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HOW CUSTER ENTERED THE ARMY.

The story as to how Gen. Custer received his appointment as a cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point is told by the venerable John A. Bingham, now in his 84th year, who is spending his last days at his old home in Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio.

Bingham was one of the founders of the republican party, and served his district in congress from 1855 to 1863. One day he received a letter, in a boyish but strong hand, the text of which was something like this:

"I am told you have to appoint a boy to West Point. I am told it makes no difference whether the boy is a republican or democrat. I am a democrat but I should like to be a soldier, and fight for my country."

The letter was dated at New Rumley, a hamlet in Harrison county, and was signed "George A. Custer." The modern fashion of spelling out one's cognomen had not yet come up, and young Custer—then about seventeen—used merely the initial of his middle name, "Armstrong."

Mr. Brigham knew nothing of the boy, nor of the Custer family. There was something about the frank boyishness of the letter which charmed him, and he appointed young Custer to West Point without ever meeting him.

The boy entered in 1857, and graduated in 1861, just as the Civil war was opening. He reported for duty at Washington. Gen. Winfield Scott gave him dispatches to carry to Gen. Irwin McDowell, then in command of the Army of the Potomac, who assigned him to duty with the Fifth Cavalry. On the day of his arrival at the front he participated in the battle of Bull Run and showed such courage that Gen. Phil Kearney selected him as his first aide-de-camp.

In all these years Mr. Bingham and Custer had never met, nor even exchanged letters, though the former had kept himself informed as to the progress of his protege. A day or two after the battle of Bull Run, Mr. Bingham was writing in his room at the old National Hotel in Washington, when there came a modest rap on the door. Supposing it to be a bell boy, Mr. Bingham called, "Come in!"

The door opened, and a tall, slender, active young man, in lieutenant's uniform, entered. His face had the profile of a Greek god; his eyes were flashing blue, and his fair hair, worn long, lay in golden locks on his coat collar.

Before Mr. Bingham could speak the young man began rapidly: "Mr Bingham, my name is Custer. You appointed me to West Point. I have been in my first battle, and I trust I did not prove a coward. I deemed it my duty, sir, to report to you!"

And drawing his tall form to its full height, young Custer gave a military salute.

Bingham an impulsive man, sprang to his feet and embraced Custer. He had read in the accounts of the battle of the coolness and bravery of the young officer under fire for the first time, and appreciated the modesty which prompted him to say, "I trust I did not prove a coward." The warmest friendship existed between the two men until the unfortunate death of Custer at the battle of the Little Big Horn, July 25, 1876.

BOHEMIA ITEMS.

A Batch of Interesting Items From the Gold Camps.

Mr. Editor: While strolling through the camp visiting my many friends I stopped at the Grizzly Mountain mines, and passed a few pleasant hours with the boys. They showed me the late rich strike they made on one of their claims named the Grizzly. On Saturday morning they uncovered the ledge and broke into a rich ore chute, which is a mass of galene and copper ore, the ledge is five feet wide between walls of porphyry and anthracite. It is the richest thing I've seen in camp. The place where the strike was made is on Champion creek at the mouth of Grizzly creek, and they intend doing a big lot of work on this claim. They have no assays of this ore at present, but when they get their returns I expect to see something big. They also took me around and showed me their other claims which comprise the group on the Golden Fleece. They have a tunnel about 50 feet showing a fine lode of copper ore 5 feet wide and assaying \$45 per ton. The boys have done considerable work the past few months notwithstanding the severity of the winter, and I predict a great future for the Grizzly Mountain mines.

I next saw Mr. George Thompson and found him hard at work in the tunnel on his claim. The ledge which is between 4 and 6 feet wide is a free milling quartz which will mill from \$7 to \$13 at present showing. George is very much pleased at the present outlook of his property and expects during this summer to make a deal with Eastern parties. Mr. Thompson who is an industrious miner is deserving of the good fortune which has come his way.

Up at the Champion mine I met Mr. James Sears, who is in charge of the company's properties. He looked exceedingly lonesome in 14 feet of snow all by himself but assured me he was enjoying the best of health and that the lonesomeness was rather a boon to him than otherwise and expects that the mine will be running full blast in a short time.

Up at the Montana G. M. and M. Company's camp I found Mr. Elza Holderman, and had a pleasant talk with him; but he was not feeling in the best of spirits, as he fears another attack of the mumps. That's right Elza, you had better come out, before you get down up there.

I took a run over the hill to see my old friend Al Churchill who I heard was under the influence of "the weather," I think they call it, but found him all smiles. The first thing that met my gaze when he opened the door was the splendid collection of classic pictures which adorn the walls. The inside of the cabin reminds one of a scene in the Arabian Nights. I sat in his great arm chair and smoked the pipe of peace, and talked loud and furious on politics and mines. After enjoying a nice dinner I went up to the tunnel and I found he has drifted on the ledge 75 feet in splendid free milling ore, the ledge is 4 feet wide between solid walls. The ore mills \$20 to the ton. He intends putting in a mill this summer.

At the Zinneger mine I found the boys hard at work, they are now driving in some very hard rock but expect to strike the ledge before long. I wish you success gentlemen.

I called on Mr. Louis Bettus and he showed me over his claims and I must say they look very well. He has done considerable work, and he is deserving of much credit. I understand there is liable to be a deal made with some Montana men before a great while in this section of the camp.

At the Musick mine I found quite a crew of men at work busy developing and getting things in readiness for the early spring.

At the Harlow & Stocks mine I found that those gentlemen have done a big lot of work, having drifted over 200 feet in very rich ore and they expect to do very nicely in the spring run of the mill.

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All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me, properly verified, at my office, in Cottage Grove, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.
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