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## Dishonest Officials.

The Star Route trials that have been so long in progress in Wash ington have been a shame and disgrace to the nation. Whether they so hot it fairly scorched. are found guilty or not by the jury, public opinion has long since given

United States, high and low, are doubtless as intelligent, honest and over them like an ocean breaker. able, as any equal number of men I saw but two men run back trom in the country. But, unfortunate. us. On we went with a loud hurrah, ly, there are exceptions to this rule. There are "black sheep" among the densest of the pines, we came who have sought and obtained of clumps of old dead grass. Here fill up to day !" fice for the sake of the money they the reserves of the Confederates When the lawful gains of these men have not been as rapid as left and in front, almost in our very they wished, they have not seru- faces ! pled to stoop to fraud to increase their profits.

Wrong-doing by public officers is the whole nation. When an official there was a white, gaping would a first saw him again. The saw him again. The confederates did not "hold on" the with the first throbs of pain the there, as all know who have read there, as all know who have read there are all know wh

charge him. We have no doubt that rascality

is much less common in official pain, marters then is usually supposed. in but The least taint of it, however, is a

should not tolerate it. They should never rest contented until the last trace of it is erased.

BROTHER "JOHNNY."

teries swept and raked that belt of woods with shell, grape and shrap nel. Down went whole trees, toppling one across another, their trunks ent sheer off. Still the Con-

brush.

but of the forty-seven men in my company, only twenty-one reported

to carry and clear the woods. After passing a hundreds yards through

With the first explosion I was our corps, a durned sight !"

the right leg above the knee, which something-it was his old, worn, whiried me round so violently that yellow-gray coat. The next moa double scandal. It throws dis- I fell. For a minute my limb was ment he was gone-over the wall, credit not only upon the service in numb. I sat up, and put my hands back into the burning woods, after which they are employed, but upon on it. The bone was broken, and his gun.

suffer to some extent, by being classed with the rascal. • If one could be sure that when-ever a case of fraud by a public officer was detected, the guilty man

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I shut my eyes, thinking that in another moment I should be out of pain,—in eternity,—for those boys in butternut didn't often miss their

ards me, l

But instead, I heard, after a moment, his gun flung down. They his arms clutched under me, and he took me up clear of the ground. 1 Daily And Week

screamed with pain. "Wal, I don't blame yer for yellin ?! he said, as he half-carried, half-dragged me along. Then, after It was the third day of the battle of the Wilderness. Down to the sontheast of our brigade, the thick to yer to gin yer the bullet. Fer pine woods enclosed the little open. the doctors will be enttin' and ing in front of us, and there were hackin' yer. Not a mite o' chlorothe "Johnnies" in force under A. form in our whole command. either, P. Hill. It was one of the few op-portunities where artillery could be through, they'll chuck yer inter used in that battle, and five bat- some of them blasted prison holes." "Shoot me, then, and have done

But he lugged me on; and he was searcely as heavy a man as myself. federates stack there, half buried in branches and bonghs. Then the command "Charge ?" around us, and every moment or was given, and we went for that two a shell would tear through the DAILY JOURNAL one year, \$6,00 woody belt-what was left of it- woods and explode, scattering fire, across the open stretch, at a head, and whizzing fragments of iron long run, and rushed into the thick everywhere.

He got me to a stone wall which There we drew the enemy's fire, skirted the woods on one side, and In our very faces came the smoke, lifted me over it. There was a field with short green grass on the other We had no time to see who fell, side. Here he put me down, partly

in the shade of a great ash. "Thar, Yank," he said, "yer out its verdicts against them, and the that night. There were the boys of the fire, anyhow. Can't stay by virtue and intelligence of the coun-in gray right under our noses, yer, though. I must git my shoot try feel the disgrace keenly. WEEKLY JOURNAL one year, \$2.00 As a body, the officers of the aimed at us from over logs and 'taint burnt up. But I'll tell yer what, Yank, I'll look round here to would they budge. Our line went night-ef I aint dead mysel? fore that time, and we hold on here." "God bless you, Johnny !" I ex-

claimed; "but just one sip of water, if you've got it."

"Thunderation !" he muttered. 'I haint got half a pint in my can, them, and very black ones, too, to a much thinner growth, with and don't expect to get another But he jerked off his canteen, took one swallow, and then put it could make out of their positions. and two of three batteries tangin into my weak hands. "Thar, drink, us on the fly-shells, rockets and into my weak hands. "Thar, drink, grape, a terrific outburst from the you poor sufferin' cuss! Yer may keep it, too. Hang on to it of ye can till I come round. Fer tin war's scarcer than twenty-dollar bills in

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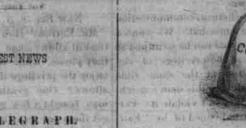
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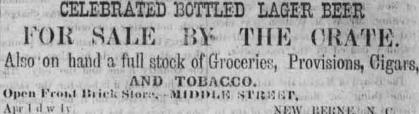
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deserved, that would be some con-solation. Such, however, is not the fact. Official dishonesty is, in a certain sense, intrenched knavery. The offender may be, and usually is, dislodged; but he fights at an advantage, and sometimes wholly well with which they chased back. and even retains office.

There are several reasons for this. bloodbounds.

it is very powerful.

Dishonest officers, too, are very woods on fire. apt to make friends with the "mamhour of need.

wrong-doing. Government knaves the frightful fire. I shouted and they accept bribes, if they make At last I got upon my hands and what is to most minds full proof of dead-as the custom was. innocent.

The difficulties, too, under which high officers, the superiors of those greenbacks?" who are accused of crime, someare charged with the duty of inare likely to be accused of "white-washing," if they do not find enough proof to warrant them them inc. Don't let me tonist? Fut a ball through me first?" I will keep constantly on hand at Manwell & Crabtree's lot in New Berne oath. But I saw real pity in his face. in discharging the supposed rascal; "Curse this bloody, hellish war!" D-im.

escapes the penalty of his crime, yell with which they chased back our broken and ronted line, leaping over me where I lay, like eager

their positions and keep them by have fain unconscious for some the use of influence, and not solely minutes, for the next thing that I that I might have asked his name recall was the crackling and smoke by their own merits. When they are attacked for dishonesty, the in-finence that has always befriended is saw that all out to the right it was them comes to their aid, and often blazing like a furnace, and the men were running back florough the a horrible death, and that, too, in Tin Work done,

The roar and crackling grew too, comes to their rescue in the situation burst upon me. Summon-ing all my strength, I tried, forgetful of my broken leg, to get up; but A third reason is, the great diffi- I fell back, too weak to even creep.

are too shrewd to commit frands prayed heaven. I envied even the openly. If they are corrupt, if poor fellows about me who lay so still and did stir.

unlawful profit out of contracts, one knee and tried to erawl, but they do it all indirectly, or secretly, so that the illicit gains cannot eas ily be traced to their hands. Even ily be traced to their hands. Even ping for an instant, here and there, if they are turned out of office on to go through the pockets of our

their guilt, many persons in the "Hallo here !" I heard. "Dead. community still believe them to be you ?" and one of them gave me a poke with his rifle-butt.

I tried to raise my head.

"Yes, that's hard; but got any

times labor, are many. It does not of the men had started on; the him, he can have it; and with it, follow that a man is guilty because third stood in the smoke, regarding too, whatever else 1 can give that he is accused. That is something me for a moment. Fresh from the he may need more than I, for perto be inquired into and decided by charge, his face and hands were haps this little sketch may be the

"For mercy's sake," I cried. vestigating, perform their task un- "drag me out of the brush, or kill der a heavy responsibility. They me ! Don't let me roast ! Put a

officer was detected, the guilty man of a well-nigh mortal wound, while already beaten, and all we had to obtained for new inventions, or for improved would always be punished as he the blood gushes as if in a moment do was to chase the Confederates a oldones. Caveats, Infringements, Trade Marks deserved, that would be some con- or two it would drain his heart. To to Richmond. It is but an ill trib. and all patent business promptly attended to.

taken to the rear.

Whether my Johnny, by whose Christ-like pity I was resened, survived the succeeding battles of the One is, that nearly all officers get Following this I may, indeed, campaign, or not, I do not know. Often since that day I have thought and regiment, but I was in no con-

He saved my life, saved me from smoke. The shells had set the the brutal hurry and fary of battle when I honestly can not say that I should have done so much for a mon of unrighteousness," and that, louder; and then the horror of my Only a soldier can really under-Confederate lying there in my place. stand it. doty its wagerer

I might not, as I have said, rescued Johnny if he had been in my culty of producing absolute proof of Nearer still roared and flamed place, but after that act, I should have done it at the risk of my life. That rough boy in butterant taught me a lesson of the true brotherhood of man, that has influenced all my life since.

Had the war continued after I got well, I might have fought on Boarding Schools for Boys, in age, numfrom principle, but I should never bers and area of patronage. have fired another bullet in malice; and I always feel as if I had a brother somewhere down Soath.

It will take more than any of the "bloody shirt" politicians can say, to make me forget the boy in gray who lugged me out of the burning woods at Wilderness.

The old battered canteen he left me I am still "banging on to," as I shook my head; then, gather. he requested. If he is living toing strength, I partly turned. Two day, and "tin-war" is scarce with 

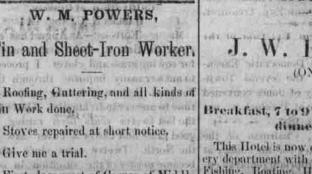
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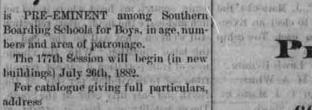
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