

A RELIC OF THE WAR:

The Sanitary Flour Sack Kept by Gridley's Family.

Story of the Hero's Efforts to Aid the Union's Suffering Soldiers.

San Francisco Chronicle. Few occurrences of our civil war attracted more notice, or created more enthusiasm throughout the country, than the tour of R. C. Gridley and his sack of flour, which so amply assisted the noble work of the Sanitary Commission, in caring for the health and comfort of our soldiers, restoring the sick warriors to health, and nursing the arm of the well with the encouraging thought that he was not unthought of, nor likely to go uncaared for in case of misfortune.

THE WAGER. A local election was pending in Austin in April, 1864. Some banter between him and Dr. Herrick, an office-holder of the county, resulted in a wager on the outcome of the election. The conditions were that the Doctor, if the election went against his party, should carry a twenty-pound sack of flour on his shoulder through Main street, from the First ward, Clifton, to the Fourth ward, Upper Austin, a distance of about one mile and a quarter.

A TRIUMPHAL MARCH. The sack of flour, trimmed with ribbons and flags, was shouldered by him, and with the stars and stripes in his hands he took his place in the line prepared for the novel march, amid the cheers and laughter of the concourse. A procession was formed, and moved in the following order: At the head of the column a cavalcade of thirty-six men on horseback, with the city officials next.

AN INSPIRATION. A bright, good thought struck the hero of the occasion. Why not turn the hilarity of the day to public advantage by doing something with the sack to aid the Sanitary Commission. The suggestion was eagerly caught up by the jolly crowd. It was suggested by some that the sack of flour should be baked into cakes and be distributed as mementoes of the occasion.

SPREADING ENTHUSIASM. The fame of the incident soon spread to neighboring mining camps, the spirit of the enterprise taking hold of them all, the enthusiasm growing as it spread. Gridley, fired with his patriotic impulse, took the hint and set out on foot with his sack to raise money for the suffering soldiers of the nation.

such a reception as awaited the Man with the Sack on his noble and patriotic mission. His reception here was the most memorable ovation ever tendered a private citizen. The town went wild with enthusiasm. Montgomery street was thronged, and the welkin rang with cheers, as Gridley marched along with the sack of flour on his shoulder and the national banner borne in his hand.

THE HERO'S FAMILY SUFFERING. The measure of that noble benefaction only the Omnescent can estimate. Poor Gridley has long since gone to the adjustment of the account. Every time the sack was sold it was returned to him, and he finally brought it back to his own home, where it is retained in the family as a precious heirloom.

A HORNLESS BULL. The De-throned Chief of the Sioux and His Captivity. A Native Monarch Shorn of His Plumes.

Correspondence N. Y. Herald. For some days past I have been learning facts about the Indian question at Standing Rock. The officers here speak in hopeful terms of the effect which the late manoeuvre of the government has produced, and assure me that the removal of Sitting Bull from the Standing Rock reservation was a wise step on the part of the war department.

A GREAT POLITICIAN. Sitting Bull is the greatest politician in the territory and has a keen appreciation of the power which could be created by a gradual concentration of the different tribes. For months before he left the reservation to go on the war path he had been gradually undermining the influence of Bull other Sioux chiefs and absorbing their fighting men into his own band.

MIRACLES DIET. "Your Spring blossom is a success. I certainly think its effects are wonderful; all the dyspeptic symptoms I complained of have vanished; my wife is also enthusiastic in praise of it; she was disfigured by blotches and pimples on her face, and had a continuous headache. She is all right now, and all my unpleasant eruptions have gone. You may refer any doubting parties to me."

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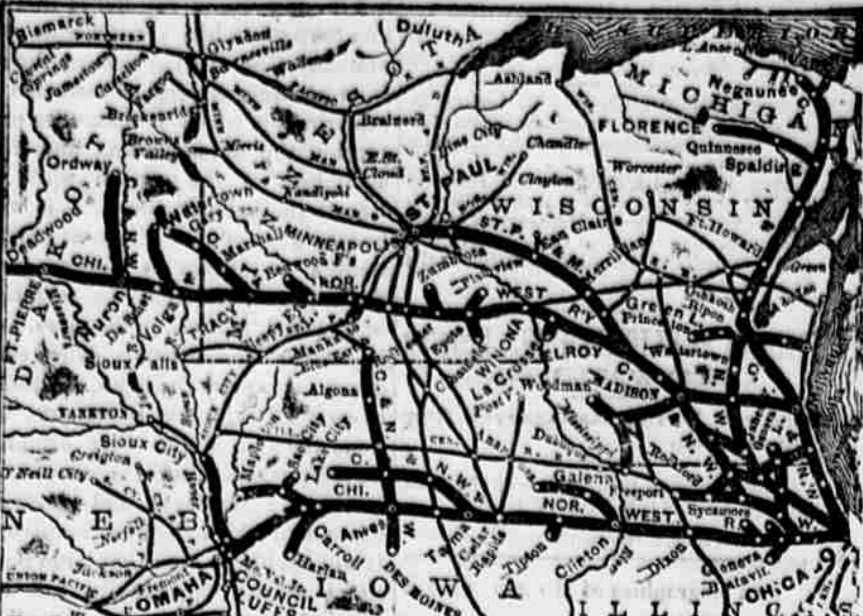
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