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BANTAM IN THE ARMY

ONLY ROOSTER IN GEORGIA THAT HAS A TOMBSTONE OVER HIS GRAVE.

Enlisting at Culpeper, Va., He Served Under Major Williams In Many Battles. A Sentinel In a Tree—How He Betrayed Jim Nessimith.

"While we were camped near Culpeper Court House in the fall of 1863," said Major Tom Williams, "I became acquainted with a family named Dowdy. Just before the battle of Culpeper I paid a visit to the farm and found the ladies in a panic, preparing to flee. They set before me such scant fare as they had left, and after I had eaten a hasty luncheon Miss Mary Dowdy called to me and led the way to the back yard.

"There is the last of our stock of poultry," said she, pointing to a little bantam cock that was strutting about the yard. 'I haven't the heart to kill him because he is a pet. If you want him, you can take him and do as you like with him.'

"During the campaign of 1863 he often sat on my shoulder through the long, weary marches and hurried retreats, and I shared my rations with him. One night we had reached the flank of the enemy's camp by a forced march and lay down to sleep on our arms, expecting to be roused at the break of day for a sudden charge. I had started off with General perched upon my musket barrel, and a sudden change in the order of march had separated us from the wagons, so I placed the rooster on the limb of a sapling above my head, while I lay down to snatch a few minutes' sleep.

"General did not utter a single cluck in protest, although he must have been very hungry from long fasting, but quietly squatted on the branch while I hung myself on the grass and leaves and was soon fast asleep. I was so weary that I slept profoundly until I was suddenly aroused by an unearthly screech in my ear. Raising my head, I took in the whole situation at a glance.

"General had dropped down from his perch and uttered a shrill crow right in my ear which had awakened me, and as I opened my eyes I saw the flash of guns as our pickets fired and in an instant fell back upon us where we lay. The Yankees had turned the tables on us, and, discovering our presence, the surprising force became the surprised, and in ten minutes there was an unearthly racket going on in that pine thicket.

"Right and left of my position the boys came out of cover and advanced with yells and cheers, moving cautiously and firing as they moved. It had become sufficiently light for me to find my few belongings, and I soon recovered my hat and haversack, which I had forgotten to pick up in the hurry of the first surprise, and just at that time I was saluted with a loud crow just above my head, and looking up I saw General perched upon his limb, he having flown back there when the firing began, and with his head held on one side he was sidling along the swaying branch, crowing and clucking.

"In spite of the banging of the guns and whistling of bullets General stuck bravely to his perch and never fluttered during the entire engagement. When I told the story in camp that night, General was the toast of the evening, and he was treated to all sorts of tidbits in recognition of his gallantry on the field of action.

"One morning, however, General played the camp detective in a most alarming manner, which came near proving disastrous to a fellow soldier of another mess. All foraging had been strictly forbidden, and no man was allowed to leave the ranks under the heaviest penalty of military discipline. There was a fellow by the name of Jim Nessimith, who occupied a tent not far from that of the captain of our company. About 4 o'clock the order was passed along the lines for us to prepare to march.

"General was perched on the limb of a bush near me while I sat munching my hard tack, and all of a sudden he raised himself on his perch and crowed lustily. Of course no cock in hearing could resist replying to such a challenge.

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and from within the tent occupied by Jim Nessimith came the muffled crow of an old rooster. Jim made a grab at the bag and succeeded in choking him off, but the noise had reached the ears of some of the others, and the captain became apprised of the fact that Jim had been foraging. A hasty examination of his tent disclosed the body of the big rooster, choked to death by Jim in his anxiety to put a stop to his untimely crowing.

"Jim was ordered under arrest pending an investigation, but just about that time the order came to advance, and we moved forward, and by sunrise we were fighting, and the unfortunate officer who had ordered Jim to be placed under arrest was borne from the field a corpse after the fight was over. The affair was forgotten amid the stirring scenes that followed.

"Seeing that the end was near, I found an opportunity to send General to the rear, and placing him in a cage started him on the long journey to the home of a nephew in Georgia. He had not been long on the farm before he began to pine and droop, and the family thought that he was disconsolate on account of being separated from his comrades. This might have been all fancy, but he lived only a short time, and when he died my nephew and the boys of the neighborhood gave him a regular military funeral.

"I suppose that his is the only grave of a rooster in Georgia. The tiny stones that mark his last resting place can be seen on the old homestead near Dalton today. On the headstone is rudely carved the name 'General,' with the date of his death and the names of some of the most important engagements through which he passed during our comradeship among the battlefields of Virginia." —Atlanta Cor. New York Sun.

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POULTRY NOTES.

In mating the breeding fowls select the hardest, most perfect specimens.

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The safest plan is to mark the ducks each year so as to know their ages.

Close quarters, cleanliness and fat forming foods will fatten most rapidly.

Turkeys digest rapidly and for this reason are apparently always hungry.

When eggs are to be kept, care should be taken to turn them half over every few days.

One of the secrets of egg producing in winter is warm, dry quarters for the laying hens.

On wet, low lying lands ducks and geese are the only fowls that can be kept to advantage.

Growing a patch of rye convenient to the poultry quarters is one of the best ways of supplying green food in winter.

It is often the case that feeding broken oil cake to fowls twice a week will promote laying when other foods will fail.

There is less risk of disease with ducks than with any other kind of fowls. They are easily kept healthy with plenty of range.

There is no economy in wintering more cockerels than will be wanted for breeding. The sooner the others are marketed the better.—Exchange.

POLITICAL QUIPS.

The man who is too lazy to register is too lazy to be a good citizen.—Baltimore American.

The average reform politician has had an unpleasant experience in one of the old parties.—Washington Post.

One reason for getting political boiling pots so lively is to get the other fellows into as much hot water as possible.—Philadelphia Times.

There is many a candidate now running for office who will be still running after the votes are all counted next November.—Baltimore American.

We have generally observed that in New York politics any faction which "wins a moral victory" always assists some other faction to win everything else.—Chicago Times-Herald.

One of the evils of municipal government in this country is the habit of aidemen questioning the right of the people who elect them to have what they want.—Kansas City Star.

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THE HORSE SHOW.

Nov. 9 is the date of the opening of Cleveland's horse show.

The Scarborough Swamp track in the Pine Tree State—better known as Rigby park—needs no further evidence to prove its superiority.

Sixteen, the peculiarly named trotter that has been making such a good campaign in Ohio, is owned by W. W. Todd, Jackson, Mich.

Raven Boy is the name of another guinea pacer that has blossomed forth in the eastern country. He paced the McKee's Rocks half mile track in 2:19.

At Sacramento, Cal., Tommy Keating raked in two-thirds of the first prize money, winning the 2:17 trot with Antrima and the 2:14 pace with Anaconda.

Star Pointer's mile in 2:03 3/4 in the first heat of his special race with Joe Patchen at Milwaukee the other day was the fastest ever paced in the state of Wisconsin.

Another 2:10 performer is a sire of speed. Chehalis, 2:07 3/4, secured his first standard performer in Umahalis, 2:21, whose record was made at Spokane, Wash.

A. W., 2:19 3/4, will be one of the best money winners in Wisconsin at the end of the season. He has won first money in nearly every race in which he started this season.

George W. Short, Cleveland, who has been invited to act as one of the judges at the coming Chicago horse show, is a member of the famous Gentleman's Driving club in the Forest City.

John Rast, Buffalo, acted as starting judge at the Hamburg (N. Y.) fair and gave universal satisfaction throughout the meeting. This fair was the most successful ever held by the association.

Pearl C, by Roy Wilkes, holds the world's half mile track pacing record at 2:08, established at Muncie, Ind., a few weeks ago. This is also the best record ever taken on the Muncie course.—Horseman.

FAMOUS BATTLES.

Braddock was defeated, not at Pittsburgh, as is generally supposed, but at a point on the Monongahela river ten miles from the city.

Metz, where Marshal Bazaine and more than 100,000 French surrendered to the Germans, is a fortified city of Alsace-Lorraine, 80 miles northwest of Strasburg.

Gaza, the town from which Samson carried off the gates and where Ptolemy defeated Demetrius, is on the caravan route between Syria and Egypt, about three miles from the Mediterranean.

The battle of Marengo was fought at a small village of the same name in Piedmont. Bonaparte's great victory was won on a plain near the village. His most famous horse was named after this victory.

The battle of Camden, where Gates was routed and his hopes of becoming commander in chief of the American armies were dissipated, was at a village of the same name in Kershaw county, S. C., 102 miles northwest of Charleston.

Edgehill, where a great battle was fought between Charles I and the parliamentary army, is in Warwickshire, 12 miles southeast of the town of Warwick. On the side of the hill is cut the colossal figure of a horse, whence a valley below has been named the Vale of Red Horse.

Tours, which has given its name to the series of engagements between Charles Martel and the Saracens, in which the latter were defeated and the tide of Saracenic invasion rolled back toward Spain, is a city of southern France, situated on the confluence of the Cher and Loire, 120 miles southwest of Paris.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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