

THE BANNER CITY

Who fixed the dilapidated walk in front of M. L. Marboe sample room?

Messrs. Whitley & Cline are contemplating putting in a store at Washburn.

The A. D. Pratt case was not tried yesterday morning, the case having been adjourned.

Gen. Peoples is east after his wife and little one—the latter as yet a stranger to Mr. Peoples.

Work is progressing satisfactorily again on the artesian well. The pipe is now down 920 feet.

Alex McKenzie leaves for the east in a day or two, as does also Messrs. J. W. Raymond and F. J. Call.

Messrs. Mercer and Coffey, from the city of Painted Woods, and Mr. Brande, of Washburn, are in the city.

Mrs. M. Holiday is located on East Main street in the dressmaking business. See ad. first page this paper.

The election of the people's ticket this spring means the material improvement and continued prosperity of this city.

E. L. McCane has just returned from a trip to Fargo. He says the people there are complaining of business being very dull.

The old-timers are looking among the host of new comers. After three months absence, the TRIBUNE man finds himself almost a stranger.

The building recently occupied by Big Hammer, in Third street, north of Main, is being moved to the rear of Union block, on Third street.

Give-dive Times: A new clothing hobo looked by Sig Eustace, of Bismarck, will be opened about April 1st in the Shaefer & Jones' block.

Mr. Swain not only brings a family of eleven persons, his household goods and hoisting works, but cows, horses, &c. He comes to be one of us.

W. K. Shirts, who is trying to entice Uncle Sam out of a valuable home and his rest, is in the city yesterday visiting numerous old friends.

Geo. T. Williams, son-in-law of Jas. Heath, a well-to-do farmer of Turtle Valley, has arrived from Missouri. He will henceforth till the virgin soil of Burleigh.

Steele is to have in all probability, in the near future, a new hotel which will be the best one in the city west of Fargo. It will be built by Ollinger & Jenny.

Frank Frisby, who succeeds Mr. Holmbeck in the drug business, is adding immensity to his stock, and purposes making his establishment first-class in every particular.

Mr. W. S. Bennett has purchased of M. P. Slater the quarter block south of his rest, and is to build a property sold for \$300 less than one year ago.

Mr. Stetler, of the firm of Stetler & Lillie has gone to Montana to look into the stock business. Mr. Stetler was at one time engaged in the stock business in Colorado.

The Berlin (Germany) Tribune in its issue of Feb. 14th, says it is truly wonderful how such a paper as the TRIBUNE is sustained in a city the size of Bismarck, Dakota, U. S. A.

W. A. Holmbeck having sold his drug house takes occasion to thank the public for its liberal support during the years gone by and cheerfully recommends his successor, Mr. Frisbee.

According to the Chicago Inter-Ocean the Barleigh county has to be strengthened by the accession of Postmaster General (Tyson) who will locate in Bismarck and practice law.

Register Rea states that 200 soldiers were taken last year in the territory now embraced in the newly formed county of McLean, of which Washburn is the metropolis and prospective county seat.

The hotels are all full. The Western house has turned away a dozen or more every night this week. There is room in Bismarck for another good hotel, and there is "millions in it" if the right location is struck by a general landlord.

Twenty-five new settlers for Washburn arrived last evening. They are principally Scandinavians, via, from Hudson, Wisconsin, and vicinity. John Satterland was on hand to receive them, and sends them on their way rejoicing this morning.

There was few wine at Charlie Williams' "grand ball" which he held in his dining room on the anniversary of Mr. Williams' establishment in business in the Banner city. Chris has the congratulations of hosts of friends on his remarkable prosperity.

The Midland Pioneer was a year old yesterday. Mr. Eitel says the paper is now established on a firm, legitimate and permanent basis. The TRIBUNE is glad of it and hopes the Pioneer may have in the future all the success it deserves.

The people of Montana recently advertised in the Detroit Free Press that Maudan was to be bought for \$500,000. This struck the TRIBUNE as a very funny thing, and it is curious that the people who advertised to write anything for the paper for two weeks.

The Hon. W. S. Dickinson, of Malone, N. Y., proprietor of the waste of Dickinson, sends an application to Secretary Gove for membership in the Kansas board of trade. That organization is to be congratulated on securing so valuable an accession to its membership.

The Fairview cemetery association held a meeting at the office of Flannery & Wetherby Tuesday night. A committee was appointed to look after the surveying and planting of the ground. A committee was also appointed to secure additional lots to the stock of the association.

Surveyor Geo. Reed is busy running the lines for the new addition to the city of Steele. This addition lies on both sides of the track and adds a large amount to the city. It is owned by Messrs. Steele and Whitley & Cline of this city. Lots will be on the market in a few days.

Bentley & Marsh yesterday received a letter from a man named Lafayette, who visited Steele some months ago, in which the writer asks for more copies of the Banner. The writer mentions the change of ownership of the TRIBUNE. He says he is "lost" since he left Bismarck, and he will return at once.

Capt. John Bell will have command of the Bismarck militia this season, and Billy Gould will be the adjutant. It is reported that the Tribune will be sold to the Tribune Co. of New York. The Tribune will be sold to the Tribune Co. of New York. The Tribune will be sold to the Tribune Co. of New York.

The TRIBUNE has received a copy of the Newington (Pa.) Globe, containing a letter from one of the Tribune's subscribers, who relates the first year's experience of the establishment on the Missouri slope. The writer sets forth the peculiar advantages of this method of farming, and the communication cannot be of any value in inducing immigration to Dakota.

Mr. T. F. Lee, of Martin, Tenn., writes to the editor of the Banner, enclosing a copy of the Chamber of Commerce edition of the TRIBUNE. Mr. Lee says he is coming to Bismarck, and if the statements of the paper are true he will remain with us. He also reports that many of his neighbors are thinking seriously of immigrating to this section.

A new postoffice is about being established in Hamlet, in Billings county, to be known as Bell-Id, and H. J. McDirney has been recommended for postmaster. A colony of sixty-five families from Postoffice, Illinois, will settle at Bell-Id in April, and their number is expected to be increased to 250 or 300 families during the summer. They are all well-to-do farmers who do not care to work high priced land when greater results can be obtained on cheaper farms.

S. A. Card, of Stanton, Mercer county, was in the city yesterday and reports things in that locality as booming. The McGrath brothers have laid out a town to be called Stanton, at the mouth of Kn's river, which is supposed to be a section of the country which is rapidly settling up. Mr. Card says there are now 125 families in Mercer county, and that the McGrath brothers own \$100,000 worth of lots the first day they put them in market. He claims it is a very considerable timber tract, and that the territory cannot be equalled in any state or territory in the Union.

MORGAN'S RAID.

One of the Most Thrilling and Daring Achievements of the War.

What Might Have Been an Unparalleled Success Balked by the Summer's Rain.

The Capture of Morgan and His Men—His Imprisonment With His Officers in the Ohio Penitentiary, and Their Strange Escape.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

The most daring and thrilling event of the civil war, as far as relates to Ohio and Indiana, was the raid through those states by the rebel cavalry under the command of General John H. Morgan. The history written while the passions of civil strife burned so fiercely does not do justice to this event or its originator.

The feelings of northern writers find vent in applying such vicious adjectives as "guerrilla," "horse-thief," etc., and this class of historians assert that Morgan's mission was to rob and run and not to fight! As destruction of property as well as life is one of the chief results of war, Gen. Morgan's enemies have unwittingly paid a tribute to his peculiar genius and wonderful energy. The most amusing criticisms on Morgan's style of warfare came from professional military men, who had been educated to think and believe that all cavalry movements should be conducted upon the well-defined principles laid down in the books ever since war had become a science.

According to the Federal officers at first sent to oppose Morgan's flying command, he ought to have been in certain places always within supporting distance of infantry; but he never was. It was like the Irishman's flea. When he put his hand upon it it was not there. Morgan's ambition for independent command, his bravery and daring and his genius, as well as the circumstances surrounding him at the beginning of the war, led to the formation of his peculiar tactics, whose chief object was to harass and confuse the enemy, rather than to fight and kill.

It was not until the Federal cavalry had a guerrilla as teacher, that that arm of the Federal service began to be independent, and by cutting the apronstrings that tied it to the infantry it became effective, and began the achievement of glorious and brilliant deeds.

I met the other day, in Cincinnati, Lieutenant Mottell, of Lexington, Ky., who commanded the escort from the Lexington rifles which carried from that city, one September night in 1861, the guns that armed the nucleus of Morgan's command. It is not my purpose to follow Morgan's command through all of its vicissitudes, or even to describe in detail the raid north of the Ohio river. This would require volumes. My object is to try and throw some light on his escape from the Ohio penitentiary, an event that has always been surrounded with more or less mystery, and which gave rise to stories of trickery and treason at Columbus that are not dead yet, although many of the participants are in their graves!

Morgan's achievements drew to his standard some of the best talent and bravest men in the south. It also called about him a class of characters who were more eager for plunder than for legitimate warfare. While his command was small he was able to and did control all excesses, but as it increased in numbers, owing to its peculiar character, it naturally deteriorated in character and discipline. When a battle was in order his ranks were seldom full, but when the bugle sounded for a raid more responded than he was able to arm and equip. To this element must be attributed the excesses committed by Morgan's men—excesses, however, which always exist in a civil war and from which the northern army was by no means free.

It was in the spring of 1863 that Gen. Morgan resolved upon the Ohio raid, and began to make preparations for it. Scouts were sent through Kentucky to examine the roads of the Ohio river at Buffington Island and other points; the place of crossing the Ohio river on the raid through the state was selected, as well as the general line of march.

The rebel army under Gen. Bragg lay around Tullahoma. His cavalry reached out on both flanks, and Gen. Buckner, with a small force, occupied East Tennessee. The rebel forces in Tennessee did not exceed 30,000. Gen. Rosecrans confronted Bragg's army with a reorganized and well-equipped army that far exceeded it in numbers, and which had already assumed the offensive.

Gen. Bragg was preparing to drop down out of eastern Kentucky and force his efficient strength to drive the rebels out of eastern Tennessee, while Gen. Judah, with an ample and efficient force of cavalry stationed at various points in Kentucky and Tennessee, was guarding Rosecrans' line of communication, and was expected to care for both the rear of Rosecrans' and Bragg's flank against any flying columns or force the rebels could send out to harass the army.

Gen. Morgan was the only man who feared. Complete preparations had been made to gobble him up should he ever venture into the state of Kentucky again. No one ever dreamed that Morgan would attempt the Ohio raid to the rear, and sent 30,000 regular troops in detached commands, and 100,000 militia, after 2,000 tired, exhausted and sleepy rebels. General Bragg had ordered General Morgan to create a diversion by a raid into Kentucky. In obedience to orders General Morgan crossed the Ohio river, and meant to cross it when he began his march. Every man in the expedition realized the danger of the undertaking, but they had unbounded faith in Morgan's ability to carry them safely through. On the 11th of June the column was in motion. It crossed the Cumberland river near Rome, and camped and prepared to attack Carthage, but abandoned the attack upon an order from General Bragg, who wanted him to hasten to Monticello, Ky., and intercept a raiding party of Federal cavalry under General Sanders. This diversionary and heavy roads and bad weather delayed operations. On the 24th of July the command crossed the Cumberland, which was food-full. One brigade crossed at Burkesville, Ky., and the other two miles above, after encountering great difficulties. Twelve miles away lay Judah's cavalry, which had moved up from Glasgow on the watch for Morgan. Basil Duke, the brains of Morgan's officers, says at this time the command numbered 2,400 effective men. Gen. Judah discovered Morgan's presence by running against him after he had successfully crossed a river, and the Federal general thought it best to capture Morgan and his command. On the afternoon of the 24th the advance guard reached Columbus and found Gen. Woodruff's cavalry. On the 25th

Gen. Morgan's rebels encountered a serious obstacle at Green river, and were repulsed by Woodruff's cavalry. The latter, after a long fighting and a severe repulsion led Morgan to evade what he could not carry without a great loss of life. During the next three days Morgan's army rapidly passed through Campbell, Bell, and Boone counties, and on the 27th Morgan's raid was a part of history, and Ohio and Indiana breathed more freely. Revenge succeeded fear and an enraged people, if permitted, would have sullied the great name of Ohio by hanging every one of the prisoners, had they been permitted. Gen. Basil Duke and his party were taken to Cincinnati, and placed under the charge of Gen. M. B. Mansion, the auditor of state of Indiana. They were kept for three days in the Hammond street station house, when Gen. Mansion sent the officers to Johnson's island, near Sandusky. During the Ohio campaign I met Gen. Mansion at Columbus, and he told me of his experience with the Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton. Without waiting for orders, Gen. Mansion proceeded to treat the captives as other prisoners of war. But it soon became manifest, instigated by that fierce spirit of injustice and ferocity that at times possessed its head, had determined to humiliate and degrade every officer in Morgan's command. The general says "I was disgusted by receiving one of the most brutal and insulting orders and reprimands from Stanton, because I had sent Duke and his companions to Johnson's island instead of the Ohio penitentiary."

A few days later Gen. Morgan and his officers arrived at Cincinnati and were sent to the Hammond street station by Gen. Burmside. Morgan protested against this treatment, and he had been branded as an outlaw by the Nemesis in Washington, and he had to submit with the best grace possible.

The prisoners, thirty-one in number, arrived the same day July 28th from Cincinnati, on the Little Miami road, and were taken from the train in front of the prison, and passed to the office between two lines of soldiers. They were received and confined in treatment not much different from that of the convicts. They were scrubbed in hogheads of water by negro convicts, and all their heads were shaved and their beards shaven off every day. Later Basil Duke and his command arrived from Johnson's island, and the whole party, numbering sixty-eight in all, were confined in the east wing of the prison. The first and second ranges of cells on the south side of the building were set aside for the distinguished prisoners. They were kept separate from the convicts, and were allowed the liberty of their cells during the day under certain restrictions. They were locked in their cells every night at 7 o'clock, and each cell was inspected to see that its occupants were in the ward of the prison, and that at that time was Nathaniel Merion. He was a narrow-minded man, and seemed to glory in playing the petty tyrant. The deputy warden was Dean, the creature to whom so much credit was given for the raising of the prisoners formed of Mr. Dean's character, and which have been preserved in history by Gen. Basil Duke, are not at all complimentary, and in some instances are very much to be regretted. At first all luxuries were denied the prisoners, and they were fed on the coarse prison fare. There was no tobacco, and the "head-devil," as the warden was called, and friends were permitted to send them fruit and other delicacies. Large supplies were stacked up for them in the office, when they were found, living better than he who was confined them all and appropriated them to his own use. In addition to the prison guards two soldiers were on guard every day, and for several weeks the closest watch was kept by newspaper reporters, but they were allowed to buy books, and in the covers of these their friends on the outside began to send them saws, knives and other articles, and by this communication each was kept informed of the other's plans and desires. No sane man in the city of Columbus has ever believed that the prisoners escaped without assistance from outside the walls of the prison. The men played marbles, checkers, chess, cards, and resorted to many expedients to pass time and soothe the weary monotony of prison life. Morgan and his officers were prisoners, decline to talk. They say the time has not yet come to tell the true story of their escape, because to do so would involve persons who are still in the ranks of the army. Dr. Starling Loving, who was the physician of the prison at the time, did much to soften the hardships of the prisoners by his kindness. The prison records show such orders as these: "Allow General Morgan to purchase a daily." "I think J. B. Cole needs clothing." "Mr. Barcus will permit Mr. Cunningham to buy butter, Mr. Jones to buy shoes, and Mr. Smith to purchase molasses;" allow Captain Hines to purchase a daily," etc.

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