

Crook County Journal.

COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

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Incident of Border War.

Salmon Brown, son of John Brown, the abolitionist, has received a letter from August Bondi, a noted Kansas fighter of the Kosuth Hungarians, and a comrade of Mr. Brown in the Border War. It details an incident of the Border War which has never been published, and for that reason is especially interesting.

In explanation of the letter, Mr. Brown says: "Mr. Bondi and I were on guard over some prisoners captured at the battle of Black Jack, among whom were Henry Clay Pate and Lieutenant Brockert, a noted border ruffian. Brockert got into an argument with Bondi as to the legal right of the border ruffians to force slavery on Kansas at the point of the bayonet. Mr. Bondi being a very bright young man, had his opponent tied up in a hard knot. Brockert was a well-educated Virginian and a government surveyor, and, being quick-witted, turned on Mr. Bondi and said he would like to know what a Dutchman knew about liberty. This raised a shout and a laugh through the high-spirited ruffian company of 30 prisoners. Mr. Bondi tells the outcome of this little episode.

"Brockert was the only man who would not lay down his sword when all the rest had surrendered, and he refused to do so until I forced him to it, with a revolver pointed at his head. In 1856 Brockert shot down 11 married Free State men crowded together, not for taking an active part in the war, but for being Free State men."

The letter received by Mr. Brown from Mr. Bondi, at Salina, Kan., is as follows:

"I well recollect the incident referred to in your letter, as well as its outcome; that Theo Weiner mixed in the discussion and was challenged to fight a duel, and when Weiner agreed and started to hunt a pistol for Brockert, your father came up and peremptorily stopped the quarrel. Brockert, in 1861, led a squad of guerrillas, and in contempt of the customs of civilized warfare, killed several farmers in their homes, near Mine Creek, Linn County, Kan. He and six of his men were captured in October, 1861, by the Sixth Kansas, and all seven were court-martialed and executed. That ended Brockert.

"In 1857, I moved to Anderson County, Kansas. My father had come to Kansas and took a claim on the South Pottawatomie, five miles from Dutch Henry's. I married in 1860, enlisted in Company K, Fifth Kansas; November, 1861, when my first child was five months old, left the farm to the care of my wife and her parents, and returned in 1864, with two ounces of lead in my body. I was first Sergeant, and in the last action in which the Fifth Kansas took part the Major commanding the detachment ordered me to take my command and hold the ground while he and the other commanding officer galloped behind the line I had formed, to bring away two guns to safety, as the ammunition was played out. I held the boys, in spite of four bullet wounds; but when the order to retreat was given I fell from the horse, was left on the field, taken prisoner by the Rebels, and royally treated by them. I was so nearly dead that the next day I was turned over to the flag of croce, which had come to bury the dead, whence I was

taken to the hospital. As my time was out I went home.

"The Major was promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonel, while I, who had really done the work, received a few compliments, and have not as yet succeeded with my pension claim. I moved to Saline County in '66, and, on account of my serious disabilities, quit farming and moved to town."

Mr. Bondi states further that he is coming to the Coast for the convention of Mystic Shriners, and that he hopes to see Salmon Brown at that time and recount old experiences.—Telegram.

Ladies' Home Journal for April.

Chief among the attractive features of the Easter Ladies' Home Journal is the opening installment of Helen Keller's own story of her life. The fact that this, and all the autobiography which is to follow, were actually written by the wonderful girl herself is only equaled by the remarkable literary merit of her production. There is a delightfully personal article about "The President's Daughter," accompanied by a hitherto unpublished picture of Miss Roosevelt, and a pretty story of the singing of Easter carols in a New York belfry on Easter morning. Neltje Blanchan tells "Why the Birds Come and Go," and The Journal's two splendid serials, "Those Days in Old Virginia" and "The Russells in Chicago," are given space.

The new children's department, called "The Good-Time Garden," begins in this number. Mr. Bok discusses several timely subjects on the editorial page, chief among them the growing tendency of the American father to neglect the companionship of his children. The illustrations, which are beautiful and numerous, include one of My Taylor's exquisite pictures of Southern life, and a double page of college girls at their studies. The departments are more interesting and helpful than ever. The beautiful Easter cover is the work of A. E. Foringer. By The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. Ten cents a copy; one dollar a year.

Columbia Southern Locates Its New Line.

President Lytle of the Columbia Southern stated today that some sixty miles of the new extension of that road, from its present termi-

nus at Shaniko to Bend, Or., has already been located. This leaves only forty miles still unlocated. "The grading," said President Lytle, "will begin as soon as possible, probably not before April 15th or May 1st. Our company considers it the better policy to wait until the entire extension has been located before letting the grading contracts.

"In my opinion it will take about a year before the line will be in readiness to operate. The time of its completion will depend entirely upon whether labor will be plentiful or scarce. It is to our interest to push matters as rapidly as possible. We would be glad to finish in six months if we could do so.

"There are many new towns sure to form along the extension. The only place of any considerable importance in that section now is Prineville. This town will be some twelve miles or so from the new line, but we do not intend to leave so important a place out of our calculations. We will run a branch line to Prineville to connect with the main line. "It will surprise me if Bend will not even exceed North Yakima eventually in importance. The interests of the new region are varied, and comprise stock raising, mining, vast tracts of virgin timber and immensely valuable wheat-raising resources."—Portland Journal.

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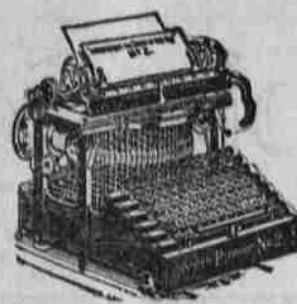


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