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Mr. Editor:—Since reading in your paper concerning the flag of 4th N. C. Regiment I have concluded to give my version and correct some mistakes.

The 4th took position in washed out road or bloody lane, about 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning of 17th of Sept. Capt. Thos Marsh, of Co. I. was shot in about an hour from the time we got there. Soon after that an order came from our right repeatedly to pass it down the line, the enemy are about to flank us on the right, I passed the order myself several times. I have always thought that Gen. Featherston was sent to fill up the gap on our right, but failed to go far enough, and came up in our rear, mistook us for the enemy and fired into our line. Lieut. Weaver of Co. H. arose took the flag and waved it to let them know that we were friends and he was shot down in the act. Should not his name be placed on the roll of honor? For to stand up individually at that time was almost certain death, but he did it to save his men.

Lieut. Cotton took command and in a few moments Featherston's men were in the road with us. I was wounded and one of his men fell dead across me.

I think that Featherston learned that he was not far enough to the right and gave orders to his men to fall back, which order was taken by our men as well as his, and the road was evacuated by all except the dead and wounded.

In a very short time Gen. Maghr's Irish Brigade from New York, advanced across this bloody lane. I was taken by one them and carried to hospital.

Our flag could not have been captured except it had been left by color guard in this lane, and if it had been left there Gen. Maghr's men would have captured it. But Lieut. Ed Tripp says he was among the last to leave the lane and formed the regiment in the rear with the flag.

There was but one Bonner in the 4th, that I knew of at that time and that was Lieut. Henry Bonner, of Co. I. Some correspondent trying to overload Co. E. with officers. Daniel Latham was in command of Co. E. at that time

B. B. Ross.

A Cure for Lame Back.

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A Drummer's Trick on Bryan.

Williams Jennings Bryan arrived here yesterday from his extensive tour of Mexico, and left last night from Austin. It was announced that Bryan would arrive here Thursday, and at all the towns along the line of railroad between here and Eagle Pass demonstrations were given by crowds. An amusing imposition was practiced on these crowds at several stations by Henry Long, a commercial traveler of St. Louis, who has a resemblance to Bryan. Long was in the Pullman car of the train on which Bryan was expected and when the crowd at the small towns caught sight of him they cheered him vociferously, and called for a speech.

Long thought it an opportunity for a joke, and he walked out on the platform, and was introduced to the crowds by the conductor of the train as Mr. Bryan. Long then startled the audience by making a strong sound money speech, saying his views on coinage had been completely changed by his visit to Mexico, and that he had reached the conclusion that William McKinley was one of the best Presidents that this country ever had.

The speech was repeated at several places, and was not greeted with great applause, except by the sound money men in the crowds, who were highly elated over the supposed change in the views of the former great free silver champion. They did not learn until today that an imposition had been practiced upon them, and their wrath was great—San Antonio, Texas, Dispatch.

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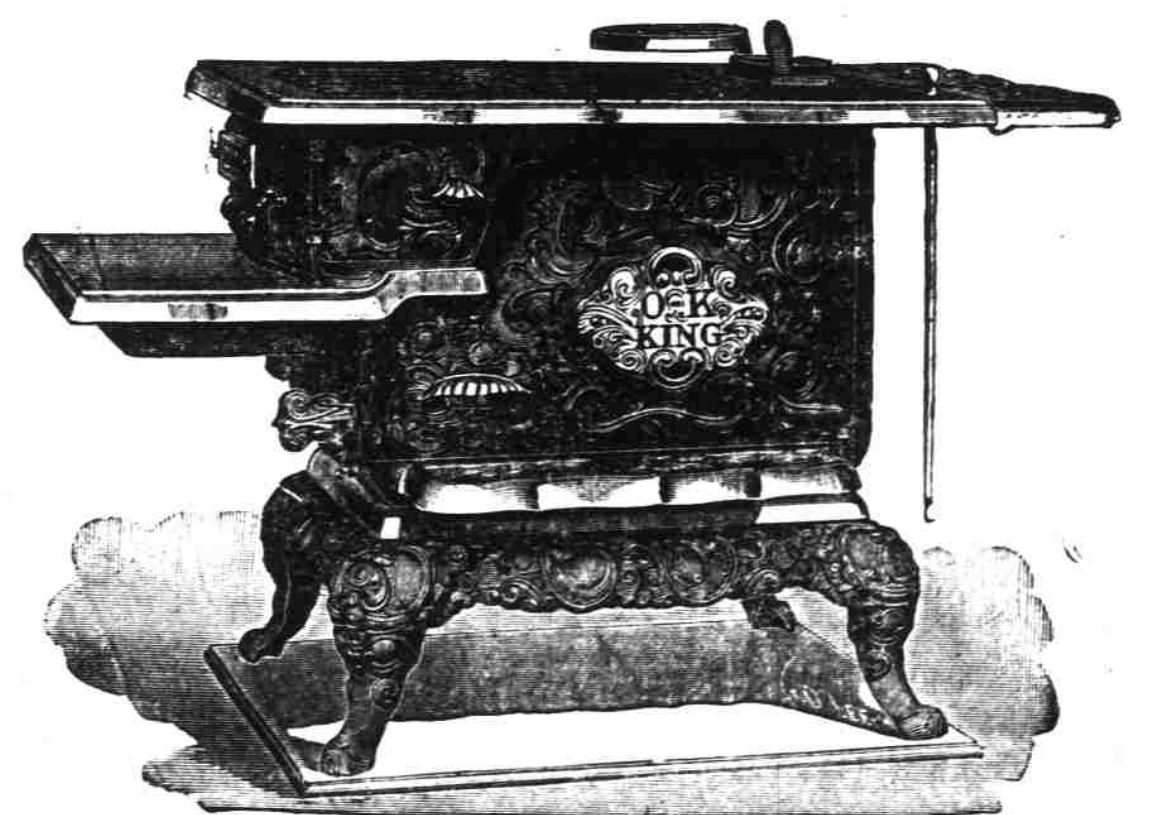
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