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COL. ROBINS AND THE SCOTT. Hand-to-Hand Combat With the Indians - Victory Against Right Handers.

The following letter from Col. Robbins to his wife in Boise city, records in simple and unaffected language the story of deeds seldom equaled.

SILVER CREEK, O., June 24, '78. DEAR WIFE - I have a few moments to spare and will drop a line to let you know that I am still alive, though not far from Franklin Bay, but not yet laid down in any char.

The vessel will start, however, on Saturday, or Monday at the latest, unless the weather should be foggy. She will carry 25 men, all told. Captain Thomas F. Barry, whose discovery of the spoons bearing Sir John Franklin's crest and some initials, led to the present expedition, is in command. Lieutenant Frederick Schwatka of the Third United States Cavalry is in command of the searching party, which will work under Captain Barry's instructions.

Colonel W. H. Gilder, an officer of volunteers during the late civil war, is second in command. The ship's company, as far as accepted at present, is as follows: Jeremiah Bumpus, first mate; James Piper, second mate; Michael Trainer, third mate; John Kearney, boat-steerer; H. Ohmenhauser, cooper; Charles Buckley, a brother-in-law of Captain Tyson of Arctic fame; carpenter, Frederick Woern, blacksmith; Frederick Merritt, George Westervelt, Rudolph Albert, Jeremiah W. Dooly, Michael Moran, Andrew Cooper and Jacob Doremus, seamen. There will be 12 men before the mast.

THE SEARCHING PARTY. Will consist of Lieutenant Schwatka, Col. Gilder, Joseph Ebering, Henry W. Klutschak, an Austrian by birth and a civil engineer by education, and Francis Melms. The Smithsonian Institute has asked the privilege of sending a representative, who will be equipped by the Institution. Jos. Ebering, or "Esquimaux Joe," goes as trapper, hunter and guide. He insists that he is "back-hunter," and his comrades persist in understanding him "bug-hunter."

"Joe" carries with him a short fire-arm, constructed by himself of an old Remington pistol, mounted on a stock of peculiar shape, which he made while on board the Polar, and with which he saved nineteen lives in the trying time on the ice flow of over 100 days. The Eskimoes will first touch at Whale Point, Hudson's Bay, to take on a number of Esquimaux, increasing the searching party to twenty, and thence proceed to Beach Point, Repulse Bay, 140 miles north. At Whale Point, Captain Barry first met the natives from whom he bought the spoons. They gathered about his Winter quarters at Marble Island, remaining until his ship sailed in the Spring.

TWO OTHER SPOONS. Bearing the Franklin crest and the initials "S. S." in their possession, were purchased by the United States Consul at St. Johns. The property has since been restored to the niece of Sir John Franklin, who identified them. The Esquimaux stated that the vessel from which they got the spoons was crushed by the ice at an island near Cape Lowell and became a total wreck. The crew, among whom was Sir John Franklin, who they recognized as "Hilata" or leader, were taken by the natives to a point near Cape Englefield, 640 miles from Whale Point, where one by one they perished of cold, hunger and sickness, and were buried by being sewed up in skins, placed on the ground and covered with stones to keep off the wolves and bears. The winter was severe and game scarce, and the superstitious natives attributed these misfortunes to the anger of the Great Spirit at the presence of white men. Captain Barry stated as his belief that some of the crew were killed and eaten by these natives, but that probably most of them died. An important fact communicated by the Natchilles was that the white men left a number of books with writing in them, which was also buried at Englefield, which is about 90 miles inland, and which never yet been reached by an exploring party.

THE NEGRO EXODUS. The exodus of the first ship-load of negroes from Charleston, S. C., to Liberia makes a curious and interesting episode in the history of the black race of this country, and as the trip of the Azor is only the prelude of many more to follow, the 250 persons who constituted her passengers representing 1,000,000 more who will follow them if they can get the passage money, it is worthy of some consideration. This emigration fever is not of sudden origin, nor is it confined to South Carolina. The desire to go back to Africa is as strong in some of the districts along the coast as ever was the feeling of the Irish people to come over here, and in every part of the South the colored people, especially the poor and unemployed, are casting longing eyes to the land of promise. If they had the means, hundreds of thousands would leave as fast as vessels could be obtained to carry them. At one time Frederick Douglass, their principal advocate, was in favor of acquiring Hayti to the extent of establishing a protectorate over the island and colonizing it with the surplus blacks of the South.

The long talked of flying machine has been at length completed and successfully tested. Prof. Ritchell, of Hartford, Conn., a few days since went and navigated over-head, wheeling and turning and fopping the wings of his dragon-fly and sailing around as easy as a buzzard. A larger machine will shortly be constructed which will carry several passengers and if it passes over Linn county on its way to San Francisco coast, please don't shoot on your night kick Beecher, who is going to lecture at one thousand dollars a night.

HIPPLE MITCHELL, the hieeling of the Central Pacific Railroad corporation is sprung upon an unsuspecting Portland public by the Custom House orator as the people's champion against monopolies. We shall next hear of Hipple laboring to have the penalty against liganmy made severer. -Standard.

Never strike a man when he is down - unless you can't lick him any other way.

A FAMILIAR FABLE. One day a benevolent physician (who had read the book), having found a stray poodle suffering from a broken leg, conveyed the poor creature to his home and after setting and bandaging the injured limb, gave the little outcast its liberty again, and thought no more about the matter. But how great was his surprise, upon opening his door one morning some days later, to find the grateful poodle patiently waiting there, and in its company another stray dog, one of whose legs, by some accident, had been broken. The kind physician, not desiring to admit the ingratitude and guilefulness of the dog, who had been willing to use his humane instrument as the poor outcast poodle for the inoculating of, etc., etc.

Sequel - The next morning the benevolent physician found the two dogs, beaming with gratitude, waiting at his door, and with two other dogs - cripples. The cripples were speedily healed, and the four went away, leaving the benevolent physician more overjoyed by pious wonder than ever. The day passed, the morning came. There at the door sat now the four reconstructed dogs and with them four other requiring reconstruction. This day also passed, and another morning came; and sixteen dogs, eight of them newly crippled, occupied the sidewalk, and the people were going around. By noon the broken legs were all set, but the funny wonder in the good physician's breast was beginning to get mixed with involuntary profanity. The sun rose one more, and exhibited thirty-two dogs, sixteen of them with broken legs, occupying the sidewalk and half the street; the human spectators took up the rest of the abused brutes, and the comments of the on-looking citizens made great and inspiring noise, but the funny wonder in that street. The good physician hired a couple of assistant surgeons and got through his benevolent work before dark, first taking the precaution to cancel his church membership, so that he might express himself with the latitude which the case required.

But some things have their limits. When once more the morning dawned upon a massed and fresh multitude of clamorous and beseeching dogs, he said, "I might as well acknowledge it. I have been fooled by the best; they only tell the pretty part of the story, and then stop. Fetch me the shotgun. This thing has gone long enough."

He issued forth with his weapon and chanced to step on the tail of the original poodle, who promptly bit him in the leg. Now the great and good work which this poodle had engaged in had engendered in him such a mighty and augmenting enthusiasm as to turn his weak head and at last drive him mad. A month later, when the benevolent physician lay in the death throes of hydrophobia, he called his weeping friends about him, and said: "I have read the book, they tell 'at half of the story. Whenever a poor wretch asks you for help, and you feel in doubt as to what result may flow from your benevolence, give yourself the benefit of the doubt and kill the applicant."

And so saying he turned his face to the wall and gave up the ghost.

ANDERSON CONFESSES THAT WEBBER THREW OUT 700 DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN HIS PARISH AND RETURNED 500 REPUBLICAN MAJORITY, AND THAT BETWEEN WEBBER AND HIMSELF THREW OUT 3,500 DEMOCRATIC VOTES WHICH SAID LOUISIANA FOR HAYES. When he heard that Webber had murdered he thought it safest to leave. The frauds Anderson confesses were done in the interest of the Returning Board. Anderson says further that Webber's protest, on which the whole vote of West Feliciana was thrown out by the Returning Board was not justified by the facts, there being 700 votes in one locality - which had nothing to do with politics, and that he (Anderson) signed his name to a blank sheet of paper, which was subsequently filled in with a sweeping protest against the vote of East Feliciana; that this was a fraud, the election being entirely peaceful in this parish; that he had made up his mind to denounce the fraud, when the visiting statesman came on the ground; and that Sherman wrote a letter to Webber and himself, the strength of which they went through their part of the work. Anderson says that the letter promised that they should be cared for if they did their duty; that it could be proved that Sherman understood the whole situation as to these two parishes when he gave the letter; that the letter was to operate as a bribe. It is alleged by a well informed person that the original letter from Sherman is in a secure position and can probably be produced.

ILLINOIS PHILOSOPHY. I never knew a second wife but what was boss of the situation. Whisky is a hard thing to convince therefore I never quarrel with a drunken man. Males marry to change their condition - widows to improve it. After a man gets to be 38 years old he can't form habits much, the best he can do is to steer clear of his old ones. Any man who can swap horses or catch fish, and not be about it, is just as pious as men ever get to be in this world. An enthusiast is an individual who believes about four times as much as anybody else believes. The dog that will follow anybody isn't worth a cent. Those people who are trying to get to heaven on their creed will find out at last that they didn't have a through ticket. One quart of cheap whisky (the cheaper the better) judiciously applied will do more business for the devil than the smartest deacon he has got.

DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL TERMS. Bankrupt - A man who gives everything to a lawyer, so that his creditors will not get it. Assignee - The chap who has the deal, and gives himself four zeros. A Bank - Is the place where people put their money, so it will be handy when other folks want it. A Depositor - Is a man who doesn't know how to spend his money, and gets the cashier to show him. President - Is the big fat man who pretends to know the job, and afterwards sublets it. A Director - Is one of those who accepts a trust that doesn't involve the use of either his eyes or ears. Cashier - Is often a man who undertakes to support a wife, six children, and a brown-stone front on fifty dollars a month and be honest. Collaterals - Are certain pieces of paper as good as gold, due and payable on the first day of April. Assets - Usually consist of five chairs and an old stove; and if the "boss" may be added a spittoon, if the "boss" ain't a bad one. Liabilities - Are usually a big "blind" that the assets don't "see" nor "raise." A Note - A promise to do an impossible thing at an impossible time. Endorsement - A man who signs a commercial philippic with a friend, and gets caught.

REASONS FOR DRESS. Human clothing has three reasons for its existence, in order of precedence, as follows: I. Health. II. Decency. III. Beauty. Health demands: 1. Maintenance of proper temperature of the body by exclusion of excessive heat and cold. 2. Protection from injury by rain, snow, dirt, stones to the feet, insects, etc. 3. Preservation of liberty of action to all organs of the body, and freedom from pressure. Decency demands: 4. Concealment of some portions of the human frame. 5. Distinction between the habiliments of men and women sufficient to avert mistake. 6. Fitness to the age and character of the wearer. 7. Concealment, when possible, of any disgusting personal defect. Beauty demands: 8. Truthfulness. The dress must be genuine throughout, without any false pads, false hair, or false anything. 9. Graceful forms of drapery. 10. Harmonious colors. 11. Such moderate ornamentation with prevailing modes of dress as shall produce the impression of sociability and suavity, and avoid that of self-assertion. 12. Individuality; the dress fitting the wearer as if it were an outer body belonging to the same soul.

THE KIND OF A GIRL TO HAVE. The young people of Cincinnati are excited over a promised wedding that didn't take place. The young man and young woman had known each other from childhood, and were prominent in society circles. The wedding guests were assembled and the loving couple were on the floor. The minister pronounced the usual questions to the bride. She would consent to marry the man or a husband, etc., when much to the surprise of all present, she answered "No." Thinking he misunderstood her, the minister asked the question again, and again she answered "No." This stopped the ceremony, and the story came out. The young man, addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors, had promised to reform if the young lady would consent to marry him, and had signed the pledge. He had been on trial for months, but as the bride turned to him as they stood side by side before the minister, she caught the odor of whisky on his breath, and detected signs of incipient intoxication. She closed the extraordinary scene by stating that she could not trust her future to a man who had broken a promise so solemnly made. Expectations and entreaties were all in vain. The wedding did not take place. - Intec-Ocean.

AFTER THE CIRCUS PARADE, two small boys met on the street. One of them, his face glowing with excitement, said: "O Johnny, did you see that fellow with three snakes around his neck?" "No word from Johnny. 'Ye see the man in the lion's cage, an' cuss'?" "No word or sign from Johnny, save and except a cloud upon his brow. 'Well, ye see the ponies with the red blankets on, didn't ye?' 'Naw, an' didn't,' said Johnny at last, bursting into tears. 'I had to stay at home an' tend our baby, but I kin lick the stuffin' out of you.'"

THE BETTER TO ILLUSTRATE the meaning of civil service reform, President Hayes heads the officeholders' subscription for the party campaign in Maine with five thousand dollars. What an immaculate innocent of a President and politician! - Boston Post.

IS NOT A MAN who defeated Oregon's best prospects for railroad connection with the Atlantic States, in the interest of his master, Lehard Stanford, a fit subject for a traitor's doom? - Standard.

COOKS BY NERES: Gus (Leo) Bennett and party have killed, skinned and boiled down close on to 100 sea lions of the coast of Bandon. Some of these weighed as much as 2,500 pounds each.

WE SUSPECT THAT WAR IS GOING TO BE inevitable for several years yet. - Buffalo Express.

Captain Bobstay, showed old fellow calls a sneeze a head wind.