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From the Detroit Free Press. On the evening of the 15th of May, 1864, Gens. Butler and Beauregard faced each other on the James River in the neighborhood of Bermuda Hundred. Butler's beadquarters or that night were in a farm-house with in nine miles of Richmond, and he had had the best of the fighting in dulged in doring the day. The sun was scarcely de before Beauregard's chief of scouts called six of us subordinates together for consultation, and in half an hour each man

had his work planned for him en the right of Butler's line, which rested on the James, or was probably supposed to by the commander .-Instead of this, however, as was easily discovered from our front before dark, his line of infantry rested on a mile from the water. What other troops filled the gap we could not make out, and it was almost believed that some mistake or blunder had left a gap by which Beauregard could march in and turn the Federal flank.

The orders to the scouts were to inspect this stretch of ground and ascertain what troops occupied and how they were situated to meet a sudden attack. We did not leave the outposts until 10 o'clock, and by that time a mist was rising from the river and the low lands to increase the darkness of the night. We separated to take in the whole mile front, and, as we were all dressed in blue, each one went forward in confidence. I had the uniform of deral second lieutenant, and from we had captured that day Tknew that the first troops we should

find in this direction would be Heck- | Old North State." man's brigade. I made no effort tever at concealment, but walkstraight ahead towards the Federal lines, and the first salutation I got was: "Who's dar? Speak up, or I'ze

gwine to shoot!"

I replied in the customary man ner and advanced upon two negro cavalrymen who were atpost a few hundred feet from a re et of a dozen men. When c ed for the countersign I advanced as closely as possible and said:

"Who posted you niggers here? You have left your posts, and I will have you shot!"

de time. Heah's de werry spot whar de ossifer put us !"

"Well, you come with me. Your him but one remove from the throne. officer shall be tried by court-martial

Both men followed me straight to the Confederate outposts, where they elevate him to the Presidency of this were taken in, and I then returned to inspect the reserve. I walked boldly in among the men, who were in charge of a white sergeant, and angrily demanded:

Sergeant, get your men in line and follow me! The rebels are falland back, and you ought to have known it half an hour ago."

He sprang up, saluted me, gave the order to fall in, and the entire picket was marched into the Confederate lines. At the same time other scouts arrived with other colored prisoners, and, as a matter of fact and of military record, we took over forty of the Federal pickets out of that gap without a gun being fired or an alarm being given. The last men were taken at half-past 11 o'clock, by which time a dense fog had settled over everything. After taking in my second batch I joined a scout named Philbrick, and togethed road. All along in front riding about the country at will,

g his horse's mane with both

Rockingham Rocket.



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Sarah Was Upsot.

Up in the mountains about Mari-

etta. Ga., we came across a tall, bare-

From the Detroit Free Press.

"Sarah! Sarah!"

"Hain't got none!"

cure me!"

"What!" drawled Sarah.

"Whar's yer manners?"

"Oh, you hain't! Gentlemen ex

"No, she hain't got no manners,

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TO-MORROW'S FORTUNES.

BY ROBERT J. BURDETTE. My dreams, like ships that went to sea, And got becalmed in summer climes, held the sergeant in his saddle, and No more returned, are lost to me, Faint echoes of those hopeful times and I have learned, with doubt oppresse There are no birds in next year's nest.

> The seed is sown in balmy Spring The Summer's sun to vivify, With his warm kisses ripening
> To golden harvest by and by,
> Got caught by drought, like all the rest There are no birds in next year's next.

The stock I brought at eighty-nine Broke down at once to twenty-eight Some squatters jumped my silver mine, My own convention smashed my slate; No more in futures I'll invest-There are no birds in next year's nest

THE BATTLE OF BENTONVILLE.

Hon. A. M. Waddell in his Oration Smithfield.

cumstances, and the disparity was a remarkable one, and was as as any battle of the war. After Gen. Johnston's removal from the command before Atlanta-which Gen. Hooker of the Federal army said "contributed materially to the colalso said was also received by the joicing," and after the discouraged and demoralized fragments of the army had retreated through Georgia Sherman's great host, who burnt and desoluted the country like vandals, and after the capture of Fayetteville and the burning of the arsenal there, the 14th and 20th corps of the Federal forces, with Kilpatrick's cavalry (in all about 35,000) under charge of Sherman himself marched on the road towards Raleigh; and when they reached a point about 4 most of whom, he said in his report. never seen field service, and had been organized on the march. The enemy repeatedly assaulted this little force but were repulsed every who behaved with the steadiness of veterans. Indeed their conduct was superb, (for they were required to perform the trying duty of changing position under fire) and they were

dred men. This was on the 16th of March 1865. That night, hearing that the enemy had crossed the Black river below him, and apprehending flank movement he withdrew to El-

though their loss was about five hun-

It was discovered on the 17th that marching toward Raleigh and Gen. Hardee remained at Elevation to rest his men. At this timethat splendid North Carolina soldier, Gen. Hoke, had his division of 4,475 men here at Smithfield. Gen. Stewart also had here 3.950 men of the Army of Tennessee. About day break of the 18th. Gen. Johnston, hearing that the enemy was marching toward Goldsboro by two roads—the right wing on the direct road from Fayetteville and the left wing on the Averasboro road, and that they were some disthree sides by a dense blackjage Neuse that evening. thicket. There was but one road In the first day's fight we had 14,

and repulsed after a half hour of hard fighting. Hardse had now got From the Progressive Farmer. into position on the right, and the A correspondent of one of the enemy, then assaulted Stewart but Northern papers, writing from Reidswas again repulsed. Then General ville, describing the distress that pre- footed, bare-legged girl apparently Johnston ordered Hardee to charge vails in some portions of that county about 20 years old, who sat on the with the right wing, followed suc- says that a waggish farmer told the ground in front of a log cabin with cessively by the other brigades to- story of the cause in his own quaint her feet in a sand-pile. She made wards the left, each command facing but forcible way. He had just dis- no move to get up, and the mother, obliquely to the left as it went in posed of a load of tobacco for thirty who came to the door as we rode up, They swept along in splendid style, dollars when a friend met him and noticed her and yelled out: over the last half the distance at a said double-quick, without firing a gun until they drove the enemy from for your tobacco?" their entrenchments back to their second line. Then they opened fire that's all right. I'm only agent and charged again, Gen. Hardee on anyway." the right, dashing over the breastworks on horseback in front of his owned a plantation." men. They drove the enemy into a

against such odds. bring over his right wing from the Federal officers "with universal re- Fayetteville road to the Averasboro road, and the next morning they were coming up rapidly in the rear of Hoke's division. Hoke changed if not all of these Southern States and South Carolina, followed by front to the left to meet it, Hampton there is not only one such agent but and Wheeler prolonging his line to the left. About mid-day Sherman's whole force, about 70,000, was concentrated, and from that time until sunset, made attack after attack up- the candor to acknowledge it. on Hoke's division, the last one, which was the severest, being made on Kirkland's brigade Every one merely subsist) as men, especially of these attacks failed, and the en- farmers should live. How few of emy were so effectually driven back miles below Averasboro, they found that our infirmary corps brought in life, much less the luxuries. They

ried them to our field kopitals. The out, growing prematurely old, or enemy far overlapped our left, and dropping into premature graves a cavalry skirmish line was deploy- broken down in body and in spirit ed to show a front equal to the enemy's. This was on the 20th. On the 21st the enemy early be- are thousands upon thousands of gan a very spirited skirmish, and graves in North Carolina, the graves during the whole afternoon directed of farmers, where this epitaph might a heavy fire against our centre and left. A little after 4 o'clock the 17th corps broke through the thin cavalry ton. Suicides, who killed themselves skirmish line on the left, and began pressing towards Bentonville in rear of our centre, and on the only route of retreat. And now a brilliant per-

formance occurred. Hampton, with whose owners seemed to live and a small cavalry force, and Cum- live only to raise cotton or tobacco. ming's Georgia brigade, under Col- They bought their stock, the fee! onel Henderson, hurried to the left for the stock, they bought their meat, to head off the enemy and met them | their bread and sometimes even the this force of the enemy was not just as they struck the road. At the vegetables they ate. Grass was an same time Gen. Hardee dashed up unknown quantity on these farms, with the 8th Texas cavalry. Hardee cows as scarce as white elephants, States for \$4,000,000. They claim ordered Henderson to charge the en- milk a novelty and butter, if found, that one Jacob Dehaven, a wealthy emy in front, the Texans to charge probably imported from some North- Frenchman, of whom they are detheir left flank, and Hampton charge ern oleomargerine factory. Fresh scendents, and who lived near Nored the righ flank, while Wheeler, a meat of any kind seldom broke the riston. Pa., in ante revolutionary long distance off, charged their rear tri-daily monotony of fried bacon, times loaned the government a half in flank. Despite their great num- and Western bacon at that. Grass, million francs with which to pay bers the enemy gave way before cows, milk, butter, home-raised the Colonial troops during the latter these simultaneous and splendid at- bread and meat were in the estima- part of the Revolutionary war. This tacks, and were defeated in a few tion of these of these infatuated fol- they say was never refunded, almoments and driven back. General lowers of the one crop delusion though the claim was allowed by the producers" could reap only a tempo-Hardee's only son, a lad of 16, was small matters with which they first Congress. But there were no rary, if any advantage from such a in the Texas cavalry and was killed could not afford to waste the pre- funds with which to pay it. Between state of affairs. Its success would tance apart, ordered Hardee from in this charge. Meantime the fight cious time which that one crop re- 1850 and 1860 a sum was appropri- be altogether accidental. "The party continued along the rest of the line. lentlessly demanded and submis- ated to pay the debt, but a dispute of caste, privilege, monopoly and has used Boschee's German Syrup layed Hardee, but he got there next crossed Mill Creek at Bentonville, slave himself nor them, in the vain sum with interest now amounts to men—the labor leaders—all morning (19th March) and General and the next morning after the rear effort to grow rich in an impossible \$4,000,000, and Miss Hall and her the Democratic party, and they very Johnston immediately moved to his guard had defeated every effort of way. Even if he could it would be sisters insist that they can prove much approve the administrat er we flanked a reserve picket and Pneumonia, and in fact all throat position which was on the eastern the enemy to force the bridge, the better to earn fewer dollars and to they are the rightful heirs of Mr. affairs by Gov. Hill and

Typhold, Scarlet and Vellow Fevers, Meas- S. Cole's Drug Store as their giving

Only an Agent.

"Hello, Tom! what did you ge

"Thirty dollars for the load. But

"An agent! Why, I thought you for Sarah. Sarah jumped up, got a

"Oh, they do say so; but the fact whack on the back as she dodged a dense pine thicket where they made is, I'm only an agent, Bill. Now stump, and as she sailed over the bush another stand, but they were still look here. See them thules? They fence in front of the house the limb Considering all the attendant cir- driven until the impossibility of came from Tennessee; the harness took her again with all proper enof managing a movement in such a on 'em was made in Hagerstown; ergy. numbers, the battle of Bentonville dense wood caused them to halt and Md.; this wagon came from Kengather up their dead and wounded, tucky; this barrel of flour from Rich- and that's so," said the mother as creditable to the Confederate people and after nightfall they resumed mond; this shipstuff from West Vir- she flung down the weapon and their first position, which they held. | ginia : this bacon from Chicago. My came back to us. "I want her to The troops were in fine spirits, as hat came from New York and my chop wood and hoe corn and read well they might beafter such success clothes from Philadelphia, and I'll Shakspeare, and the old man wants be eternally smashed if I've got on her to trap and shoot and learn Lat-This very unexpected and lively anything, inside or outside of me, in, and betwixt the hauling and pulllapse" of our cause, and which he performance caused Sherman to that was raised in North Carolina pring we've got her manners all up-

Only an agent. Not many words, but what a volume of meaning. Unfortunately for North Carolina, and not only North Carolina but nearly, there are thousands upon thousands of them. But few of them, however, have discovered as he did the fact that they are "only agents," or have

How few of these agents live, live in the true sense of the word, (no them have the ordinary comforts of the gallant Gen. Hardee waiting to a number of their wounded who struggle on, toil on from early dawn receive them with about 6,000 men, had been left on the field, and car- till late at eve, wearing themselves in pursuit of that execting, tyranni cal miscalled "money crop." There be appropriately inscribed:

"Run to death by tobacco" or cotwithout suspecting that they were do-

We have seen plantations containing hundreds of acres of good land Jane E. Hall, of Montgomery county, and her sisters against the United north of the road and surrounded on near here on the south side of the he did not aspire to the luxuries. to cheer his daily toil.

> les, Diphtheria, Small-Pox, Chelera, etc. away to their old customers of Darby's Prophylactic Fluid will many free trial bottles of Dr. King's tariff, of giving b

Hoke occupied the left of the line of tillery the first day, and in the three battle, his two batteries, which were our only artillery, on his right and Stewart's command to the right of the artillery. By this time the enemy's killed and emy appeared and deployed and independent on Hoke, which that veteral soldier to the first day, and in the three days captured 903 prisoners. We destroy the infection of all fevers and all contagious and infections of any sick room pure and whole some absorbing and destroying untended to largely mediately made a vigorous attack on Hoke, which that veteral soldier that the first day, and in the three days captured 903 prisoners. We destroy the infection of all fevers and all contagious and infections of the rade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that was tracts of Western Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that was tracts of Western this very valuable article from the fact that was tracts of Western and all contagious and infections diseases. Will keep the atmosphere of any sick room pure and whole some absorbing and destroying untended to largely be a support of the great curpon of the

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thermometer and hold the

ciation. Woman has a tender heart. very often she prefers to hire s one else to tend her baby.

The captain of the Moscow (Rus-She picked up a limb and started sia) Bicycling Club is named Kominoff, but of course he has got over

that now. Man is not apt to fall down and worship the golden calf unless he has some hope of becoming the calf's

Miss Catherine Heathorn, known as "the maid of Kent," has just celebrated her 103rd birthday. The maid of Kent seems to be made of

The aristocratic circle of New York s in a flutter over the discovery that albums with portraits of noted so ciety women are being privately sold throughout the city.

There is luck in odd numbers, sure enough. A Yonkers man took an perhaps the most liberal of any odd number in a lottery, and the result has induced him to stay out the homestead that is secure from of lotteries ever since,

Young wife-"I wonder the birds don't come here any more; I used to throw them bits of cake I made,

without regard to their value. In Young husband-"That accounts addition, the following articles are

> Solomon's advice to the sluggard to go to the ant and consider her ways, is seldom taken. The sluggard prefers to go to the uncle as long as there is anything to hang up.

When a New York man buys brass pricks for \$20,000 each, upon the theory that they are gold, we obj to putting him on the wires as "ar old Californian."-San Fran. Alta

A St. Paul paper persists in off ing its readers "Stray Sunb Nobody has any use for stru beams these days. Some chunks of ice would be m ceptable just now.

There is a man in Copiah e Miss., who is known to have ki twenty-seven men. Here is a cl for some philanthropic journalist receive subscriptions with which to purchase him a medal.

A woman's will is strong, Believe it tho' you don't But you'll find out ere lon It's weaker than her we

Henry George, the mover and

head of the new labor party, takes occasion to say, in his paper, that the possibility of electing a Republican President by the candidacy of a labor man might fill short-sighted Republicans with joy, and then adds. "The Republican party, the champion of monopoly and of corporate powers against the great mass of Democratic Congress to bind them strongly to the party of the people, Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at T. the party of the laboring man, by carrying out the traditional Bem cratic doctrines of lowering the war

Who's Dar? hands, and the animal was picking its own way and taking its own time. BY AN EX-CONFEDERATE. While my comrade led the horse I

> he kept muttering to himself: "Ole fell'r, y'er drunk-stavin drunk! Boys, whazzer think of a fell'r who gets drunk on 'lecshun

He wasn't sober enough to realize the situation when we turned bim over a prisoner, but with mauldlin gravity he held out his hand to the captain who received him and said : "Shay, Gener'l, gimme two dollar

ad I'll lick Misser Bugard's hull army in jess two minits!"

Tar Heels Abroad.

From the News and Observer.

The Charlotte Chronicle learns that about 40 natives of North Carolina, who are now resident in Columbia S. C. met at the Grand Cenhigh ground a long three-quarters of tral Hotel in that city last Monday for the purpose of effecting a social organization. The Register says that the committee appointed at the previous meeting reported a constitution and by-laws, which were adopted and a permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers: Capt. C. J. Iredell, President; T. D. Gillespie, vice president; Saddler Gillespie, secre-

> tary and treasurer. It was decided to have an entertertainment of a social character, probably including a banquet, on the night of July 4th, and the following gentlemen were appointed committee to make arrangements therefor: Messrs. Jasper Miller, C. H. Fisher, E. J. Womble, A. E. Fraps, Dr. James M. Caldwell. The meeting closed with that song dear to the hearts of all Tar Heels, "The

> > Blaine and Sherman.

Wash. Letter to Cincinnati Inquirer. I have it from an authority which I know is most distinguished that

the plan is afoot to induce John Sherman to go on the tail of the Presidential ticket with Blaine. The ticket of Blaine and Sherman is canvassed as one that would make both time by the little band of heroes, ends stronger. It has been suggested to Sherman, and certain Ohio ads of the Maine man visited at Chicago recently, and there the matter was canvassed. To what complexion it may come is greatly cheered by the result, al only conjecture. A Vice-President-"'Deed, sah, we's bin right yere all ial term for Sherman would give him over a year overlapping his Senatorial term. It would likewise put

> great Republic? Business is Business.

In view of Mr. Blaine's reported ill

health, might not Sherman be will-

ing to trust Providence, after all, to

From the New York Sun. In a small town out West an ex county judge is cashfer of the bank "The check is all right, sir," h said to a stranger; "but the evidence you offer in identifying yourself as the person to whose order it is drawn is scarcely sufficient."

"I have known you to hang a man on less evidence. Judge." was the stranger's response.

"Quite likely," replied the exudge, "but when it comes to letting go of cold cash we have to be care

to let its wonderful qualities be known to their friends in curing Consumpuse it without immediate relief .wires strung from tree to tree druggists to recommend it to the such a medicine as the German Syrup cannot be too widely known.

Ask your druggist about it. Sample bottles to try sold at 10 cents. Regular size, 75 cents. Sold by all druggists and dealers in the United States

To the point-A saw file.

Elevation and the troops here at Smithfield, to concertrate at Benton- There being no object now in hold- sively got. No man who would do as to who were the proper claimants reaction in a Democratic country, ville, so as to attack the head of the ing his position, which the swollen himself, his wife and children justice, delayed the payment of the money last column of the enemy. A mis- stream in his rear made hazardous, would or should victimize himself and the civil war put a stop to fur- menting upon this point, the Len It is the duty of every person who take in the map as to distances de Gen. Johnston during the night and them thus. He should not en- ther proceedings in the matter. The Topic very timely says, that

rated almost to the Bermuda and lung diseases. No person can edge of an old plantation, lying army moved on and bivouacked have some of the comforts of life if Dehaven who died many years ago. Cleveland. It remains for a Demostump to stump, and we were it failed was reported.—
worked at this a full hour, and become where it failed was reported.—
Such a medicine as the German Symptotic would be made soon after.

There was out one road in the first day's light we had 14,through the thicket which made it through the through th

> gists and dealers in the United and Canada. on Hoke, which that veteran soldier subscribe for The Rocks