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PRIVATE BARNES.

Of Company "K", 17th Mississippi Regiment, C. S. A.

A Brief Sketch of His Mili tary Life, Death and Burial.

BY W. B. C.

By request, I give the fellowing short sketch of the military life, death, and burial of Peter Barnes, Private in Co. "K," 17th Miss. Regt. C. S. A., who died, in camps at Centerville, Va., on August 9th,

Peter Barnes was born and raised near Taylorsville, Alexander County, N. C. About the year 1860, in the days of his young manhood, he emigrated to Mississippi, settling near Dailas, Lafayette Co. and making his home with Robert W. Powell, for whom he worked on the farm, leading a quiet, peaceful, and busy life. But not for long. The storm-cloud of war arose and darkened the land. Patriots, those who loved liberty, freedom, and constitutional rights more than selfish ease and comfort, were called forth in defense of their country, and among the first to answer to the call to duty and the clash of arms was the subject of this sketch. Enrolling his name as a volunteer is the Magnelia Guards, a compa my made up and organized at Sarepta, Miss., he, on the 20th of April, 1861, became a soldier of the Con ederacy, and on the 1st of May took up the line of march with the company to Corinth, Miss. where, at Camp Mott, it was organized into and became Co "K" of the 17th Miss. The regiment was soon moved forward to Virginia where, becoming a part of Jones's Brigade, it was encamped on the banks of the now historic Bull Run, near Manassas.

In drilling, vidette, and picket duty the time was passed, until the morning of the memorable 21st day of July-a day when dawn broke upen a quiet but expectant people, following their usual avocations in hushed and dread silence, and two large and well equipped armies, in all the glittering prids of atrength, and panoply of war, confronted each other in battle array-a day, whose setting sun left in darkness one army crip pled but exultant, the other wreck ed, scattered and destroyed, while the dews of night settled upon thousands of silent, upturned faces, and upon a nation wailing in sor row and anguish On this day Private Barnes received his bap tism of fire, and proved himself worthy of the name of Confederate

Soldier. After the battle of Manassas the army was moved forward to Centreville where, for some time, it was encamped, and where Private Barnes was taken down with that dread disease, "camp fever," from which he died, on the 9th of Au-

By his cheerful, kind, and genisl manners, and his promptness and alacrity in the discharge of every duty, Private Barnes had gained the esteem of his efficers and the warm, brotherly friendship of his comrades. He was loved and respected by all, and his death

I cannot better describe his sad THE DAILY & SUNDAY burial than to quote a letter, wrote the best and freshest information of all that is going on in the world every day in the year year or 35 cents per month. Address 263

home at the time, which I new bave before me The first part of the letter is omitted, beginning at the part describing the burial:

... * * Your letter reached me at a time when I mest needed some consoling, or cheerful influencestanding by the grave-side of one of my best friends In my last letter to you I stated that my friend Peter Barnes, was very sick, with fever. It was through my influence that he joined the company, and at the time he joined was the only acquaintance I had in it. He was my best friend, and a better hearted boy never lived. He died, last Thursday evening, just half an hour after the death of another one of our boys .- Henry Brown. Owing to the difficulty of procuring coffins, their funerals did not take place until Friday night; at

9 o'cleck Friday evening the rain commenced falling in torrents. We were under orders to break camps next morning, at 5 e'clock, so that it was impossible to defer the funeral. At about 8 o'clock, p. m., we get the coffins and everything ready, when, with lanterns glimmering their pale and sickly light, seeming to almost render the darkness more visable, in the disms | rain the melancholy procession took up its line of march to the village church-yard, where the graves had already been prepared. No drums were beating the funeral march, as is customary in the burial of dead soldiers."

"No drams were heard, not

funeral note" no guns were glisten-

ing in the pale lantern light; nothing was heard, not a sound, except the murmuring noise of the distant encampment, sounding like the rear of a far off rush of waters. Splash, splash, splash, through the mud and water, solemnly marched the funeral train; not a word spoken, except in whispering accents; each busy with his own thoughts. Far off to our quiet homes most of our thoughts were straying. The leved countenances of our dear ones arese to view, and, in our imagine. tions, we were ence more sitting in the cool and pleasant piazzas of our Southern homes, conversing with those dearer to us than all on earth besides; the breeze sweetly murmars through the foliage around us while the pale moonlight veils in silvery mantle the landscape around us; sweeter than the sweetest music to our ears were the voices around us. Oh, the voices of leved enes! always so sweet, sweeter now than ever In soul-thrilling accents we hear our little ones whisper our name as we fold them in our arms and press the dear lips to ours All is happiness and joyous around us; all resting in peace and security; no glistening bayonets seen in the distance; the rattle of mu sketry disturbs not the stillness; the roar of the cannon comes not booming through the night air; quiet and peaceful are the valleys around us, while, in the distance. the mountain tops seem to drink in the moonbeams from their very source -"Halt" - low, but distinctly the command sounds in our ears; our wandering thoughts are recalled to a true realization of our surroundings; we awake, as it were, to find ourselves standing in the silent grave-yard, in a strange and far off land, the walls of a church looming darkly on one side, the yawning graves, soon to contain the bodies of our late comrades, on the other. Our beautiful dreams have vanished and the mournful reality is present. The rain patters unceasingly on our oil cloth wrappers, and splashes in streams from the roof of the near-by church, while the dismal, the unearthly sound of the spades in the vaults, as some necessary alterations are made in their shape; the low and hoarsely spoken command of the officer in giving directions, the lowering of the coffin containing the body of my friend; the sobbing of the brethers and relatives of Brown, as his body is lowered to its last resting place; the dull, heavy, crushing sound of the earth as it falls upon the coffins, covering deeper and deeper the dead -thus, amidst such surroundings as these, while slow and solemnly the men threw in the earth, spadeful by spadeful. by the glimmering lantren's light, I stand and read your dear letter, which was handed me by the Capt. a few minutes before leaving the encampment. The rain still falls in torrents; the graves are filled and finished; the company is reformed; in silence we march away, leaving our two comrades to rest until the resurrection morn shall summon them forth.

We carved not a line, we raised not a stone But left them alone in their glory."

Slowly, and sadly the company returned to camps, to get ready for the march next morning; but never never will be forgotten the sad impressiveness, and feelings experienced in that night, as in the pouring rain, by the dim lantern light, we laid our comrades to rest. In the lonesome church yard at Centreville, almost in sight of the glittering dome of the Capitol-of a once proud and united Nation, silently they sleep, uncon-

scious of war's alarms and the clash of arms. Peace to their ashes."

Thirty six years have left their history recorded upon the leaves of time, and have been folded and numbered with the past, since the above letter was written, and since the dismal nights we laid the bodies of two comrads to rest in the gloomy church yard at Centreville; the war, with all its horrible scenes, its desperate conflicts and soul sick ening desolation, has become history; yet, the incidents connected with the burial described above are as tresh and vivid in our memory as though a matter of only yesterday. Many of the comrades who were present and assisted in that sad scene fill soldiers' graves on the bloody fields of our South land, and of them all only a few gray-headed old veterans now live to recall the occurence. Only a few more years, and all who took part in the great struggle will have answered to the roll call beyond the river; the last actor in the Great Drama, the stage for which was a continent and a Nation's people actors, will have passed be hind the scenes.

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The Land of Jerry Simpson, Leedy, Peffer etc.

VIEWS OF THE SOUTH

A Description of the Religion. Politics and Resources of Kansas

Manhattan, Kan., Dec 10, 1897. Editor Topic:-After a silence of fifteen months, I will, with your per mission, apponece that I still live, move, and have a being on this sincursed planet. With genuine sorrow I notice the death, "on by one" of thos. I once knew in the happy past I sincerely trust it is well with them, and that they rest where the "tree of life is blooming." "Bleeding Kansas" is a very re-

markable state in many respects. Being in the center of forty five magnificent states, she is diversified in climate, farming, politics and religion. In western Kansas it is high and dry, like Colorado; in the center, well watered with considerable timber; while in the southern part it is rather wet and chills are quite prevalent. Religiously all denominations are found in about the same preportion as in the good Old North State except that the Catholics have a large memberseip here. Politically, this is the hot-bed of the Populist,-the land of Jerry Simpson, Leedy, Doster, Peffer and a great army of political demons as word of principal as the polar regions are of heat. I firmly believe the Devil is a Populist and that Marion Butler, of North Carolina, and old Ignations Donnelly, of Minnesota, are his right and left bowers in American politics. Old John Brown's soul is still "marching on" in the Subflower state. We have heard the great Gen. Robt. E Lee called a traitor, and his glorious veterans called rebels. Hundreds of p ople in Kan, think the Sunny South disloyal to the nation. They say the people are brave and generous, but the majority ignorant and lazy. Many claim that Northern men and money have mainly built up the South since the war. A cor respondent of the Chicago World, writing from Mt. Cherry, N. C. Nov. 4th, 1897, says: "North Carolina people are the soul of hospitality, or 'horsepitality,' as they call tt. Every house I visited they were practicing with Colt's pistols and Winchester rifles. Each man could tell you how many men he had killed at a distance of four hundred yards. Stopping over night with a man who appeared gentle, and was very kind, I enquired the news. Oh, nothing at all, everything is

evening at Jim Town. I was there, he said, 'and heard the shoeting but did not enquire specially about it, and had really forgotten all about it until you introduced the sub-This correspondent signs himself M. L. White, and the above quotation will give you an idea of how North Carolina is slandered.

quite dull.' 'Have you anything

new?' He asked. I answered. I

heard a man was killed to day at

Buffalo Gap. 'Oh, yes! I heard

of that,' he said, 'and three were

killed yesterday at Hagan's Springs.

and they said five were killed this

The Kan. Utty Star of the date, Nov. 27th, 1897, under the head

ing "Marion Butler's Fall," which says: One year ago Senator Marion Butler was the most powerful political leader in N. C. To day he has few friends in his own party and is generally hated throughout the State. In a speech at Rocky Mount he said: 'Democrats pretend to be terribly shocked at negro of trages in public, but in private they laugh till they are fat, and if negro cutrages are not frequent enough they ay werthless negroes to commit them." Mr. Editor, if Butler said this he ought to leave N. C. or pull hemp No doubt about that.

A gentle wave of presperity has struck . Kansas. Money is plenty. Loan agents are anxious to let you have it. We attribute this to the heavy wheat crop and fair prices caused by the demand in foreign lands where millions are starving.

Bryan is still speaking to immense audiences in the West. The great

orator received \$2,400 for a 90 minutes' speech recently in Kan. City, and still they tell us "talk is oheap" Bryan is making himself agreable to al'. Recently in Mo. he donned tit fo tall costume and with his no. 10 she kicked the W" 40 ft. and then sat down to a 'Possum" supper.

very readable article from the graphic pen of Mary Jean Alfred on "The Land of the Sky" from which we take the following: "Paint Rock is 1000 ft. above the ses, and upon which is to be seen the sign of the cross, which symbol was placed there by Dr. Peck 33 years ago to mark the boundary between N C and Tenn. Of the seven tunnels through the Blue Ridge in Western N. C. the Swannanca is longest. It's altitude is 2850 ft. above the sea. Length 1800 ft. All arched with brick except 200 ft. at west end of solid rock. 12 million brick were used and 150 men were killed in making tunnel and lie buried there. "The famous mud cut Cost 1 million dollars and required 100 men ten yrs. to keep back the quick sand. The fountain at Round Knob Hotel is 262 ft. high, 2nd highest in the world. As you pass the fountain you notice that the water is continually falling away from you, no matter from which direction you approach it. No one has des-

cribed why it is so," Manhattan had a carnival Nov. 13th. Twelve thousand were present and had a big time. \$700.00 fire works at night. Hundreds of dollars in prizes. A \$30.00 prize was offered for heaviest load of corn drawn by two horses. We witnessed the contest, 2 large Norman horses pulled 8 wagons (chained together) and containing 306 bu. corn in the ear-or 30,000 lbs No wonder John saw horses in Heaven. Many people are far below the horse.

We notice that "Bill Arp" (that grand old Georgian) is lecturing in N. C. How deeply it stirs me to read his letters when he writes about Pender and Pettigrew and Gordon, and Hoke and Clingman and a long list of noble Carolinians who have fought their last battles and no sound can awake them to glory again.

Considerable interest is manifested in Kan., over a discovery in Indian Territory A battlefield has been discovered many feet under the ground comprising 30 acres upon which a great battle was fought twenty thousand years ago between the Maya Indians of Yuca tan-now in Mexico, and the Mound Builders who lived in the regions east of Kans. City. Prof. Walters of Manhattan Agricultural College is there exploring and finds a grave yard comprising 30 acres in which the warriors lie buried in layers about 60 feet deep We are simply astonished, as we were brought up to think Adam and Eve our first parents were created 6000 years ago in Eden. It makes our head swim to read of a battle being fought in this coun try twenty thousand years ago in which Prof. Walters claims one hundred thousand were killed. You know Mr. Editor, the claim is made that Eden was in what is now known as Yucatan-a State in Mexico. What next?

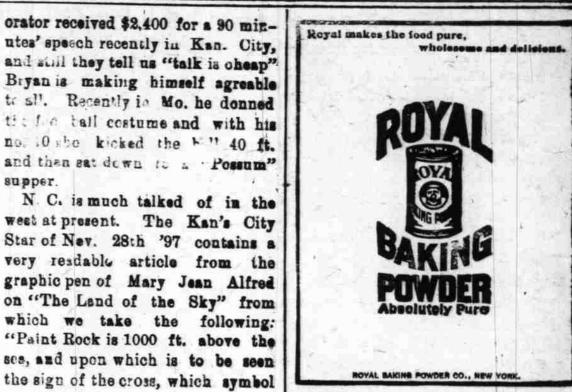
Recently we were surprised and delighted to find a copy of Whe.l. er's History of N. C. in a book store in Manhattan We read it with mingled feelings of pain and pleasure. What a flood of reminiscences crowds our memory "How mournfully sweet are the

echoes which start, When memory plays an old tune on the heart."

We find the population of Caldwell County in 1841 (when formed) to be 5000 whites, 108 free negroes and 1200 slaves. We take from Wheeler's History Caldwell's members to the General Assembly to 1850 to wit:

Commons. Senate Wm. Dickson 1842 A. Burgin 1844 B. S. Gaither Wm. Dicksen 1846 S. F. Patterson E. P. Miller 1848 S. F. Patterson E. P. Miller 1850 Tod. R. Caldwell John Hayes

The writer was present at Caldwell Court in 1867 at a meeting in the court house over which John



Hayes presided when Tod. R. Caldwell arose to address the meeting remarking "Mr. Chairman, you have known me a long time." "Yes replied Hayes, and I have never known any good of you."

Manhattan Agricultural College has had an exciting time lately in regard to a Malady among the herd of therough bred cattle, called tuberculosis, or consumption. When Leedy came in as Governor the populists put in a new board of regents at the College and they "fired" all the republican managers and put in "pops" who at once commenced to find fault with the republicans and found disease among the cattle and summened veterinary surgeons from several States and with their advice shot down \$3000.00 worth of fine cattle in one day, and then burned them. The Devil is in command in Kan. This State was concieved in sin. and brought forth in iniquity, and the "Ethiopian has not changed his skin, nor the Leopard his

W. J. Bryan arrived in Manhattan 4th inst from Nebraska and was banqueted by the citizens, after which he made an elequent speech to the Knights of Pythias in convention here and of which he is a member. The great man was met at the depot by a big crowd when he left for Salina and he spoke 10 minutes to the great delight of his hearers. My what an orator. For the 1st. time in life we beg pardon for this rambling and disconnected letter. We crave a place in the memory of the people of Caldwell County, and if we have one single friend left we send our double and twisted love.

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