

A WAR REMINISCENCE.

Ned Buntline Tells of a Famous Dash for a Rocket Battery.

In the winter of 1863 an infantry brigade, with Howard's Battery L, Third Artillery, and two battalions of cavalry, Eleventh Pennsylvania and First New York Mounted Rifles, all under Gen. Wessels, made a reconnaissance out from Suffolk, Va., on the Franklin road.

The mud was hub-deep to the gun carriages, and they had to double teams to get the guns along at all. The infantry spreading through the fields off the roads got along a little better—but it was hard marching and growlers were in the majority.

Suddenly from a little knoll in front of the rebel position a rocket battery, a recent importation on an English blockade-runner, opened sharp upon us. The huge rockets tearing and hissing through the trees and underbrush scared the cavalry horses fearfully and the men were scared about as badly.

The writer had seen Congreve rockets used to repel a Semmole attack on Fort Dallas, near Key Biscayne, in 1839, and probably he was about the only one in command who knew what such a battery could do.

Suddenly an old sergeant, who sat in his saddle at the head of twenty mounted scouts, rode up to Gen. Wessels, saluted, and said: "General, if you let me try it I think I can get in on the flank of that rocket battery under cover of these woods and take it, if you'll keep up a fire front till I charge, and then support me by a forward movement!"

In a minute the mounted scouts filed off to the rear, led by the Sergeant, and were soon out of sight. The whole line now opened a heavy fire, and the men in the rocket battery had a shower of lead sent in among them at long range, to which they answered as fast as they could work their rockets.

The surprise was so sudden and complete that the battery and the men who worked it were in the hands of the scouts in less than a minute, and with a cheer our whole line crossed the creek and held dry ground on the other side with the captured battery in their midst.

The building itself is on the site of the old Washington hotel. The hotel, by the way, was built on the ground once occupied by the mansion of Nathaniel Prime, the Jay Gould of fifty years ago.

There are some indications that the mysterious little planchette board, like roller skating, is coming into fashion again. No adequate explanation of it has ever been received, though many have been offered.

It is claimed positively, however, that the board has written intelligent answers to questions, which those holding their hands upon it could not possibly be aware of.

some marvelous discoveries in mental science. So much it is safe to admit. The board writes best in the position shown, with two hands, a right and left, upon it. What does the writing nobody knows.

The passion of the true Californian is to show the stranger around and make the most of San Francisco. Sometimes it does not matter how poorly grounded the enthusiast may be in the geography of the city or the personality of its prominent men.

Why, in some parts 'tis a finer city than Waterford," remarked the new arrival, admiringly. "And who lives there, Dinis?"

"That's Coroner O'Donnell's," said Dinis confidently, "en that place there that brow-stone house, is building for Judge Toomy, en that (leveling his finger at Mr. Crocker's house) is Tom Scanlan's lot."

"En who's Tom Scanlan?" "Woe of our countenmen, Micky, Harros the water froot."

"En how does this compare with Waterford, Micky?" asked his friend, evidently disappointed at the absence of any expression of wonder.

"The word of an honest man," answered Prime. The banker eyed him for an instant, and then replied: "You shall have it."

"What security can you give?" asked the planter. "The word of an honest man," answered Prime.

"What has impressed us most," said M. Renan to M. de Lesseps, "is your faith in your mission. The greatest art consists in knowing how to do great things with small means."

The light's intensity at the sun's surface is 190,000 times that of a candle flame, 5,300 times that of metal in a Bessemer converter, 145 times that of a calcium light, or three-fourths times that of an electric arc.

Hobbies of the Hygienists. There were several dozen of the hygienists in council, each with his individual hobby. Each thought all the others were wrong.

"Didn't I hear you say the other day, Gilhooly, that you always keep a spare cigar about you for your friends?" asked McSpikings.

"Yes, that's what I said." "I am one of your friends, ain't I?" "Certainly."

At Lexington, Va., James Johnston, a well-known negro, made a bet at the breakfast-table that he could eat more fruit than any one present.

Great excitement has prevailed here over \$5,000 having been drawn in the last drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery, May 12th.

Where did you purchase the ticket? Direct from M. & Dauphin, manager of the company at New Orleans. It was a one-fifth ticket of \$25,000.

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