

BLOODY BIRCH COULEE

Red-Handed Fighting Which Scared Little Crow Twenty-Five Years Ago.

Capt. Grant's Account of the Affair and Joe Brown's Part in It.

Lieut. Shehan's Very Timely Arrival and Col. McPhail's Hesitation.

Dead Horses for Fortifications and Over-Sized Bullets for Ammunition.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Birch Coulee will be next Friday. It was at first the intention of Col. H. C. Grant, Judge Egan and other survivors of the memorable event to celebrate its quarter century in commemoration with a reunion of all the survivors, but out of the 150 men who participated in the engagement, and of which two-thirds were from St. Paul, only about a dozen or so survivors now living anywhere in the vicinity of St. Paul and Minneapolis. So far as can be remembered the survivors are:

Of Company A, Sixth Minnesota Infantry, there are Capt. H. P. Grant, commanding; Sergt. George W. Brennan, Corporal James Auger, who acted as interpreter, and lives now at Mendota; Horatio Marsden, Charles Weed, Dan McCauley, Andrew Kilpatrick, William Kuyhinger, Joe Courville, the half-breed guide, now at Mendota, Paul Brunell and J. Trepannie, who lives at Newport, Wis.; P. F. Griswold and George W. Gardner, now of Minneapolis; Ernest Blazie, whose whereabouts is unknown; and Frank C. Stanley, who became insane from a bullet in the head, and is now at the soldiers' home at Milwaukee. W. H. Grant, a cousin of Col. Grant, was also in the affair, although not a citizen. Of Anderson's men there are Judge J. E. Egan, and William L. Hart, who fired the first shot. Gus Hohe, a compositor of this city, also was in the engagement.

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traded route was given me, both Col. Crooks and myself believing that the march could be made, and all details carried out and that we could return to Fort Ridgely on the evening of Sept. 1. I was further told that a few citizens, whose families or friends had been killed, were desirous of going along with the expedition, and I was requested to permit them to do so. Among the anxious ones Col. Crooks mentioned Maj. J. R. Brown, who feared his family had been killed, and Col. Crooks told me that Maj. Brown was well rested, that he could bear firing, volley after volley. Gen. Sibley and others had gone down to the spring and there was no doubt that a serious fight was going on. Gen. Sibley promptly ordered Col. McPhail to take three companies of Sixth infantry, three companies of his mounted men, and Capt. Hedrich's battery with two No. 12 cannon and to make a forced march to our relief. McPhail, the "brave," moved about eight miles towards us—half the distance, but he had a cow-bell with him (and left) he fell back to Fort Ridgely. Firing was still heard at the fort, and when this was ascertained he had got back to within three miles of the fort he was met with orders to turn back and lose no time until he reached Birch Coulee above where it entered the timber.

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STILLWATER NEWS. Arguments in the Car Company Cases Ended.

The arguments in the car cases came to an end yesterday forenoon and court adjourned. The jury in the first case concluded, but only taxed the attention of the court for fifteen or twenty minutes. The decision of the court will be rendered in a few days. The jury in the second case concluded, but only taxed the attention of the court for fifteen or twenty minutes. The decision of the court will be rendered in a few days. The jury in the third case concluded, but only taxed the attention of the court for fifteen or twenty minutes. The decision of the court will be rendered in a few days.

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Jersey volunteers, is in progress in this town and has attracted an immense crowd of spectators. Among the prominent persons here are Gen. John C. Fremont and Congressman Buchanan and others. They have been in the city for over twenty engagements, the war of the Rebellion, among others the battle of Monocacy, the Rapidan campaign, and the capture of Petersburg.

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at the corner of Forest and Case streets, twenty-nine very fine lots. This property is all desirably located near the manufacturing district of East St. Paul, and should call forth spirited competition.

DIED. HAYES—At St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 26, at 714 Fairfax street, John, eldest son of Bartholomew and Catherine Hayes, aged twenty-nine years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

ANNOUNCEMENT. I WILL SELL AT AUCTION TWENTY head of horses, at the corner of Fourth and Minnesota sts., Saturday, the 27th inst., at 1 p. m. Auctioneers, Weber & Fairchild, 255-259 Broadway.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight adulterated or phosphated powders. Sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 W. Wall street, New York.

AMUSEMENTS. GRAND OPERA HOUSE. L. N. SCOTT, Manager. LAST PERFORMANCES TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT! Family Matinee 2:30 To-day. ENGAGEMENT OF HAVERLY'S MINSTRELS! Recently reorganized and reconstructed. New Faces, New Specialties, New Songs, New Dances. Under the management of W. S. Cleveland. Secure seats early to-day. GRAND OPERA HOUSE. L. N. SCOTT, Manager.

ONE WEEK! Commencing Monday, Aug. 29, Saturday Matinee only. THE CHARMING COMEDIENNE KATE CASTLETON, In her greatest success, "CRAZY PATCH!" Supported by a superb company. New Songs, New Dances, New Music. Sale of seats now open.

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG! The Original and Only Successful WAR PANORAMA! STARTLING! REALISTIC! ACCURATE IN ITS SCENIC EFFECTS. Open Day and Evening. Cor. Sixth and St. Peter Sts., St. Paul.

ENTRIES FOR THE BENCH SHOW OF DOGS. Positively close on SEPTEMBER 1, 1887. Send them in at once. W. G. WHITEHEAD, Sec.

BASE BALL! TO-DAY. ST. PAUL vs. EAU CLAIRE! Game called at 3:30. Don't Forget the Date.

Hunting Boots. And all kinds of rubber goods as New York prices. Goodyear Rubber company, James Suydam, agent, 131 East Third street, between Robert and Jackson streets. Only store in St. Paul connected with Goodyear Rubber company.

Take the East Seventh Street. line of street cars to Forest street and you will be within five short blocks of the twenty-nine beautiful lots that are going to be sold at auction at 5:30 this evening.

On Consignment. At the great sheriff sale, 29 East Seventh street, has just been received a consignment of \$5,500 worth of fine boots and shoes. These are a part of the largest and largest jobbing house that has failed, and comprises many of the leading manufacturers' goods of the East. Our orders are to sell these goods at once, and we will sell them at a price which shall be seen to be a fair one. We are still giving away one of these elegant presents with each sale of the amount of \$10.00. Don't forget the place, 29 East Seventh street. Cheapest shoe sale on earth.

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