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OLD TIME HORSE SWAP

Leading Features Just the Same as They Are In the Back Lots Today.

A MATCH BETWEEN KIT AND BULLET.

Judge Longstreet's Story of Famous Trade In Georgia Is Still Repeated In York County With Variations; But Without Much Improvement.

its settling was more like the note of

locust than anything else in nature.

disposition, from uncontrollable activ-

movement of his limbs, which was pe-

Bullet's motions." Here Bullet bristled

up, and looked as if he had been hunt-

"Boo-oo-oo!" said Bob, with a flutter-

Bullet turned and came in pretty much

twitching the bzridle and kicking at

the same time. These inconsist-

ey were staked on him.

trading!"

The stranger, whose name I after-

wards learned was Peter Ketch, hav-

ing examined Bullet to his heart's con-

the shade, though a glance was suffi-

the decided advantage of him in point

"Ride him off. Neddy!" said Peter

"Trot him back!" Kit came in at a

ong, sweeping trot, and stopped sud-

"Well," said Blossom, "let me look a

"Examine him," said Peter, taking

'he's nothing but a tacky. He ain't as

"Neddy, take a couple of sticks, and

proceeded Peter: "but he's just as good

"No," said Peter, "nor I neither. I'd

"Blame my buttons,"

Kit put off at a handsome lope.

as he went out.

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During the session of the supreme compare sights to sounds, I should say -, about three weeks ago, when a number of people were collected in the principal man riding up and down the street, as ity, or from an unconquerable habit of group of citizens, then to another; then dashed off at half-speed, as if cultarly interesting. fleeing from danger; and, suddenly canter. While he was performing these Smart knows the hoss. Come here, gain." various evolutions he cursed, swore, in every attitude which man could assume on horseback. In short, he cawhich, in our tongue, expresses all that I have described, and a little more), and seemed to be setting all creation at defiance. As I liked to see all that his beauties spread in handsome style. is passing, I determined to take a position a little nearer to him, and to ascertain, if possible, what it was that affected him so sensibly. Accordingly I approached a crowd before which he could see nothing in it that seemed to short space of fifty yards. have anything to do with the cavorter. Every man appeared to be in good humor, and all minding their own business. Not one so much as noticed the principal figure. Still he went on. naturally) disconcerted Bullet; for or child that ever walked these hills, ed again. He stopped, and was urged ger," said he to me, "did you ever see out a gait of his own that completely himself, switched his tail, danced a lit- British soldiers they led were cowards, with the intention of making an attack the Vallow Blossom from Jasper?"

I began to feel my situation a little to the satisfaction of the owner. man somewhat advanced in years, who home again, and he walked as if monstepped up and began to survey the Yellow Blossom's horse with much apparent interest. This drew the rider's attention, and he turned the conversation from me to the stranger. "Well, my old coon," said he,

you want to swap hosses?" "Why, I don't know," replied stranger; "I believe I've got a beast I'd

cock; you're just the lark I wanted to of intellect. get hold of. I am perhaps a leetle, jist a leetle, of the best man at a horseswap that ever stole cracklings out of Bullet? Oh, I see, you've no notion of chase. his mammy's fat gourd. Where's your

"I'll bring him presently; but I want to examine your horse a little." "Oh, look at him." said the Blossom alighting and hitting him a cut-"look at him! He's the best piece of hossflesh in the thirteen united univarsal worlds. There's no sort o' mistake in little Bullet. He can pick up miles on his feet, and fling 'em behind him as fast as the next man's hoss, I don't care where he comes from. And he

looked as if he understood it all, behis head. Nature had done but little me when his head is high enough." corn: but if his ribs and hip-bones had have done it: for he was in all respects die, and dashed off in grand style, and has, for old Kit's both blind and deef, as cheerful and happy as if he com- would have stopped all further nego- I'll be dod drot if he ein't!' manded all the corn-cribs and fodder- tiations by going home in disgust, had stacks in Georgia. His height was not a traveler arrested him and partook somewhat of that of the giamends for all his defects. All that he won't do any harm if you watch do to compliment the artist, Bullet did. the same capers there he does here. His tail was nicked in superior style, He's a monstrous mean horse." and exhibited the line of beauty in so many directions that it could not fail amining him with the nicest scrutiny. to hit the most fastidious taste in Having examined his frame and limbs some of them. From the root it he now looked at his eyes. dropped into a graceful festoon, then rose in handsome curve, then resumed eves," said Blossom, its first direction, and then mounted half inches. The whole had a careless his eyes, if you please, sir.' and bewitching inclination to the right. Bullet obviously knew where his beau- head rather as if something pricked ty lay, and took all occasions to dis- him under the chin than as if fearing play it to the best advantage. If a a blow. Blossom repeated the experistick cracked, or if any one moved sud- ment, and Kit jerked back in considdenly about him, or coughed, or hawked, or spoke a little louder than common, up went Bullet's tail like lightning; and if the going up did not to travel of a dark night as if he had please, the coming down must of nec-

essity, for it was as different from the

The first was a bold and rapid flight

himself that nothing in particular was

shorter, and faster and shorter still,

to be done; when he commenced drop- at me."

into its natural position. If I might dollars boot."

other movement as was its direction. "If I like them eves!"

teresting appendage until he satisfied much white as Bullet's."

then in triple time, then faster and ter, now make your pass."

grees. In this position he kept his in- but they'll do-if they don't show as

until it finally died away imperceptibly hosses. You must give me twenty-five

"No."

"Oh, certainly; say fifty, and my addle and bridle in. Here, Neddy, my son, take away daddy's horse."

"Well," said Blossom, "I've made my pass, now you make yours." "I'm for short talk in a horse-swap

and therefore always tell a gentleman at once what I mean to do. You give me ten dollars." Blossom swore absolutely, roundly,

and profanely that he never would give

"Well," said Peter, "I didn't care about trading; but you cut such high shines that I thought I'd like to back you out, and I've done it. Gentlemen ou see I've brought him to a hack." "Come, old man," said Blossom, T've been joking with you. I begin to think you do want to trade; therefore, give me five dollars and take Bulle's. I'd rather lose ten dollars any time than not make a trade, though I hate

to fling away a good hoss." "Well," said Peter, "I'll be as clever were jubilant. They thought the blow as you are. Just put the five dollars

Either from native sprightliness of it's a trade." Blossom swore again, as roundly as before, that he would not give boot: I supposed, in a violent passion. He removing files by the stamping of the and, said he, "Bullet would't hold five galloped this way, then that, and then feet, Bullet never stood still, but al- dollars on his back nohow. But, as the other; spurred his horse to one ways kept up a gentle fly-scaring I bantered you, if you say an even swap, here's at you."

"I told you," said Peter, "I'd be as "I tell you, man," proceeded the Yel- clever as you;; therefore, here goes plan adopted by the British commanchecking his horse, returned first in low Blossom, "he's the best live hoss two dollars more, just for trade sake. der was to advance through the couna pace, then in a trot, and then in a that ever trod the grit of Georgia. Bob Give me three dollars, and it's a bar- try, establish garrison's at convenient

Blossom repeated his former asser-Bob, and mount this hoss, and show tion; and here the parties stood for a were designed to be so many places long time, and the by-standers (for of rendezvous for the Tories and loyaling for Bob all day long, and had just many were now collected) began to ists. His majesty's troops were exverted most magnanimously (a term found him. Bob sprang on his back taunt both parties. After some time, however, it was pretty unanimously deing noise of the lips, and away went cided that the old man had backed Bullet as if in a quarter race, with all Blossom out.

At length Blossom swore he "never would be backed out for three dollars is enhanced in value, when we reflect after bantering a man;" and, accordingly, they closed the trade. "Now," said Blossom, as he handed

"Now trot him by." Bullet reduced his tail to customary, sidled to the Peter the three dollars, "I'm a man stopped for a moment, and examined right and left airily, and exhibited at that, when he makes a bad trade, it with the strictest scrutiny. But I least three varieties of trot in the makes the most of it until he can make a better. I'm for no rues and after-"Make him pace!" Bob commenced

After a semicolon pause, which my ap- it was impossible for him to learn trade with. Here's your hoss, old man. pearance seemed to produce (for he from them whether he was to Take the saddle and bridle off him, eyed me closely as I approached), he proceed or stand still. He started and I'll strip yours; but lift up the fetched a whoop, and swore that "he to trot, and was told that wouldn't do. blanket easy from Bullet's back, for could out-swap any live man, woman, He attempted a canter, and was check- he's a mighty tender-backed hoss." The old man removed the saddle, or that ever straddled horseflesh since to go on. Bullet now rushed into the but the blanket stuck fast. He atthe days of old daddy Adam. Stran- wide field of experiment, and struck tempted to raise it, and Bullet bowed turned the tables upon his rider, and tie, and gave signs of biting.

jig, the minuet, and the cotilion. If perhaps, a leetle of the best man at a it was not a pace, it certainly had pace horse-swap that ever catched a coon." Peter continued to pull at the blanket call it anything else; so it passed off more and more roughly, and Bullet became more and more cavortish, inso- all the American colonies, General Lesawkward, when I was relieved by a "Walk him!" Bullet was now at much that, when the blanket came off, lie was sent by General Clinton from he had reached the kicking point in New York with a corps of three thougood earnest.

The removal of the blanket disclosed Leslie set out from New York about sore on Bullet's backbone that seem- the 10th of October and landed at ed to have defied all medical skill. It Portsmouth, Va., about the middle of measured six full inches in length and the same month. The object for which four in breadth, and had as many feat- General Leslie was sent to Virginia, upon Kit, a well-formed sorrel of the ures as Bullet had motions. My heart was to destroy all the public property Brierly's ferry. At Winnsboro, Cornmiddle size, and in good order. His sickened at the sight; and I felt that belonging to the Americans and pretout-ensemble threw Bullet entirely in that situation deserved the halter. The prevailing feeling, however, was tisan leaders in the south. cient to satisfy any one that Bullet had

that of mirth. The laugh became loud and general at the old man's expense, and rustic witticisms were liberally fall of Charleston and matured and at-"Why, man," said Blossom, "do you bring such a hoss as that to trade for bestowed upon him and his late pur- tempted to be put in execution on the These Blossom continued to defeat of Gates at Camden. Cornwalprovoke by various remarks. He asked lis expected to advance to Charlotte the old man "if he thought Bullet where he would meet the brave Pawould let five dollars lie on his back." trick Ferguson, and having established

and had never discovered before that to Portsmouth. he had a sore back, "or he never

hold of the bridle close to the mouth; feelings quite so well. His eyes opened King's Mountain and literally annihiroused by the cuts at his father. He tates of a wise policy, he retreated to had taken the field. bore them as long as he could; and, Winnsboro and ordered Genera. Leslie to what he uttered: "His back's mighty sad news to Leslie. He had expected

"The devil he is!" said Blossom. "Yes, dod drot my soul if he ein't! the undertaking of the Americans about twelve hands; but as his shape brought him back; but Kit did not You walk him, and see if he ein't. His as leve go agin the house with you, or in a ditch, as anyhow. Now you go try the state. These were followed by men concave. Bullet's tail, however, made saw. He ain't as gentle as Bullet, but him." The laugh was now turned on Blossom, and many rushed to test the their bleeding country. Marion and the artist could do to beautify it had him. Shall I put him in a cart, gig, or fidelity of the little boy's report. A few his men were lurking in the swamps yond controversy.

During all this time Blossom was ex-If you can only get Kit rid of them lit-"He's got a curious look out of his tle failings you'll find him all sorts of at a horse-swap that ever I got hold "Oh yes, sir," said Peter, "just as to a perpendicular of about two and a have clear eves. Make a motion at Neddy, my son, let's be moving; the stranger seems to be getting snap-Blossom did so, and Kit threw up his nish

NO HEAVEN FOR HIM .- The opporunity to "speak out in meetin" was never more eagerly grasped than by mother He had reached the when the minister called upon all in the imposing sight of General rivers. sired to live a better life and enter the promised land to signify the same Cornwallis to General Lincoln at upward, usually to an angle of 45 de- rather have 'em made of diamonds; by standing. mained seated, the worthy reverend

HALL.

which precedes a rising sun.

O'Hara surrendering the sword of Earl

ward through North Carolina and Vir-

Yorktown.

want to go to heaven, too, don't don his original plan to advance north-"No, I don't!" quickly came the reply in tones perfectly audible to the entire congregation. "I want to go home, and pretty blamed quick, too!"
Needless to say, his desire was granted.

"No, I don't!" quickly came the reply in tones perfectly audible to the safet Leslie was called say why General Greene divided his say why General Carolina and viriation. There was nothing for Morgan's flanks thought was favor to rest upon. Everything was favor to rest upon. All his troops were so great saile for Tarleton. All his troops were sailed south from Virginia, the traitor, Arnold was sent thither with a consideration of the United States since the time of Columbus was never so great and best informed author-time was nothing for Morgan's flanks. There was nothing for Morgan's flanks to rest upon. Everything was favor to rest upon. Everything was favor to rest upon. All his troops were sainly flanks to rest upon. Everything was never so great that the boundary granted as the best informed author-time was nothing for Morgan's flanks. There was nothing for Morgan's flanks to rest upon. Everything was favor to rest upon. Everything "Well, I'm never afraid to price my

SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE REVOLUTION

How the Spirit of Liberty Was Kept Alive By an hundred men prisoners, set out for the so closely pursued that he could not do Unconquerable People.

By REV. ROBERT LATHAN, D. D.

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places, and thus keep in subjection the

novices in the art of war. It was the

today justly proud. American liberty

that it was won by raw militia against

plans for subjugating the whole of the

sand choice troops to the Chesapeake

any forces to the assistance of the par-

These plans of the British officers

pining over past misfortunes. Their

This was not the dream

with fire and sword. He fought with The Battle of Cowpens. the same mad desperation now for the Everything in this world is attended British that he had once fought against vith uncertainty. When the British captured Savannah and Charleston liberty as recklessly as he had once

and in a short time after literally demolished the army of General Gates at A junction of the forces under Corn Camden, the people of Great Britain wallis and Arnold would have ruined the cause of American liberty. With nad been struck which would reduce the American colonies into subjection that Cornwallis could do to hold his to the British crown. The British ofown. He contemplated advancing into icers in South Carolina thought they North Carolina, but not by the way of nad nothing to do now, but by easy Charlotte. It was his intention to pass up Broad river and thus flank the peake. This done, Georgia, South Carcotch-Irish of the "Hornet's Nest" relina, North Carolina and Virginia, tion. This move he designed making would be reduced to hopeless servitude so soon as he was joined by Genera On the thirteenth of December Gen-

eral Leslie landed at Charleston. Here he found orders directing him to join Cornwallis with all possible speed with one thousand five hundred and thirty men. Cornwallis needed the whole of the forces under the command of General Leslie; but in order to protect harleston it was necessary to leave me half at that point. This shows what a turn things had taken pfter were spent in procuring transportaofficers trained in the best schools of tion wagons and horses.

Europe. Those who talk about Cora- On the nineteenth of December, Gen wallis, Tarleton and Rawdon as fools Leslie set out to join Cornwallis by and cowards, suffer their judgment to way of Camden. As early as the first e perverted to blind prejudice. No of November, Cornwallis had begun braver man ever drew a sword or com- to make preparation for his advance ne who fell on King's Mountain. No man understood better how to make a country to stir up the loyalists and rictory complete than Tarleton. To ascertain the feeling of the inhabitants out general Cornwallis or out fight The British were not easy. They could Tarleton is the highest encomium that not feel that they were altogether safe can be passed upon any officer. To The emissaries could learn nothing of thwart the purposes and disconcert the any importance favorable to the Britplans of these men as our fathers did, ish and besides the country abounded s sufficient to write their names on the with floating rumors of the hostile highest niche of military fame. Those movements of the Americans. A rewho say that the British officers were port was brought to Cornwallis that destitute of military skill and that the the "mountain men" were collecting either have never studied the history upon Ninety-Six. The horrors of "No," said I, "but I have often heard certainly deserved a patent. It seemed "Don't hurt him, old man," said Blos- of the Revolutionary war or have stud- King's Mountain presented themselves

That Cornwallis might be enabled to Ninety-Six from experiencing a similar execute with ease and promptness his fate with Ferguson and his men, Tareton was sent out to look after these mountain men." The rumor had no foundation but in the fears of those who first reported it and those who afterward circulated it. Finding that the report of the advance of the "mountain men" had no foundation in fact, Tarleton a short time after the battle of Blackstock,

moved down and camped on the east side of Broad river at what was then wallis was making all preparations for the brute who had been riding him in vent General Washington from sending the contemplated move into North Carlina. The country was scoured in search of horses to mount his soldiers and draw his baggage wagons. The were concocted immediately after the sick who had been quartered in private families in the neighborhood were brought into camp, and the arms and

He declared most seriously that he and fortified Charlotte in a way similar reduction of the country, the American had owned that horse three months, to Camden, he would then advance on officers were not idle. General Gates had collected the fragments of his In the meantime the Whigs of Geor- army at Hillsborough, North Carolina. should have thought of trading him," gia and the two Carolinas were not idly Here the troops had been reorganized. The Maryland and Delaware lines but strange as it may appear, neglect-The old man bore it all with the defeats had only stimulated them to were consolidated and put under the most philosophic composure. He invincible energy. On the seventh of command of Otho Holland Williams. evinced no astonishment at his late October-a few days after Cornwal- The remains of those regiments, fordiscovery, and made no replies. But lis reached Charlotte-Patrick Ferguson merly commanded by Baylor, Bland and dred and fifty mile, and if Kit ain't his son Neddy had not disciplined his and his whole army were surrounded on Moyland, together with some recruits and crossed the river near the mouth were embodied into one regiment and of Turkey creek on the fourteenth. wider and wider from the first to the lated. A chasm was made in the plans put under the command of Lieutenant The orders which he had received from nothing. But he's a monstrous mean last pull of the blanket, and when the of the British chieftain which no strate- Colonel William Washington. About Cornwallis were to "push Morgan to horse, gentlemen; any man may see whole sore burst upon his view, aston- gy could span. The advance in the di- the same time, Daniel Morgan was the utmost." These orders he deterthat. He's the scariest horse, too, you ishment and fright seemed to contend rection of Virginia was impossible un- made brigadier general and assigned to mined to carry out to the letter. goodly countenance, rather expressive ever saw. He won't do to hunt on, no- for the mastery of his countenance. der the existing circumstances. The the southern army. Recruits from Vir-

how. Stranger, will you let Neddy As the blanket disappeared, he stuck region around Charlotte swarmed with ginia joined Gates about the same natural appearance of fierceness was have your rifle to shoot off him? Lay his hand in his breeches pockets, heav- Scotch-Irish Whigs. To remain in time. A division of North Carolina On hearing of Tarleton's approach thrown into it by the loss of his ears, the rifle between his ears, Neddy, and ed a deep sigh, and lapsed into a pro- that locality was to jeopardize his militia under Sumner and Davidson as and his superior force, Morgan at first

shoot at the blaze in that stump. Tell found reverie, from which he was only whole command. Following the dic- well as a volunteer corps under Davie, retreated. This was what Tarleton ex-After the unfortunate battle of Camwhen he could contain himself no lon- to leave Portsmouth and join him in den, congress either having lost confi- Broad river, into the hands of Cornger, he began, with a peculiar interest South Carolina. This must have been dence in General Gates or having grown wise enough to correct a former Creek church. The plan was good but Ned made a tremendous rattling, at bad off; but dod drot my soul if he's to hear of Cornwallis far on his way error, determined to supply his place not disclosed the fact, he never would which Bullet took fright, broke his bri- put it to daddy as bad as he thinks he to Virginia when he landed at Ports- with a more efficient man. The honor mouth. Heretofore every victory had of making the selection was awarded Morgan's camp, but found no one crowned every effort of the British and to the commander-in-chief. General nothing but apparent defeat attended Washington selected for his important field Nathaniel Greene, at that time ing his baggage at this point, Tarieton The country was not as we have quarter-master general. Gen. Greene pushed forward with all possible speed, already seen, subdued. Partisan lead- was assigned to the command of the taking a circuitous route as if intenders had sprung up in all sections of southern army on the thirtieth of Oc- ing to flank Morgan. He marched all tober 1780. He resigned the office of night. About midnight a rumor of the who were ready to suffer and die for quarter-master general and set out at advance of some "mountain men" disonce for the south. General Gates had turbed Tarleton's thoughts and he con been done; and all that horse could wagon for you, stranger? He'll cut experiments established its truth be- of the Santee and Black rivers, ready ough to Charlotte. General Greene arwhenever an opportunity presented it- rived at Charlotte on the second of action before the junction with Mor-"Neddy," said the old man, "you self to emerge from their watery hid- December and on the next day formaloughtn't to try and make people dis- ing places and pour destruction and by took command of the southern he had heard and whom he dreaded. death into the ranks of the invading forces. It was only the frame work of On he pushed, as if his very existence foe. Sumter and his illustrious coad- an army consisting as it did of only depended upon engaging Morgan at jutors were in upper and western four thousand five hundred troops, a once. He scarcely expected that Mor-South Carolina, breaking up military large number of which were undisci- gan would dare to encounter him alone a horse. You are a leetle the best man posts and slaughtering the troops of plined militia. After having made the hence he thought that all he had to do necessary arrangement for supplies, in order to capture Morgan and all his suddenly upward like a cypress knee blind as a bat. Blind horses always of; but don't fool away Kit. Come, mediately before the battle of King's General Greene divided his army into force, was to get up with them. Mountain, it seemed as if the sun of two detachments. One was to take American liberty had gone down to rise post on the right of Cornwallis and the seventeenth Tarleton and his force the other on the left-the detachment came in sight of the American camp. no more. It was only the darkness on the right to be commanded by Tarleton was disappointed. Instead out. On few subjects has there been On the Sabbath morning after Pat- Greene himself and to be stationed in of finding Morgan retreating in disor-

rick Ferguson slept his last sleep on Ches erfield county, on Hicks' creek. der, men were drawn up in battle arthe rocky summit of King's Mountain, This post was about seventy miles ray. Morgan was one of those men Record-Herald, who recently accom- to rise before by the Americans. The Cornwallis. The detachment on the the evening before, he had determined time onward it continued to flow in fa- gan was to be stationed in Spartanburg place where Morgan was encamped vor of the patriots, until it terminated

icans nor the British had any correct ridge, about four hundred yards dissigned to the command of the southern gan. Tarleton had a strong cavalry

General Morgan and Colonel Wash ngton having but recently returned acteristics of Morgan was that he alrom a tour in the region around Camden, in which they captured a British post at Rugeley's Mill, making the reason that Morgan had determined to mmander, Colonel Rugeley and one risk a battle, was the fact that he was

Lacey at his camp on Turkey creek in When the British force came in sight, York county. Lacey and his men Morgan's men had breakfasted and broke up camp and accompanied General Morgan. The American force now under the command of Morgan, consisted of four hundred continental in- rounds of powder and ball prepared be fantry and about one hundred cavalry, fore he retired to rest. The order in together with about five hundred mil- which the troops should be arranged itia Near the last of December, Morgan encamped in the neighborhood of read to the officers on the evening be-Pacolet Springs, in Spartanburg coun- fore. The troops were marshalled in ty. From this point Washington with accordance with the following order: his cavalry was frequently sent out to The Georgia and Carolina militia, in scatter small parties of Tories and de- front. These were commanded by Mcstroy the military depots of the Brit- Dowell, Cunningham, Hammond and ish. These excursions of Washington Donnelly. Immediately in the rear of alarmed Earl Cornwallis. The counthe militia, was Colonel Howard's comtry was full of Tories and British soldiers who prowled through the country nental infantry and two companies of under the command of Bill Cunning- Virginia militia. These last were comham or his subalterns. These parties manded by Taite and Triplett. On kept the Whig settlers in continual ter- the left of Howard, was Pickens con

came in contact with eight British solteeth. These Sam managed by adroit- road a short distance in the rear of the ness, to capture and march for eight advance guard. The cavalry was dimiles into Morgan's camp. On pre-General Morgan asked with no little surprise, "How on earth Sam did you was placed the seventy-first regiment, manage to capture eight men?" With plied, "Faith may it please your hon

or. I surrounded them.' Determined to put a stop to Morgan' and triumphant in its end-the surren-

trance into North Carolina. So soon as The militia now fell back to the sec-Winnsboro up the ridge which divides the waters of Catawba from those of that the militia would give way, had to deceive General Greene was to move at which the three forces were to unite,

was King's Mountain. On Sabbath, the sixth of January Lord Cornwallis with the main army set out from Winnsboro for King's Mountain. Little did he and his troops think of what sad misfortunes awaited Tarleton in driving away Morgan, he cer crossed Broad river. The under standing between Tarleton and Cornwallis was that the latter with the Creek church, in York county, on Satmmunition got in readiness for a urday night after he left Winnsboro.

> wait for Leslie. march up Broad river and although the roads were very bad pressed forward his men to charge them with the bayo- high explosives by means of a small

On the next day he gained certain intelligence of the position of Morgan. pected. His plan now was either to destroy Morgan, or drive him across wallis, who he thought was at Bullock's failed in its execution. On the evening of the sixteenth, Tarleton reached there. Morgan had left it only a few hours before Tarleton arrived. Leavgan of the "mountain men" of whom

It would seem that neither the Amer- the rear of this ridge is another similar

Morgan for the region between the Morgan's were militia. Military mer not to risk a battle. One of the charways depended upon his own judge region beyond Broad river. On the otherwise than fight. Such however, evening of the twentieth and morning was not the case. Morgan had conof the twenty-first of December, Mor- templated fighting at the Pacolet on gan and Washington crossed Catawba the 15th, but retreated that he might river at Wright's ferry, and joined gain some advantage.

were ready for the conflict. On the evening before, Morgan had ordered each rifleman to get twenty-four for battle was also written out an ror. To break up these gangs of high- mand; on the right Triplett and Beaty. way robbers and bloody scouts was a Colonel Washington with the cavalry part of Colonel Washington's duty. In was stationed in the rear. The horses some of his expeditions daring feats of belonging to the infantry were tied at individual courage were exhibited. One a convenient distance in the rear of the whole.

Tarleton's vanguard advanced an deployed across the road, with a ravine vided and stationed in the rear to the senting the result of his day's work, right and left of the road. In the rear and in a line parallel with the cavalry. under Major McArthur as a reserve. ory was sure. About nine o'clock Tarleton, who was in the front line of the British, gave the order to advance on with his famous legion. At this With a shout the column rushed formenced a movement thrill- ward, expecting the American militia to break and flee in confusion. In this they were disappointed. The militia stood firm and when the British came in Illinois the vote in favor of Se within range, discharged a well aimed volley which thinned the ranks of the enemy. The British pressed forward, tion of the people. The conventions of ton and submitted to Cornwallis and shouting and firing incessantly. The both parties in Iowa have declared in by him approved, was for Tarleton to militia fell back to the ranks of the push Morgan beyond the Yadkin and line commanded by Pickens. The Brit- ators. In several New England states thus leave the country open for an en- ish now rushed forward with bayonets. this reform is being agitated.

Broad river. General Lesite, in order declared it as a part of his plan that the militia were to fire and fall back. along the eastern side of the Catawba, Tarleton seeing the militia giving way, keeping opposite Cornwallis. The point ordered a general charge. The Americans met him with a firmness which would have done credit to any troops The contest was fearful and the result cause black powder is an intimate doubtful. Soon the line of the enemy began to bend. McArthur now bustibles which burn with great rabrought up his reserves. This animated the yielding British and the contest them. That he might co-operate with was renewed. Never did men fight harder. Everything was done by both commenced his march before that offi- parties that could be done and the con- and the rapidity of the explosion test was in fearful doubts. McArthur attempted to gain Howard's flank. than that of gunpowder. The Howard ordered his first company to of all high explosives is a chemical main army would be at Bullock's charge the British. The company mis- combination of certain taking the command to charge for an substances. Nitrogen is an inert eleorder to fall back, the whole line now For some reason Cornwallis failed to began to retreat in disorder. Morgan tain a firm grip of the substance meet his engagement and strange to with the greatest presence of mind oractively engaged in preparing for the say gave Tarleton no intimation of his dered it to fall fack behind the cavaldelay on the way. Cornwallis stopped ry and halt. This checked the retreat. at Bull Run in Chester county, to Tarleton ordered another charge. When the British had approached stance which, while reasonably stawithin a short distance of Howard's ble under certain ordinary conditions, all its details as suggested by Tarleton, men they were ordered to face about can be put into a condition of such and fire. This they did and literally ed to carry it out. On the eleventh of January, Tarleton commenced his dead British. The living were brought stantaneous decomposition is exploto a halt. Howard seeing this, ordered sion, and it is brought about with

> were in the utmost confusion. Some of Tarleton's cavalry had gained the rear and were slaughtering Mc-Call's militia by the wholesale. Colonel Washington saw the condition in which explosion ensues. things were and dashed in upon the cavalry of the enemy and put them to ally consists of a shell containing a flight. The British infantry and cavalry were now so mixed up that it was mercury, with which is sometimes impossible to rally them. The few of mixed a chlorate, and a detonator

> the British who were not wounded or must be of such size and power as to killed fled in every direction, each man be capable of bringing about this for himself. The history of the Revolutionary war contains no more wonderful battle tages at the outset were all on the side end were all on the side of the Americans. The American loss was twelv killed and forty-eight wounded. The British loss, by their own account was all sizes. Cordite consists of guncotone hundred killed and five hundred ton, nitroglycerin and mineral jelly, and twenty-three taken prisoners. The spoils which fell into the hands of the vent, acetone, which is dried out of Americans were all the enemy's baggage, thirty-five baggage wagons, eight hundred horses, two standards, two muskets. The victory was just as complete as any victory could be. Tarleton filled with sorrow, fled from the battlefield and never stopped until he crossed Broad river at Hamilton's

MORE INDIANS THAN EVER .- The Since 1860, at least, the national enu

Miscellaneous Reading.

ELECTION OF SENATORS

Many States Have Held Primaries For

That Purpose. sentiment in favor of the elecion of United States senators by the many advocates of that plan because it would require an amendment to the ect, has been realized by the action taken in more than a dozen states legislatures.

During the past summer primary elections were held in eleven southern ratify the action of the people by forpressed wish of the people. Oregon and

Of the thirty vacancies occurring

favor of this method of electing sen-

and Nitroglycerin.

But to obtain full effect from high with which it is united, and such substances are said to be unstable.

In the production of high explosives the object is to produce a subexcessive instability that it will destructure of the high explosive that the latent instability is invoked and

A detonator for this purpose usucompound known as fulminate of condition of molecular instability to be fired, otherwise a portion of the charge may not be destroyed and remain a subsequent danger in a mine

or elsewhere. A safe and characteristic high explosive of the propulsive order is the cordite which is used in firearms of the mixture and leaves finished cordite as a horny, tough substance, re-

sembling celluloid in appearance. Naturally in the production of ar explosive the dangerous processes must be minimized, and cleanliness, accuracy and great care are required. The nitrogiycerin used in cordite is a substance made by acting upon absorb a quantity of N. G., technically it is a dangerous liquid, but it can be made safe by certain admixture of

other materials. Thus dynamite is merely Kiesel guhr or distomaceous earth, calcined and clean, which has been allowed to absorb a quantity of N. G. The quantity absorbed must always be less than the capillarity of the cellular diatoms enables them easily to repound, is as dangerous as the unabcharged there is no capacity for innocuous compression and the full danger of an incompressible, unstable liquid may be developed by the most

trivial cause.
In cordite, though solidity has been attained, the dangerous instability has been so far overcome that only by ignition can it again be brought

facts of the official record completely disprove the popular notion that the Indians in the United States are dying more indiscriminate guessing than the original number of the Indian population, which was long immensely exagthe sun rose as it had never been seen from Winnsboro, the headquarters of who always retreat reluctantly. On gerated by imagination. Nothing is now more certainly known than that tain without drip or overflow. Kietide of victory had turned. From this left to be commanded by General Mor- in his mind to retreat no further. The the assumption of a dense native population when this country was discovcounty, between the Pacolet and Broad was called the "Cowpens." A ridge ered is utterly unfounded. It was, on crossed the road at right angles. In the contrary, exceedingly sparse, vast sorbed liquid, because when fully regions being entirely uninhabited.

Torktown.

Until General Leslie would arrive.

Greene probably did not know that Lesfavorable for such a force as that large, increase of the Indians, amountwalked down the asse and stopped beside him, at the same time gently "Well," said Blossom, "make a pass inquiring: "My dear little boy, you Winnsboro. He did not however, aban-wallis know that Greene had been as-favorable for Tarleton than for Mortury and the total now being 234,000. And Major Charles F. Larrabee, acting commissioner of Indian affairs, who is army. It would only be conjecture to force, whilst Morgan had only eighty.