

BUCHANAN AIDED THE REBELLION.

G. A. R. Commander in New Jersey Tells How It Was Done—Army Sent to Utah as Part of the Plan to Help Secession—War Munitions Shipped South as Dry Goods—Important and Interesting Reminiscences.

La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 1.—During my stay recently in the city of Newark, N. J., it was my good fortune to meet a very interesting veteran, Col. Henry L. Halleck. The soldier has passed his 70th year, but is still active and has an excellent memory. He was in the Mexican war, came in Johnston's army to Utah, and served with distinction through the Civil War. Today he bears several scars as tokens of his terrible experiences.

COL. HALLECK'S STORY.

Each time I called to see him, he related to me some of his past history, and convinced me by his accurate description of roads and country he saw so many years ago that he was a very keen observer. He kept a careful journal and his notes are valuable to every person who is seeking truth regarding some great events of American history.

He always has a good word for the "Mormons," and defends them wherever opportunity affords. He lived

among them for several years, from 1858 into the early '60's, and saw their poverty and struggles.

BUCHANAN WAR A FRAUD.

Regarding the Utah war, he writes, "My mind is very clear upon that matter. It was the most stupendous fraud ever imposed upon the American people. I believe it was never intended by the Buchanan administration of 1854 to force a war upon the 'Mormon' people; that was only a blind for what came after. Looking over my notes of that date I find that late in the fall of 1857 General Johnston was ordered to Utah, but he was not to go beyond Green river. General Harney left Fort Leavenworth in the spring of 1858, to relieve Johnston, as he outranked the latter by several years.

WAS TO HELP THE REBELLION.

After Harney had started it dawned upon the administration it would never do to let him get into Utah. Oh, no, that would displace Johnston, the pious tool of the Southern leaders, and destroy their plans, as Harney would surely make trouble when he entered Utah.

"I lived in the South in the early

'60's and know that the coming war was common talk. It was often predicted that the struggle would begin within ten years, while the North did not even think of war then.

"In my first opinion the whole plot of the Utah war was for no other purpose than to clean all war material out of the forts and arsenals and take the soldiers from their posts. To send these directly South would have been bad policy.

WAR MUNITIONS SENT SOUTH.

"I know that guns and ammunition were sent down the Missouri river from the moving army. These were put in cases labelled dry goods.

"The whole thing was hatched in fraud. Millions of dollars were, I may say, stolen from the government. Look at the provision contracts to haul from Fort Leavenworth to Utah at 25¢ per hundred weight. Corn that cost 25¢ per bushel for freight might have been bought in Salt Lake City for \$1 per bushel. Tons of flour was spoiled and thrown away. Yet it was a splendid thing for the 'Mormons.' It gave them work and money, which they did not have before, flowed into Utah.

PRAISE FOR THE 'MORMONS.'

"We found the 'Mormons' very poor, but an honest and hard working people. Their ways were plain but they showed us every kindness in their power. How I would like to have you read all my notes taken during my travels through Utah to the Virgin river. They contain nothing but praise for the settlers. Their kindness to me will be remembered as long as I live.

HARDSHIPS OF EARLY SETTLERS.

"It requires strong fortitude to live in Utah in these days. I often visited the people in their houses and what I saw would fill a volume. The poor in our cities do not know what those

early settlers endured. They told me that for many months they had no meat, and they pounded corn with a rock to make their flour. Their clothes were often made of bags or any kind of cloth they could get. Blankets were especially scarce, and when they saw our good warm army blankets, they would offer us almost anything they had for them. Can anyone say these people were not faithful to the cause they had adopted?

THE ALMIGHTY RULED.

"Thank God we gave them a new life. The army did not go there for any good, but it seemed that God willed it for the good of these poor people.

"A young 'Mormon' of about twenty-five years overtook us and traveled several days with our train. He had been from the Cedars to Salt Lake City, about three hundred miles, with two barrels of pine tar. He had disposed of this and was returning (with his wedding stake) to be married, he said. I became very friendly with him and learned his history from the time he left Wales, seven or eight years before. We camped in his yard for three days and he brought home his new wife. We all had a jolly good time, and on leaving I gave them some blankets. Their joy in obtaining them well repaid me for the gift."

MOUNTAIN MEADOW.

"Brigham Young did not have anything to do with the Mountain Meadow Massacre; nor did he know anything about it for a long time after it occurred. Brigham Young was one of the smartest men in the United States and too smart to be mixed up in such a murder. No, it is against all reason and common sense. No, my friend, with all the abuse he got he never committed that crime.

"No one could make me believe that the 'Mormon' Church had anything to do with that deed. Anybody who says

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It is because Ayer's Hair Vigor is a hair-food: goes right down to the roots of the hair: feeds the hair bulbs just the way they used to be fed when you were younger and more vigorous. That's why the dark, rich color of early life always comes back to your gray hair. The hair grows longer, too.

If you do not obtain the benefit you desire from use of the Vigor, write the Doctor about it. He will tell you just the right thing to do. Address, Dr. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

It did is a fool, and does not know what he is talking about."

G. A. R. COMMANDER.

Mr. Halleck at present is Post Commander of the G. A. R. and has a score of badges and medals of honor for services rendered his country. He took a trip by horseback through Mexico and Central America over much of the same route now being taken by the B. Y. Academy exploring party.

Trusting this veteran's testimony may be treasured in the archives of fair Utah, I remain, Sincerely,
E. D. WHITING.

For family use in numberless ways BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is a useful and valuable remedy. Price 50 cents. Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept.

PRISON LABOR AND GOOD ROADS.

An Example of Their Benefits Shown by What the Municipality is Now Doing in City Creek Canyon—A Suggestion of What Might be Accomplished.

The great advantage obtained by the city through working those who violate its ordinances are now beginning to be realized.

Since the present system has been in vogue, the city prisoners have been constantly at work repairing and building new roads in City Creek canyon. The extent and beauty of the work, accomplished by the Weary Willies, under the direction of Guards Bush and Furster, can only be appreciated by those who know the condition the road was once in, and have seen it as it is now. The "chain gang" began operations at a point near the brick tank, and have proceeded up the canyon about a mile and a quarter.

The entire distance presents the appearance of having been worked by men skilled in the art of road building. Rough places have been made smooth, and high places level. At some points along the road, embankments from fifty to two hundred feet long, and twenty feet high have been constructed.

Before work was started on this road

the average width thereof was a little over eight feet. It now averages thirty feet. This is truly a remarkable showing to make in such a short time, and reflects much credit to the officers in charge of it. The average force of men is eleven per day, seldom less than that.

Officer Bush and Furster have had as high as thirty-two men to guard and keep at work, which is a very difficult undertaking, indeed.

After partaking of a breakfast of bread, potatoes and coffee, the prisoners are loaded into a wagon, promptly at 8 o'clock and hauled off to their work. A dinner of bread, meat, syrup and coffee is served at 12 o'clock noon, and the "boys" have one hour in which to amuse themselves, recounting each other's experiences on the brake beam.

Their day's labor ends at 4 o'clock, when they are returned to the city bastille. At present Ed. Murtie is the central figure in the "game" and furnishes much amusement for his co-laborers. The officers say that Murtie takes more genuine interest in the work than they themselves do, and if his suggestions are not carried out immediately and to the letter, he becomes very indignant and sulks for the balance of the day.

COME, BRING THE CHILDREN TO THE GREAT

HOLIDAY EXHIBITION AT Z. C. M. I.

Open from now till Christmas. The Children will be delighted—and so will the older folks. It will cost you nothing, but will be money in your pocket if you want to buy, for we have the best goods in the city, at the lowest prices.

Our vast store has been fitted up for a Holiday Display. The most beautiful creations of the world's most skillful workers are gathered here, to please the eye and gladden the soul. They have been beautifully arranged to make a most delightful scene for public inspection. We shall not attempt to describe the picture in detail. We want the children to come and see for themselves. All are welcome. Note our elegant windows in passing. Music every afternoon.

Something for the Baby.

In Infants' Wear we can fill every requirement, our line being the largest and most complete in this section of the country.

We are showing a beautiful line of Bonnets and Caps, Etc.

Kid Moccasins in all colors and prices, as also a full assortment of Knit Booties and Sacques. Hose to match.

JEWELRY.

Our line of Jewelry this season is more complete than ever before. We are showing in standard makes only Ladies' and Gents' Watches and Watch Chains, Cuff and Collar Buttons, Studs and Breast Pins, Jeweled Combs and Hair Pins, Finger Rings, Baby Pins. A beautiful line of silver and Ebony ware, and also an elegant line of genuine Diamonds and Pearls in Rings, Sun Burst Pins and Brooches, Etc. No trouble to show them.

Dress Goods at Low Prices.

A handsome dress pattern is always an acceptable gift, be it to your mother or sister or to "her." We make the giving of a dress an easy matter.

LADIES' UNDERSKIRTS.

We are showing an elegant line of Ladies' Underskirts, Black and Colored, in Silk, Farmer Satin, Metal cloth, Moire, Mercerized Saten and Sateen, as also a full line of Knit Underskirts. What would be nicer and more useful for a Xmas present than a beautiful Skirt?

NIGHT ROBES.

Our assortment of Flannelette Night Robes is the largest and most complete in the city. The range in quality and price places them within the reach of all. They make beautiful and useful presents.

CASHMERES, SERGES, VENETIANS, ETC.

These are of a superb quality in beautiful effects, lovely shades and colors.

MIXED SUITINGS, AND ALL DRESS GOODS.

Included in these are all the best novelties of the season, every one a splendid value at the price. Ladies will be delighted at viewing them.

APRONS.

Having purchased a line especially for the holidays we know we can please and gratify your every desire in this line. Ask to see our "Fancy Tea Aprons."

SILKS, SATINS, AND WOOLEN GOODS.

Here are some of the choice goods for dresses for Christmas presents for the Ladies: Satin Duchesse, Peau De Soie, Failles, Rhadames, Swiss Taffetas and Crepes, Silk and Wool Percales, Camel's Hair Venetians, Broad Cloth and Prunellas, Etc.

UMBRELLAS.

For Christmas presents we also have a fine assortment of Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas.

Underwear, Knit Goods, Hosiery

We have extraordinary values in underwear, hosiery and knit goods. Our low prices for these excellent goods are money-saving chances. Look at our hundreds of styles and articles to choose from.

UNDERWEAR.

We have a most complete and varied line of Ladies' Knit Underwear. The best makes the country affords, in Silk, Silk and Wool mixed, Silk and Lisle, all Wool, Wool mixed, French Balbriggan, Fleeced Cotton, Etc. Most of our underwear comes packed two suits in a box, lending to it neatness and beauty when given as a present.

HOSIERY.

We have a complete line of Silk and Silk Plaited Hosiery in Black and Colors with supporters to match; also a line of novelties in Hose Supporters for the Holiday Trade. Ask to see them. Our stock in staple hosiery is always complete.

FASCINATORS.

The "Ice Wool Fascinator" is very beautiful and strictly a la mode this season. We have them in endless variety of color, quality and price. Your sister would be delighted.

YOU ARE GOING TO BUY SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS.

It will be something useful, of course. The most sensible present is the most serviceable. There are so many things you hardly know what to select. Let us help you with a few suggestions. We have a magnificent stock. Holiday merchandise is displayed on every hand. Come while there is ample time to choose, without hurry, without inconvenience. Glance over the items here named, a few of our great stock, and you will be sure to find something to please you. Do not leave your shopping late.

FANCY GOODS.

We've gathered them with a lavish hand, yet with a discriminating eye as to their usefulness and price worth. A detailed description of the thousand and one things we have in stock is impossible, so these hints must suffice:

HANDSOME PRESENTS.

We have an unusual assortment of Albums, Toilet Cases, Jewel Cases, Glove Cases, Necktie cases, Shaving Sets Collar and Cuff Sets, Gloves and Handkerchief Sets, Tourist's Sets, Smokers' Sets and many other equally suitable articles.

FANCY BASKETS.

We have a beautiful line in all shapes, colors and sizes. They will please you to look at, and delight you to use.

EVERYTHING ELSE IN THIS LINE.

French Plate Mirrors, Plaques, Pencil Gloves, Handkerchief Boxes, Paper Weights, Tobacco Jars, Ink Stands, Ash Trays, Shaving Glasses, Steins, Match Safes, Vases, Photo Frames, Candle Sticks, Bachelors' Wine Chests, Fan Boxes, Tie Boxes, Work Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Bronze ornaments and Busts, Silver Goods, Etc.

LINEN GOODS.

We have an elegant line of Linen Table Sets, Table Cloths, Napkins, Lunch Cloths, Tray Cloths, Scarfs and Doilies.

QUILTS, PILLOW SHAMS, SCARFS, ETC.

We have a large assortment of Applique Swiss and Lace Pillow Shams, Bureau and Wash Stand Scarfs, and Bed Sets, Etc. Also a well selected variety of Fancy Down Cushions and Quilts.

FOR THE CHILDREN!

We have an endless variety of Dolls, Books and Games to suit the little folks, such as The History of the United States, New Chatterwell Stories, Casey Corner, Little Folks' Treasures, Sparkling Tales, Stories of all Seasons and hundreds of others.

NOT ONLY DOLLS AND BOOKS, BUT GAMES.

We have Combination Boards for the great Combination game board on which thirty games can be played. The Twentieth Century Agatella Boards, the game of the Stars and Stripes, the Pyramids, Chessindia, Dorey's Victory, The Hen That Laid the Golden Egg, The Game of Jumpers, Red Riding Hood, The Philippine War, Crushing the Rebellion in Luzon, The Horseless Carriage, The Gypsy Fortune Teller, Young American Target and many others too numerous to mention.

REMEMBER! DEC. 10 TO CHRISTMAS.

This Exhibition and Holiday Sale continues. The earlier you come the better you will be pleased, as you will have more time to select. But the goods are all good, from start to finish.

NOTIONS.

This department has a splendid showing in handkerchiefs, doilies, centerpieces, lunch cloths, ribbons, laces, etc.

HANDKERCHIEF BARGAINS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Ladies' Scalloped and Embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs at 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. Greatest values ever offered.

Ladies' Hemstitched and Embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs, at 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

Ladies' Hemstitched and Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs. Embroidered by hand, 16 2-3c, 35c, 60c.

Ladies' Scalloped and Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered by hand, at 35c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25.

YOU CANNOT SURPASS THESE:

Ladies' Plain Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs at 12 1-2c, 16 2-3c, 25c, 35c, 50c.

Ladies' Plain Shear Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, at 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, \$1.00.

Ladies' Plain 9-inch Shear Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, the proper size to use with lace and footing, at 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c.

Ladies' Embroidered and Lace Edge Handkerchiefs, at 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Beautiful line Real Duchess and Point Lace Handkerchiefs.

PURSES, HANDBAGS, BELTS.

Ladies' Combination Purses and Card Cases, all prices from 25c to \$5.00.

Ladies' Hand Bags in great variety.

New and Beautiful line Patent Leather Belts.

LADIES' GLOVES & MITTENS.

Our offers here are the very best in the market this season. We want you to come and inspect, and make thorough comparison.

KID GLOVES.

Our Celebrated "Monitor" Kid Gloves are unequalled for fit, finish and durability. A trial will convince you. All colors and sizes, at \$2.00.

We also carry Trefousse, Dent's, other makes too numerous to mention. Every pair fitted.

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Ladies' Saxony Wool Mittens, single at 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c.

Double at 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c.

Children's Saxony Wool Mittens, single and double, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c.

Ladies' Silk Mittens, at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.

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