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THE STORY OF A VETERAN.

Colonel Fletcher's Services to His Country—His Family Troubles.

DID NOT SUSPECT HIS WIFE.

He Did Not Charge Her With Infidelity—How Mrs. McFarland Conduced to His Marital Misery and Disgrace.

Colonel Fletcher's Story. The second week of the Fletcher court-martial at Fort Omaha opened yesterday morning, the proceedings were attended with more than usual interest, the accused being placed upon the stand in his own behalf. The usual tiresome but necessary proceeding of reading the testimony of the previous day was gone through with, and then Colonel Fletcher was sworn.

Before proceeding with his examination, however, the counsel for the accused announced that he would introduce two witnesses from Philadelphia after the witness had testified.

Colonel Fletcher was very nervous upon the stand, but gave his evidence clearly. He testified that he entered the army 1861, was promoted to the rank of captain in 1862, to major in 1863, and to lieutenant-colonel in 1868. He was first stationed at Fort Independence, in Boston Harbor; from there he went to Maryland. He went to Washington in 1862, and from there he went with General McClellan and was engaged in the operations on the Chickominy, the engagement at Chancellorsville, the seven days fight at Malvern Hill, the action at Antietam, at Sheperdstown, Leeswater, Laurel Hill and Fredericksburg. Then he was assigned to the recruiting service, there being no company organized for him. Immediately after the battle of Gettysburg he was asked to be allowed to return to his regiment and was allowed to do so in September, and during the operations of the army of the Potomac he only missed two engagements. He was actively engaged in the battles of the Rapidan, the Rappahannock, the Wilderness, Snyder's Gap, Spottsylvania, Chaffee's farm Cold Harbor, where he received special mention for his gallant conduct, the Weldon railroad, Boynton plank road, Poplar Spring church and Hatcher's run.

In 1869 and '70 he was stationed at Fort Jackson, Miss., previously being engaged in the duty of reconstructions in Virginia, and then he went to Corinth, then to Lancaster, Ky., then to Lebanon, then to Mobile, Ala., then to New Orleans, commanding the post at each station except at New Orleans. He then went to Fort Reno, then New York, then to New Orleans, commanding the post against the Ute Indians, then to Colorado, then to Fort Robinson, then to Spokane, then to Fort Hobbason, and then to Fort Omaha.

He has served in the army twenty-eight years, has never been charged with misconduct nor placed under arrest. He was married in April, 1868, to Mary Miskie, a widow, who had a son, then five years old.

Miss Miskie, who testified in the case, is a step-daughter of his wife. He met his wife in New York and married her at her home in Philadelphia. She was with him at Fort Robinson and came with him to Oterberg.

"Do you know when Dr. Henderson was called to attend your step-son?"

"Yes."

loved him. Upon the occasion that Captain Dempsey sat up with his boy, he had not been asked or notified that such attention was required. He saw Captain Dempsey there that night, or morning, rather, at 3 o'clock. He, the accused, came home from a meeting of the Loyal Legion and found Captain Dempsey at his home. He and the captain walked up stairs together. The captain went into the sick boy's room and he (witness) retired to his own apartment, but later went into the sick boy's room and spent five or ten minutes conversing with Captain Dempsey and his wife, who was also present. The boy was able to be around the house a week later.

Mrs. McFarland reached his home about the 1st of June. A few days after he arrived, he continued, "while at dinner, Mrs. McFarland said she was going out to parade with me. After dinner we went up stairs and the question came up between us concerning the discord between my wife and I. I said: 'Mrs. McFarland, on one occasion Captain Dempsey was called in to sit up all night with my sick boy, and on another occasion Dr. Henderson was called in for a similar purpose.'

"Do you mean to say, sir," she exclaimed, "that my sister has been guilty of wrong conduct with these gentlemen?" and flew into a passion. I answered "no," most emphatically. I never said that I had seen Dr. Henderson or Captain Dempsey do any improper act with reference to my wife. This conversation lasted about five minutes. At the conclusion she seemed to be perfectly satisfied. I started for the parade and after proceeding some distance, I could turn over a new leaf and begin life anew, live happily together. Mrs. McFarland then said that I had charged my wife with improper conduct with Dr. Henderson and Captain Dempsey. I denied this most emphatically and on nothing I ever said in her hearing could she base such charges.

Mrs. McFarland soon after left his house with Lieutenant Wright and with him visited the guard. When she returned to the house we sat on the porch talking, but this matter was not mentioned.

"On the morning of the 19th of June the dinner was taken up with breakfast. Mrs. Fletcher called to the coachman and told him to have the dog-cart ready, as she had disengaged herself quietly. I thought she had called for the dog-cart, but she said it was her's and she had disposed of it. She had not told me that she contemplated disposing of the cart, and I had not given her permission to dispose of it. The household furniture had been shipped away by Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. McFarland, and I told them that I had allowed them to take all my furniture without opening my lips, but when they went to the stable to take my conveyances, I thought a hair should be called.

Mrs. McFarland jumped up and declared that the cart had been bought by check given to Mrs. Fletcher by the administrator of the Miskie estate.

"I said it was a lie. Previous to this, on this morning, nothing had been said concerning any misconduct on the part of my wife and Captain Dempsey and Dr. Henderson, until Mrs. McFarland jumped up and called in Captain Dempsey and said to him: 'Captain Dempsey, Colonel Fletcher charges you with having improper relations with my sister.' Captain Dempsey seized me by the blouse and said: 'Did you say it?' I said: 'No, Dempsey, I never said it, or had such a thought. So help me God, I never.'

A WEEK OF FESTIVITY.

Preparatory Notes of the Coming Fair Week Displays.

Louis Heimrod, chairman of the committee on decoration of the Merchants' week association, is delighted over the prospect of having illuminated arches for the display at night. He says that the management of the New York Life Insurance company's building has offered the electricity for five hundred lights, which will make one of the arches a blaze of beauty.

Mr. Rosewater of The Bar, he says, has promised a like amount of light, to be applied to the arch which is to be erected at the corner of Sixteenth and Farnam streets.

Dr. Mercer, of the motor line, has guaranteed light from his dynamo to light up two arches, one at Fifteenth and Douglas and the other at Howard and Thirteenth streets.

One arch yet remains to be provided for, and that is at the corner of Tenth and Jackson, the light for which (Mr. Heimrod) thinks may be obtained from the Hemis bag company. He further thinks that the people who have made such charges in the vicinity of these arches should liberally contribute to the erection of the arches, because of the advantages which they will derive from the attraction to those places of large numbers of people.

The work of raising subscriptions is progressing and in some instances liberality is being shown. Information regarding this feature may be obtained from Amos Field, connected with the Richardson Drug company. Besides there will be the merchants' parade, to be held on the 27th and had sent a communication to the department requesting the cancellation of Dr. Henderson's contract.

All this was done before I had received the communication from Captain Mills saying that no action of the kind had been taken. The prize was also offered for the colored club getting up the best and most artistic float in the night display.

In this connection representatives of The Bar have been informed by citizens of the Ninth, Second and Third wards that those sections of the city would make displays which would in themselves be a feature for a night.

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Nahan Franko Assailed. A gentleman from New York, passing through the city Sunday, said that Nahan Franko, formerly of this city and whose violin obligatos have been a pronounced feature of the Seid's orchestra concerts at Brighton Beach this summer, gave a little dinner last Sunday at Grauler's restaurant, Sheepshead Bay, upon which occasion Mr. Franko and his wife entertained Mr. Charles E. Chapin, of the Chicago Times, and his wife, also Mr. J. Travis Quigg, of the American Musician, and wife. The previous evening upon his return to Sheepshead Bay, where he is residing, after the concert at Brighton, he had ordered his supper served upon the front porch of the Grauler restaurant. He was attracted to the other end of the porch by a light, when he was struck from behind a blow which stunned him. He promptly struck out from the shoulder in the direction of his assailant and brought his man down. This was the signal for a concerted assault upon him by the gang. A gush was

Where a Viaduct is Demanded and Said to be Needed.

The county commissioners are not uncertain as to what they will do regarding the request of the people of West Side, who have petitioned for a viaduct across the Missouri Pacific tracks on Leavenworth street.

They agree that the improvement is needed, but hesitate about making an appropriation at this time. The petitioners hold that there is so much danger of accidents now incurred there that something to obviate it must be done soon. The wagon road and railroads cross in a low place, and a view of each is shut off from a party on the other. The engineer of a train going either way can not, it is claimed, see an approaching team until very near the crossing, and vice versa.

It is endorsed by leading physicians, Malavitch's Hungarian blackberry juice, which must have been done by some sharp instrument. Nothing but his pluck and pride saved him from serious injury. Although suffering from the effects of his rough treatment, he not only entertained his friends at dinner, but was promptly at his post in the orchestra on Sunday, at both the afternoon and evening concerts.

WOMEN GUZZLE IT.

Mr. Zimmer Says His Female Patients Dispose of the Liquor. Frank Zimmer, the county druggist, declares that ever since he became connected with the county pharmacy it has been his purpose to save the county all that he possibly could, and expects, when the proper time comes, to make a showing that will surprise somebody.

Among the charges that have from time to time been heard against this county dispensary is one that Zimmer has practiced more or less juggling in the filling of prescriptions to make it appear that the number of the same is very large. This the young man denies, and when seen by a Bee reporter yesterday readily explained the whole business; that he has a great number of small pieces of paper on file, each one of which is supposed to be an order from some one of the army or other authorized county physicians for medicine, there is no doubt, whether or not they are all genuine is another thing.

Zimmer has taken upon himself the responsibility of recording, a copy of the original prescriptions and generally do. This, in part, accounts for the great number of prescriptions alleged to have been compounded.

There are patients who come to him, he says, two and three times a week. It is also claimed by expert compounders that he could easily divide one prescription into three or four parts and still get the same effect.

ANOTHER MISSOURI BRIDGE.

A Plan for One Being Considered by W. A. Underwood.

"I am going to move to Omaha just as soon as I can get my affairs in Boston properly settled." The speaker was W. A. Underwood, president of the American Waterworks company, as he stood receiving the congratulations of his Omaha friends upon the successful opening of the new waterworks plant at Florence.

"How soon do you expect to move here, Mr. Underwood?" was asked by a Bee representative.

"Oh, I don't know," was the reply. "It may be for years, but it won't be forever. My legal business keeps me in Boston. I am directly interested in a number of cases that have been in court for a long while, and I can't place them in any other hands. I am taking no new legal business, and as soon as I get my present business disposed of I will make arrangements to move to Omaha, where my most important business, the water works of your city, is established."

"Have you any other schemes for investments in Omaha?"

"That I can't say, of course. Omaha has a future, and offers greater inducements for capital than any city in the west, and capital is not slow in taking advantage of such opportunities. We have about all we can handle in our plant here now, but I won't say what we may do at some future date. There are bigger things for Omaha than the water works plant."

"And one of those bigger things is another railroad bridge, isn't it Mr. Underwood?"

Mr. Underwood laughed. He finally admitted that a new bridge was one of the projects he had in mind, but refused to state that he was in any way interested in the enterprise. Knowing ones, however, have taken this labor off of Mr. Underwood's hands and affirm that he represents a syndicate that is behind the new bridge scheme and preparing to take active steps in the matter.

MOUNTED MARKSMEN.

It is Now Their Turn to Distinguish Themselves at Bellevue. Arrangements are now almost perfected for the first annual cavalry competition for the departments of the Platte, Dakota and Columbia. The competitors are ordered to report to-day. The officer in charge will be Major Guy V. Henry, Ninth cavalry, inspector of small arms practice. The other officers are as follows:

Major Daniel W. Benham, Seventh infantry, commanding camp. Second Lieutenant John C. Grogg, Sixteenth infantry, adjutant and signal officer; First Lieutenant William A. Mann, Seventeenth infantry, quartermaster and ordnance officer; First Lieutenant William A. Mercer, Eighth infantry, acting commissary of subsistence; Second Lieutenant Grobe Hutcheson, Ninth cavalry, statistical and financial officer; Acting Assistant Surgeon Frank L. Henderson, United States army medical officer. The range officers are as follows: First

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cavalry, Lieutenants Tulherly and Byron; Second cavalry, Lieutenants Fuller and Lochridge; Eighth cavalry, Lieutenants Slocum and Daff; Ninth cavalry, Lieutenant McHain. Officer competitors—First cavalry, Lieutenants Holbrook and Rivers; Second cavalry, Lieutenant Michael; Eighth cavalry, Lieutenants Steele and Byron; Ninth cavalry, Lieutenants Bright and Ladd.

The first day for preliminary practice for carbine shooting will be Thursday next. It will be followed by two others with the following programme: First Day, Thursday, August 5.—Morning—Known distance firings, 300 and 300 yards. Afternoon—Known distance firings, 300 and 300 yards.

Second Day, Friday, August 6.—Morning—Skirmish firing. Afternoon—Known distance firings, 500 and 600 yards. The competitive shooting will commence Monday, August 12, and continue until Thursday evening.

On Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7, there will be revolver shooting. On the latter day, the medals will be presented.

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