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WHERE IN SALT RIVER?

This question is frequently asked by persons of both political parties—by Democrats because they have generally received tickets for that famous locality, and by Republicans because they only escaped a trip to the head waters of the saline stream by good luck and greenbacks.

The Bloomsburg Democrat thus explains the origin of the phrase "Gone up Salt River!"

Many years ago, the famous Davy Crockett was a candidate for Congress in the district of his home, in Kentucky. It was the custom in those days for the opposing candidates to meet, each other "on the stump," and publicly discuss the issues of the campaign for the edification of the people. Crockett had made an engagement to meet his opponent at a given point in a remote part of the district, for the purpose of the usual discussion. The place was at a distance from the home of either of the candidates, and as there was no way of reaching it except on foot or by water, Crockett hired a negro who knew the country to row him to the place. He never would own a negro, and as he had the reputation of not liking them, his opponent easily succeeded in bribing the darky to land Crockett in a strange and wild part of the country, near the head waters of Salt River, and leave him in the woods. Crockett was accordingly abandoned by his guide, and left to get back as he could.

Finding out the imposition which had been practiced upon him, and knowing that he could not meet his adversary at the time and place appointed for want of a guide and the time to make the journey, Crockett made no attempt to do so, and his opponent denounced him as a political coward who had failed to keep his appointment. As no one knew where Crockett was or how he had been deceived, his friends turned against him, and his opponent was triumphantly elected.

In the meantime, however, Crockett was not idle. He found a "squatter," with whom he made his home while he prospected the rich country in the vicinity. In a short time he returned to a civilized neighborhood, and induced a number of settlers to make their homes in the new region he had discovered. They prospered finely, and were of course extremely grateful to Crockett. The story of the trick played by his opponent spread, and at the next election Crockett was sent to Congress by an overwhelming majority, which was considerably augmented by the votes of the settlers on Salt River, by whom he was ever held in grateful remembrance, and who, with a large majority of the people of the district, always remained his faithful friends and supporters, reelecting him to Congress at the close of his first term.

Such was the origin of this popular term, which has ever since signified a political defeat. In the case of Crockett, however, the trip up Salt River proved to be highly beneficial both to himself and to his native State. Crockett secured two terms in Congress, and Kentucky secured a faithful representative, and some of the richest lands in the State.

GEN. GRANT'S FORTUNE.

President Grant is said to be worth \$600,000, invested mostly in real estate in Philadelphia, Washington, St. Louis and Galena.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

There is something very strange about this matter. Gen. Grant was quite poor at the commencement of the war, and if every cent of his pay had been saved, and the value of the houses, &c., presented to him were added to the sum, it would not amount to even \$200,000, without deducting anything for his expenses—family, cigars, w—aternmelons, &c. Where and how did he amass this large fortune of \$800,000? Did he really receive that sum "for the use of his name on the ticket," as was reported? Or was the story of the cotton speculation true?

We don't think the General would steal, and as the *Ledger* is good authority, it looks very much as though the Radical had been compelled to pay a round sum for the use of Grant's name on their ticket. We don't blame the General—the disgrace of being the candidate of such a party is well worth \$800,000.

THE NAUGHTY MAN.—The editor of the Philadelphia Evening Star says:

"It is a discreditable fact that at least one-third of the respectable ladies who promenade Chestnut street of afternoons, have paint and enamel de Paris smeared on their faces."

Won't some strong-minded woman cowhide the naughty fellow? How does he know?

No paper will be issued from this office on Thanksgiving day.

SLIGHTLY MISTAKEN.

The *Rea Number*.—On Tuesday evening, 17th instant, John Duffy, of Mahanoy City, and Thomas Donohoe, of Ashland, Schuylkill county, were arrested and taken to Pottsville. They had a hearing before Charles Frailey, Esq., charge with the murder of Major Alexander W. Rea, and were sent to prison to await a further hearing. Writs of habeas corpus were issued, and a hearing had in the case before Associate Judge Jacob Kline at the office of F. W. Hughes, Esq. The testimony given by the witnesses was of such character as to cause them to be remanded back to prison. Thomas Donohoe was brought up as a witness from Philadelphia, to which city it is said he had gone to purchase tobacco. His evidence is reported to have been to the effect that some time ago Duffy and Donohoe called at his house in Palo Alto to secure his aid in furnishing two men to commit murder and robbery upon the person of Major Rea. That failing in the time to come to terms, Duffy and Donohoe left, and afterwards informed him that they had procured the services of the men needed to carry out the plot. Donohoe was also held for trial.—*Pottsville Standard*.

If the editor of the *State Guard* lives to see the *Eagle* advocate "impartial" (negro) suffrage, there will probably be a match for Methuselah in Pennsylvania. There is a great difference, in our opinion, between an intelligent white woman and an ignorant negro. We advocate female suffrage because we believe it would prevent negro suffrage and negro equality. We are certain that the white women of the United States have too much respect to assist in degrading them selves to the level of the debased and brutal Southern negroes. We believe the American women intend to elevate themselves by the use of the ballot, whereas negro equality can only result in social, moral and physical degradation.

THE MONCRIEFF GUN CARRIAGE.

This important invention, which has already been briefly alluded to in the *Ledger*, and is referred to in the recent report of Gen. Humphries, of the Engineer Bureau, is more particularly described as follows:—The principle of the carriage may be exemplified by imagining a musket to be fixed to the top of the back of a rocking chair and fired. The chair rolls back with the recoil, smoothly and evenly, without the slightest jar; and, if it be caught and stopped at the lowest position, the gun may be loaded. If the chair be then released, it must instantly roll back to recover its balance, and bring the gun once more to the top. By firing again, the process is repeated, and therefore the gun will always be discharged from a high position, and instantly brought to a lower level, to be again prepared for action. This is the essential principle of Moncrieff's device. The rocking chair, or elevator as it is called, weighs six tons, and the weight is so distributed that in the position of equilibrium the gun is at the highest point. The bottom of the elevator is rounded like the rollers of the rocking chair, and the instant the gun is fired the recoil sets the machine rolling, and brings down the gun some feet below the parapet. There it is stopped by a common catch or pawl, working on a toothed wheel, like that on a windlass or crane. When the gun is loaded, the pawl is removed by a handle, the gun springs up, the shot is fired, and the piece comes down again to the loading position. It is stopped by a common catch or pawl, working on a toothed wheel, like that on a windlass or crane. When the gun is loaded, the pawl is removed by a handle, the gun springs up, the shot is fired, and the piece comes down again to the loading position. It is stopped by a common catch or pawl, working on a toothed wheel, like that on a windlass or crane. 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