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A TALE OF THE REBELLION.

The Widow of a Soldier Marries Her Husband's Slayer.

Quite recently a gentleman living in

Pittsburg received a letter from

his son, who resides in the State of

Missouri, notifying him of the death

of a lady connection of the family

named Mrs. Wilson, whose demise

occurred near the town of Mexico,

Mo. "Her death recall some of those

incidents of the war which read more

like a romance than the narration of

a sober fact," remarked the recipient

of a letter to a *Leader* reporter.

Some time about the period of the

war a young Missourian, who had

been married but a few months, feel-

ing that the demands of his country

were stronger than those of home,

made farewell to his lovely wife and

enlisted in the army of the North.

But a short time after his enlistment

a letter announced the arrival of a

young stranger in the family circle,

and the soldier applied for permis-

sion to go home on a furlough to see

his offspring. The permission was

granted a month or two later, and,

filled with joyful anticipation of the

glad meeting that would hail his re-

turn, he started from Virginia to his

home. Missouri at this time was

overrun with a savage set of men who

pursued a regular guerrilla warfare

and were called bushwhackers. From

the bushes that hedged the roadsides

they sent their murderous bullets to

the hearts of unsuspecting travelers

who passed their place of conceal-

ment, and many are the tales of how

they rode up at night and, firing

through the windows of humble dwell-

ings, killed the innocent men

who were sitting at the fireside sur-

rounded by their little ones. Our

soldier had arrived within three

miles of his home, one dark night,

when he was seized by one of these

bands of guerrillas as he was riding

along the lonely road and by them

strung up to a tree, as they were re-

bels and hated a Union man as Lucie-

fer hates St. Michael. His body was

cut down the next day by his friends

and interred in the village church-

yard. As the years rolled by, time

softened the sorrows of his widow, so

that when her hand was sought by a

wealthy neighbor, whose name was

Wilson, she consented to the mar-

riage. Time sped along on rapid

wings. The war had been ended and

only the reunions of veterans and the

stories of battle-scarred men kept

the scenes of the conflict vividly in

the mind. Ever since the close of

the Rebellion it has been the custom

of a body of men styling themselves

"Members of the Lost Cause" to

meet at stated periods in various

sections of the country. Wilson was

a member of the organization and in

the course of events his house was

selected as the place of their reunion.

On the evening when they met there

Wilson and several of the men were

chatting together in one room, recall-

ing the escapades they had been en-

gaged in personally during the war

while his wife was in an adjoining

room engaged in some household

work. During the conversation Wil-

son remarked to one of the men: "I

have always felt sorry that we did

not that young fellow who begged

and saw his wife and child as he

passed by the window before we

went home." At that moment Mrs.

Wilson appeared in the room with

her face blanched to the whiteness

of snow, and in hurried words asked:

"Wilson, were you one of the men

who helped to hang that man?"

He replied that he was. Then, said she,

"we must separate. I can never for-

"HARD TIMES."

The oldest inhabitant of the Yaki-

ma country possesses a settled con-

nection with respect to one particular

fact, and this fact has no connection

with the weather, either. It is about

something which stands on its hind

legs and paws at every man's door

like a hungry wolf, and whenever it

comes across a newspaper man it

pounces upon him like the fam-

ished Coyote and cougar. It is com-

monly called "hard times," but there

are those who contend that the an-

imal usually called by this name was

never known to be so ferocious. The

fact which ye oldest inhabitant is so

unmistakable about is that nothing

exactly like it has ever before made its

appearance in this country. The on-

ly consolation we find (and it is a

very slim consolation at that) is that

other sections, far and wide, are in-

festated by the same beast. Indicating

its presence over in that section, the

Walla Walla Journal says: "As an

instance of the financial stringency

it may be mentioned that there are

threshing outfits in the neighborhood

which have been running the whole

season through without a dollar of

pay for their work. The proprietors

have been unable to pay their men,

and many of these—some from other

parts of the country—are now lying

around idle and dead broke." A

stringency similar to that here indi-

cated is reported from all points

throughout the northwest, but just

what the cause is might be difficult

to determine. Perhaps it is because

all parts of the world have harvested

phenomenally good crops and have

thereby glutted the market. Perhaps

so far as the northwest is concerned

it is because many million dollars were

sent east not long since to pay for

shortage on Villard stocks. Perhaps

the public has relied too much upon

a great flood of immigration and

other expected results from the con-

struction of railroads. Whatever

may be the cause, it is to be hoped

that it may prove to be temporary,

and the best way to work to this end

is for every man to press forward and

keep cool—each individual retaining

as much confidence as possible, both

in himself and his neighbors. Impa-

tience begets impatience, and too

much of it results in what is known

as a panic. There are brighter skies

ahead.—*Yakima Signal.*

Unfortunate Miss Welton.