



Contemporaneous Accounts of Events in the History of the 98th Ohio.

Campaigning in Kentucky.

By THE LATE J. M. BRANUM.

Camp near Crab Orchard, Ky., Wedner flav. Oct. 16, 1862.-I last wrote on Sunday night a confused account of the battle, but it was the best that could be done under the circumstances. The next morning we were on the road early, and after marching awhile found we had taken the wrong road, and were countermarched and went up a winding creek at a rapid gait to make up for lost time. We passed many beautiful farms, and at 1 o'clock camped in a fine grove near the 15th Ohio, and many of the Belmont County boys were over to see us.

The next morning we were marching

through the aristocratic country near Dan-

Bragg's army was ahead of us, and be ing well provided with wagons and mules, kept well in front. Our regiment came into Danville, and lay in a back street while several divisions passed on ahead. Bands were playing and the troops marched well. To every four regiments was a battery of artillery, and many of the flags carried had been riddled with bullets. Near by was the Hon. J. J. Crit-tenden and his family, watching to see his son go by, who is a Major-General in our army, and who got off his horse and was welcomed by them as his command came along. The old man has a son high in rank in the rebel army also. We marched on that night until dark, and our regiment was ready at 3 o'clock the next morning, but was kept waiting until 11 o'clock, while other troops were passing ahead. We at last got started, but there were many miles in our rear covered with troops. We traveled on until 1 o'clock in the morning, the men and mules being almost gone up from fatigue. The country injured as one would imagine, although both armies have recently passed through it, but the people will be short on corn, straw and have to build new fences, as these are all used up by the troops. I will never forget the scenes at the hospi

HOSPITAL SCENES.

The rebel hospitals were in worse con dition than our own. I talked with wound-ed rebels, from the worst dressed in butwith the very men who fought in front of us. None entertained the malignant feelings toward us that are exhibited by

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We started on the road, as before stated, the short column of men contrasting strangely with the long lines the regiment formerly turned out. Many were left in town, sick, and I could only assert the soldiers light that town, sick, and I could only count 430 muskets in line. We did not feel so uncomfortable, as we could defy the rain with well-shod feet and gum blankets. Some of the boys were lively, and it would be a difficult job to find a better or hardier set of men than what is left of the 98th. Out of town the roads were fairly good,

soil sandy, and it was this condition of things that found us starting on our jourin Kentucky.

around us all that afternoon. The only thing that saved us was the rebels fired too high; they did well enough, however. I would like to be at home to tell you all the boys would tell the gate-keeper they would like to be at home to tell you all the came back."

The daylight wagons were insued and we were insued and we were ready for marching, and we wended our way through the country about such as I have described. The road had been traviety to boys would tell the gate-keeper they would "pay as they came back."

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and from a wagon train they will make up tents, using the brush for bonfires. The take Morgan at Green River, as we had a

After supper the rools wash dishes and the soldiers light their pipes and others will sit around, occupied in various ways, and so continue until the bugle calls for "lights out." We were up at the bugle call of reveille at To'clock the next morning, after defying the cold night in our warm blankets, the stars yet shining brightly and the heavy frost covering everything white all around. Soon blazing fires were coaking breakfast, and by ing fires were cooking breakfast, and by daylight wagons were leaded and we were about the battle as I saw it, for I saw it come on and went through it, the same as one would a big thunder storm. I hope we will go on to Nashville, but many say we will go on to Cumberland Gap. The

Near Lebanon, Ky., Dec. 30, 1862. As you will see, we are again at Lebanon and very glad of it. The military neces sity for our coming here was the rebels under Morgan getting between us and sity-for Louisville and cutting railroad communi cations. About 4 o'clock last night we received orders to go, and without waiting o cook supper packed up and at 6 o'clock started off, traveling all night, and arrived here at 4 this morning. Amid the rain to-day and mud we succeeded in getting tents up, fives built, and now we are try-ing to dry ourselves off. During the march ing to dry ourselves off. During the march last night it cleared up some, and the mere being anxious to get to their journey's end, marched briskly and in good spirits. The teamsters had a hard time to get along; wagons were loaded with our heavy camp equipage, although we left many things behind. The Thirty fourth Brigade showed up well as it marched along the road, with the 6th Ky. Cav. in advance, the battery of brass cannon and cassions next, then the four regiments, with their 70 wagons, in the rear. When we came to our journey's end we soon had hundreds of fires burning, the men coming in with rails from all directions to feed them, and around the fires we coiled and tried to get

some rest and sleep before daylight.

At noon a camping place was selected permanent enough until we move again as it is expected Morgan will attempt to attack this place. We have made all preparations for an attack. It is snowing and blowing, cold to-night, and I hope we will not be disturbed, at least until morn

FORTY MILES THROUGH A WILDERNESS Near New Haven, Ky., Jan. 9, 1863.-I wrote a few lines as we were getting int Lebanon. Since then we have had one of the hardest journeys the 98th Ohio has made yet, the distance being 40 miles, and through a briery, hilly wilderness. It may be said there were no roads at all, for in most places there was none. The por mules could hardly pull their loads, an the men had to go without supplies half the time. In one hour after we got into our camp at Lebanon we were ordered to cook rations and prepare to march. There had been plans made to get up an expedi-tion to try and cut off Morgan's command, tion to try and cut off Morgan's command, which was at Elizabethtown, 12 miles away, but, as usual, our Generals were uncertain of his force, estimating it much greater than it was. Scouts came in re-porting it heavy, and half-scared Union men reported the same.

The plan was to mount all infantry in

wagons and pursue. It seemed a great idea to those who planned it, but did not prove very effective. Milner and I cooked our day's rations, rolled up blankets and were ready. We waited a long time, and Were ready, we wated a foligitine, and twee ready, we wated a foligitine, and at 7:30 next morning, and trayeled through a wilderness for a great part of the way, and reached our destination at the way, and reached our destination at last and found it was a small town which

boys worked hard all the afternoon, and by night we had everything up and camp force on the other side of it. The river was about eight miles farther on, and after we had gone half the distance we heard firing. Arriving at the crest of the hill overlooking the river about dark, we were just in time to see smoke arising from the burning Green River bridge. properly arranged, and all sat down for supper and talked over "what had been from the burning Green River bridge, Morgan had crossed and burned it, and it was useless for us to go farther. We were ordered down in the river bottoms, and in the thick woods our campfires soon illumi-nated the scene. The anxious and ambi-tious Kentucky officers would not stay long on the banks of the river. Wagons were sent down stream to a ford, and they and the men were crossing all night. At 2 o'clock in the morning our regi-ment was aroused, and soon as coffee was made we were off. We arrived in Columbia at 10 o'clock, and our brigade turne into its old camping ground. Saturday, fearing the river would rise too high to cross, we began our return. After four days' traveling we have reached Lebano:

(To be continued.)

Why He Wanted to Be Insulted. New Orleans Times-Democrat,

"Whenever I see a regulation railway

and petrified pies under glass shades—I am reminded of a queer little incident that occurred several years ago at Texarkana. "I was on the train coming down to New Orleans from the Northwest, and we stopped at the place to get supper. The depot was provided with such a lunch counter as I have described, and when I took possession of one of the stools I found myself next to a typical cowboy, with wide white sombrero, leather leg-gins, enormous spurs and a pair of big eye to the angle of his jaw, and his whole appearance was so sinister and forbidding that I edged instinctively as far away as ild get. A few minutes later a big. coal-black negro came sauntering in and deliberately seated himself on one of the stools at the other side. The passengers who were eating exchanged glances of dignation, but he was a vicious-looking fellow and nobody eared to invite certain trouble by ordering him out.

me on the shoulder.
""Scuse me, stranger,' he said in a hoarse whisper, 'but will you please call me a —— liar?'
"What?" I exclaimed in amazement.

the tough cowboy leaned over and tapped

What? I exclaimed in amazement.
"I want ter git you to call me a —
liar, if y' don't mind,' he repeated, still in
a whisper; 'beller it right out so as everybody kin hear." 'But why should I call you that?'

"'But why should I can you that, nsked, beginning to doubt his sanity, "Well, I'll tell y',' he replied earnestly, 'as soon as you do, I'll rip and cuss some, and then I'll pull out my gun and take a at you."
Take a shot at me? said L in alarm.

"'Yes,' said he, 'but it's all right—I'll miss you and accidentally hit the nigger, e? Go ahead now and cut loose,"
"I begged hastily to be excused. sured him that I liked the idea, and didn't doubt his marksmanship, but I was a little nervous about firearms, and-well, I hardly know what I said; but I gulped down my coffee as quickly as I could and made a bee line for the outer air. Before the train started I encountered the cowboy on the platform. He was looking

gloomy. "You didn't get a chance to put your little scheme into execution? I remarked inquiringly. "'No, doggone the luck!" he replied, 'I couldn't get a single white man to insult

This Will Interest Many. F. W. Parkhurst, the Boston publisher, says that if any one who is afflicted with rhoumatism in any form, or neuralzia, will send their address to him at box 1501, Boston. Mass., he will direct them to a perfect cure. He has nothing to sell or give, only tells you how he was cured. Hundreds have tested it with success.

Natives Regard Lake George With Superstitious Dread. Lake George, situated about four miles from the railway station at Bungendore, New South Wales, has for wany years engaged the attention of scientific men by reason of the singular and inexplicable phenomena connected with it. by reason of the singular and inexplicable phenomena connected with it. The estimates of its size vary considerably, according to circumstances, but when moderately full about 20 by seven miles will be found tolerably correct. It is about 2.267 feet above sea level, and inclosed on two sides by gigantic towering mountains rising in grassy slopes from the results.

STRANGE AUSTRALIAN LAKE.

rising in grassy slopes from the water's edge, and assuming vaster and vaster proportions as they recede from it. At either end the land is fully 100 feet above the highest recorded surface of the lake, highest recorded surface of the lake, which possesses no known outlet, although it is fed by numerous mountain creeks.

The lake was discovered by a bushman in 1820, and was known to the blacks as the "big water." Shortly afterward it was visited by Gov. Macquarie, by whom the control of the property of the control of t again, and accomplished little in a mili-tary way. The trip was severe on the men. We don't know when we will move it was named Lake George, and who was an azed at the immense numbers of wild fowl seen floating on its surface. It was

then supposed to form the source of a riv-er having its mouth on the south coast, but subsequently visitors were much per-plexed at the manner in which the blacks avoided the lake, of which they appeared lunch counter," said a man at the Texas & Pacific depot—"I mean one of the kind with high stools and stacks of doughnuts covered with trees: another explaining covered with trees; another explaining that the whole of the water sank through the bottom and disappeared; while other remembered the lake only as a series of

small ponds.

During the following 20 years consider able variations were noticed in the depth and extent of the lake. In 1841 the lake became partially dried up, the moist por-tions being simply grassy swamps. A few months later large numbers of sheep were pastured in the bed of the lake, but fresh water had to be carted for the use six shoters hanging low down over his of the shepherds, that of the lake being hips. A livid scar, evidently the result of a knife wound, ran from the corner of his eye to the angle of his jaw, and his whole 1852, the year of the great floods in that part of the colony, when it again became filled with an average depth of nine fect. Since then the surface level of the lake has varied considerably, but the bed has never been so dry as in former years.

There are indications that many hundred.

There are indications that many nun-dreds of years ago the lake covered a far larger area than any yet recorded, re-mains of trees over 100 years old being found in spots formerly under water. The saline character of the lake is the more remarkable by reason of its being fed by pure and sparkling fresh-water streams. It is a favorite resort of sportsmen, there being an abundance of edible fish; while ducks, swans, pelicans, spoonbills, and other kinds of wild-fowl are found in my-

A Chinese Estimate of Woman's Worth.

A woman's value in China, says R. E. Speer, in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, is as the mother of sons. Beyond that she lives for the service of man, sometimes even for the dead. I heard of a girl who became engaged and was married to a dead man, whose parents did not think it right that he should be a bachelor in the spirit world. In South China there are in some places baby markets, where infant girls can be bought for 50 cents or infant girls can be bought for 50 cents or less. Dr. Martin, President of the Dowager Empress's new university, says that not one woman out of 10,000 can read a book understandingly. I asked a group of Chinese once why the women were not taught. One replied, "We consider women inferior and unworthy." A second said, "The women are considered of not very great use." A third answered, "The Chinese have many immoral poyels and keep women ignorant so that they cannot read these." A fourth said, "Woman's work is in the house. She has no business with anything outside."

Soon After the Event.

"Won't you give me your new baby brother, Nellie?" asked a visitor of a little four-year-old miss.

"No, indeed!" replied Nellie, "I want him to play with. But I'll get you a piece of paper and you can cut the pattern of him"

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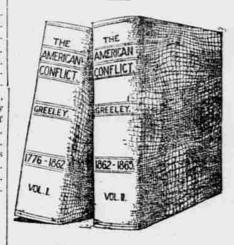
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