

HAD CHARMED LIFE

Mexican Veteran Fought Against His Father and Brothers.

Pennsylvanian Now Ninety Years Old Helped Storm Vera Cruz Away Back in 40's, and Faced Numerous Civil War Perils.

Bloomsburg, Pa.—One of the few survivors in Pennsylvania of the Mexican war of 1846-48, a veteran of the civil war, a man who has fought in 27 battles, was thrice wounded, holds four honorable discharges, and who, when but a lad, saw much of the civilized world, is John Sylvester Myers of Lime Ridge, Columbia county, now 90 years of age, but who looks easily 20 years younger.

Few men have had such an experience as this old man, who fought with the union army because he believed its cause to be right, while his father, who disowned him because of his loyalty, fought, with seven other sons, for the lost cause of the rebellion. And from that day, Myers, whose father owned 1,500 slaves, has seen neither father nor brother.

A rover from boyhood, he left home near St. Louis, when but 11 years of age, and going down the Mississippi on a small boat to the Gulf of Mexico, shipped as a cabin boy on an English bound vessel. Three trips he made, and in 1834 left the vessel and struck out through Germany, Switzerland, Russia, Italy and France. In the last named country he was arrested and it was charged that he was there in the service of another country. His father's money and influence purchased his release.

At the outbreak of the Mexican war he enlisted as a marine and was one of those who scaled the walls of Vera Cruz. From there the vessel upon which he was taken to the scene of war was sent to China, and Myers went along.

He attempted to settle down to every-day life and located at Danville, but the wanderlust soon gripped him and it was only a month or two until he had enlisted with the government to do teaming from Omaha to California. In that service three years, he made six trips through the Indian frontier and figured in many a fight with them.

He was one of the first to respond when President Lincoln issued a call for men, and he was captured in the Shenandoah valley in 1862, but the confederates left so small a guard over their prisoners that the latter set upon them, and, killing them, effected their escape.

He participated in nearly all the most important battles of the war. At

LILY THAT LOOKS LIKE MASK OF M'KINLEY.



This flower recently was on exhibition in California. It forms a remarkable portrait of William McKinley, twenty-fourth president of the United States, who was assassinated by Czolgosz in 1901.

North Ann river, where he helped build a pontoon bridge, the Union forces were surrounded, and the order was given to destroy the bridge. Eighty-five men were detailed to do the work. A death toll of 83 was claimed, and Myers was one of the two who escaped.

While the forces were lying before Petersburg there occurred an incident which he will never forget. One of the guards doing duty at the home of Dr. Samuel Withers, a supposedly northern adherent, but a confederate at heart, complained of feeling ill, and Myers was ordered to provost duty. The night before two guards had been found with their throats cut, and Myers was more than ordinarily cautious that night.

It was almost midnight when he saw something moving outside the house that resembled a Newfoundland dog. Challenging the object three times and receiving no answer, he fired, and then running over, struck the object a terrific blow on the head. It was Dr. Withers, a large razor in

one hand, his form enveloped in a buffalo robe, dead. Myers was court-martialed and acquitted.

In the battle of Fort Harrison, in a hand-to-hand encounter, he was struck in the mouth with the butt of a confederate musket. He ran his bayonet through the man who had struck him, killing him instantly; but Myers still carries the scar of that encounter.

The battle of Fredericksburg his clothing was shot into shreds and his canteen shot off his person, but he was uninjured. In the battle of the Wilderness he was not so fortunate, however, for he was shot below the knee, and lay on the field four days before he was found. He was finally mustered out of service March 17, 1866, at Philadelphia. Many years from spent in traveling, but for some time has been living quietly, as befits his years, at Lime Ridge.

Mr. Myers is a Frenchman by birth, and his grandfather came to this country with Lafayette and served as a cavalryman.

COUNTRY WHOSE SOIL SPELLS WHEAT AND OUT OF WHOSE FARMS THOUSANDS ARE GROWING RICH.

WHAT PRESIDENT TAFT AND OTHERS THINK OF CANADA.

Another Fat Year for the Canadian West.

Our Canadian neighbors to the north are again rejoicing over an abundant harvest, and reports from reliable sources go to show that the total yield of 1909 will be far above that of any other year.

It is estimated that \$100,000,000 will this year go into the pockets of the Western farmers from wheat alone, another \$60,000,000 from oats and barley, while returns from other crops and from stock will add \$40,000,000 more. Is it any wonder then that the farmers of the Canadian West are happy?

Thousands of American farmers have settled in the above mentioned provinces during the past year; men who know the West and its possibilities, and who also know perhaps better than any other people, the best methods for profitable farming.

President Taft said recently in speaking of Canada:

"We have been going ahead so rapidly in our own country that our heads have been somewhat swelled with the idea that we are carrying on our shoulders all the progress there is in the world. We have not been conscious that there is on the north a young country and a young nation that is looking forward, as it well may, to a great national future. They have 7,000,000 people, but the country is still hardly scratched."

Jas. J. Hill speaking before the Canadian Club of Winnipeg a few days ago said:

"I go back for 53 years, when I came West from Canada. At that time Canada had no North-West. A young boy or man who desired to carve his own way had to cross the line, and today it may surprise you—one out of every five children born in Canada lives in the United States. Now you are playing the return match, and the North-West is getting people from the United States very rapidly. We brought 100 land-seekers, mainly from Iowa, and Southern Minnesota, last night out of St. Paul, going to the North-West. Now, these people have all the way from five, ten to twenty thousand dollars each, and they will make as much progress on the land in one year as any one man coming from the Continent of Europe can make, doing the best he can, in ten, fifteen, or twenty years."

It is evident from the welcome given American settlers in Canada that the Canadian people appreciate him. Writing from Southern Alberta recently an American farmer says:—"We are giving them some new ideas about being good farmers, and they are giving us some new ideas about being good citizens. They have a law against taking liquor into the Indian Reservation. One of our fellows was caught on a reservation with a bottle on him, and it cost him \$50. One of the Canadian Mounted Police found him, and let me tell you, they find everyone who tries to go up against the laws of the country."

"On Saturday night, every bar-room is closed, at exactly 7 o'clock. Why? Because it is the law, and it's the same with every other law. There isn't a bad man in the whole district, and a woman can come home from town to the farm at midnight if she wants to, alone. That's Canada's idea now to run a frontier; they have certainly taught us a lot."

"On the other hand, we are running their farms for them better than any other class of farmers. I guess I can say this without boasting, and the Canadians appreciate us. We turn out to celebrate Dominion Day; they are glad to have us help to farm the country; they know how to govern; we know how to work."

Another farmer, from Minnesota, who settled in Central Saskatchewan some years ago, has the following to say about the country:—"My wife and I have done well enough since we came from the States; we can live anyway. We came in the spring of 1901 with the first carload of settlers' effects unloaded in these parts and built the first shanty between Saskatoon and Lumsden. We brought with our car of settlers' effects the sum of \$1500 in cash, to-day we are worth \$40,000. We 'proved up' one of the finest farms in Western Canada and bought 320 acres at \$3 per acre. We took good crops off the land for four years, at the end of which we had \$8000 worth of improvements in the way of buildings, etc., and had planted three acres of trees. Two years ago we got such a good offer that we sold our land at \$45 per acre. From the above you will see that we have not done badly since our arrival."

Prof. Thomas Shaw of St. Paul, Minnesota, with a number of other well known editors of American farm journals, toured Western Canada recently, and in an interview at Winnipeg said in part:—"With regard to the settlement of the West I should say that it is only well begun. I have estimated that in Manitoba one-tenth of the land has been broken, in Saskatchewan one-third and in Alberta, one-hundred and seventy-fifth. I am satisfied that in all these provinces grain can be grown successfully up to the sixtieth parallel and in the years to come your vacant land will be taken at a rate of which you have at present no conception. We have enough people in the United States alone, who want homes, to take up this land."

"What you must do in Western Canada is to raise more live stock. When you are doing what you ought to do in this regard, the land which is now selling for \$20 per acre will be worth from \$50 to \$100 per acre. It is as good land as that which is selling for more than \$100 per acre in the corn belt."

Los Angeles, Cal.—Connecticut and Havana tobacco is being successfully grown at Santa Ana, Fullerton, Orange, and Hermosa, near here. The result of the experiments, which have been carried on by E. S. Matteson, a tobacco expert, show that thousands of acres, otherwise indifferently productive, will yield from \$250 to \$300 worth of tobacco to the acre.

On the tracts already planted, Matteson says, two crops of Havana a year can be produced. The yield is from 1,200 to 1,500 pounds per acre, worth from 20 cents to one dollar a pound.

On Connecticut seed, the tracts are producing up to 2,000 pounds to the acre, worth from 15 to 25 cents a pound.

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GOOD GOUT REMEDY

Episcopalian Rector Finds Effective Cure in Old Bucksaw.

Veteran Decides to Sever Gastronomical Relations with Canvasbacks, Terrapin and Wines and Turn to Tree Chopping.

New York.—The Rev. J. Prescott, of St. Ann's P. E. church, Sayville, L. I., has added a bucksaw to the weapons with which he fights the world, the flesh and the devil and the other day he appeared on the streets of the village with the bucksaw over his shoulder to show his parish how effective he is.

Dr. Prescott (if he isn't a doctor already he will be soon, having discovered something) has been the rector of St. Ann's for 37 years and for the last two or three years has suffered great agony of mind and body because he was popular and had so many millionaires among his summer parishioners. He never gets a chance to eat a wholesome meal of crumbs with Lazarus, but day in and day out has to sit up at the table with Dives and the result is he has developed just as fine a case of gout as if he were a millionaire himself.

But in a very short time Dr. Prescott won't have any gout, thanks to the bucksaw, which beats goat's milk, and which, let it be said with no reverence, seems to have been in this case more effective than prayer. Fast-ing might have helped some, but, as already explained, the rector never got an opportunity to fast.

There probably never was a country person who knew more about canvasbacks and terrapin and the merits of rare vintages than Dr. Prescott. He gave up the vintage some time ago, but it was too late to cast devils out of that foot by such a simple sacrifice. They got worse and rheumatism came to help them in the torture of the good dominie.

He fed the millionaires of his parish that he might live the simple life for a spell in the Mohawk valley.

Dancing in Ancient Times

Pennsylvania Lecturer Declares That Egyptian Kings of Old Used Modern Stage Methods.

Philadelphia.—High kicking and all other up-to-the-minute "stunts" and gyrations practiced by chorus girls of Broadway musical shows are not of modern invention. In fact, all such forms of amusement and many others, ordinarily believed to be the original productions of twentieth century theatrical geniuses, were known by the people of ancient Egypt thousands of years ago.

These were statements of W. Max Muller in his lecture on "The Time of the Pyramid Builders."

In proof of his declarations, Mr. Muller exhibited several photographs of inscriptions and drawings unearthed from the tombs and temples of the ancient Egyptian kings along the Nile.

Several of these showed the palaces of the kings of that day in holiday

There he had a special goat to produce his milk supply and for the sake of variety he added buttermilk. But in spite of that Dr. Prescott's goat got no better and he returned to Sayville the other day convinced that as long as he had to have the troubles of his pastorate he might as well have the social joys as well.

It was three days ago that he discovered the bucksaw by accident. He wanted a pine tree removed from the rectory yard, so that more sunlight could reach his aching foot when he put it up on the arm chair on the veranda. While thinking about it he hobbled into the woodshed and there saw the bucksaw.

Then he had an inspiration. Seizing an ax, he tackled the tree him-

self. Finally getting the tree down, he started to saw it up for firewood. That night he slept the sleep he used to know before he knew how to dine. That job finished, he tackled another tree that threatened to fall. The devils were cast out.

The other day Dr. Prescott went forth into the streets of the village, taking the saw with him. When ever a surprised parishioner commented upon the agility with which he walked the rector pointed to the saw and told of the cure.

The trustees of the church are delighted about the improvement in Dr. Prescott's condition, but are worried about the shade trees on the church lawn. It may be necessary either for the rich parishioners to substitute some simple cereal for pate de foie gras when they have the rector to