

Reminiscences of Army Life.
(BY A PRIVATE.)
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That the war was the culmination of an "irrepressible conflict," that had long existed between the North and the South in regard to the institution of slavery, is a matter of history, the discussion of which does not come within the scope designed to be covered by these "reminiscences." But the sentiments and prejudices of the people of the South, as we learned them by frequent conversations with them during the war, are worthy of mention, and help us not only to a better understanding of the differences existing between the North and the South, but also to put a more charitable construction on the conduct of those who in a conventional sense were our "enemies" but toward whom we could not feel the slightest enmity. The better classes of the South were not only intelligent, but many of them well educated, so far as relates to education acquired in the schools. For although there were scarcely any district schools in the South, there were high schools and academies in most of the larger towns, where all except the "poor white trash" could be taught. But freedom of speech and the press were not tolerated in the South, and the mere presence of a preacher or lecturer from the North was looked upon with suspicion, and a coat of tar and feathers awaited him who dared to raise his voice against their institution. I met with an intelligent christian lady in Southern Missouri, who was well posted, from a southern standpoint, but so intensely prejudiced that she would not have read a Northern church paper if she could have had the opportunity. She was a Methodist and told me that the only paper that she could get to read, or cared to read, was the Nashville Christian Advocate. She did not know anything of the Northern church papers, except what she read of them in her paper, and that was as much as she wanted to know about them. She could scarcely command charity enough to admit that there were any christians in the "M. E. church North" as they of the South call the M. E. church. She did admit however that there might be some few, who were good christians, but that they were blinded by the better informed, but irreligious and hypocritical northern preachers, and abolition editors, who she sincerely believed were waging an unholy war against the people of the south and their divine institution of slavery. She had been taught to believe that all northern people were yankees and that all yankees were abolitionists, and that all abolitionists were enemies of the south. All this she said she learned from her church paper. We learned more of the sentiments of southern people from the women than from the men, for several reasons. We met with more of them, as the men were generally away from home, being either in the rebel service as soldiers or hiding away somewhere to keep out of danger. Then the women were generally more intelligent than the men, and were not afraid to say things that the men would not dare say. Another lady with whom I talked was equally ignorant of the north, but claimed to adhere to the union, and said her husband was in the union army, which may have been true and it may not have been true. They were not slave holders, and had a small farm and also had some corn to sell, which our quartermaster bought and paid for, and it was while it was being hauled away that I talked with her. She claimed that they were union people in sentiment, but had tried to remain neutral, and that her husband had tried to keep out of both armies but enlisted in the union army for fear of being conscripted in the rebel service. She spoke of the defeat of our army at Pea Ridge and other places where our forces were successful, claiming that they had not heard of a union victory, and wondered that we remained so long in the country after being so often defeated. It was with difficulty that I made her believe that Gen. Price was defeated at Pea Ridge. I asked her what she supposed was the reason of remaining four weeks on the ground after the battle if we were whipped, and why the rebels were scattered and hiding in the Boston Mountains. After a little silence during which she seemed in a deep study, she

looked up and said that was one thing that had all the time seemed very strange to her. "And was Gen. Price really defeated at Pea Ridge?" she asked. When I assured her that such was the truth, she said that they seldom got to see a newspaper, and never any but southern papers, and that they had been made to believe that the yankees had been defeated in every battle of any consequence, and that the war would soon be over and the confederacy firmly established. I think many of these people had very little preference as to which side should succeed, and expressed a preference for one side or the other, just as they happened to be in rebel or union company. But in one thing they all agreed, and that was in speaking well of Gen. Price; which I think was not because he was a Missourian, but because he was a kind hearted and estimable man, both in the army and out of it. Whether he was a professor of Christianity or not I do not know; but if he was not he was credited with doing many acts of kindness where "military necessity" would have allowed him to do otherwise. I heard it said during the war, and have heard it said since, that Gen. Price was not in full sympathy with the rebellion, and was opposed to secession and only went with the south, as some others did, through loyalty to his state. A mistaken loyalty, but pardonable; let us spread the mantle of charity over his mistakes and reverse his memory for his virtues. My first favorable impression of him was formed in February '62 when our forces under Gen. Curtis advanced on the confederates in southwestern Missouri. As we advanced they retreated into the mountains of northwestern Arkansas; on reaching Sugar creek we went into camp and Gen. Curtis put the men to work at once making breastworks and preparing for defence in case we should be attacked; for it was wisely concluded that we had gone as far as was expedient just then, as Gen. Price had been looking for us, and was preparing a trap for us in which we might have been caught had we not stopped when we did. We necessarily had to forage for subsistence for the horses and as the rebel forces had been in that locality for two or three months, horse feed was quite scarce, and many teams that had been sent out to forage had returned with empty wagons. I was detailed one day as a sergeant and sent out in charge of foraging party consisting of two teamsters with their teams of six mules each and six cavalry men as escorts. My instructions were to take any thing and every thing that I could find that the horses could eat, unless the owners could show protection papers properly signed by some union officer. My orders were peremptory and I promised to obey them. After going several miles through the woods and over many hills we found a small log house around which was a piece of cleared land too small to be called a farm. The premises were occupied by a feeble old man, and his little grand-daughter eight or ten years of age. Their possessions consisted of a cow, a few pigs and a small quantity of corn in the shock, which the old man said was all that they had in the world to keep them through the remainder of the winter. I told him what my orders were, and that I should have to take his fodder, but as the performance of such an unpleasant duty was much against my sense of right, I put it off as long as I could by listening to his story of desertion and hardships. He said he was a union man in sentiment but his age and poverty kept him from taking any part in the war. He said that Gen. Price's men had taken the most of his corn, hogs and chickens, but that with Gen. Price's orders they had left him what little he had left to keep him through the winter, when he hoped to get help from his neighbors and friends. He said he had represented himself to Gen. Price as a union man, just as he had to me, and judging from his frankness and honest looks I believed all he told me. But while he was talking and I was trying to listen I thought of a woman and some small children up in Iowa, with a cow and few pigs, and a small crop of corn which they had cut and shocked while the husband and father was in the union army; and I mentally resolved to obey the "higher law," at the risk of being censured and called "chicken-hearted." So I told

him as he had not enough for half a load for one team, we would not take it then, but if we could not do better we would get it on our return in the evening. Some miles further on we came to a good farm with considerable stock and feed enough to keep them through the balance of the winter, more indeed than would have loaded our wagons, but as the lady at the house showed me her "protection papers," duly signed by Gen. Steele we dared not take it. But by her directions we went some miles further and found a good plantation which was owned by a "rebel" who had with his family deserted it on the approach of our army, leaving several hundred bushels of corn and some sheaf oats. Here we filled both wagons with corn, and piled sheaf oats on top, and returned to camp without calling on the old man for his little jag of fodder. While the corn was being loaded some of the boys shot a few chickens a duty or privilege not contained in our orders. Some of them also wanted to go into the house which I would not allow. Teams were sent out the next day for all the remaining corn but in charge of a sergeant who was probably not quite so tenderhearted. **A High Liver.** Usually has a bad liver. He is bilious, constipated, has indigestion and dyspepsia. If there is no organic trouble a few doses of Parks' Sure Cure will tone him up. Parks' Sure Cure is the only liver and kidney cure we sell on a positive guarantee. Price \$1.500. Sold by C. L. Cotting. **Transfers.** (By J. H. Bailey) A M Walters and wife to Jane Sprout wd part 30 1/4 4-4-10... \$125 00 Adolph Remer to Gustavo Draheim nw 1/4 7-4-10... 3200 00 Adolph Howard and wife to S. K. Logan lot 4 block 2 Grusels sub Blue Hill... 87 00 Catherine Wagener to Sarah Wohler south 20 acres w 1/2 ne 1-4 and e 1/2 nw 1-4 28-1-10... 1 00 Catherine Wagener to Anna Wagener wd part ne 1-4 28-1-10... 1 00 Catherine Wagener to Amanda B Wagener wd part nw 1/4 28-1-10... 1 00 M. C. Gordon and wife to John W Kinsel wd lots 13 to 16 block 13 Smith & Moore's add to Red Cloud... 675 00 William L. Souce and wife to Louis M Yoek wd sw 1-4 2-2-10... 3500 00 Albert Henry and wife to W. A. Watkins wd lot 2 block 13 Blue Hill... 40 00 W A Watkins and wife to Lois E White wd w 1/2 lot 2 block 13 Blue Hill... 20 00 Alfred M. Mowrey and wife to Chas A Batson wd lot 6 block 6 Mowrey's add to Blue Hill... 95 00 L W Tulleys Tr to Cornell Library Ass'n ne 1-4 10-13-11... 1 00 Total... \$7746 00 **Republican Caucus.** The republican caucus of Red Cloud precinct will be held, Saturday September 23d, at 2 o'clock p. m. Nomination of township officers same day including, supervisor, town clerk, assessor, two constables, two justices, and four road supervisors. Porter Hedge, chairman. **First Ward Caucus.** The republican voters of the 1st ward, are called to meet in the rooms over the postoffice, Monday Sept 25th, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing seven delegates to the county convention to be held in Red Cloud, Sept 27th, 1893, and any other business that may be necessary.—M. B. McNITT, Com. **A Fine Farm For Sale. A Great Bargain.** If you want to buy a fine home you should not fail to see this farm. It will go for \$5000 if sold soon. Half cash and half on time, or will trade for valuable property. The house is 10x24 2 stories with L 14x20 with porches on each side. Good water, fine outhouse. Big barn 24x40 2 stories; cob and coal house 14x16; granary 12x14; corn crib 8x32; windmill (new). School house within 40 rods. 15 miles from county seat, two trading towns within 8 miles. If sold soon will sell everything on the farm including 11 cattle, 11 horses and mules, 17 hogs, farm machinery, buggies, etc. 100 acres well fenced with galvanized wire. Apply at once to the RED CLOUD CHIEF, Red Cloud, Nebraska. **How's This!** We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.—F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.—West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Wadding, Kinnun & Murvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

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