

THE SENTINEL.

WM. E. PELL, Proprietor.

For the Sentinel, OEN. CANBY.

As an ex-Federal soldier in this City sends us the following sketch with a request for its publication. As everything connected with the new District Commander is probably of interest to our readers, we comply.

MAJOR CANBY. We have known our District Commander for many years, and it is not altogether without interest to you and your readers, to know something about his personal qualifications as a soldier, citizen and gentleman.

I have known gentleman who knew Gen. Canby before 1838, and who told that he graduated in 1828 or 1829 at West Point, one of the ablest young men in his class.

He joined the 2d U. S. Infantry as a Private, and remained in it until he was appointed 1st Lieutenant. Canby was promoted 1st Lieutenant, Canby was promoted to Washington, D. C. Then the war with Mexico breaking out, the War Department having by this time noticed Lieut. Canby's talents, he was appointed to the Staff of the Adjutant General.

A good many of my former companions, who had the fortune to be with Canby, speak in high terms of his bravery, coolness and good judgment, as an officer, during the Mexican war. I think he was on Gen. Taylor's Staff. A great many times, I have heard him tell of his gallant conduct, and how he knew him, that like Gen. Grant, Canby was always smoking his pipe or cigar, no matter how fierce the battle was raging.

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Dragoons, (Major Sibley and Capt. Smith,) to take post at Fort Bridge, and establish a regular Post, where also Company F. 7th U. S. Infantry joined us, under command of Capt. Galt, Brevet Major U. S. A., another good man.

As soon as we had our tents pitched, the next day, we commenced to work, cut down trees, &c., and commenced building. Every thing was laid out by Major Canby himself. I remember that when we built a saw mill, to work by water-power, Canby was always there himself, superintending. He has practical ideas and knowledge of most everything.

Major Canby and command remained at Fort Bridge during '59, '60, and part of 1860, when I remember the new flag staff was finished, under Major Canby's superintendence, and, for the first time, the Starspangled Banner was hoisted on the flag-staff of Fort Bridge, in the presence of the 13th Infantry—Washington's Birthday.

I remember that some morning Mrs. Major Galtin presented the Major with a fine boy. At 12 o'clock, M., the troops were under arms, in full uniform, Major Canby fastened the flag to the yardstick, and our Post Commander, Canby, banded up the flag—the 13th Infantry presenting arms, the music playing the march of Washington crossing the river from Valley Forge, and the glorious colors were waving in defiance to Brigham Young, with all his sixty five wives.

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