

THE BATTLE IN THE CLOUDS.

How the Boys in Blue Won Fame on Lookout Mountain.

THE MEMORABLE BATTLEFIELD REVISITED.

Almost Fabulous Changes Which a Quarter of a Century Have Made in the Mist-Crowned Mount.

Written for The Bei.

Your special correspondent, having set out to revisit former battle fields by rail and "fight his battles o'er again" with a pen, can find no better place to begin the campaign than the top of Lookout mountain. From a military standpoint it is unstrategical to leave so much unconquered terri-tory behind him, but as his movements have created no suspicion as yet he promises to retake Nashville, Franklin and other strong points at such times as shall seem most convenient.

"Looking backward," let us view Lookout as well as it can be seen through enveloping mist, as it appeared on the morning of No-vember 24, 1863.

General Grant is in command at Chattanooga, General Hooker has brought from the Potomac the Eleventh and Tweifth corps, and General Sherman has come from the Mississippi with the Fifteenth corps. Every-thing is ready for one of the striking dra-matic movements of the civil war

Indeed, the curtain rose for the first act yesterday, and without further prompting than the word "forward," without a pause to shift scenes or make exit and trances, greeted by "thunders of ab plause' from every reverberating surface around Chattanooga, 25,000 boys in blue under the oye of General Grant and under the lead of Gordon Granger, went through the first act in gallant style, taking the first line of works in Chattanooga valley, and carrying our advance line well across the valward Mission Ridge.

The next round of the triple battle (for we must change the figure to harmonize with a familiar title of those days, was taken by "Fighting Joe Hooker;" and the antagonist before which he "squared off" on the morn-ing of the 24th, was no less than that champion of the interior, Lookout mountain. Twenty-five hundred feet high, the crown-ing plateau defended by rocky palisades fifty to seventy feet high, a battery on Point Lookout, and strong entrenchments on the slope of the mountain extending from west to slope of the mound its northern end, it seemed as though Lookout could defy any antagonist, and laugh at all the blows which might be

rained against his rocky ribs. But Fighting Jo was ready for the fray at 4 a. m., his red face shining with the joy of anticipated conflict, and his backers were General Geary's division of the Twelfth corps, General Osterhaus' division of the Fifteenth corps, and Generala Whittaker's and Grose's origades of the Fourth corps.

In order to give the readers of The Bag realistic idea of the battle, I invite them to become prevet members of Whittaker's brigade, and view the contest from the right of our line as they fight their way around the anountain close under the crowning

are at Waunatchie, to the west of The world around us is four-fifths Lookost tog and one fifts slurred landscape. Dim pathee of the mountain are visible at times incurses with in the report well, but much of

the me full hole line after a hasty preakfast, nel Chimmonou of the blacty wight Illinois a a later found the speech informs us that we ances and the services ours before night-fatter and ever an offers toward Lockcout, and the support press because the floor to an over the offerset apprent. Support for the because a comparison of the best of the because of the support around the service and support around the interview to say to be another the floor the floor of the service and the services of the the second of the training of his host fact. "It is a set of the second of the second of the sites and the second." And this second of the sites of the second of the seco and of The principal strong services they also a top of the service of the service services of the service of the serv

ing against us. Can the mountain be taken against such odds? But without stopping to debate the chances of success or failure, we cross Lookout creek a mile and a half from the end of the moun

tain and ascend the slope to make, if possible, under cover of the fog, a secret side entrance on the lofty stage of that splendid theater of war. After a hard climb straight 0.0

the slope we see rising before us a cold, gray, upright wall of rock fifty feet high. We cannot climb to it: but our assigned duty is to face to the left, and advance in line of battle along the western slope of the mountain, to strike the enemy on the flank and in the rear, while Hooker seeks to force his way into the clouds by an attack on his front. Now, we appreciate the military value of

mist for an attacking force, for not a shot has been fired at us, and our presence on the mountain is entirely unsuspected. It is as though the God of battles were sheltering us with a pillar of clouds through which the enemy could do us no harm. Hark, our night.

enemy could do us no name. Hara, our artillery in Lookout valley and on Moccasin Point are beginning to play the overture of the coming fight. What music, if one were not quite so close to it! Sub-bass of sieze guns from Cameron Hill, trombone brass pieces tooting from Moccasin point, parrotts pounding war drums in Lookout valtey, staccato notes of skirmishers, tremola shrick of shell, and when the confederate battery above our heads makes a fortissima reply, it sounds as though the entire orchestra of Mars had burst in flinders and filled the entire vault of sky with sound.

But the artillery overture is slackening, and the battle begins in down right carnest. Judging from the sound of the contest, it is evidently climbing up towards us, driven from rock to rock by the terrific pounding of Fighting Jo, and if so, the time has come for our flanking force to show for what purpose they have done so much hard

climbing. And lo, our opportunity has come! for, emerging from a thick growth of pines, the left flank of the enemy's works lies in plain view and so situated that we can enflide their line or even attack them in the rear. With such advantages in our favor a formal command to charge is hardly neces-sary, and down on them we rush like the sweep of an avalanche, firing, velling, fixing by one ts as a final course if they shall linger long enough to try the taste of cold steel, but they "stay not on the order of their going, but go at once."

And now the fog, which had lifted a little as we charged the works, wrapped friend and foe alike in its gray folds, and for an hour or more the battle may be imagined, but can hardly be described. It was anything that the tense imagination might create out of wonderfully poetic elements. It was a chaos of vapor which had swallowed the universe. It was a

The enemy are evidently falling back, but slowly, obstinately clinging to every defen-sible position, and we have to buy each acre of rock with full price of hard fighting and

harder climbing. But the enveloping vapor begins to sway and lift, and show signs of parting, as though Mars were impatient to view the battle and had hired . Eoins to turn his winds against the mist and drive it away. It parts beneath our feet, and, looking downward, we see -why. it is Moccasin Point-and, if so, we are swinging around towards Chattanooga, and

all except the plateau of the mountain above the palisades will soon be ours! And listen, our army in the valley below have caught sight of our advancing flags, and a 50,000 soldier power shout leaps upward to greet "Old Glory" as it waves over our pant-

Listen again, a splendid burst of music for lows hard on the shout, to interpret to the car what is here evident to the eye:

it with fortissimo vim, and we, up here, are writing with fire and steel the score which

see to fight, we drive the enemy past the Graven hease, and some distance down the mailern side of the mountain, capturing two pieces of settillery and a considerable number of primoners.

Why not make the victory complete by

surmounting the palisades and capturing the last stronghold of the enemy! Because, we are only foot soldiers. We are almost as happy as angels, but we have

ho wings, and so cannot charge up a perpen-licular wall of rock. Besides, our ammunition is exhausted. We started up the mountain this morning with little impediments except men, muskets

and sixty does of that strong modicine which Uncle Sam prescribes for secession fever. The men and muskets are here, most of them, but salpeter and galena are lackng. Then, too, it is late in the afternoon. We have been climbing like goats and lighting like lions for seven or eight hours, and a

defended, lies between us and the only road by which we can reach the top of the mountain. We have done enough al-ready to make Lookout forever memor ble, and we will complete our contract tomor-row, if the enemy do not decamp during the

And now, I have too much regard for the comfort of our BEE brevets to ask them to bivouac up here on the "nose" of the moun-tain, on November 24, with stones for pillows, focks for mattresses, and with rocks which slope so much that you slip more than you sleep, with a strong northwest wind blowing and nothing but extreme weariness to enable one to exact any rest from the situation. Those of us who had to, did it; and most of us "still live."

As I pen these closing lines, on the peace ful top of Lookout, taking "mine ease in mine inn," and lifting my eyes at times to glance at the grand scenery which lies beneath and around me, my mind swings pend ulum-like through an arc of more than a ter of a century and my thoughts fall into the

rhythm of then and now. Then Chattanooga was a sprawling village. Now, it is a beautiful city which numbers, with its suburbs, 50,000 inhabitants, boasting a large banking capital, extensive and varied manufacturing interests, many miles of paved streets, more miles of electric road than any city of its size in the United States and many local attractions which make it a Mecca o visitation for ever-increasing throngs from both north and south. Then, Lookout was a fortress. Now it is an incorporated town, with a mayor and five aldermen, many beautiful residences, a broad gauge

track which climbs the mountain by curves and zigzags, a cable line which goes directly up the slope and another in process of con struction, millions of money already expended and millions more piedged to make this one of the most attractive pleasure re hours to climb the mountain, in the face of the enemy. Now you can climb it in seven minutes by the cable incline. Then our bil of fare after the battle was coffee, hardtack

and sait pork, and our bed roo n was all out-doors. Now, on the highest part of the mountain, stands Lookout inn, a splendid descent of Jehovah on a second Sinal in be-half of an oppressed people. If wis not "the battle above the clouds," but a lattle in the clouds. Boston, combines the busidess push of the north and the cordial hospitality of the south so perfectly that his guests bless the day o

their coming and regret the hour of their de-parture. Then our scanty supper was dis-turbed by the officious offers of confederate sharpshooters to settle our coffee with lead. Now a fine orchestra plays its way through an extensive programme, while we cat our way through the elaborate bill of fare. And a wonderful change has taken place in

the spirit of the southern people. They are the same gallant, high-spirited people who resisted our arms so stubbornly in 1863.

But they now "shake" as readily as they then shot, and welcome us to their homes as heartily today as they then sought to welcome us "with bloody hands to hospitable graves."

A beautiful incident which took place thi ing but victorious line! afternoon shows this change of spirit in a striking way. As the writer and his brother were picking their way aroun 1 Lookout Point, trying to recall the landmarks familiar

"Tis the star span; ied banner, O long may it

Found, trying to recail the laborary statistical to them twenty-eight years ago, we came to what appeared to be the Craven house, a familiar landmark on the northeastern slope of the mountain, but we were not quite cer-The brigade band in the valley is playing

tain. Seeing a sweetfaced lady standing in the yard with a child in her arms, we said : inspires them. As the day is now almost clear and we can "Good evening, madam. Is this the Craven 'Yos," she replied, "this house stands of the same foundation, but the house of those days was hading shattered by shells, and was destroyed after the battle."

"And are you Mrs. Craven!"

"Yes, I am Mrs. Craven; and I did not leave my home until after nine shells had gone through it." When we told her that we were in the

force which carried desolation over the Cra-ven farm, she welcomed us to the house with the greatest cordiality, talked with us with the greatest cordinates, tanked with its about war times without the least trace of bitterness, and when we took our leave, gave us a drink of water fresh from tho well, and presented each of us with a beautiful rose, inviting us, with a face as friendly as the morn', to call

again. As we scrambled up the "nose" of Look-out, over which we made a pell-mell charge to relieve the Fortieth Ohio on the afternoon of November 24, 1863, we realized that a wonderful change had taken place within a generation. Then stern men resisted us with all their might, where today a gentle woman welcomed us. Then hostile hands offered us cold bread on the very spot where today hospitable hands gave us a cup of cold water in the spirit of Christ, and this garden slope, which then flamed with battle fires, which caused the life blood to dye the breast of more than one orave boy, now presents us with roses in token of "peace on earth, good will towards men." A. R. THAIN.

For boquet, purity and healthfulness, Cook's Extra Dry Imperial Champagne has no rival. It is splendid with dinner.

## In Defense of Mme. Blavatsky.

OMAHA, June 5.- To the Editor of THE Bas: Will you please afford me space in your columns for the following :

In defense of the late Madame Heleo Petrowna Blavatsky I would like to state that every attack made against her character is faise and groundless.

What is her alleged crime? or what did she do, that such men as John C. Bundy, Elliott Coues and others are trying to ruin her reputation? Her offense is in proclaiming the truth as she saw it. Her motto always has been, and is, "There is nothing higher than truth.

Every truth-loving man or woman who will investigate her doctrines must admit that her teachings are of the purest. They briefly are: Man, know thyself, purify yourself, subdue your lower animal nature, live up to your higher self, purify your thoughts, live for others rather than for self.

The objects of the society she founded, worked and lived for, are as follows: 1. To form a nuculus of a universal brother-

nood of humanity without distinction of racecreed or color. 2. To promote the study of Aryan and other eastern literatures, religious and sciences and demonstrate the importance of

that study. b 19 3. To investigate unexplained laws of naure and the pyschical powers latent in man. Now I would like so ask every reader of The Bes if there is anything wrong or fraudulent in her teachings and ambitions? Herself she always ignored. For humanity she alone inbored and toiled until she died. And now, after she bas left this earth and can no longer defend herself, men like the above mentioned, swhom she never harmed, attack her most mercilessly and try to slander

her in the eyes of the world. Further I defy anyone to prove that she over asked financial relief of any theosophist for herself.

Should any of the readers of this like to hear any more about theosophy I would state that every Sunday at 4 p. m., the Theo-sophical society has meetings at the Fronzer block, opposite postafice, where all questions of visitors will be cheerfully answered. R. O. R. BERGATH, F. T. S.

### Dandelions in t e Sky. Columbus Dispatch. An earnest little muiden

Peered up into the night, Where merry stars were twinkling And marveled at the sight. "And does the grass," she questioned,

"Grow blue where it's so high! And are they dandelions-The stars up in the sky !"

# Well Merited Praise.

In almost every neighborhood there is some one or more persons whose lives have been saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Choiera and Diarrhosa Remedy, or who have been cured of pronie diarrhoea by it. Such persons take special pleasure in recommending the remedy to others. The praise that follows the introduction and use makes it very popular. 25 and 5 -comt bottles for sale by all druggists.

Iowa.

ELECTIONS DURING THE PAST WEEK. Long, secretary. St. John's lodge No. 25, reelected the old officers as follows: T. K. Sudborough, W. M.; F. S. Hayes, S. W.; W. W. Keysor, J. W.; G. H. W. Slevers, treasurer; J. B.

A New Order for the Benefit of the Regular Soldiers and Sailors-A Move to Protect Their

Rights-News and Notes.

ment of Nebraska, of the Regular Army and Navy union, has been duly organized and The Masonic grand lodge of Iowa held its chartered at Fort Omaha. The officers are: forty-eighth annual session at Cedar Blapids G. M. Wright, captain; David N. Driscoll, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of first lightenant: W.L. Allison second lighlast week. tenaut: Alfred Hohn, adjutant; M. Coady,

The report of the secretary showed a balquartermaster; John Gladinich, officer of ance in the treasury of \$1,588.36. The grand master reported that six char-

ters had been issued during the year and ght dispensations issued for the formation of new lodges. The committee appointed by the grand

master to expel members of the United States jurisdiction Scottish rite reported that thirteen of such members had been tried and found guilty as charged. The report was approved by the grand master and the mo-tion to approve the actions of the grand mas-ter in bringing to trial and expelling these so-

called "Cerneau Masons" was made the special order for Thursday morning. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. G. Phelps, Atlantic, grand master; W. L. Tempie, Osceola, grand ward-en: J. E. Nye, West Union, junior grand warden; F. W. Chase, Cedar Falls, grand treasurer; T. S. Parvin, grand secretary, and treasurer; P. S. Care, Cedar Falls, grand George B. Van Saun, Codar Falls, custodian.

The next meeting will be held at Dubuque. At the time set the report of the committee on jurisprudence came up for consideration. The committee reported adversely to a repeal of the laws heretofore adopted concerning the expulsion of members of the United States jurisdiction Scottish rite, and the report was adopted.

Constitution: Whereas, There are thousands of honorably discharged regular soldiers and saliors who have spent the best days of their lives in the service of this country, who are today total strangers to one another, and Whereas, The army and navy of the United States of America are the principal guardians and strongest support of civilization in the protection of its efficans, their lives and lib-orties, their honor and integrity, as well as enforcing the laws on the frontier against the duing of our most harassing and barbarous enemies to elvilization—the wild and uncivil-ized Indians—which have been a source of bloody strife for many years, an i considering it our duty for the pirpose of fraternal recog-nition and the enhancement of social rela-tions between its members as well as mutual protection and benefits, such as moral and pecualary benefits in case of distress or death. and the continued efforts of still propagating the welfare of our country and the progress of civilization in the future, therefore be it Kesolved. That we, the regular stat were honorably discharged from the regular Army and have organized as. The Regular Army and have organized as "The Regular Army and have protection and welfare of our social and benevients. The headquarters of the National union are in Hoston with General James F. Roche as The committee on appeals and grievances reported adversely on the petition of F. C. Hills and C. C. Wales for reinstatement, and the report was adopted. Chris Hartman, grand treasurer of No-

braska, was a visitor at the grand lodge. Hon. George W. Ball of Iowa City was appointed deputy grand master.

## Masonic.

The monument erected by the craft in the United States in memory of Brother Robert Morris, at Lagrange, Ky., was unveiled by the grand loage of Ken-tucky May 29, the grand commandery acting as escort. Aside from the address of Past Grand Master Fitch, most of the programme of exercises was made up from writings of Brother Morris apprporiate to the occas

discharged soldiers and sailors of the regular In the table of statistics prepared by R. E. Nicholas R. Ruckle in his last report of corarmy and navy of the United States corre-spond with Adjutant Hohn at Fort Omaha, respondence, the total membership of Knights Templars in the United States is shown to be \$5,005, being a gain of 3,596 in one year. The following figures are also with a view to becoming active members of the only association ever perfected for the benefit of the soldier and sailor of the rogular service. given: Knighted, 6.289; affiliated, 1,048 suspended, 639; expelled, 55; diod, 1,088. 1 Omaha lodge No. 2 elected the following officers for the ensuing term: R. N. Burgess, N. G.; J. R. Ginian, V. G.; C. A. Patterson, secretary; F. B. Bryant, treasurer; D. L. Morgan and Silas Wright, representatives to will be observed that the loss by dimit exceeds the gain by affiliation 590, and the army of non-contributing sir knights is thus in

creased to that extent. By order of the general grand master,

By order of the general grand master, Comp. Henry W. Mordhurst, general grand recorder of the general grand council of royal and select masters, has issued an official notice of the fourth trionnial assem-bly of that body, which will moet at Minne-apolis, Minn. Tuesday, July 21, 1891, at ten o'clock a m. Arrangements are being made for reduced railroad and hotel rates of which all members will excelve due notice. all members will receive due notice.

The Michigan Masonic home at Grand Rapids was opened for inmates on May 21st,

At its regular monthly meeting Monday night Capitol lodge No. 3, elected the follow-ing officers: George W. Lininger, W. M.; John Prey, S. W.; Thomas McBride, J. W.; Meyer Hellman, treasurer; John Bamford, secretary. The master announced his ap secretary. The master announced his ap-pointive officers as follows, a'l being past masters : George M. Nattinger, S. D. ; William R. Bowen, S. S. ; John Butler, J. S. ; T. A. Megeath, T.

Nebraska lodge No. 1 elected the following

GRAND LODGE SEASON OPENS. Meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Masonic Grand Lodge of Content of C The following are the officers in Covert lodge No. 11 for the ensuing year: George E. Gibson, W. M. ; S. J. Boden, S. W.; William Ritter, J. W.; M. O. Maul, treasurer; E. K.

Army and Navy Union.

Abraham Lincoln garrison No. 13, Depart-

The garrison is officered with a full set of

Whereas, There are thousands of honorably

The headquarters of the National union are

in Boston, with General James F. Roche as commander-in-chief. The department of Ne-

commander-in-enter, The upparture states, braska, consisting of several western states, with headquarters at Omaha, is commanded by Perry A. Lyons, with E. J. Davis as as-

istant adjutant general. Abraham Lincoln garrison will meet on the

at Pythian hall, near Fort Omaha. It is urgently requested that all honorably

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The following are the officers of State

lodge No. 10 for the ensuing term: J. T. Yates, N. G.; R. H. Cooper, V. G.; P. Ven-strand, secretary; Harry Jacason, treasurer;

Venstrand and John Lewis, representa-

Hesperian encampment No. 2 elected the

following officers for the easuing term: M. Johnson, C. P.; J. W. Disbrow, H. P.; D. L. Morgan, S. W.; R. N. Burgess, J. W.; C.

A. Patterson, scribe; George A. Bennett,

K. of P.

into that of Marathon lodge, the consolida-tion having taken place last Monday night. This is the second lodge Marathon has ab-

sorbed, Para lodge having been taken in

The grand lodge of South Dakota elected

Viola lodge has merged its official existence

grand lodge.

tives.

treasurer.

about a month ago.

oud and fourth Saturdays of each month

or are now serving in the regular army.

Bruner, secretary.

the day.

constitution:

Madison: Grand chancellor, W.E. Tipton, Armour: grand vice chancellor, A.D. Keller, Elk Point: grand prelate, C. A. Maxon, Ver-million: grand keeper of records and seal, U. S. G. Cherry, Sioux Falls: grand master of exchequer, J. A. Trow, Madison: grand master-at-arms, W. H. Limmernoff, Hill City.

Brennan of Rapid City was elected for the long term and A. C. Phillips for the short term.

Persistence

in the use of Sulpho-Saline cures biliousness constituation and all diseases caused by a for nud liver.

## PEPPERMINT DROPS.

The policeman who isn't a round is often a rounder

The nimble dime soon wastes the slow dol-Iar

He who lives up to his opportunities is us unily too busy to live up to his income.

Trouble drowned in the flowing bowl is always susceptible of resuscitation. It's odd, but a man with a temper like a steel trap is always most dangerous when h

subordinate officers and starts off with a is unrung. To be founn out in endeavoring to evade membership of about fifty, who have served the duty on wool, makes importers look quite

The objects of the Army and Navy union are set forth in the following preamble to the sheepish. Happily, the Presbytarians will no longer ce snakes. They have voted to discard it as an emblem. The principal charm about donning your last summer's waistcoat, says a Boston edi-tor, is to find some stray dimes and quarters

The present location of women's pockets is very annoying to pickpockets.

A woman can hoodwink a man into believ-

ing that she is a saint one day, a sage the next, and a flirt the third.

Many women are as bad as they are

The orchard is the dude of botany-pleas-

ant to look upon, expensive to keep, and of

It is the ampition of the amateur photog-

Heaven help that man who is so far beyond redemption that he lies to himself.

Lobsters may not be intellectual, but they

"There is always room at the top," buzzed

A man may never meet the note he gave, and yet have a personal acquaintance with it

Even a treadmill will turn when trodden

The toper spends his time rumagin' around.

The coar requires almost as many soldiers to enter Moscow as did Napoleon 1.

Anomalous Philadelphia-city of straight

"The Needs of the Farmer" are one-to be

Baseball observes every holiday by doing a

Known by its spurity-Counterfeit com.

Always in the spring of life -A gymnast.

We learn much from little things, out a

The captain of a vessel may not be much

of a painter, yet he is looked upon as an ultramarine deck-orator.

Is heresy, after all, anything but his

A mile is the centipede of distance, it has

Weeds are often made to tipify sin; they are resemble truth, however, since "if

mere resemble truth, however, since "if crushed to earth they will surely rise again."

The man who keep one eye on his neigh-bors when he is hoeing his row leaves lots of untouched weeds and spoils lots of potatoes.

The haughty girl sometimes turns up her use so that it will not be in the way.

The lawyers are a great help to the rall-

oads because they express so many opla-

Money spent for adhesive plasters can be

charged to payment of a back tax. Sometimes it's the hardest kind of work to get the strapping big fellow to buckle down

One of the barbarisms-Toasting laties in

Take a lesson from the strawberry-box. It

Sworn off-The tight boot.

iltice can never teach a man the art of

raphers to make a good impression.

are well red when they go to dinner.

the fiv as he sat down on a bald head.

Nothing to speak of-a cipher.

allowed to reap that which he sows.

streets and crooked ways.

louble amount of business.

drawing.

-say!

5,280 feet.

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a the corners of the pockets.

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painted.