

Note. to and from the Siege of Lawrence.

We stumbled upon the following memoranda of incidents and accidents upon overhauling the kit of a fourth Sergeant of the Kansas Militia, who has left the Territory, we suppose more in anger than sorrow.

May 11. To day arrived in Leavenworth City anxious for glory and a loading-letter, saw some other patriots on the levee, inquiries made of me as to my soundness on that remarkable bird the Goose. Patriots satisfied with my soundness, borrowed all my money from me, felt dubious as to who the goose was; struck peculiarly with the pugnacious qualities of some of the citizens of Leavenworth, great anxiety manifested on all sides to meet Abolitionists. Conspiracy rife in our midst, arrests made, and the most salutary methods to check the onward stride of Abolitionism adopted; hanging to be a minor punishment; however no convictions, nor no executions.—Felt hungry toward the evening, looked anxiously for patriots who so kindly borrowed my money from me, but look in vain. Nature abhors a vacuum, so do I, felt how poor a panacea for hunger was. Night approaches, mount guard four hours, arrest an intoxicated man who took all my cigarettes for the countersign, legs me to heat; call Sergeant of the Guard, Sergeant of the Guard calls me a fool, feel resentment, but still the same; superior officer. Sleep at last, and thank with pleasure how many more uncles there are around me besides myself.

May 12. Wake at daylight, most intense excitement, soldiers getting tight all around, feel inclined to pitch in myself; conquer myself, remember the holiness of the cause, and resolve not to allow myself to get fuddled. Ten o'clock, gallant Captain assembles the boys for a grand parade, shoulder my musket and attend, are informed that the eyes of the country are upon us, that great deeds and Abolitionists are awaiting us, are advised not to be too precipitate, but rush on boldly and be killed; felt the glory of the suggestion, but cavilled inwardly at the humanity of it. Orders to be ready for the road at one, but on account of unavoidable circumstances, and probably the proximity of greggians, did not leave until five P. M. A cortege small but determined winds its way slowly to the westward, composed of all sizes of men, and clad in any kind of uniform, with the ever ponderous musket. Wonder to see so few of the most gaseous citizens in the crowd, understand they stay behind to make arrangements. Conclude making arrangements is their forte. Our cavalcade rendered most imposing by our oxen, whom every one of the company appear to be driving. Oxen pause often to reflect, and when they have ascertained the voice of the majority, plod on steadily. Ladies gaze fondly on us thus marching forward to meet the enemy. Nothing occurs to detract from the sublimity of the scene, but an unsuccessful attempt on the part of one of the company to kiss a young urchin, who kept continually gyrating his fingers at the end of his nose, thereby reflecting upon the military appearance of the company. At length one whole mile from town and completely in view of the same, a halt is made, with all the pomp and circumstance of war, and our grounds posted, have myself an honorable post in a swamp, where two refractory sentries keep continually passing for out-post; am kept very busy remonstrating with them on their conduct; felt peculiarly how uncertain life is on the tented field. Backed upon one one occasion when returning to my post after an uneventful chase after the aforesaid sentries, by me a sinner landed by above and within a few paces of me, demanded of me the countersign; asked him peculiarly if he was gassing? He replied by checking his musket, when I, in a sententious voice accommodated him with the countersign, and thus saved my life. Kept whistling the balance of the night to keep from being shot. Observed two individuals approaching me, asked in a gentlemanly manner who they were, answered officers of the guard; told them to go to it, and received a severe reprimand for my courtesy and was told how for the future to hold persons at bay; felt that taking into consideration how seldom I had acted in a military capacity, that this was proving on the agony too thick. Mysteriously relieved by two gentlemen to whom I whispered the infamous countersign, which was, whiskey, and went to bed i. e. to grow relieved in more senses than one.

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