

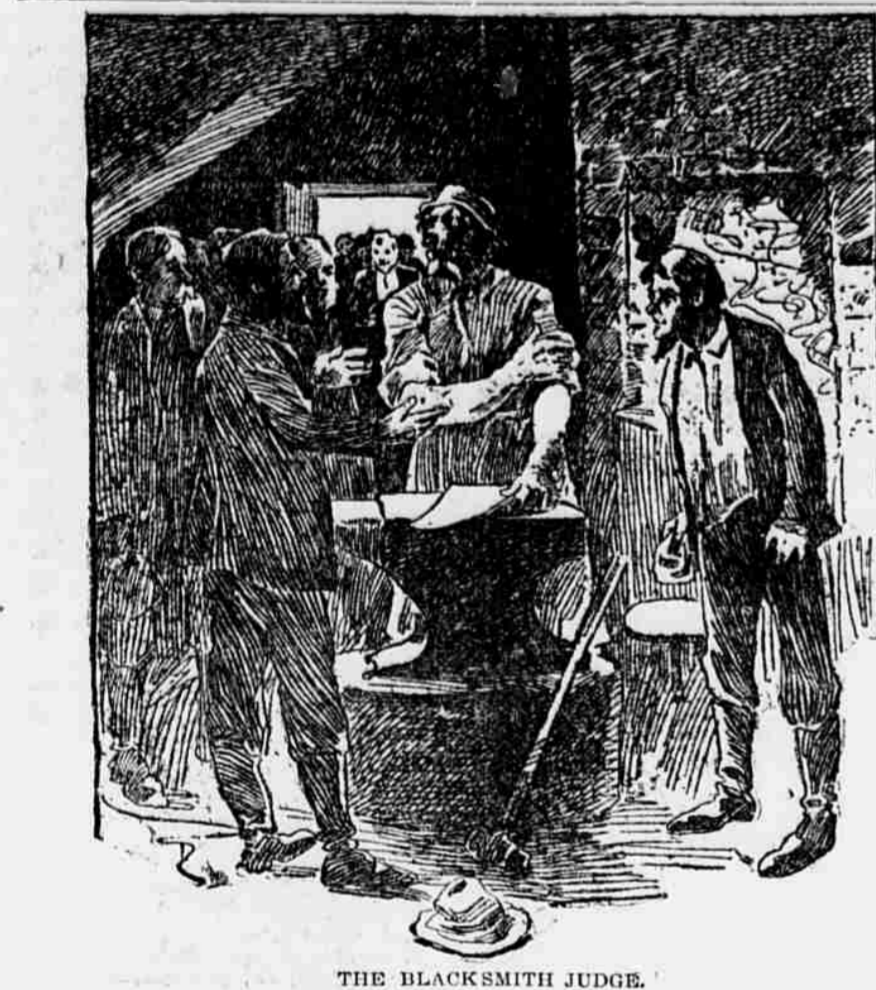
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who their officials are or get them mixed and call the clerk judge or the district attorney sheriff. There is not a surveyor in the county. There is not enough level land for a surveyor to set his tripod on.

Where Trouble Comes In. Assessing is a serious job in Alpine country. Sometimes the assessor risks his life in getting to a ranch or mine.

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THE SHERIFF CHAINS HIS PRISONER TO A TREE.

grave political fact. There are so few inhabitants that the office does undoubtedly seek the man.

The character of the hardy mountaineers who live in cabins far removed from the county highways is shown by an experience of the assessor last year.

"Dear Sir—I hereby acknowledge your unwelcome visit of the 11th inst., and submit report as per written request stuck in a crack of the door.

"You will find my previous names and patronymic subscribed to the tail end of this modest epistle. I will be 23 years old next Christmas. Occupation, noseback of the moosest variety.

RELICS OF FORMER WARS

Immense Collection of Trophies in the National Museum at Washington.

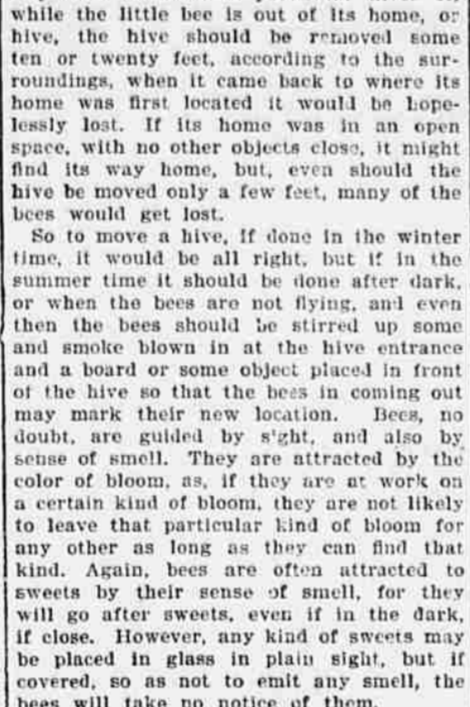
SOUVENIRS OF FAMOUS CAMPAIGNS

Washington's Camp Chest, Tents and Uniform, Jackson's Pistols, Grant's Sword and Field Glasses and the Ellsworth Guns.

One government department which is watching the operations against Spain with interest, in the hope of securing some advantage from its results, is the National Museum.

One of the interesting relics now in the museum is the camp chest used by Washington throughout the revolution. It is a compact affair about the size of a tourist's wicker chest for cooking of the present day.

By him when he gave up his commission as commander-in-chief of the army at Annapolis in 1783. It consists of a big shad-belly coat of blue broadcloth, lined and trimmed with soft buckskin and ornamented with broad, flat brass buttons.



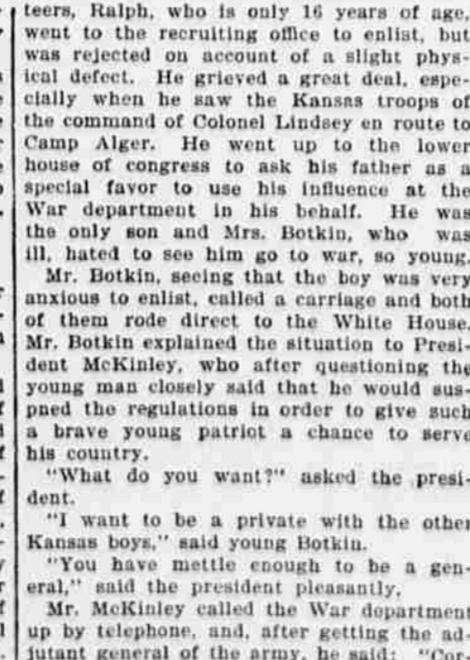
WASHINGTON'S UNIFORM.

Not far from these Washington relics is a collection of mementoes of General Jackson. At the foot of a life-size painting of "Old Hickory" is folded his military coat of blue with brass buttons, lace trimmings, high collar and gold epaulettes.

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To go back a bit, mention should be made of the old service-worn canteen carried through the revolution by John Paulding, one of the three captors of Major Andre.

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gun which is in the hands of James P. Jackson in Alexandria, May 24, 1861, caused the death of the gallant Ellsworth. Below it is the weapon with which Brownell promptly avenged the murder of Ellsworth.

NEVER CARES TO WANDER.

The Busy Bee Limits to Five Miles His Search for Raw Material.

The range of the honey bee is but little understood by the masses, says the Baltimore American, many supposing that bees go for miles in quest of nectar, while others think that they go only a short distance.

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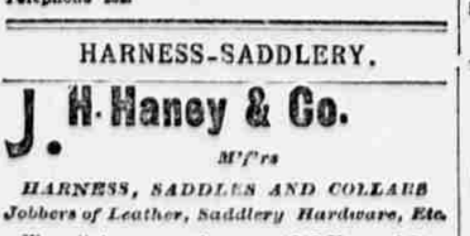
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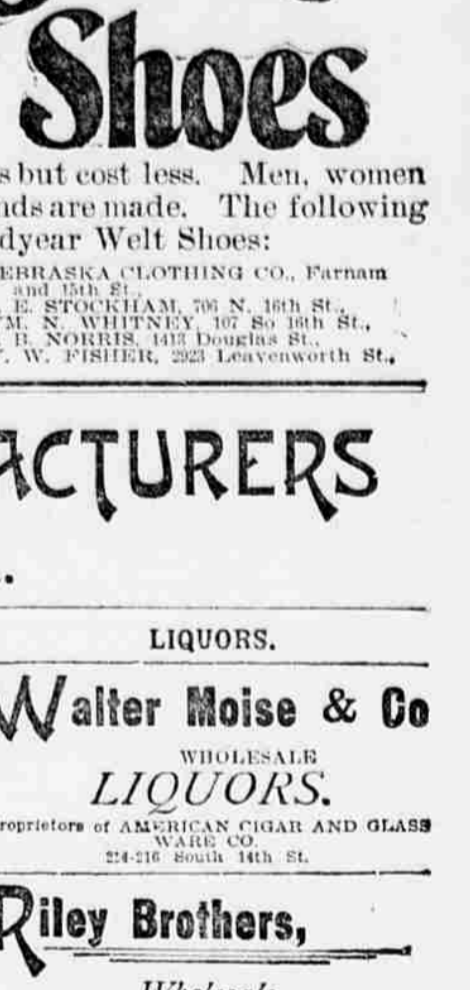
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