DATES TO REMEMBER.

Friday, Jan. 1 .- New Year's Day. Monday, Jan. 4.—Convening of adjourned term of circuit court for Clackamas county. Monday, Jag. 4.-Probate court for January

Wednesday, Jan. 6 .- County court for Jannary term convenes

Wednesday, Jan. 6.—Regular meeting for January of Oregon City conneil—annual reports made and new officers sworn in. Monday, Jan. 11 .- Convening of the Oregon legislature at Salem.

Monday, Jan. 11 .- Annual meeting of the Oregon City board of trade-election of officers, etc.

Tuesday, Ján. 12 — Annual meeting Oregon State Horticultural Society in Portland for a two day's session.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1896.

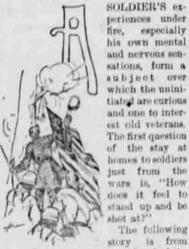
IN FIRE OF BATTLE.

BE SHOT AT.

HOW IT FEELS TO STAND UP AND

Experiences of a Noted Vermont Soldier, General Lewis A. Grant Tells of His Initial Trial - Sensations on Various Fields - Twice He Enjoyed the Fight.

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his own mental and nervous sensations, form a aubjact over which the uninitiated are curious and one to interest old veterans, The first question of the stay at homes to soldiers just from the wars is, "How does it feel to stand up and be shot at?" The following story is from

General Lewis A. Grant, colonel of the Fifth Vermont and afterward leader of the First Vermont brigade. For those readers who are unsequainted with the record of these Vermont commands it is enough to say that they were in the thick of the combat on almost every battlefield of the Army of the Potomac. Of his baptism of fire the general says:

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"It is somewhat difficult to definitely give my first experience under fire," as I came to it somewhat gradually and became a little used to it before being throws into a severe engagement, and my feetings were not the same on different exemics. I distinct very much by go into an engagement and feared the result, not only to myself, but to my command and the excess. Generally the first experience of a battle was that of freploation, but my natural pride and a feeling of responsibility and a knowledge of its effect upon the man overcame it. But it emissions took all the self countrol at my command to appear calm and cool. But the selfing of trapidation need hattest long. It never extended through a battle. As noon as actually sugged all four was gone. and together the state of the s

would rather fight than eat is held up as a typical warrior. Here is a representative lighting soldier confessing that in only two cut of more than a score of most desperate encounters did he enjoy the combat. Another favorite trait of the fiction warrior is reckless exposure of person to the fire of the enemy, Upon this head General Grant says:

"The most trying dituation was that of hold-"The most trying actuation was that or note ing a position expected to the enemy Mrowhen not able to return it. I always believed that it was the privide and the duty of an officer to protect his man and himself as much as possible and consistent with the occasion. For this purpose earthworks were thrown up, and walls, were taken advantage of

"My first experience under fire was at Young's Mills on our advance up the penin-gula in the spring of 1862. We simply advanced suin in the spring of soil, we suinty according as they retired. Only a few stray bullots reached us, and it was soon over. There was not much easie for fear, and I don't rescaled any. Williamsburg seem followed, where we were not in 'the thickest of the fight,' but it was an experience and tended to confidence and discipline. There I had the strange experience of beauty supported by and discipline. There I had the strange experience of watching and hearing cannon balls or shells coming almost directly toward us. It excited a feeling of curiosity and surprise more than foar. I never before believed that one could see a cannon ball in motion. There first appeared a puff of smoke, and then the ball or shell was plainly visible, and the peculiar singing sound it made coming through the air was very different from the screeching sound made when going high in the air or off far to the right or left. The sound of the cannon was heard about the same time that the shell burst or the ball struck near us."

Referring to the buttle of Savare Sta-

Referring to the battle of Savage Station, in the seven days, where his regiment covered itself with glory, the general says: "It was a savage station indeed to my little command, which gallantly held the enemy and suffered terribly."

The struggle of the Fifth Verment at Savage Station formed one of the most thrilling episodes of the war. In passing to the front the command stumbled upon a prestrate regiment of eringing fellows who refused to advance and meet the foe. The spectacle fired the Vermonters to the extreme pitch. Supposing that orders were orders, Colonel Grant un dertook to "push back the enemy," as he had been told to do. The thicket was blasted by the storm of grape which tore through it, yet he led his men on until he struck the Confederate skirmishers and sent them flying from the field. A second Confederate line stood ground, and into that the Vermonters rushed at a bayonet charge. A couple of volleys from the enemy's infantry held up the impetuous assailants. Instantly a field

Oregon City Enterprise battery opened with canister, and a cross narrow NARROW TIRES ARE COSTLY. fire of musketry on one flank was added as a last blow. The Vermonters went They quickly Destroy the Good Work of down in swaths literally, but there was a show of them left standing. Taking was 400 strong when it charged, and 72 down. dead, with 131 wounded, was the price sleeping on their arms. In company E thing in a nutshell, 49 out of 56 were struck down, 25 of them killed.

At Savage Station the plucky rear guard of the Federal army made a stand to cover the passage of the columns over tired wheels when once a rat is started. White Oak swamp. The Vermonters crossed the night of the battle and took position to foil the enemy, who was

closely pursuing. closely pursuing.

"The next day." says General Grent,
"while halting and taking coffee beyond White
Cas swamp, the enemy unexpectedly and suddenly opened upon us with a terrific cannonade at short range. It probably excelled any
open field cannonade of the war except that
of the third day of Gettysburg. All commands
suddenly and unavoidably went to the rear in
confusion. It was the work of a moment and
the work of only a few moments to raily the
different regiments. There was no four or
thought of danger. The first thing to be done thought of danger. The first thing to be done was to rally the regiments into line, and until that was done the excitement and the effort that was done the excisement and he arro-overcame fear. But after that was done we waited in line a long time expecting the enemy to make an infantry attack. That waiting was fearful. I was suffering from swamp fever, and the terrible fighting at Savage Station the day before and the all night march through White Oak swamp had noarly exhausted my powers of physical endurance. That was a ter-ribly and and long afternoon, and if ever I felt the coward I feit it then. I did wish the enemy would let us alone, and I longed for hight to come. I never had such a feeling before and never since. It was a feeling of weakness—of fear. I though if the enemy would only let us alone that day I didn't much care what he did afterward. He did let us alone stoopting to keep up an irregular artillery fire, and I lived to flett another de-

keep up an irregular arthiery has, and I lived to fight another day.

"The second day of the second battle of Fredericksburg, or rather the battle of Salem Heights, May, 1865, was one of the times when I really enjoyed the fight. Lee, according to his report, had crippled Hooker at Chancellors-ville, and having a small force to watch Hookwille, and leaving a small force towards Hook or, went with its main groy to meet Sedgwick; the mark interpretation of the Magazine is printed a coupon enstantial material. "That's the way the stantial material. "That's the way the alternative in Sedgwick's frost soft and had extended his line around to the left so that Sedgwick's retreat upon Fredericksburg was cut off. Lee took nearly all the next day to arrange his forces for alticle. It came hate in the afformance for alticle. It came hate in the afformance for alticle. It came hate in the afformance for alticle. It was a splended sight, a sight that increased down on us in three long lines of hat the first burst on the stant than fear. My brigade was seed posted on a crossent staned swell.

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they came upon us with great force and in Worcester Gazette. pretty good order, and their attack was hand-somely repulsed and part of the brigade ad-vanced upon the attacking party and captured many prisoners. The attack was so grand and exhibitating and the countercharge so cam-plete and successful, nearly all negen field and plain view, that I could not help enjoying

that I went tota the attack with fear and I cannot imagine. If the suggestions in that I went into the attack with fear and dennee. The rear of earned and the rattic of processed from the I accepted the hadrest of personal indust and of the processed in ground and of the certific Control to be a true to attack a greatly superior force and underground following the attack must be fight."

In a certain class of fiction which many the many to allow to take interest in the ment five years, the stack must be made and it was under The result was that the nearly who was about to stack, was head in check until dark, and our group was immediately concern uniform the control of the ment five years, the stack as the paper was the castely as the paper was the castely as the paper was the stack as the paper was the task as the paper was the stack as the paper of half of my officers and one third of my en-listed men. We were relieved by Hancock about dark. Been after that an order came stating in substances that the whole army would attack the enemy at daylight. Such an order was a new caperiones, and, coming as is did, just after such a fearful slaugiter and while we were burying our dead and earing for our wounded, produced a fearful impression on my mind. Supposing that we must repeat the attack of that day, I immediately concluded that it would be the last of many men and that

after our advance was checked and those four



GENERAL LEWIS A. GRANT.

lines of battle disappeared from our front and
the then advancing enemy came full upon us.

At that time the brigade happened to occupy
two irregular lines of logs, and so forth, that
the enemy had thrown up for protection. Taking advantage of these rude and temporary
works, we checked the enemy's advance and
drove him back in confusion and repeated it
as often as the attack was repeated. I rather
enjoyed that. It was quite different from our
experience of the day before. Our loss there
was slight, but we punished the enemy terribly."

The experiences of this distinguished Vermont fighter at the battle of White Oak Swamp and on the second day of the Wilderness mark the two extremes of a soldier's temperament. The first might be called cowardice were it not for the fact that the physical degeneracy present proves that it was simply weakness. The Wilderness episode gives a most striking illustration of true battlefield courage. Death was not alone possible from the enemy's fire, but was believed to be set down by fate as a certainty. Yet the gallant soldier faced the ordeal with sublime fortitude.

GEORGE L. KILMER.

Lowney's chief to be ons are the E. E. WILLIAMS, the grocer.

It has been truly said that no other breath, they rallied, closed in and single element, except ignorant roaddropped upon a sheltering rise of ground making, adds so much to the heavy burand kept up the fight with bullets. The den of supporting the highways as the enemy was pushed back and held back use of narrow tires, which cut up the until the crisis was over. The regiment roads instead of ironing them smoothly

Look at the beautiful glossy path of its daring. Two companies, E and H, which the bicyclists make for themthat were almost at the mouths of the selves at the edge of the road before the guns of Kemper's Virginia battery, lost puddles are fairly dried up and then at 30 at one discharge, and the bodies lay the bottomless abysses plowed by loaded on the field in a perfect line as though wagons and you will have the whole

The horses' hoofs, of course, chop up the road somewhat, but it is mere surface irritation compared with the deep and fatal wounds made by the narrow

Build a reasonably good road and equip the vehicles with tires with something the same proportion to weight as the tires of a bicycle, with the tread of the rear wheels different from that of the front wheels, so as not to follow in the same path, and the surface will not be rutted at all. The wheels serve as rollers, and, instead of cutting up the roads, they make them better.

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Wake Up the Sleepers.

ince I read an article from Professor H. H. Stone of Emery college on good "The other time when I cujeyed the fight was at the Wilderness, May 6, 1861. The lattle roads. A more timely and suggestive commenced May 5, when General Getty, with paper has not made its appearance in the last decade. Why there has not been more comment by the press of the state that paper were promptly acted upon in the next five years, the state would pro-

This Is the Right Spirit.

Systematic road building must be adopted in Mississeppl if the full development of the state is brought about, and there is no better time than the present to begin earnestly to enlist voluniteers for the campaign of education. -Senatobia (Miss.) Democrat.

that it would be the last of many men and that I was among the humber destined to fail. The impression amounted to canyition, and I could not shake it off nor oversome it. In the morning I gave my pecketback to one courade and my watch to another, with directions what to do with each. I size gave directions as to the disposition of my horses. The certainty of death seemed real to me. There seemed no reasonable doubt of it.

"But the attack was quite different from that of the day lastore. There were four lines of battle in our front, and we did not five a shot until ofter an advance was checked and those four ment of highways and the establishment of a state system of reads. ment of a state system of reads

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