the supply. Knowing these facts, and foreseeing these advances, we ordered largely before prices went up and are in condition to give our friends "Reductions," complete in Staple and Fancy Linens than now. LINEN DEPARTMENT. It will be at Big Beaver every Wednesday until Jan. 10th; at Troy every Wednesday until Jan. 10th; at Exchange Bank, Birmingham, every Saturday until Jan. 10th. ROSS A. LANEY, Troy Township Treasurer.

HUPP FARM BIRMINGHAM, MICH. BREEDERS OF Guernsey Cattle English Berkshire Hogs Pekin Ducks

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A Timely Hint

It is not too early to buy Christmas Presents

Hundreds are making their selections here every day, many having their purchases laid aside, to be called for later. A small deposit will secure any article in our great holiday display of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware and Cut Glass

And goods selected now can be charged on December account. We will arrange for instalment payments after Christmas, if you wish. Give us a call.

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