

**OLD KICKAPOO GUN.**

**AN ANCIENT CANNON THAT HAS A REMARKABLE RECORD.**

**It Played an Important Part in the Struggles Over Slavery in Kansas—Was a Bone of Contention—Saved From the Furnace by a Historical Society.**

There was recently shipped from Chicago to the Kansas State Historical society one of the most valuable relics of the border ruffian warfare. It is the Old Kickapoo cannon which did service at Old Kickapoo, Lawrence and other points along the Missouri border during Kansas' early struggle for free state government. This old gun formed the bone of contention in many a hard fought contest between proslavery and antislavery forces, and a large number of the old citizens of Kansas can remember the stirring events clustering about the history of this remarkable implement of warfare.

Of late years the whereabouts of the old gun has been a matter of conjecture, and by many it was thought to have been lost, but it is due to the efforts of Colonel H. Miles Moore and Captain J. C. Walkinshaw of Leavenworth that Old Kickapoo has been resurrected. It now rests in the rooms of the State Historical society in this city.

The gun is a six pounder smooth-bore brass cannon and was first stolen from the United States arsenal at Liberty, Mo., and from there taken by General Richardson's army to the sacking and burning of the old Free State hotel at Lawrence, the Eldridge House, after it was indicted by the proslavery grand jury at Leecompton and ordered abated as a nuisance by Judge Cato, who had the writ directed to Sheriff Jones, who summoned the posse, mostly from Missouri, to assist in executing the writ.

The bombardment which followed was one of the memorable conflicts of border ruffian days. The cannon was placed on Massachusetts street, Lawrence, opposite, and trained on the hotel and fired by General David Atchison, then a United States senator from Missouri. The first shot went over the roof of the hotel. The second went through a second story window, and the third and fourth shots struck the stone walls, scarcely making an impression on them. Jones, seeing that he was not likely to subvert the nuisance that way, applied the torch and destroyed the building. The posse then scattered. The Kickapoo rangers then took charge of the cannon and carted it to the village of Kickapoo, six miles up the river from Leavenworth. It was planted on top of a high bluff and there remained posted as a menace to the free state men of Leavenworth.

Colonel H. Miles Moore first suggested the plan to go up to Kickapoo and capture the gun. He communicated his scheme to a few free state men, and ten of the more daredevil ones, under the leadership of Captain I. G. Losee, well armed with Sharp's rifles and revolvers, made a dash for Kickapoo one dark night, took possession of the cannon, and without being discovered were soon back in Leavenworth. Fearing the gun might be recovered by a writ in the hands of the sheriff or other proslavery officers of the county or territory, the gun carriage was hidden in the south part of Leavenworth and the cannon buried in Dr. Davis' old peach orchard, where it remained a short time.

Fearing danger, it was dug up and taken to Lawrence one dark night in the bottom of a wagon covered with hay. It remained but a short time, when it was taken back to Leavenworth and placed in Dr. Davis' temporary graveyard until the warclouds of 1856 and 1857 had passed away. The gun was then resurrected and turned over to the society of turners of Leavenworth, in whose keeping it remained for a long series of years. On each recurring Fourth of July and other state occasions and holidays "Old Kickapoo" was brought out, crowned with laurels and escorted with music and joyous crowds through the streets of the city.

Finally the turners relaxed in their care of the old cannon, and some ill advised parties without authority loaned the gun one day to the Leavenworth Coal company for the purpose of aiding them to free the shaft of a mass of debris that had fallen and clogged up the hoisting shaft. The gun was taken down the air shaft, loaded with solid shot, placed upright and fired into the mass above. As there was no chance for a recoil, the gun burst, tearing a huge piece from the side of the old warrior.

The gun was returned to the turners, but they seemed to have no use for it, and soon it was lost, and no one knew anything about it. About five years ago Colonel H. Miles Moore was passing down Shawnee street, Leavenworth, and in an alley near a tinshop noticed an old cannon. He gave it a close inspection. "That 'ere 's Old Kickapoo." The turners had sold it to the tinner for \$25, and he was about to ship it to Chicago for old brass. Appeals to patriotism were in vain, and Mr. Moore subsequently communicated with the Historical society, and after some correspondence the society appropriated \$200 for the purchase of the cannon. In the meantime the tinner had shipped the gun to Chicago, where it was recently found in a brass foundry ready to be consigned to a furnace. The gun reached Topeka in safety.—St. Louis Republic.

**AN ALLIGATOR STORY.**

**It Reminded the Little Man of an Adventure He Once Had.**

The owl car was bowling merrily toward Carondelet at an early hour the other morning. A party of belated citizens was gathered in one corner swapping yarns which would have made the pale cheek of Baron Munchausen mantle with the blush of envy. A portly man with rubicund face had just finished telling a thrilling story of an adventure with alligators in the everglades of

Florida. An unassuming little man with gray whiskers, who had been an interested listener, moved over toward the group, and after apologizing for the intrusion remarked that he had had some little experience with alligators himself. He was hailed with delight by the little coterie, and being pressed for a story stroked his whiskers thoughtfully for a moment and then began:

"In the summer of 1889 I was fishing with a party of friends on the Tallahassee river, in the northern part of Florida. All morning we tramped up and down the banks in a vain attempt to entice the illusive black bass from his lair. About noon I separated from the party and went about a mile and a half farther down stream to a point where I thought fishing would be better. I selected a favorable spot and stepped out upon what I took to be a log which floated near the bank. For two mortal hours I stood upon that supposed log and never got as much as a nibble. Along about 3 o'clock I gave it up in disgust, packed up my tackle and started for the shore. Just as I was stepping on the bank what I had all along taken for a log moved under me, and, gentlemen, what do you think I had been standing on for more than two hours?"

"An alligator! I knew it! An alligator!" fairly shrieked the man with the rubicund face. "An alligator," rejoined the three congenial spirits.

"No, gentlemen," said the little man as he made for the door. "It was a log." He vanished in the darkness, and the owl car bowed merrily on.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**Dwarf Pear Trees.**

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