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Canton's Old Cannon

IT WAS MADE FOR CANTON'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WHEN THE EFFORT TO STEAL THE ELK POINT CANNON FAILED.

In 1872 Yankton had a brass Mountain Howitzer and Vermillion a brass siege gun, both furnished the territory to kill the Indians with. That year the Elk Pointers were patriotic and wanted a gun to celebrate with and as there were only two, as stated above, a crowd of Elk Pointers entered Vermillion during a dark and stormy night and stole Vermillion's gun and hid it. Vermillion vowed vengeance on Ringsrud's town down the road, but their vengeance is still smoldering unsatisfied as the gun is still kept under lock in the county jail at Elk Point.

Vermillion must have a gun and under the inspiration of Charlie True and Silas Kidder, both of them dead, a forlorn hope was organized to steal the Yankton cannon and the warlike mission was successful, as they found the gun where the writer hid it after breaking nearly all the window glass in Yankton in celebrating the fall of Paris in 1871. Yankton at that time having a numerous German population and of course they were wild with delight over the victory. The Vermillion boys captured the cannon during the early hours while the old captiol city slumbered and took it home with them, and to make sure of their prize dug a hole in the ground and buried it, and it was well they did as nearly a hundred enraged Yanktonites were organized into a military company whose purpose was to march on Vermillion and recover the gun at any cost. Charlie True, then editor of the Vermillion Republican, sent word to the writer that the gun was buried and absolutely safe from capture. Then Yankton was determined to go down to Vermillion and lick the whole town and make them give up the gun, but wiser counsel prevailed and the matter was dropped; but Yankton has never seen her dear old cannon since. This introduction is necessary to show how Canton got her cannon in 1876.

The Centennial year was noted for its patriotism all over the country and Canton in her glory and pride wanted a cannon to celebrate with. The writer learned that the Elk Point cannon was hid in the basement of Hoffman's hardware store from a tinner who had worked for Mr. Hoffman. A party was organized in Canton to make a night raid on Hoffman's cellar and they started one evening expecting to reach Elk Point before daylight and capture the gun. W. M. Cuppett, Dan Hawn and the writer were of the party but the boys never got to Elk Point. After foraging the Sioux at Fairview the driver missed the road and the gun stealers became demoralized in the intense obscurity of the night and camped out until daylight revealed their proximity to the home of Captain Wheelock who provisioned the outfit and they returned home disgusted. It was fortunate the boys got lost, only six of them, for twenty men couldn't have carried that big brass gun out of Hoffman's cellar, and the boys undoubtedly missed a serious scrap besides.

Canton's hope for a cannon in this direction failed but a cannon must be had to properly celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of our independence. It was then decided to have a cannon made for the occasion and Col. Cuppett started a subscription paper which was signed by enough to guarantee full payment. Mr. Cuppett made arrangements with the foundry firm of J. P. Dennis of Sioux City to cast a gun and have it ready for the 4th of July, 1876. The gun was made and it reached Canton in time for service. On the night of July 3rd Mr. Cuppett, Mr. Hawn and the writer got the gun mounted and ammunition ready and at midnight opened up the liveliest celebration ever seen in Canton.

From 1876 to 1891 the famous old cannon did all kinds of work in the powder burning line and finally an overcharge caused a small crack near the trunnion and the gun was considered unsafe. In 1891 the writer fired the last shot to prove the gun was safe enough but people were afraid of it and after the last shot filled the vent with lead and since that time the famous old gun has had its home on the court house square until last week when it was mounted on a cement base made by H. H. DeLong, where it is liable to remain through the coming years as a relic of pioneer patriotism and cherished in the memory of those who had it made, and left for future generations to protect and care for.

Canton had another cannon but that was carried away years ago. John Smith of Parker made a handsome little cannon and presented it to the writer who in turn presented it to the city and turned it over to

the care of the militia company then commanded by Dr. Brown. It seems that Dr. Brown had the gun mounted at a cost of \$10 or \$12, and when he left here he carried the gun away because no one would pay him for the expense he assumed voluntarily. Brown had no right to the cannon and the writer had no knowledge of its removal until he sold it to parties down at Nashua, Iowa. Brown's act was disgraceful because he knew the gun was presented to the city of Canton and he could acquire no vested right in the gun under any circumstances. The mount was his but the cannon was not. It was one of the best and safest guns ever made, brass bound and handsome.

Canton will have a booming 4th of July in 1909, and John Smith of Parker must be invited to come and bring old "Prohibition" along, the gun he made to celebrate statehood with. John Smith may not be as well known in romance and story as the Gunmaker of Moscow, but he is no less famous as a mechanic and a patriot. The Fourth of July without a cannon lacks one of the principal elements of a due and proper observance of the day. A national salute to the 46 stars on the flag at sunrise would make the Sioux Valley echo and the boys jump out of bed in a hurry. John Smith can make a whole celebration himself.

To Stack or Thresh out of the Shock.

This is one of the questions which the farmer will have to solve very soon, and solve it in the light of his climate and the conditions prevailing on the farm. We have not the slightest doubt but that it would be better for a large majority of our readers in the corn belt, proper to stack their grain, let it go through the sweat and then thresh out of the stack instead of the shock. It involves a little more labor, but the advantages are so great that this can safely be disregarded even when labor is as scarce as it is this year.

Where the habit of threshing out of the shock is general, the grain must be rushed to market. It may be said that the high price prevailing this year will render it more profitable to rush it at once upon the market; but our readers must remember that this immediate demand will be met by the winter wheat sections in the southern part of our territory, where threshing out of the shock is almost compulsory, and that by the time the farmer in Iowa, central Illinois, and north, is ready to put his grain on the market from the shock the demand will be fully supplied. Grain threshed out of the shock in a humid climate does not keep well, whereas if stacked and allowed to go through the sweat, it can be kept for one or two years and marketed at leisure.

The great objection in the minds of many farmers to stacking their grain is that by the time the grain is ready to thresh the threshermen have threshed the shock grain in the neighborhood and will not return until that season is over. Hence it is necessary for farmers in a neighborhood to agree as to which method they will follow. If they will agree as to either method, everything will work smoothly. If they do not agree, there will be more or less difficulty. Hence we suggest that this matter be taken up at the very first convenient opportunity and one of the two methods determined on.

There are large sections in our territory, and especially in the west and northwest where no other method but threshing out of the shock is practicable. This is another reason why stacking should be resorted to in the humid section. The market will be glutted with the shock threshed grain; and if farmers in the humid section thresh out of shock also, the entire crop has to be marketed in the early part of the season, and consequently at lower prices. For it must be remembered that somebody must hold the grain from the time it is grown until it is consumed. The cheapest place to hold it is on the farm, thus securing at the same time a better quality.

There is nothing at present to indicate that a good quality of wheat, oats, or barley will be a drug on the market this year. There have been immense losses in the winter wheat belt in all the western states, particularly in Oklahoma and parts of Kansas, through the exceeding wet weather that has prevailed in those sections for the last month. There are large areas of winter wheat of twenty to thirty bushels per acre that cannot be harvested at the proper time, not merely on low lands but on lands which in ordinary years would be as hard as rock, and where horses

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would this year mire down at the very time the wheat should be cut.

Nothing can be said as yet about the spring wheat crop. While it is reported as in good condition, it has to meet with all the chances of rust and blight, so that any estimate is at the very best guess work, with the chances against a bumper crop or anything more than the average. Hence we see no reason why, where farmers can avoid it, any of the small grain should be rushed on the market.

Mark Twain on Prohibition. "Crossing the Atlantic with Mark Twain last summer," said a W. C. T. U. woman, "I asked his opinion of the prohibition law. His reply was very characteristic, very humorous.

"I am a friend of temperance, and want it to succeed, but I don't think prohibition is practical. The Germans, you see, prevent it. Look at them. I am sorry to learn that they have just invented a method of making brandy out of sawdust. Now, what chance will prohibition have when a man can take a rip saw and go out and get drunk with a fence rail? What is the good of prohibition if a man is able to make brandy mashes out of the shingles on his roof, or if he can get delirium tremens by drinking the legs of the kitchen chairs?"

Tennessee's Stingiest Man. Gallatin claims to have the stingiest man in Tennessee, if not in the world, and a premium is offered for his superior in closefistedness. He got married to a home girl to save expenses. They walked around the square for a bridal tour. He bought her a nickel's worth of stick candy for a wedding present and then suggested that they save the candy for the children.—Danville Advocate.

Old Timers Remembered.

William Blatt, one of the pioneer merchants in Yankton, but now of Chicago, was in Canton recently and the writer and family enjoyed a most agreeable visit with our old friend of territorial days. We discussed old times and old timers and found that nearly all the prominent men in Yankton in 1870 have gone to their reward, and their were many brilliant men in that splendid group who battled for supremacy in those days. There was General Todd, Gen. Tripp, Chief Justice Bartlett, Dr. Burleigh, Major Dewitt, Dr. Potter, Hon. S. L. Spink, Col. Moody, Hon. George H. Hand, D. T. Bramble, Major J. Shaw Gregory, Henry Bonesteel, U. S. Marshal Litchfield, John Treadway, Dr. Wilson, Enos Stutsman, Rev. Dr. Hoyt, Rev. Jos. Ward, Major Lyman, Governors Edmunds, Faulk and Burbank, John Lawrence, Hon. M. K. Armstrong, Hon. Geo. A. Batchelor, Gen. Pierce, Dr. J. R. Van Velsor, Hon. John Pope Hodnett, Judge Brookings, Hon. A. G. Fuller, Judge French, Turney M. Wilkins, Major Stone, Captain James L. Kelley and Hon. James S. Foster.

Those who were prominent in 1870 and still doing duty are General William Henry Harrison Beadle of Madison, Hon. Charles H. McIntyre, now of Denver, Major Joseph Hanson, Hon. Geo. W. Kingsbury, M. P. Ohlman, Sam Buckwalter, and Judge Bartlett Tripp of Yankton, Surveyor General Williams of North Dakota, Squatter Governor F. M. Zebach of Gregory county, Hon. Herman Ellerman of Aberdeen and Abe Adler and Wm. Blatt of Chicago.

Judge Shannon, Gen. McCook, Banker Whitemute, Gov. Pennington and others of note came after 1870.

The names of many of them will be found on the maps of North and South Dakota and all are worthy of the distinction accorded them. Tripp county was named after Gen. William Tripp and not the Judge, and seventeen of those named as residents of Yankton in 1870 have been likewise honored by different legislatures.

Mr. Blatt is a prominent mason, and when grand master of the state was accorded the unusual distinction of having the 33 degree conferred upon him in this state by special dispensation.

Nicola the Magician.

This world famous magician will give an entertainment at the Assembly on Saturday afternoon and evening of this week, the last public entertainments on the Assembly program. No one can afford to miss seeing his mystery of genuine magic. He is known as the Prince of Magic in America and in Europe. The Assembly management urges all to come and see his work. There is nothing better in the line of magic in the world and the people of the Sioux Valley can not afford to miss such a wonderful exhibition. He is one of the most remarkable performers ever seen in America one who, both in Europe and America, has excited the most unbounded enthusiasm and called forth praise so lavish as to appear exaggerated to those who have not had the extreme pleasure of witnessing his wonderful performance.

Nicola is probably the youngest successful magician before the public, and magical science is indebted to its youngest artist for many of the new and up-to-date methods by its exponents. For years he was the assistant of his father—the original Nicola,



(Known on both continents as "Old Nicola")—who sent him, while a young man to Paris, where the young conjuror by his dexterity, attracted much attention as he depended mainly on sleight of hand and address, showing extraordinary skill in his school of magic. For twenty-two consecutive weeks he appeared in the Egyptian Theatre and while there created a perfect furor. Try as they would none could fathom the strange power this young American was supposed to possess. Old French masters, who witnessed his mysteries, declared them to be the most inexplicable conjuring effects that had ever come within the scope of their experience. His feats are little short of the supernatural; his work is original and clever, presenting a series of entirely new illusions that baffle all attempts at solution. We are told that the poet is born not made and this is equally true of the magician. Nicola's whole life has been devoted to the art of mystifying and he is fully entitled to be styled "THE PRINCE OF MAGIC."

Norman Rogers came down from Butte county Tuesday and brought along his cunning wildcat kitten in a box. Norman is a member of Co. E. 4th Regiment State Guardsmen, and will take his wildcat with him as a company mascot to the state encampment at Watertown. The kitten makes a handsome pet but it will never outgrow its natural instincts to steal chickens or dig its claws into human flesh if enraged. This is the little cat Norman and Gid Glendinning found while out foraging for firewood on Grand River. Norman is under the belief that its mother was dead when they found it as it was nearly starved. If the old cat had been around the boys would have had ample reason to know what a full grown wild cat can do when in fighting trim. Mr. Rogers reports the Canton colony prosperous and happy and all had a good time on the Fourth.

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WONDERS OF THE HUMAN BRAIN.

The human brain is the most marvelous machine in the world, says Harper's Magazine. It occupies less space in proportion to its capabilities than any machine ever invented. It sends a special nerve to every fibre of some 500 muscles, to many thousand branching twigs of arteries, to every pinhead area of the numerous glands which keep the machine properly oiled, heated or cooled, to some 16 sq. feet of skin, which is the outpost guard of its castle, with such completeness that the point of a pin can not find an area unguarded. It possesses special quarters for the reception and translation of a constant stream of vibrations that are the product of all things movable and still in the outer world. On the retina of every open eye is a picture of the outer view, a focussed imprint of every ray of light and color, and in the visual chamber of the mental palace stands a microscope, a magic lantern that receives the retinal picture in its billion speeding series of light waves and throws them upon its mental screen as a living, moving picture of light and shade and color. In the chamber of sound is a vibraphone, over whose active wires passes every wave of sound, from the dripping of the dew to the orchestral fortissimo, from the raucous screech of the locomotive to the sighing of the wind through the meadow grass. In the chambers set apart for scent and taste and touch are the secret service guards to report upon the air and food which give sustenance to the palace, and upon the solid qualities of the tactile world. And, wonder of all wonders, this complex human brain can think in all languages or in no language, and even conceive its own physical mortality.

—Detroit Free Press.

The City Council met in regular session Monday evening.

Mrs. F. A. Keep, Miss Ruby Durkopp and Norman Rogers returned from Butte county Tuesday.

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