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ANDERSONVILLE

Mr. H. F. Daniels, Who Spent Several Months in the South, Tells Interesting Facts About the Prison

To whom it may concern and to the comrades of the 22nd Michigan Infantry. Now then listen. Since my recent visit to the South, to my surprise, people have said, "Where is Andersonville and what can you see there?" It was a Confederate prison for Union soldiers. The ground, which during the Civil war in the year 1864, was concentrated the greatest amount of suffering any human being ever endured in one year. It lies in Sumter county, Georgia, the railroad station at that time called Anderson, is about 100 miles south of Atlanta or 60 miles southwest of Macon, Georgia, on the Central of Georgia railroad now a part of the Illinois Central. One half mile east of the station was the prison, at that time known as Camp Sumter. Anderson was the name found on the map or railroad guides, the prisoners calling the "ville" making it Andersonville, but never adopted until within the last few years when Uncle Sam put out his sign Andersonville Postoffice. So came the name which has made history attached to it than any other on the map of the United States.

For the benefit of the younger people I will give a brief description of the prison as it appeared in July 1864. The wall or stockade was made of heavy timbers set on end, standing 10 feet above ground, so enclosing 24 acres of land lying in the form of a parallelogram, running north and south with the center somewhat depressed, at this point was about six acres of swamp land which was uninhabitable leaving only 18 acres to be occupied by 35,000 Union prisoners of war without any shelter from sun or storm.

The first prisoners came there in 500 Feb. 25, 1864. So on until the total number that entered the gates of Andersonville was 62,345, of these nearly 14,000 when they passed out and answered the last call, went to the cemetery which is about one half mile to the northwest. The last one to leave the prison, either dead, paroled or sent to another prison was on April 17, 1865. So ended one of the greatest events of the Civil War.

How is it now? You go 60 miles southwest from Macon, Ga., and you will come to Andersonville station. As you get off the car, looking to the west one block and you will see the Wirz monument, as it is called. Going to the east one half mile and you will come to Andersonville Park entrance, then to the Park house where you will be cordially received by the caretaker, J. T. Bickell and wife who will take care of all your wants.

About 1890 this property was bought by the G. A. R. of Georgia and Florida. They later turned it over to the Ladies' Relief Corps, who have since made improvements and bought more land taking in all the old forts and army posts surrounding the prison grounds, in all about 90 acres, which is well fenced.

In place of the stockade there are white posts set on the line of the old stockade and dead line about 200 feet apart. Over Providence Spring they have built a memorial house of rock and marble, costing about \$1,000. Near by the old forts and the north west corner outside of the prison grounds, the ladies built a large two story house with 10 foot ceilings and 10 rooms, called the Park House. The rooms are furnished with state, everything complete. Ohio has three rooms, Massachusetts one, New Jersey the sitting room, Indiana and Wisconsin the dining room. I wish to say at this time, there are two rooms yet unfinished by me and I would be glad to see the Michigan Ladies' Relief Corps take one of these rooms and furnish it complete, as a memorial with her name on the door. This is the house where Mr. Conrad, the doctor, wife, Isaac Hines and wife and H. F. Daniels and wife boarded for three weeks while making our survey of the country, the men of the party were confined here in 1864 as prisoners of war.

In front of the Park house and on the prison grounds is a flag pole 125 feet high where Old Glory floats every day in the year from sun to sun. To the south of this five states have erected monuments to their dead who died on these grounds in 1864. Ohio, died of all 100 feet high, represents 1,055 soldiers; Massachusetts 167, Michigan 654, Wisconsin 214, Rhode Island 75. The northern slope of the prison grounds is in meadow and of the vast number of wells, dug for water by the prisoners in 1864. There are 32 wells standing erect, with bushes growing about the tops, they will be preserved for all time. Outside of the prison grounds and near the old forts the ladies planted about eight acres of peaches trees which are doing fine and bearing nuts.

This last year, 1911, when the Ladies Relief Corps, feeling that they had

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Equal Suffrage Receives Good Start at the County Seat Saturday. Good Ome is.

The "Votes for Women" movement has made its initial bow in Oakland County. Last Saturday at Pontiac, The Oakland County Equal Suffrage Association, was organized and plans made for an active campaign. Among the many enthusiastic officers elected are the following:

Mrs. D. H. Glass, wife of the Methodist minister at Pontiac was chosen county chairman. Mrs. F. S. Inghelby of Pontiac, secretary; Miss Irene Crofoot, of Pontiac, assistant secretary, and Probate Judge E. B. Rockwell, treasurer. Thirteen vice-presidents were elected and the list was left open for the addition of representatives of every township not yet represented.

The vice-presidents chosen are Mrs. Harry Coleman, Mrs. J. L. Sibley, Guy C. Brown, Dr. I. U. Ferguson, Fred Wieland and Charles Bartlett, all of Pontiac; Frank Ladd, of Millford; Robert Malcolm, of Commerce; Mrs. Dr. Moore, of Farmington; Miss Leggett of Drayton Plains; G. L. Randall, of Oxford; Miss Martha Baird of Birmingham and Mrs. Charles H. Baird of Holly.

A committee consisting of Mrs. J. L. Sibley, C. S. Eastman and Mrs. P. A. Kotherer was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws, and another meeting of the association will be held as soon as the committee is ready to report.

Representative D. A. Green, of Pontiac, who introduced the Equal Suffrage bill in the legislature, called the meeting to order and was introduced as temporary chairman. Mrs. Susan M. Sellers of Detroit, who presided until the permanent organization was effected and then yielded the chair to Mrs. Glass, the newly elected county chairman. Several of the speakers commented on Representative D. A. Green for his efforts at Lansing in the suffrage cause, and just the mere mention of his name brought out heavy bursts of continued applause and ringing cheers.

Misses were made by Mrs. Sellers. Mrs. J. L. Sibley and Dr. William Bryan, of Detroit.

Miss Martha Baldwin of Birmingham, said that the early organization of an Oakland County Equal Suffrage Association was another evidence that this county always foremost in good work. She urged an out-door campaign and suggested automobile parties to tour the county. "At last we are working effectively and getting a great deal of work ready for the last months of the campaign."

Mrs. Sellers reviewed conditions in the states where women have been granted the vote and told about various state campaigns that are now beginning. Of the campaign in Detroit she said that the suffrage workers were not making any headway as yet but that they were working effectively and getting a great deal of work ready for the last months of the campaign.

Some their duty and work well in reviewing these historic grounds and offered them to the United States government asking that the property be cared for and protected by the government for all future time, which was accepted by an act of congress. This is Andersonville Prison Park, now government property. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

BODY IS FOUND FOR GOOD BOY!

In the Detroit River Last Week. Wm. H. Laube Had Been Missing Since Last November

The body of Wm. H. Laube, aged 21, of Royal Oak, who had been missing since last November, was found in the Detroit river late Tuesday afternoon of last week, and picked up by the mail boat C. F. Bielman. P. Rother, Laube's stepfather, who identified the body as that of his son, Wednesday morning, believes the boy ended his life by



WILLIAM H. LAUBE.

jumping into the river. He had threatened several times to do so, Rother says.

Fifty business cards bearing the name "William Laube" and the address "1571 Orchard street, Chicago, Ill.," were found on the body, together with a watch marked "W. S. L.," and other watch marked "E. Rother to W. S. L."

Coroner Burgess, through the Chicago police, communicated with the Chicago address and learned from Fred Laube that the body was probably that of his brother, who had been living with his stepfather in Royal Oak. Rother was notified and came to Detroit and identified the body.

Laube was addicted to the use of cigarettes, Rother said, and frequently ended his life by smoking an overcoat when he left Royal Oak last October, Rother says, and when advised to do so said he wouldn't need an overcoat where he was going.

Mrs. Rother, when interviewed concerning her son gave these facts. She stated that her son had been working in a factory in Chicago and came home for a visit before enlisting in the army or navy, which he had signed his intentions of doing when he left home on Nov. 8 last. He told his mother he was going to Detroit to attend the theatre and would return home about 5 p. m. and he was not returning at the time agreed the supposed he had enlisted and contented herself with the thought that she would eventually hear from him. She says the idea that he ended his own life by deliberately jumping into the Detroit river, as he had no love or business affairs over which to worry and when he left home that November morning he was in exceedingly good spirits.

Mrs. Kelly, who is in partnership with his stepfather, Paul Rother, in the real estate business, speaks in glowing terms of the young man and that he would not do a wrong act for anything and the love he showed for his mother was remarkably strong.

Mrs. Rother is heartbroken over the death of her loved one and can hardly believe it can be possible that he is dead.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved relatives in their deep affliction. Undertaker Wm. Sullivan brought the remains here, but they will be taken to Chicago for final interment.

Mrs. Ida Decker, 74 Carlyle street, Battle Creek, had all the painful symptoms of kidney trouble. Her kidneys were congested, eyes blurred, slept poorly, was nervous, tired out and all runs down. After taking Foley Kidney Pills, she says: "The sick headaches came no more, I slept soundly, was free from dizziness, and my kidneys and bladder stopped bothering me. Foley Kidney Pills cured me, and freed me from much misery. For sale by all druggists."

Wanted--A Boy, One Good Honest Industrious Reliable Apt Becoming Bright Qualified Etc.

The following letter from the Michigan State Agricultural Society, which gives the State Fair next fall, running September 16th, to 21st, sends out the following interesting news and a great offer.

BOYS READ CAREFULLY. The State Fair has decided to send ONE boy from each County to the State Fair at Detroit, Sept. 16-21 to give him instructions while there in Stock Judging, Soil Testing; also, talks on various Agricultural Topics, and pay his expenses.

The selection of the boy will be made by the following committee: each County: County Commissioner of Schools, President of Farmer's Institute Society and Master of Pomona Grange. The committee will meet to select the boy on June 14th, or at the call of County Commissioner of Schools.

The selection will be made from the two following examinations, taken by any boy in the County, between the ages of 14 and 18. First--The regular county 8th Grade examination to count fifty (50) per cent. Second--Examination on twenty (20) questions prepared by the State Fair Management to count fifty (50) per cent. Second examination to be taken by applicants on after May 17th, with regular 8th grade examination. This is a fine chance for one bright boy in each County to attend the big State Fair, increase their knowledge of Michigan, have several days of fun and all to be free to the luck boy.

PRETTY WEDDING At the Home of the Bride's Mother Mrs. Myra Mudge on Hamilton Avenue, Wednesday, May 15

On Wednesday, May 15, Miss Gertrude M. Mudge and Mr. Julius Merz, of Pontiac, were married at the home of the bride's mother, on Hamilton avenue in Birmingham.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. P. Kraft, of the St. James' Episcopal church, using the impressive ring ceremony.

Promptly at 4 o'clock Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Mr. Clarence Reiser, cousin of the groom, and Mr. Herman Merz, brother of the groom, accompanied on the violin, and the bridal party entered the parlor. The bride was preceded by little Miss Marion Mudge as flower girl. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Alvin Mudge and the ceremony was witnessed by only the immediate relatives.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk voile over white satin and carried white rose buds and lilies of the valley. The flower girl was dressed in white. The bride is an attractive young lady and has many friends in this vicinity. The home was prettily decorated in profusion, with carnations and amilies. After a short wedding trip they will be at home to their friends at their home in Pontiac.

Helps a Judge in Bad Fix. Justice E. L. Cherry, of Giles Mills, Tennessee, was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors, who had failed to relieve it. "It thought it was cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured. It cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25c at C. J. Shain's."

Notice to Depositors. Notice is hereby given that the Directors of the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, Michigan, have amended Rule No. 7 of the Rules and Regulations to read as follows: RULE 7. On the second Tuesday of June and December of each year this bank will pay interest on Savings Deposits at the rate of four per cent per annum on all sums left constantly on deposit for six full months or more. The same to go into effect June 1, 1912.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Birmingham, Mich. M. T. JARVIS, Cashier.

Notice to Depositors. Notice is hereby given that the Directors of the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, Michigan, have amended Rule No. 5 of its Rules and Regulations to read as follows: RULE 5. On the first day of July and January of each year this bank will pay interest on Savings Deposits at the rate of four per cent per annum on all sums left constantly on deposit for six full months or longer. The same to go into effect June 1, 1912. Same to go into effect June 1, 1912, all Certificates and Savings Books in circulation draw interest at four per cent if six months or longer. FIRST STATE SAVINGS BANK. Dr. Miller's Anti-Pain Pills for legache.

Strawberries

Have been arriving freely, of fine quality but high in price. Prices should be materially lower from day to day, until the Michigan--"the Best Berry"--comes.

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MINER & FERGUSON

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History Extract

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