

# LOCAL NOTES

## CUSTER'S LAST FIGHT.

The Famous Battle of the Little Bighorn River.  
General George A. Custer was one of the most notable cavalry officers developed during the war of the rebellion. It was his fortune to be in the thick of the conflict within a few days after leaving the training school at West Point, and from that time until the day of his death his life was filled with strenuous work and stirring adventure, in which he was frequently exposed to deadly peril.

The closing chapter of his life, which came with what is known in history as "Custer's last fight," which occurred on June 26, 1876, was a tragedy, but he died like a soldier.

For a number of years after the civil war Custer had been engaged in Indian fighting on the frontier of the United States. Many of these engagements were among the most thrilling in the history of Indian warfare in this country.

The famous expedition which led up to the famous battle of the Little Bighorn river was started on May 17, 1876, when General Terry, his officers, of whom General Custer was one, and his troops left Fort Lincoln, Dakota. Every one realized that the campaign was likely to be a decisive one. It was planned to strike the Indians a serious blow—one from which they could not recover.

The advance was begun under favorable conditions, and the Little Bighorn mountains were reached on June 25 and the Indian village located. A slight accident gave the red men warning. Nobody knows exactly how the battle of Little Bighorn was fought. The statements made afterward by the Indians were contradictory, but they all agreed that Custer's appearance was a great surprise. The best evidence shows that the Indians closed in on both right and left and placed Custer at once on the defensive. Closer and closer the coil tightened around that plucky band. One after the other of the troopers fell, the horses were stampeded, the ammunition ran low, no messenger had been able to break through the lines, and the mortality among the officers was heavy.

Then Custer had his troops fire two volleys in succession, the usual cry for help. It was heard in Reno's camp. Its significance was understood, but no help came. Soon came the final act of the tragedy. The Indians closed in from all sides, led by the cruel chiefs Crow King, Gall, Crazy Horse and Rain-in-the-Face. It was a hand to hand fight. It was 150 against 1,000. Grouped about Custer were twenty or thirty desperate men. They fought with their leader, they fought for their leader, until the last man lay dead.

Not an American officer or soldier lived to tell the tale of "Custer's last fight." Never in the history of the world was the bravery, devotion to duty and perfect discipline of troops better illustrated. Almost without exception the bodies of the men were found just where they had fought. Each company was in the place assigned, troopers in line and their officers in position. They fought a losing battle, but they fought without flinching. They were killed, but not disgraced.—Detroit Free Press.

**Ambition.**  
Ambition causes a fool to jump at the moon and fall in the mud.—Chicago News.

**Unsatisfactory.**  
"Why is a kiss over the telephone like a straw hat?"  
"Because it is not felt!"

## General William Booth, Salvation Army Founder, Is In Feeble Health



General Booth of the Salvation Army is now practically blind, but he is still looking forward to an operation for a cataract on his right eye. He is deeply stirred by Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$10,000,000 for the promotion of the peace of the world. "What would I give for \$10,000,000 to help us win true peace!" he cried. "How would I spend it? That is no new question. Year in and year out we have pondered it, wondering when and whence the millions will come. There are many schemes and possibilities, but if they are to be effective all must begin with the one beginning, a university of humanity. This university for a beginning should have two centers—London and New York. It would be an institution to which the lowest, the humblest and the most degraded would be brought that they might be taught. The greatest and only abiding lesson would be forgetfulness of self. In these universities I would give men of healthy bodies the means of healthy work. I would have them trained mentally, morally and physically. I would see that the money was not spent on the few alone. Around each university I would have 1,000 halls, which by their brightness would attract each their thousands. There are so many ways of spending money in the direction of peace and yet making it reproductive that I cannot recount all. I only wish Mr. Carnegie would give me a chance."

**A Poultry Fable.**  
The hen returned to her nest and found it empty.  
"Very funny," said she; "I can never find things where I lay them."—Lippincott's.

For one who can stand prosperity there are a hundred that will stand adversity.—Carlyle.

**Asiatic Turkey.**  
Asiatic Turkey had a civilization thousands of years ago. The interior of that country is populated today by farmers to whom modern knives and forks are unknown; the spoons they use are of wood, and each family makes its own.

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**PORT ORANGE**  
A pretty little village situated five miles south of Daytona on the Daytona-New Smyrna road, the scenic highway of the East Coast. The town is located on the Halifax River, and is connected with the peninsula opposite by a bridge.

The town is well laid out and has many pretty homes. A large number of tourists and winter residents make Port Orange winter headquarters, one of the several attractions being the excellent fishing.

A short distance west of Port Orange are the remains of the old Dunlawton sugar mill, a place that is visited every year by hundreds of tourists. One time all the country west of Port Orange, surrounding the old mill, was a vast indigo and sugar cane plantation. The mill was operated extensively in those early days but has been in disuse for forty or fifty years.

A very interesting drive from Daytona is by ocean beach to the approach of the Port Orange bridge, across the bridge and then passing through the principal street of Port Orange to the ruins of the celebrated old sugar mill, returning to Daytona by the road on the mainland.

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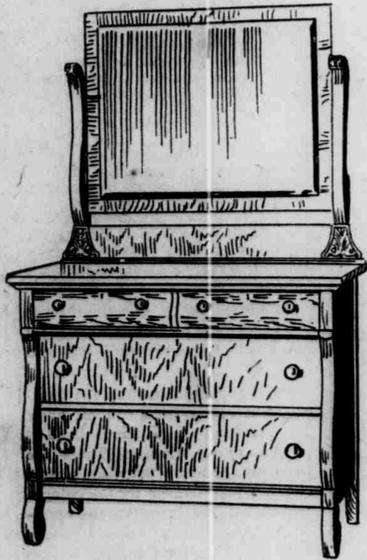
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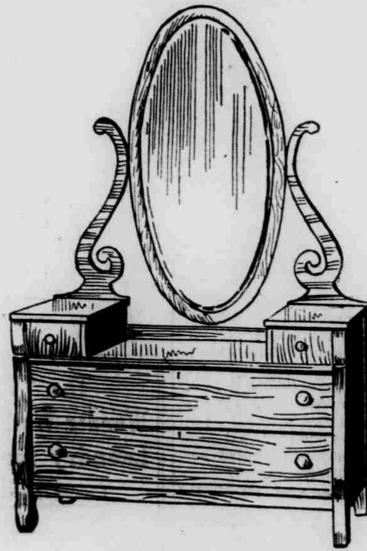
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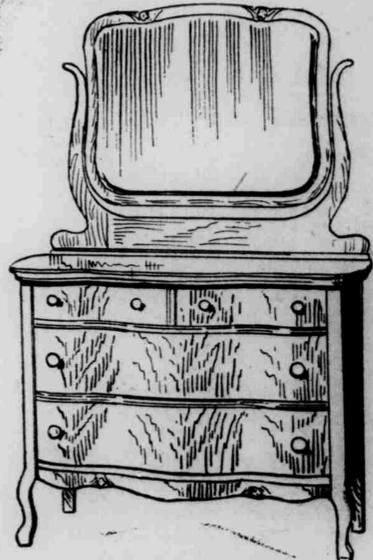
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