

THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS

SMALL BODIES HAVE DEFENDED DESPERATE POSITIONS.

The Siege of the Alamo—The Ancient World Had One Thermopylae, the Modern Has a Score.

The history of America shows more than one instance of the heroic defense of an isolated position by a small body of troops, often ill trained and poorly disciplined, but inspired by the same military enthusiasm that characterizes soldiers of the highest mettle...

The defense of Fort Stephenson in Lower Sandusky by Major George Croghan, in 1843, with a small party of Americans, is one of the most glorious pages in our national history.

A fierce bombardment ensued, shot and shell being poured into the fort by hundreds. The terrific bombardment, however, seems, by all accounts to have done little damage.

More than once the Mexicans were driven back, but finally, worn out by over two weeks of constant watching and fighting, the Texans were overpowered by sheer weight of numbers, and after all had perished but six, these surrendered.

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The intelligence of the elephant is well known and is illustrated in an interesting incident as follows: A young baby elephant had received a severe wound in its head, the pain of which rendered it so frantic and ungovernable that it was found impossible to persuade the animal to have the part dressed.

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THE DEADLY MICROBE.

With deadly microbes in a kiss, And bacilli in ice cream, What is ever to become Of Love's Sweet dream?

The latest hiding place for microbes is in moustaches. This fact was discovered by Professor Albert H. Chester, who lives in New Brunswick, N. J., and who gave out the startling information at the annual meeting of the congregation of the Second Reformed church in that town.

There is also some doubt as to whether the professor referred to moustaches generally or only to New Jersey moustaches. However, after a careful consideration of the dispatch, it more particularly seems that he was speaking more particularly of New Jersey moustaches.

Take, for instance, the Jersey suburbanites who do business in New York. What chance have they to take care of their moustaches? They're lucky if they get a chance to brush their teeth occasionally.

Well, all this goes to prove that Jersey moustaches are subject to a great many conditions which do not apply in the case of Pennsylvania or Virginia moustaches, and that it is unjust to condemn all moustaches simply because Jersey moustaches are unwholesome.

Professor Silkham says there are few people who thoroughly realize the value of water as a beverage, or who know how to obtain the greatest advantage from it.

And here is a point which might well be noted by our readers: A glass of cold water slowly sipped will produce a greater acceleration of the pulse for a time than will a glass of wine or spirits taken at a draught.

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MEN OF PHYSICAL POWER

MORISINI'S MUSCLE BROUGHT TO HIM MILLIONS.

Herman Oelrich is Another Strong New Yorker Who Was a Match for John L. Sullivan in His Best Days—Dick Croker and Oom Paul Strong.

Professional strong men have lost their vogue somewhat in New York since the days of greatest popularity for Sandow, Atilla and the rest of them, but the vogue of the muscular man in private life is increasing.

Probably there is no man in New York whose muscular strength has been worth so much directly as that of Giovanni P. Morosini, the banker, has been to him. Morosini must be past 65, but his appearance still shows evidence of unusual muscular powers.

There are many stories of the muscular services Morosini performed in Gould's behalf, though usually he only had to show himself when the little Wizard of Wall street wished to get rid of a crank or other objectionable personage.

"I could not stop work to study Cushing's Manual, and I had very little time to master it before the meeting of the legislature. I thought I could work and study, perhaps, at the same time, the manual work being mechanical, so I took to myself the labor of the 'down row' and found I had some intervals of leisure while the other men were doing their two rows of tape.

During the early years of the civil war a party of young men walked out of a theatre in New York after the performance of an opera then popular, "Maritana." Standing head and shoulders above his companions, Henry W. Lawton, then a captain of the Thirtieth Indiana, was perhaps the most conspicuous of the group.

He grew enthusiastic over the performance. He had not been able in Indiana to see much of opera, and together with his natural liking for music, the martial spirit of Dan Cesar de Bazan completely won him. The tenor on that occasion was an excellent one, and the young captain was taken with the famous solo beginning:

Yes, let me like a soldier fall Upon some open field. At the conclusion of the many encores Captain Lawton turned to his friends and remarked that the song expressed his sentiments in their entirety.

Richard Croker is, or was a man of immense physical strength, and so is Lawson N. Fuller. The latter was as great a wrestler in his boyhood as was Lincoln, being champion for years of all Northern Vermont at "Backhold," "sidehold" and "squarehold."

HAS BEEN DOUBLED

COUNCIL FIXES ANNUAL AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE AT \$400.

The Ordinance is a Very Comprehensive Document—Provides Fines for All Infractions.

The Salem city council last night finally disposed of the auctioneer's license by enacting an ordinance placing the same at \$400 per year, no license to be granted for a less period than one year.

This is double the license that has been exacted during the past year and is calculated to prevent the unloading in this city of bankrupt and worthless stocks of goods.

The full text of the ordinance is as follows: "A bill for an ordinance fixing the rate of auctioneer's licenses and regulating the conduct of the business done thereunder, within the city of Salem, Oregon.

"Sec. 1.—Anyone who shall sell, offer to sell, by out-cry or in the manner of an auctioneer, either to the highest bidder, or for a fixed sum, any goods, wares or merchandise or other personal property, at any store, stand or other place, in the city of Salem, Oregon, for his own gain (or gratuitously), or shall advertise or in any other way hold himself out as an auctioneer for public patronage, or shall receive fees as a commission or his services, is hereby declared to be an auctioneer.

"Sec. 2.—Each auctioneer, before entering upon business in the said city, shall pay to the recorder thereof, in advance, an annual license fee of \$400, and the payment of said sum shall entitle the person so paying the same, to a certificate setting forth such payment, and license to maintain and conduct the business of an auctioneer in said city, for a period of one year from the date of said payment.

"Sec. 3.—The license issued under this ordinance, shall be issued for a less sum and for a shorter period, than the sum and period named in this section.

"Sec. 4.—Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed, in any manner, as operating against or interfering with any executive officer, executor, administrator, guardian, assignee, receiver, or other person or persons acting under due process of law, or order of court, and in the prosecution of their legal duties.

"Sec. 5.—Each and every license issued under the terms of this ordinance, shall state in explicit terms, the location street and number, in the city of Salem, where the said business of auctioneering is to be maintained and conducted, and all auctioneering done under and during the period for which said license is issued, shall be done at the place or location so specified, and at none other, unless with the permission of the common council.

JUST FOR FUN.

Mamma—If you eat any more of that pudding, Tommy, you will see the bogie man tonight.

"I don't know what Smith does with his money." "No?" "No, I don't. Yesterday he was short, and he's short again today. "Did he want to borrow from you?" "No, hang it. I wanted to borrow from him." "Tit-Bits."

"Feminine Superiority"—"Leonidas," said Mrs. Meekton, sharply, "whom do you regard as the greatest general in history?" But Leonidas was not to be caught napping. Without a moment's hesitation, he answered: "Joan of Arc."—"Washington Star."

"No Cause to Worry"—"I suppose," he said as they undulated around the hall, "that my mother would be awfully worried if she knew I was here. She thinks it is a terrible sin to dance." "Oh, never mind," the girl said, "she wouldn't know you were dancing even if she saw you."—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Forderels have recalled their invitations. "Anybody sick?" "No, Mrs. Forderel changed her mind, and concluded that she would rather have the house painted."—Chicago Record.

At the office of the business man down town there was a sudden ring of the telephone. "Hello!" "Hello!" "Is that you, Henry?" "Yes." "This is Angeline. Say, Henry, there's a rough-looking man with a wagon out in the alley back of our house. I'm afraid he's trying to steal something, but I don't dare to go out to see." "It's the garbage man, dear. He comes around once every year or two. He won't harm you. Ring off."—Chicago Tribune.

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The Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, although about to retire from the pastorate of the South Congregational church, of Boston, has introduced a most pronounced change there by the substitution last Sunday of water for wine in the Communion service.

The grand march at the sixty-second annual ball of the Emerald Society, for the benefit of the Catholic orphans of Long Island, at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn recently was led by Admiral Dewey himself. His partner was Miss Alice Marrin. Three hundred couples followed.

When General H. C. Burnett in a paper he read at the dinner of the Loyal Legion in New York the other night referred to the gallant conduct of General Molieux while in the Shenandoah Valley during the civil war, he was interrupted by cheers and applause for the man whose son is just now so prominently and unenviably before the public, and was not allowed to proceed until he had read the sentence. General Molieux was not at the banquet.

"Oh, George, elephants have dropped in price from \$10,000 each to \$1,500." "Now, Clara, I warn you, if you buy one you needn't expect me to board it."—Indianapolis Journal.

DIED SUDDENLY.—Alex. D. York, aged 73 years, of Silvertown, died very suddenly of heart disease about noon yesterday, while visiting with friends at Macleay. Coroner A. M. Clough was summoned. He went to Macleay during the afternoon and returned in the evening, bringing the body, which is now at his undertaking parlors awaiting burial. After an investigation, Coroner Clough decided it was not necessary to conduct an inquest, it being evident that the man had died from natural causes. York was a native of Ohio. His first wife died several years ago and his second wife is an inmate of the Oregon state hospital for the insane. It has not been decided what disposition will be made of the remains.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.—The readers of the Statesman will find it to their advantage to read the big announcement of the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Co., the leading dealers in farming implements, buggies, wagon, etc., in Salem. This branch house was established here about three years ago as an experiment, and, so satisfactory has the business been, that it is now one of the permanent establishments of Salem, where the armers are assured of courteous and straight-forward treatment. It is under the careful management of F. F. Cary, who will be pleased to meet all persons calling at the establishment.

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