

SWORDS OF GENERAL GRANT

In the National museum at Washington there is a valuable collection of swords which belonged to General Grant and were presented to him on various occasions during his military career. The general prized these swords very highly and at the time of his bankruptcy gave them as a security for loan. He afterwards recovered them with the proceeds of his famous Memoirs, which he wrote while slowly dying. One of the swords was presented to him at the capture of Fort Donelson. On this occasion, one of his officers, noticing that the enemy's haversacks were filled with rations, reported the fact to Grant with the words, "They have come out prepared to fight for several days." Grant, shaking his head slowly, replied: "This means retreat. Soldiers don't fill their haversacks this way unless they are planning to decamp. Now then, one more sharp attack and we will end this fight.

A little later Grant took possession of the fort, and in honor of his triumph a handsome sword was presented to him by G. W. Graham, C. C. March, C. W. Lagout and John Cook. It is generally known as the "Sword of Donelson," and is the one which Grant was most fond of wearing.

There are three other famous swords which were presented to Grant on occasions similar to that of his victory at Fort Donelson. They are all beautifully engraved and rest in the National museum, the favorite relics of General Grant.—Ex.

CHASING A BIG BILL.

There were people tearing their hair at the treasury department in Washington the other day. A hundred-dollar

bill got loose, and the hustle to find it was simply a tragedy. A clerk in the pension office wanted to give a hundred-dollar bill to his mother for a birthday present. He sent Jackson, the colored messenger of the commissioner of pension, down to the treasury department with a lot of small change to get a new \$100 bill. Jackson, instead of putting the bill in his pocket, as he thought he had, tucked it into a wrinkle in his shirt. It spilled out, and landed on the floor of the treasury department, however, and there they told him he could not have gone far if he wanted to. It had, been picked up by the time he got back, and put back in the vaults with the expectation that whoever had lost it would come after it.

RANDOM.

The grain is doing nicely.

The farmers are very busy plowing down at the lake.

Frank Madison returned to Chemawa last week from Washington.

Mrs. Abe Logan, of Toledo Oregon, was visiting her son, James, at the school this week.

Felix Isadore is now back at his old work as a gardener. Mr. Westley says Felix can plow some.

Joe Bittles succeeded in making the training table in the try-out on Monday afternoon. He came in fourteenth.

The connecting of the pipes in the small boys' lavatory will be finished soon by Mr. Smith, Mr. VanTassel and their details.

Mr. Jones, a speculator, of Jefferson, Oregon, purchased 210 bushels of potatoes from the school last week. They bought 80 cent per.