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APPLETON OAKSMITH, The Noted Blockade-Runner and Reputed Slave Trader.

A Galveston, Texas, correspondent furnishes the following about Appleton Oaksmith, who figured somewhat conspicuously some years ago on the political stage in this state.

At sunset the correspondent sat on the pier of the Pagoda bath house, which projects into the gulf at the foot of Tremont street, and watched the hundreds of people who were enjoying a dip in the brine. The waters of the Gulf of Mexico were almost as smooth as glass, and there was but the faintest suspicion of surf along shore.

"This reminds me," said Captain John Cossar, who was the correspondent's vis-a-vis, "of an adventure of mine along this beach in the blockade running days, which was not a very profitable venture for any one concerned. Early in '64 I shipped as fireman on the Caroline, a rattletrap of a steamer, with a walking beam engine, then lying at Havana for the purpose of running the blockade. The captain was a stout, well built man, apparently 45 years of age, with a swarthy complexion, and went under the name of McDonald. The crew of the Caroline, however, knew him to be Appleton Oaksmith, noted for his ventures in the slave trade, for which he had been condemned to be hung, but had by some means managed to escape from jail in New York and reached Cuba, where one of his brothers was engaged in running a large sugar estate. Being a thorough sailor, Oaksmith, or McDonald, soon obtained command of the Caroline, and made the trip from Havana to Galveston, and up Buffalo Bayou to Constitution Bend, without trouble. We discharged cargo, and, after taking on a load of cotton, got up steam and were ready to start down the bayou.

AN UNFORTUNATE GERMAN. "There was a big pile of sails in the pilot house, and Captain Oaksmith ordered a Dutchman named Buis to take 'em out and put 'em on deck out of the way, who replied: 'I shipped as quartermaster on this boat, and don't do deckhand's work.'

"D—n you," said Oaksmith, "take your things and go ashore." "The Dutchman gathered up his canvas bags and walked off the boat on to the bank, where he opened one of 'em and pulled out a pistol, which he pointed at Oaksmith, whose back was turned. Some of the crew called the captain's attention to this, and he deliberately walked to his room and returned with a big six shooter in his hand. The Dutchman stood still on the bank, too badly frightened to attempt to shoot, when Oaksmith yelled out: 'D—n you, leave here, or I'll kill you!'

"The fellow was too badly scared to move, and as he didn't leave as ordered, Oaksmith fired, and the Dutchman fell to the ground howling out that he was murdered. A hoosier happening to pass by the captain said to him, 'haul that man up to Houston; he's only shot through the leg. I ought to have killed him, but he isn't worth it.'

A CLOSE LANDING. "The Caroline proceeded down the bay on to Galveston, and a couple of nights after, in calm weather, we ran out of the harbor by the Beach channel, keeping close in shore. Some one in town must have given us away, for by the time we had got a couple of miles down the coast a signal was made to the blockading fleet, and four gunboats started after us. They chased us nearly to the west end of the island, and as it was getting near day we put the ship about and started back to see if we couldn't make Galveston. By the time we were abreast of the Sixteen Mile House it was broad daylight and the gunboats were peppering us with shot and shell, which broke the walking beam and bored a couple of big holes through the ship, so we had to beach her. While the crew were getting into the boats my partner, a young fellow named Ed Farley, ran down to the fire room and getting a shovel full of live coals threw them into the cotton, which set the steamer afire. The Yanks continued to shell us, but we made the beach all right, when the captain turned to one of the crew, who had given him all his wages for safe keeping, and said: 'Bill, I forgot your money and left it aboard.' "The poor fellow took one of the boats and started back to the vessel, which was now in flames, to see if he could not recover it, when the gunboats fired a broadside of grape and canister, one of which struck him in the breast and killed him instantly. We then lit out for town as fast as we could, having lost nearly everything we had.

NARROW ESCAPE. "The captain left Galveston a short time after on the steamer Alice, bound for Havana. The Alice was captured just at dark, near the coast of Cuba, by a Yankee gunboat, and as the Federals boarded her on one side Oaksmith and another man pulled off in a small boat from the other side and got safe to shore. It was a narrow escape for him, as they would have hung him if they had got him.

"They used to tell some terrible things about him on the ship. One of them was that when coming across from the west coast of Africa with a load of 'blackbirds' he was chased by a man-of-war, when he fastened the negroes to a long chain cable and dumped 'em overboard, so in case he was captured there would be no evidence against him. I don't know that this is true, but I do know that he was a determined and desperate man. He was here several years after the war, in command of a

British vessel, and went under the name of McDonald, and was at last pardoned by General Grant when he was President. He finally settled down in a small village in North Carolina, where I heard that he died a short time ago."

SMALL SILVER.

The Demand for it in all Parts of the Country. New York Sun.

The circular issued by the committee of the Clearing House Association and addressed to the banks in all the principal cities of the country, requesting their aid in disbursing, as far as they are able, the fractional silver coin now lying in the treasury, and thus enabling the New York banks to relieve the government of its fears about a scarcity of gold, has been responded to from nearly every State in the Union. In the last two days eighty applications for dimes and quarters have been received from the banks in Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Kansas, Georgia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, South Carolina and Maryland. Many of the applications come from savings banks, and they are frequently accompanied by a request for information as to the cost of shipment of the silver from this city. This is particularly the case with Western and Southern banks. For their information, United States Treasurer Jordan yesterday printed this circular:

"The assistant treasurer of the United States at New York will receive deposits for fractional silver coin and will forward the coin himself if the place of its destination is near to his office, or he will forward his certificate issued for the deposit to the sub-treasurer nearest to the destination of the coin for the shipment, free of expense to the consignee. This regulation applies when the sums are \$500 and over."

Many instances have occurred where Western and Southern banks have sent checks for fractional silver direct to Manager Camp of the Clearing House. In every case the checks have been turned over to Sub-Treasurer Aton. To avoid further misunderstanding on this point the Clearing House yesterday issued this:

"The Clearing House does not distribute fractional silver. The drafts should be sent direct to the assistant treasurer of this city."

Why Hayes Sold His Gin Mill.

Chicago News. If Gen. Buckland said that Mr. Hayes did not know there was a liquor saloon in his building at Omaha, he said what is untrue. Mr. Hayes did know, long before the sale was made, that the building was used as a saloon. On April 14 Mr. Hayes came to Chicago to attend a meeting of the Loyal Legion, and while here met Senator Manderson of Omaha, who explained to him that the saloon on his property was injuring neighboring property owned by Senator Manderson. More than a month after this—May 23, to be precise—the story was published. At that time Henry Ostoff, the keeper of the saloon, said to the News representative that his lease had two years yet to run, and at the end of that time Mr. Hayes would have to buy him out or he would buy out Mr. Hayes. If he had already bought out Mr. Hayes he would not have said that. That was on May 23. On June 2, about a week after the publication of the story, Mr. Hayes sold the property to Henry Ostoff for \$14,000.

Life Assurance Statistics.

Table with 2 columns: Country and Amount. Great Britain: \$2,600,000,000; United States: 2,000,000,000; Germany: 670,000,000; France: 650,000,000; Austria: 225,000,000; Australia and N Zealand: 100,000,000; Canada: 66,000,000; Russia: 53,000,000; Sweden and Norway: 46,000,000; Tasmania: 9,000,000.

Total: \$6,509,000,000. In the United Kingdom there are 90 companies with an average age of 52; in France there are 23, with an average age of 19 years; and Germany has 40 companies whose average age is 28 years.

Did J. Appleton Smith Bank There.

Newburyport (Mass.) Herald. Alden Webb, of Beverly, at the business men's picnic at Coffin Beach yesterday, picked up a bottle floating in the water. The bottle was tightly sealed, and a check was found inside. Its amount was \$141 16, and it was drawn on the Mechanics' National Bank of Newburyport, and signed by J. Appleton Smith. The date was August 17, 1884. With the check was the following note: "I, J. Appleton Smith, being of sound mind, do hereby give and bequeath all my right and title to the contents of this bottle to the finder thereof. (Signed) J. Appleton Smith." The signature was duly witnessed.

Blue and Gray at Grant's Grave.

N. Y. Commercial Advertiser, (Rep.) The triumph is one in the result of which the Southerner's rightly claim a share. The restored and strengthened Union is theirs not less than ours to rejoice in and to transmit as a precious heritage to their children. Their advantage not less than ours was wrought by the result of war, and for once in the history of mankind, both sides feel, before the generation that fought the battle has passed away, that the outcome of it was the best that could have been. It was the good fortune of General Grant to achieve a conquest which involved no subjugation and left no enemies to deplore the event.

Packed Like Sardines.

The Supervisors of San Francisco have been making a careful investigation of the Chinese quarter of that city. They say that not less than 30,000 people from the Celestial Empire are there packed as close as sardines; yet they make this remarkable statement: "In a sanitary point of view Chinatown presents a singular anomaly. With the habits, manners, customs and whole economy of life violating every accepted rule of hygiene; with open cesspools, exhalations from sinks and sewers tainting the atmosphere with noxious vapors and stifling odors; with people herded and packed in damp cellars, living literally the life of vermin, badly fed and badly clothed, addicted to the daily use of opium to the extent that many hours of each day or night are passed in the delirious stupefaction of its influence, it is not to be denied that, as a whole, the general health of this locality compares more than favorably with other sections of the city which are surrounded by more favorable conditions." The only explanation which they can discover for this is that the open wood fires and constant smoking which prevail there fumigate the section.

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