

MURDER ON THE OUTPOSTS.

A Mystery of the Rebellion.

Told for the New York Tribune by an old soldier.

It was in Virginia during the autumn of 1861, the first year of the war. I was a sergeant in an infantry company which had been selected on account of its fighting qualities to guard an important point on the line of communications.

One evening, just at 6, as the second relief was changing, a man came from the market place, from down the river apparently. It was a dark night and nothing could be seen.

We had a captain and two lieutenants. But the first lieutenant, a crusty, good soldier who was killed the next year at Antietam, was serving his turn on guard that day.

Minutes passed, and though we stood about at the shanties with our rifles in hand, no sound came but the murmur of the river eddying along under the bridge.

The Welshman, however, drew the covert scrutiny of all by his behavior. He shook violently as his eyes searched the river, and he came to the river bank.

The transfer was made and the procession continued up the bank to the shanties. The intoxicated man fell to the ground as he neared the guard house with an attack of mania.

What was the connection between the shot and 6 o'clock and Parr's death? Had the enemy had anything to do with it, more than one shot would have been heard.

The Pennsylvania withered in his delirium on the bank, and was held down by three or four men. He appeared to have no interest in anything but the goblins and creeping things that assailed him in his fancy.

It was a dreadful thing to believe that murder could have been committed there among comrades whose lives were in constant peril for a common cause.

THE HAWKEYE STATE.

Events of Moment Gathered From a Variety of Sources.

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A large nail manufacturing firm in Illinois has sent out feelers for a bonus to remove to Des Moines. Decoration Day promises to be more generally observed throughout the state this year than ever before.

The Ottumwa high school will graduate a class of thirteen young ladies and four young gentlemen in June. The state census of Dubuque, just completed, gives that city a population of 26,330, an increase of 4,000 since 1880.

The supreme court has decided that the Ottumwa packing house was not responsible under the deal on the board of trade. The board of supervisors of Polk county granted twelve liquor permits on Thursday to twelve Des Moines dealers.

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LOUP CITY DOINGS.

Railroad Prospects and General Business Outlook--A Busting, Busy City.

Lou City, Neb., April 29, 1885. To the Editor:--Since I have escaped so narrowly from annihilation at the hands of the Republicans, I will promise you faithfully never again to write political editorials.

I accept the reasons given by the Republican for its support of Mr. Boyd, as given in answer to my little effort, on the grounds that the Republican now has more influence over Mr. Boyd than the democratic parties, for as I take it the Republican shall now be the means of making a good republican out of Mr. Boyd.

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THE ILLINOIS SENATORSHIP.

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