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Our Daily Short Story

The Cotton Buyer

How He Traded in the South During the Civil War and Why He Quit. By ALBERT CHITTENDEN Copyright, 1910, by American Press Association.

In 1862, when President Lincoln feared that the want of cotton by the English and other foreign manufacturers might lead to intervention, he issued an order to his generals to give every facility in their power to persons desiring to purchase the article and permit them to ship it on the army wagons going north empty for supplies for the troops. At the time cotton could be bought for a song in the south, and before the war closed it had risen to a dollar a pound in the northern states.

I was then young and eager to make money. Having some capital, I went down into Virginia and rode among the plantations in the neighborhood of the Union armies, buying cotton wherever I found an opportunity to get it within our lines and send it north. One day I had been out a few miles beyond the Union vedettes to a plantation where I had been told was stored a large stock of cotton. There was no enemy in that direction, and if there were I considered my vocation a shield against interference, for I was a citizen engaged in assisting the southern planters to turn their cotton into money. I bought fifty bales on condition that I could get transportation for them and ride back to the Union lines.

Something about the arrangement of the camps looked different from what I had left. Indeed, I found a great deal of difference. While I had been away the corps I had left had moved and another had taken its place. The officer of the picket post would not allow me to go where I liked, but took me to the provost marshal, Major Campbell.

I noticed that the moment the provost marshal looked at me he gave a faintly perceptible start. I told him who I was and the business I was engaged in. He listened to my story, then said he would report my case to the general commanding. He left me to do so and was going so long that, tired of waiting, I was about to mount my horse and ride away when a sentry stopped me. I asked him why he detained me, and he said that he had been ordered not to let me leave till the provost marshal returned.

Major Campbell rode up as I was talking with the sentry. He asked me to come into his tent and, getting out the army demijohn, invited me to have something. He chatted in a familiar way, seeming much interested in my cotton purchases and asking me a number of questions pertaining to the business. He told me that the general would like to see me, but was too busy to receive me till the next day.

I had left my belongings at a house a short distance in rear of the army, and when the conversation lagged I arose and said I would ride there, return in the morning and call on the general. Major Campbell said that there was no necessity for me to go away, since he would be happy to give me a cot in a tent with a subaltern officer and my meals at his mess. But I said I wished some clean linen and would prefer to go. At that he told me as politely as possible that the general had directed him to bring me to his headquarters the next day and he would not dare risk losing me.

This was equivalent to telling me that I was a temporary quasi prisoner. Nevertheless I did not think much of the matter, for if permitted to go I might find it inconvenient to return. In that event the major would be liable to censure for disobedience of orders. So I made a virtue of necessity, saying that I would be happy to accept his hospitality.

During the evening I played the army game with the major and several other officers in his tent, the army game being draw poker, with greenbacks in lieu of chips. Somehow it seemed to me that I was an object of interest. Every now and again an officer would come to the tent to look over the game. But, glancing up at these gentlemen, I invariably noticed their eyes fixed on me rather than on the cards. I was puzzled. What was there about a civilian engaged in cotton buying to interest officers of the army? However, the game interested me, and speculation of this kind did not take root in my mind. We played till midnight, when the party broke up, and I was conducted by my tent mate to my place of rest. I noticed that he kept an eye on me while I took off my outer clothing and did not take it away till I stood in my undergarments.

While going to sleep the circumstances of my detention, the interest I had excited, this watchfulness of my tent mate, altogether found a firmer lodgment in my brain. Yet as I pondered over the matter I could not think of one act sufficiently noticeable to signify anything in particular. As for my visit to the general the next day, it might be an advantage. If he expected to arrange for cotton transportation with the quartermaster. Possibly I might derive some advantages by interesting the general in what I was doing.

The next morning I waited till 11 o'clock for Major Campbell to take me to the general, when, becoming im-

BULLET IN BRAIN, BUT VETERAN LIVES

Port Huron, Mich., June 3.—Although Langdon C. Case is seventy-two years old and carries a bullet in his brain, he is just as happy today as he has been during the years before he reached the allotted three score and ten and manages to do his share of the farm work at the home of his daughter, in Richmond. A few weeks ago Mr. Case became despondent and determined to hasten his advent into another world, and to this end secured a rope. He made a noose out of it, but when the crucial moment arrived he was unable to hang himself.

Then he went to Armada, where he purchased a revolver and some cartridges, and this time his nerve did not fail. He put the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and pulled the trigger, the bullet entering his brain. He was unconscious when physicians were called but they were unable to discover any trace of the bullet. The doctors are now convinced that the leaden pellet is lodged in Case's brain and his case is proving a puzzler. Now that Mr. Case has recovered he has abolished the idea of suicide and says that he intends to enjoy all that there is in life.

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BIG TIMBER AND MINERAL LAND DEAL JUST CLOSED

The Michigan Iron & Land Company is Optioned to the Steel Trnst - Details-

According to The Marquette Mining Journal of Thursday, there has just been concluded one of the most important deals affecting timber and mineral lands in Michigan that has ever been carried through in the state. By its terms the Oliver Iron Mining company, the mining subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation, takes long term options on the great upper peninsula holdings of the Michigan Iron & Land company.

There are two options, one covering the standing timber on the company's lands and the other covering the mineral rights in its control. The option on the timber covers 312,000 acres, and provides for a sale price of large proportions to be paid if the Oliver Iron Mining company finds, by entering the lands, that they run up to the estimates. The option on mineral rights covers, in addition to the over 300,000 acres of land which the Michigan Iron & Land company holds in fee simple, 111,640 acres on which the company holds the mineral rights, having disposed of the timber and surface rights.

Must Pay a Stated Royalty. The option on the mineral rights runs a term of years. By the terms of the agreement the Oliver Iron Mining company agrees to expend a large sum annually for the period fixed in exploring for mineral on the lands. On ore discovered and mined it is to pay a stated royalty. Lands that it enters on and decides not to mine are to revert back to the Michigan Iron & Land company.

The Oliver Iron Mining company will at once put a large force of landlookers on the lands covered by the deal, and the work of ascertaining the values they carry in timber will be pushed energetically. It is said that it will require the better part of a year to complete it. The option is so drawn as to give the prospective purchaser all the time it requires for this purpose.

This deal which is perhaps the most important ever carried out in the upper peninsula, represents the promotion work of F. H. Begole, of Marquette, who has had an option on the holdings of the Michigan Iron & Land company for the past eighteen months. During this period Mr. Begole has given much of his time to determining personally the nature of the Michigan Iron & Land company's holdings, and their possibilities for mineral development, looking forward to the day when he would get in touch with a prospective purchaser resourceful enough to swing the deal. His knowledge of the great value of the company's holdings and his effective presentation of the attractiveness of the opportunity are said to have been a potent factor in bringing the negotiations with the Oliver Iron Mining company, which have been in progress for a number of months past, to a head. The options running to the Oliver Iron Mining company were closed early in the spring, personally by Mr. Begole in Boston and Duluth.

Option Sure to Be Executed. That the option on the timber held by the Oliver Iron Mining company will be executed there is said to be practically no doubt as the estimates presented to the officials of the Oliver Iron Mining company are stated by men familiar with the Michigan Iron & Land company's holdings to closely represent the timber wealth still left on them. Also there is little doubt that the Oliver Iron Mining company will open permanent and large producing mines on the company's land, considerable acreages of which are already of proved mineral value.

A map on which the Michigan Iron & Land company's acreage between here and Sidnaw is indicated bears a resemblance to a mammoth checker

Value of Salt. Few persons understand the therapeutic value of salt. A little salt in one's drinking water is "good medicine." Salt applications to the skin are wonderfully soothing and wholesome. There is nothing better as a wash for the throat and the nasal passages to prevent or to cure catarrhal troubles than a solution of common salt in plain water—the cheapest remedy one can find. Many persons give their eyes a daily bath of cold salt water, with satisfactory results.

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POOR MARRIED WOMAN GETS AWFUL SHOCK

After Being Wedded Seven Years She Learns What Father Paid for Her Trouseau—Discovery Proves Too Much for Her and She Slides Into a Fair—Story.

A woman who has been married seven years recently cleaned out a writing desk drawer that belonged to her father, whose death occurred a few months ago, and came across a bundle of receipts as big as a man's arm, tied, with red tape and marked on the outside, "For Mary."

She opened them and saw that they were receipts for her trouseau bills. The woman's best dress now is a 50-cent wool, made by herself, and she has worn it two years. When she read in the receipts of lace she had put on a corset cover at \$1 a yard, she grabbed for a fan, but had a fit before she reached it.

She revived somewhat, but again scattered rugs over the floor when she read that her wedding gloves cost her father \$26 and her hose cost him \$47. She wears 12-cent hose now, and fairly foamed at the mouth when she realized that some of her wedding hose cost \$3 a pair. And when she came across a receipt of \$17 for embroidering a sheet, she tore out all the hair she had pinned on her head and was beginning on that which grew there, when a merciful unconsciousness overtook her.

Her last thought was of the sum total of the trouseau, and those figures swimming before her eyes, and her husband's voice grumbling in the next room because the monthly gas bill was 30 cents more than a month ago, proved Too Much. She Was Nineteen Hours Coming To.—Michigan Globe.

SPLENDID FIREWORKS FOR THE STATE FAIR

Detroit, Mich., June 3.—A contract has been closed by the state fair for a fireworks program during the six nights of fair week, costing \$5,000.

In securing estimates from the large fireworks concerns of the country, the fair management had it distinctly understood that the program of fireworks this year had to be 100 per cent better than anything ever shown at the Michigan fair, and this clause "100 per cent better" is made a part and parcel of the contract.

In all, the program includes several two numbers comprised of all the latest novelties in after-dark entertainment. This program will be in addition to the "Fall of Port Arthur," a big spectacle of exceptional worth, to be given nightly.

The Gregory Fireworks company of Chicago secured the fireworks contract.

NOTICE.

United States Postoffice Building, Escanaba, Mich., May 31, 1910. Sealed proposals will be received at this building until 2 o'clock P. M., June 15, 1910, for furnishing fuel, lights, water, ice, miscellaneous supplies, washing towels, hauling ashes, and sprinkling streets for this building during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, or such portion of the year as may be deemed advisable. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the Treasury Department.

HENRY W. COBURN, Custodian. 154.

Daily Thought. He who intermits the appointed task and duties of the day untunes full of the pleasures of the day; checking the finer spirits that refuse to flow, when purposes are lightly changed.—William Wordsworth.

Quick Growth of Mahogany. The rapid growth of mahogany is shown in southern Nigeria, where the site of a town destroyed 60 years ago has been covered with a forest containing mahogany trees, some of which are more than ten feet in diameter.

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