

JOHN B. CHEEVERS, SERGEANT.
Appreciation of Man Who Planted
Flag on Missionary Ridge.

Possibly a few reminiscences of my acquaintance with the man who placed one of the first, if not the first Union flag on Missionary Ridge on that fearful and memorable day in November, 1863, may be of interest to the members of the G. A. R. and perhaps readers of the Tidings in general.

The claim of the 88th Illinois Volunteer Infantry that their color-bearer, John B. Cheevers, planted the

rear, and its breathless color-bearer led the way. But a few steps between him and the summit, he grasped a little tree that bravely stood there, and away he went, hand over hand, like a sailor up the shrouds, and shook his flag above the crest. This I can declare: John Cheevers, of the 88th Illinois, planted his flag by Bragg's headquarters, and it knitted there in the setting sun, at the very heels of the enemy. A minute, and they were all there, fluttering along the Ridge from left to right. The routed hordes rolled off to the north, rolled off to the east, like the clouds of a wornout



John Cheevers, with Colors of 88th Ill. Vol. Infantry

first flag on the crest is borne out by the following, sent by Benjamin F. Taylor, the famous correspondent and novelist, from the field to the Chicago Journal and afterwards republished by him in his book entitled "Pictures of Life in Camp and Field." A copy of this book fell into the hands of the writer while he was yet a lad. Years after, in 1891, he moved to Sioux Rapids, Iowa, and purchased a country paper. On the list was the name of John B. Cheevers. When he came in shortly after-

storm, Bragg, ten minutes before, was putting men back into the rifle pits. His gallant gray was straining a nerve for him now, and the man rode on horseback into "Dixie's" bosom, who, arrayed in some prophet's cast-off mantle, foretold on Monday that the Yankees would leave Chattanooga in five days. They left it in three, and by way of Missionary Ridge, straight over the mountains, as their forefathers went!"

Such is the story as written from the front by one of America's most



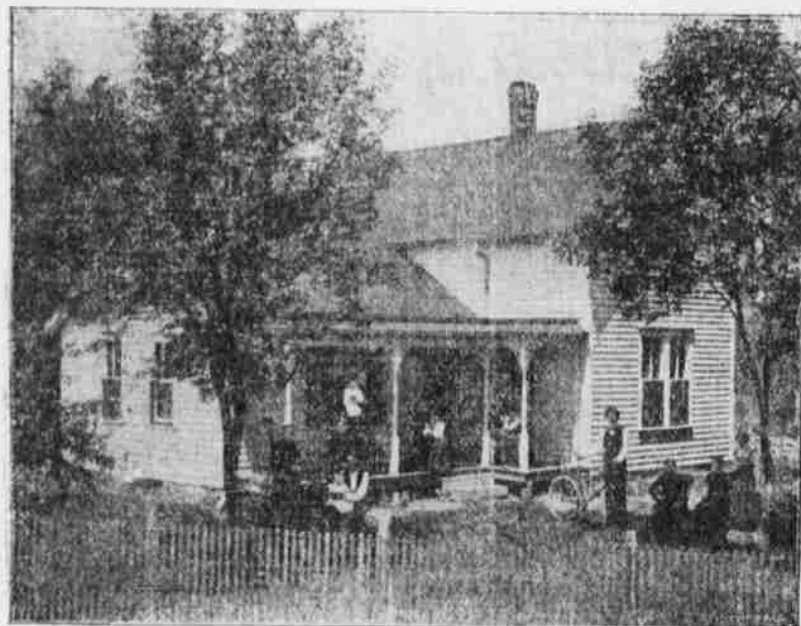
John Cheevers in 1901

wards to make the acquaintance of the new editor, the bronze button at once marked him as a veteran, and an inquiry brought out the fact that he had been color sergeant of the 88th Illinois. He was much surprised to learn of the publication in book form of the reference to himself, which is near the close of a long, vivid and thrilling account of the battle, and reads as follows:

"What colors were first upon the

shifted writers. Even more thrilling were the talks of Mr. Cheevers when he could be induced to talk of his army life.

Coming to America, a raw Irish lad, a few years before the war, he found work at the Union Stockyards, then in their infancy, and enlisted in the 88th Illinois at the first call, following the flag till his stature and bravery took him into the color guard, almost at the first battle. At



Home of John Cheevers, Clay county, Iowa

mountain battlement I dare not try to say; bright honors self might be proud to bear. Bear? Nay, proud to FOLLOW the hindmost. Foot by foot they had fought up the steep, slippery hill with much blood. Let them go to glory together. But this I can declare: The 79th Indiana, of Wood's division, fairly ran over the rifle pits and left its whole line in

Chickamauga, when his regiment was driven back he and a comrade were left behind with the colors, but by fierce fighting cut their way out and rejoined the regiment. From that day till the close of the war he carried the banner through every battle and skirmish in which the regiment was engaged.

When the writer first knew him

**The "Tichborne Dole," a
Quaint English Charity**



Photos by American Press Association.

ONE of the largest landowners in the south of England, Sir Henry Alfred Joseph Doughty-Tichborne, dispenses every year a charity whose foundation is said to date almost to the Norman conquest. The "Tichborne dole" consists of a gift of flour to the poor of the village of Tichborne, Hampshire. The upper of the two photographs shows the villagers taking home the bags of flour; the lower shows in the foreground two of the older recipients of this quaint bounty. About 750 people participated in the last distribution. The baronetcy of Tichborne is chiefly known in this country by reason of the famous English lawsuit tried in the middle of the last century to test the claims of an Australian butcher, who asserted that he was the rightful heir to the title and the vast estates which went with it. The suit, which in some of its aspects much resembled the Kimmel case, was decided against the claimant, who was found to be an impostor and was condemned to a long term of imprisonment at hard labor.

BOOSTS ASHLAND CLIMATE.
F. G. McWilliams Receives Enthusiastic Letter From Son in Tacoma.

As an indication of the spirit carried away from Ashland by its former residents, we give below an extract from a letter received by F. G. McWilliams from his son, who is a Wells-Fargo messenger on the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Limited running between Tacoma and Deer Lodge, Mont., making four trips each month:

"Tacoma, Wash., May 25, 1912.

"Well, I see by the Tidings that you are going to have a Strawberry and Rose Carnival in Ashland on the first of the coming month, so I suppose that you are having fine weather down there.

"We are having nice weather here in Tacoma, but that mountain weather is about as uncertain as a cornered stock market. Two trips ago it was ideal summer weather in Deer Lodge, but on my last trip, three days ago, it snowed for twenty hours straight. They have large posters stuck up on all of the fences and barns in Deer Lodge and surrounding territory stating that they will celebrate the Fourth of July in Deer Lodge. If it doesn't snow, and that is no joke on the part of the advertising committee. It is just one of the conditions they have to figure on during any of their summer days. I am informed that that part of Montana was favored with a very mild summer last year and the records show that it didn't snow once during the month of August.

"I have often wondered how land along the coast could be so high priced, it being a comparatively new country, but I suppose to people who have lived all their lives in states like Montana it is just like buying land in paradise to be fortunate enough to get into a place with climate and soil such as you have in southern Oregon and especially in the Ashland district."

HOME IS MEMORIAL.
Mark Twain's Birthplace to Be Made World-Famous.

Hannibal, Mo.—The old Clemens home has become a memorial to the gentle soul who spent his boyhood there and later made the name of Mark Twain known all over the world. In the humble little home the future humorist dwelt while having the adventures that he incorporated in the history of Huckleberry Finn. The house was presented to the city of Hannibal by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mahan. Tablets suitably inscribed have been put in place in the walls. One of them bears a profile of Mark Twain and the following inscription by Mr. Mahan: "Mark Twain's life teaches that poverty is an incentive rather than a bar; that any boy, however humble his birth and surroundings, may by honesty and industry accomplish great things."

The Hub is the place to get your boys' clothes.

VETOES RED-FLAG MEASURE.
Seattle Mayor Objects to Ordinance Passed by Council.

Seattle.—Mayor George F. Cotterill has vetoed the council bill known as the anti-red flag ordinance, and which was passed because of the red flag demonstration on May day. The mayor in his veto says:

"Under the terms of this bill practically every fraternal and labor organization banner ordinarily used in their processions would be unlawful under the four-inch block-letter requirement. Practically every such banner has a distinctive or figurative design and the accompanying letters are usually ornamental.

"Again, the language used in connection with the use of the national emblem of a foreign nation recognized by the government of the United States, literally construed, would prohibit the carrying in any procession in Seattle of such flags as the green flag of the harp of Ireland, and other similar instances might be given.

"This bill, if it became an ordinance, would prohibit the parading in our streets of military or naval forces, or visiting uniformed organizations from neighboring or friendly foreign countries, unless they would carry at the head of their processions the American flag."

The mayor submits the draft of an unobjectionable bill which would still forbid the red flag.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to express our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to friends for their many kindnesses and sympathy shown during the last illness of our beloved wife and mother.

W. L. JOHNSON AND FAMILY.

An Albany man has built an aeroplane which will be one of the attractions at the Fourth of July celebration in that city.

Carnival Sale!

Beginning Saturday, June 1st, and continuing during Carnival Week, we will make some

Special Offerings

— IN —

Laces, Embroidery, Ribbons, Millinery

An opportunity to save 1/4 to 1/2 the regular price

Our entire stock of Embroideries will be divided in four lots, 3 1/2c, 5c, 10c and 18c the yard. From 2 1/2 to 18 inches wide.

Our entire stock of Fine Laces will go at 2 1/2c and 5c the yard. Values up to 15c.

Ribbon, the 12 1/2c and 15c values, for 10c.

All Flowers, values up to 25c, will go at 10 cents.

KOHAGEN'S

5c, 10c, 15c and 25c Store

"The store that saves you money."

NESMITH FIGHT RENEWED.
Cottage Grove People Plan to Make County Division Ballot Issue.

Cottage Grove, Ore.—"Put Nesmith county on the ballot," is the decision arrived at by the committee recently appointed to decide upon the advisability of making another try for Nesmith county and to formulate ways and means for carrying on the fight.

The committee, which is composed of O. M. Kem, W. H. Abrams, Mayor C. W. Wallace, Elbert Bede, B. K. Lawson and G. F. King, does not think that much work can be done this time beyond getting the bill on the ballot and sending out a circular letter to the voters.

The plan formulated by the committee will include a recommendation to change the former lines of Nesmith county to those suggested as satisfactory to Eugene by a Eugene committee at the time of the last fight. It is expected that in this way Eugene will be placated and will not be inclined to fight the proposition. In fact, assurance has been received from substantial Eugene citizens that this city is in favor of Nesmith county.

The carpenters who removed the booths at the recent Roseburg festival discarded so many nails that the city had to put a crew of men at work to pick them up from the streets.

Wool blankets and lace curtain work, par excellence, at Star Steam Laundry.



**More Light
On the Subject**

of electricity will be given you if you will call on us and see some of the many contrivances we have for turning darkness into daylight. We are the installers of lamps, wiring and the simple, but forceful, push button. For lots of light on or with electricity see us.

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29 East Main

Stop That Catarrhal Cold!

It's Dangerous. Breathe it away by a soothing antiseptic vapor

Are you constantly sneezing, coughing, hawking and spitting during the winter months? This may not be serious now but remember that if it is neglected it will become chronic catarrh and then you are in danger of bronchitis, pneumonia and even consumption.

To be safe you must stop that cold at once.

HOW?
Just a few drops of Mentholypus in a dish of hot water. Breathe in the pleasant, antiseptic vapor to the bottom of the lungs. The catarrhal cold loosens up and disappears.

This Mentholypus vapor kills the disease germs, cleanses out the passages of the head, throat and lungs, leaving them absolutely free from all impurities.


If you are suffering from catarrhal colds or are subject to them, it will pay you to investigate this wonderful Mentholypus Vapor treatment. We give this treatment for only 50c on our personal guarantee and with the distinct understanding that if the first treatment does not do the work it will not cost you a cent.

Mentholypus salve treatment, 50c. This salve soothes, and heals, and gives you absolute protection from further infection. Don't let catarrh run on and on. Stop it now and be safe!

Remember, Mentholypus treatment is given on our money back guarantee. Better investigate today.

East Side Pharmacy, Ashland, Ore.

SUMMER SEASON OPENS
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Newport, Yaquina Bay
— AND THE —



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SATURDAY, JUNE 1

good for return at any time until October. On that date they will also place on sale week-end tickets from Cottage Grove and all points north, good going Saturday or Sunday and for return the Monday following.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS ON THE C. & E.

A Special Sunday Excursion Train to Newport will leave Albany every Sunday during the summer at 7:30 a. m. Connection is made with this train by S. P. trains 16, 14 and 28 from points south.

For season or three-day fares from S. P. stations or booklets describing Newport as a summer resort, call on any S. P. Agent, or write to

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General Passenger Agent, Portland, Ore.