A STORY OF THE WAR.

How Abraham Lincoln Saved the Son of a Friend.

The Rash Act of Major Prentice.

San Francisco Chronicle.

The death of General Burnside, Senator from Rhode Island, recalls an incident in his military life which had probably long passed from his memory, but which can never be forgotten by some who were deeply concerned in it. Before President Lincoln became a Republican he was a Whig; always a Whig up to the death of that party, which may be said to date from the death of its great leader, Henry Clay, in 1852. Around Henry Clay such men as Thomas Corwin, John J. Crittenden, Horace Greeley, S. S. Prentiss of Mississippi and George D. Prentice of Kentucky revolved as satellites, forming the most brilliant constellation known to the politics of America. Among all the host of bright names so lovingly associated with that of the illustrious sage of Ashland, none shone with brighter luster than that of George D. Prentice, the witty, eloquent, enthusiastic editor and founder of the old Louisville Journal, now known as The Courier-Journal. The eloquence of Clay and the journalism of Prentice working together, held Kentucky as firmly to the whig cause as state ever was held to any cause; and it remained whig till the dark shadow of treason and rebellion fell upon the state; an event which the kindly hand of death kept from the sight of the great champion of the cause. Prentice lived to see the cloud break; lived to see his best beloved son, Clarence, forsake the Union cause, for which the father had labored so long and earnestly, and take up arms against it.

A DASHING MAJOR.

When General Burnside had command of the Department of the Ohio this son of George D Prentice was a Major, fighting in the Confederate army in Georgia. His battalion was composed of Kentuckians, mostly from Louisville. It was a brave and dashing body of men, and the young Major had earned a distinguished reputation for dash and boldness. In a short time the battalion was not merely decimated, but literally cut down to a small fragment of its original force, and Major Prentice conceived the rash idea of working his way along through the Union lines back to his home in Louisville, to recruit from among his friends enough fresh men to fill up his command. On the route he fell in with a gentleman of his acquantrnce, who inquired: "Where are you bound?"

"For home."

"On parole as a prisoner?"

"No."

"Quit the confederate service?"

"No."

"What then?"

"I am going to recruit in Louisville for my command."

The gentleman, as a lawyer, and a thorough one, was astonished at this information, and he replied with energy: "Do you know the danger you are running? You will be arrested as a spy, sir."

"I know that I may be, but I am resolved, and you know what that means," answered Major Prentice.

He did know what it meant. He knew that such was the firmness of this mere boy in years, no persuasion could change his once set resolution. Prentice was in citizen's dress, and his friend remarked it, adding: "Do you know, young man, that you are running your head into a halter with that dress on? If you must take this deadly risk, at least do it in the military uniform of your party, and then, if you are taken, by military law, you will be tried and condemned as a spy, but they will shoot you, and not hang you."

The young man did not know this. He was a fighting, not a reading soldier. Brightening up at the question, he said, after a moment's thought:

"Is that so? Is that military law?"

"Yes, that is military law. If you are taken as Major Andrus was in citizen's dress, they will hang you. If you are taken in the military uniform of your army they will shoot you, and the disgrace of the halter will not sully the family history."

And so they parted. Young Prentice went on to Louisville, to his father's house. The old journalist still remained at his post of duty in The Journal office; and, true to the Union, Major Prentice had not been an hour in the city, then held by union soldiers, till it was known in that part of the army which was composed of Kentuckians and Louisville recruits.

BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER.

It was one of the darkest phases of that terrible conflict that brothers were often found fighting on opposing sides and schoolmates grappling with each other in the death struggle. At Pea Ridge an old man in blue was bayoneted by a youth in gray, when the latter recognized his father as his victim, and instantly killed himself. Major Prentice was "spotted" by an old scoholmate, who, subordinating friendship to the stern demands of military duty, reported him and was detailed to arrest him as a spy. He was closely shadowed and tracked to his father's house. This was after nightfall and arrest was put off till 10 o'clock next morning, but a company of Union soldiers was drawn around the house to prevent escape. At 10 next morning the schoolmate captain entered and found Major Prentice in the parlor in full, new confederate uniform.

"How are you, John? Glad to see you. Had you breakfast? What brings you here at this hour?" said Prentice.

"I have had breakfast, and, Clarence, you know what has brought me here. I have come to arrest you as a spy, and I am sorry to meet you on such terms."

"Well, there is no rope in it anyway," answered young Prentice, with the utmost imperturbability. "You see I am in full uniform."

"Yes; but you were not in that dress when you entered this house," answered Captain John.

ARRESTED AS A SPY.

Major Prentice was arrested and confined, and General Burnside ordered a court-martial to try him. It is said of Burnside that, like most West Point graduates, he was a martinet. He was at least a rigid disciplinarian, and always ready for the strict enforcement of military law. It would have given him no more pain to hang or shoot the son of George D. Prentice, convicted as a spy, than the raggedest private in the rebel service. The case, therefore, had a desperate look from the beginning. There was but one way to save the prisoner, and that was through President Lincoln. Even that was doubtful, for it might be impossible to reach the president before the court martial had decided the prisoner's fate. The editor of The Journal instantly telegraphed to his old whig friend and admirer and at once set off for Washington. The telegram was duly received, and Burnside was telegraphed to put off the trial till further orders. From some unexplained cause this dispatch failed to reach Burnside's headquarters, and the trial of Major Prentice was going on when his father reached Washington. The delays of civil courts are not known to courts-martial. Judgement follows quick on the heels of evidence, and sentence and execution as rapidly follow judgment. In the case of Prentice an hour might decide whether he should live or die. The intelligence of the old journalist had silently debated all these chances while on the way to meet Lincoln, and though he believed in his heart that his old friend would save his son, he did not waste a minute in seeing him and hearing the truth from the president's own mouth. For years he had not seen Mr. Lincoln, and he might have grown cold or forgotten him

SAVED FROM DEATH.

Hastily entering the president's office, there, seated alone, apparently in deep thought, was the long, ungainly figure of the man whose word might make him happy or send him in sorrow to the grave. The long, ungainly figure raised its head, turned its face toward the entrance, and, with a beaming smile of brotherly tenderness, said: "Prentice, did you think I'd let them hang your boy? Sit down and tell me a story." It was no time with the anxious father for telling stories. He hastily suggested that probably the telegram might have failed. "I have sent another and here's the answer. Your boy is safe." And then, with the instincts of a lawyer, he turned to the cabinet, took up pen and paper, and wrote another dispatch to Burnside substantially as follows:

Ordered—That the court-martial called for the trial of Major Clarence Prentice be immediately dissolved.

A. LINCOLN, President.

And then turning to Prentice, he said, "let us go and see that this is immediately sent to Burnside, and wait on his reply." It was so sent, and the receipt acknowledged by General Burnside. And so it was that President Lincoln prevented one of his strictest Generals from taking the life of the gallant, but misguided son of an old friend. There was an outcry against it at the time, but greater events soon hushed it into oblivion. And now, when charity and brotherly affection upon both sides have taken the place of anger and bitterness, this incident of the war rises up to bless the name of Lincoln. All the parties to it are dead and gone—Lincoln, Prentice, Clarence, the son, and last of all, Burnside, whose death should have been easier for having been so graciously spared the pain of executing justice untempered with mercy.

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Cincinnati Gazette.

Since the Rev. Petroleum V. Nasby returned from abroad, where he saw the luxurious vices of the English aristocracy and the virtuous poverty of the Irish "pisintry," he has transformed himself so that his congregation hardly recognizes him. He has put on the velveteen knee breeches, gaiters and hobnailed brogans, the jacket with the little four inch tails, the much indented, steeple crown hat, with the dudheen stuck in the band, and the buckthorn shillalah, of the true son of the bog of Erin. He has gathered a big bur on his tongue. He swears "be jabbers" and "the divil." He wants the Queen, and all the royal family exterminated for the sins of their progenitors; the English driven out of Ireland; the landlords hanged as land robbers, and the land given back to the "five ould kings" who owned it in the "good ould time." The parson is an instance of wonderful conversion. He twirls his shillalah asks if some "gintleman will be so good as to tread on the tail of me coat," and gives a woora, which is a cross between the Indian war whoop and the Confederate army yell. He essays to dance a jig, and to sing "The Wearin' o' the Green," "Finigan's Wake," and other songs of the "ould sod." He has got an idea that every Irishman plays on the harp of Erin, and he is inquiring for Erin's harp to begin practice. He is full of fight for the freedom of Ireland, and requires several men to hold him. In short, the parson is transfigured into a broth of a boy.

Why They Squealed.

Saline Co. Standard.

THE OMAHA BEE has raised a storm in the camp of Nebraska monopoly papers. THE BEE contracted with the Omaha Newspaper Union for space to advertise its prospectus in the patent insides of all papers furnished by the Union. THE BEE defined itself in strong language on the monopoly question in this prospectus; so strong that the heads of these subsidized papers flew into a rage and show their ears amazingly.

A Lady's Wish.

"Oh, how I do wish my skin was as clear and soft as yours," said a lady to her friend. "You can easily make it so," answered the friend "How?" inquired the first lady. By using Hop Bitters, that makes pure, rich blood and blooming health. It did it for me, as you observe." Instead of it. —Cairo Bulletin. D 15-Jan1

SKETCHES ON THE "Q."

Two Prosperous Towns Nestling by the Great Highway.

Hastings and Emerson, Iowa

Correspondence of The Bee.

HASTINGS, Iowa, December 20.—Forty miles from Omaha, by the C., B. & Q., brings us to the little town of Hastings, in the midst of a good farming country. The village is intensely "greenback," and the paper of the town, The Plaindealer, is offered to the people by H. C. Ayre, the genial and respectable editor, who believes in anti-monopoly, and is just now keeping his "weather-eye" on the gathering storm in Nebraska.

Two churches, a fine thousand-dollar school house, hotel, elevator, with the usual number of stores and shops, fill up this village of perhaps four hundred souls.

The people would undoubtedly contribute willingly towards building a grist mill, for one seems very much needed, and there is a good chance here for some good hotel man.

Basbyshell and Mason have a fine steam elevator here and do a large business.

G. W. Rase, the harness maker, keeps about as complete a stock of goods in his line as can be found for many a mile.

E. P. Basbyshell & Co., hang out the sign of bank, but the bank is in a corner of a dry goods, groceries, hardware, and agricultural implement store.

EMERSON.

Five miles east of Hastings and ten miles west of Red Oak is the thrifty little town of Emerson, supposed to have a population of about six or seven hundred. Town lots and dooryards are fenced up, fruit trees in front yards, almost all the dwellings are clean-looking buildings with green blinds, and as we wander up the hillside and look around over the village and surrounding country, we see every sign of happy homes, success in farming, general business prosperity, and evidences of a refined and cultivated people. The three churches are large, comfortable structures, finished with taste, and furnished at no small expense.

The union school building is a very pretty and inviting structure that seems so cozy and cheerful that it is no wonder the children love to go to school, although it is now too small for the needs of the present, and one large department of the school is held in the basement of the brick on the hill, the M. E. church.

Pennsylvania hard coal is worth ten dollars, while the comfortable wood piles and the music of the buck-saw, proclaim that coal famine will not disturb this community.

A large flouring mill, two elevators, all doing a lively business.

The C., B. & Q. have been grading up, with gravel, along through town, so their track and the surroundings have been much improved.

As may be expected in Iowa, this is a republican town, and not a few of our business men are quite familier with the appearance of the "printing house," near the corner of Tenth and Farnham, for they are strong friends of THE BEE.

As we go around to visit the family we find, Warner & Good, selling lumber all the time, and building houses.

Whipple and Groff monopolize the hardware business, and seem healthy and happy.

D. C. Able will set down his glue-kettle and varnish brush any time to show you those beautiful chamber sets, while J. B. Moore is bringing in organs as though he expected to give every body in town an organ as a Christmas present.

Mr. J. Libby retires from his old stand at the elevator, which has passed into the hands of Mr. J. T. Ireland, who buys the grain and pays the cash. The new proprietor, in native quietness and good sense, looks well to the daily markets, while Mr. Libby in seeking another location for his business in Nebraska, will carry THE BEE in his pocket.

M. L. Evans and his father and A. C. Van Ausdale, are each doing a large business in buying, selling, and feeding stock.

J. Griffith and his much esteemed, intelligent wife, keep one of the neatest meat markets, and have a large trade.

A. G. Parish, of The Chronicle, gives his patrons a "plain, unvarnished" republican paper, and rendered us valuable assistance, which is thankfully acknowledged.

J. T. Grist is one of the men who reads the news, and is a very intelligent and sociable gentleman. He does a large business as blacksmith, and has the machinery to polish plow shares and cultivator points, and they say he is the "boss" horse shoer.

W. S. Goodell has the mammoth store of general merchandise, and has the confidence of the public as well as the trade, and well he deserves it.

A. L. Sheldon, of the Emerson house, knows how to "keep a hotel," and still sustains his reputation of having one of the cleanest and most comfortable homes for the traveler.

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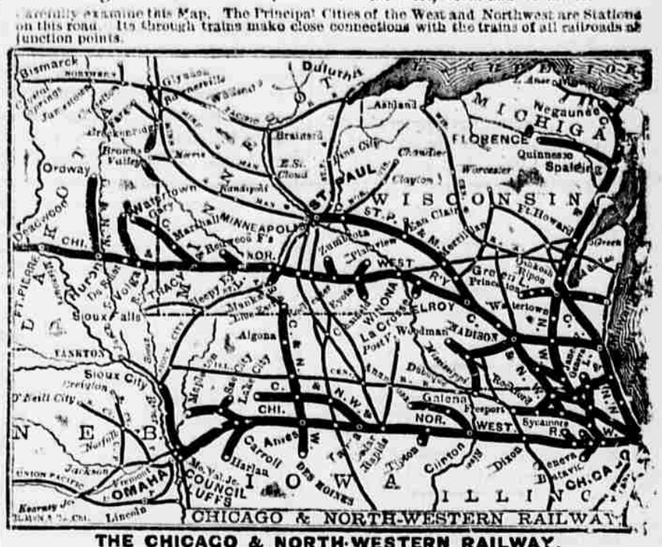

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