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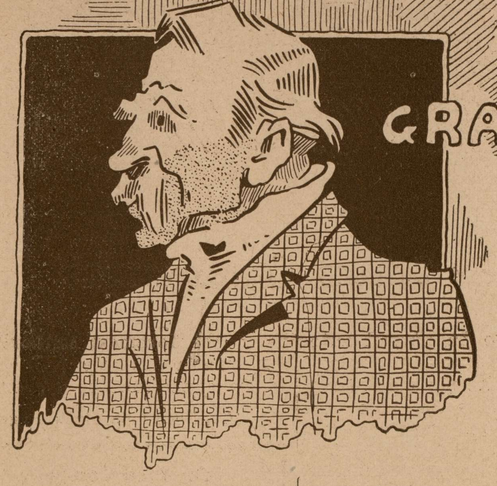

WHAT OUR DADDIES AND GRAND DADDIES DID 60 YEARS AGO IN BALTIMORE C

The American of June 24, 1864, quotes gold at $2.35 in New York City.

The following item will prove of interest to many of our readers. The killed and wounded have many relatives and friends in the county, the Georg Seipp mentioned at having lost an arm is the veteran Crier of the Circuit court, the father of Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master of Masons of Maryland: "More Martyrs to the Union Cause—In a private letter from our old friend Lieut. Charles A. Conner, of the 7th Md. Regiment, we learn with the most profound regret that Samuel Willis, son of John Williss, Esq., of Warren, and John Goodwin, son of the late Benjamin Goodwin, of this vicinity, both of the 1st Maryland Regiment, Col. John W. Wilson, were killed in the late battles before Richmond, whilst Nicholas Bull, son of Loadman E. Bull, of Warren, and George W. Seipp, son of Conrad Seipp,, of the 10th district, were both seriously wounded in the same battles, the latter having his arm amputated in a Washington hospital. We can only say that the bereaved parents and friends of these young men have the sympathy of the entire loyal community for the loss of their noble boys, and whilst this alone is but a small recompense for the loss of a noble son, they have the gratification of knowing that they died in a just cause, and a grateful people will forever reverence the names of those who died in defense of their country. We hope the wounded soldier boys may yet be restored to their families and friends."

The War—From the Army of the Potomac we have really nothing of importance. Grant's whole forces lie immediately in front of Petersburg, and the Rebel army still appear to be stubbornly resisting any farther aggression on our part. A few days, however, and probably ere we go to press further developments may be made, for we are assured that Gen. Grant will not much longer delay the attack on the Rebel army, and when he does, we have the fullest confidence that the result will be a decided victory to our arms.

The following interesting account of the death of Henry Clay, published in the American of July 22, 1864, will,, we believe, be very interesting to many of our readers:

"The Death of Henry Clay—The triumphs of Christianity are innumerable. But few of those triumphs are more signal than that witnessed in the penitential yet peaceful death of Henry Clay. He was at Washington. He had often expressed that wish that he might die in the midst of the scenes which had been rendered memorable by his arduous life. From the commencement of his sickness he was conscious that he could not live. As the dread realities of the eternal world opened before him the grave, resurrection, judgment and endless ages—he expressed the most earnest desire that he might have an interest in that great redemption which alone can take from death its sting.

"His expressions of regret that he had not consecrated his manhood, as a desciple of Jesus, to the service of his Saviour, were exceedingly impressive and apparently heartfelt. In fervent prayer he confessed his sins and implored forgiveness. Most emphatically he declared his faith in the doctrines of the gospel, the fall and sinfulness of man, the atonement as the only ground of the sinner's hope, the necessity of renewal by the Holy Spirit. 'I endeavor,' said he, 'and I trust that I do repose my salvation upon Christ. I have never doubted the truth of Christianity. I now wish to throw myself upon it as a practical and blessed remedy.'

"He desired to receive the emblems of the Savior's broken body and shed blood, and his wish was gratified. 'Being extremely feeble,' says the Rev. Mr. Butler, 'and desirous of having his mind undiverted, no persons were present but his son and servant. It was a scene long to be remembered. There in that still chamber, at a week-day noon, the tides of life flowing all around us, three disciples of the Saviour, the minister of God, the dying statesman, and his servant as a partaker of the like precious faith, commemorated the Saviour's dying love. His eyes were dim with grateful tears, his heart was full of peace.'

This scene strongly reminds one of the dying hour of Napoleon. He too in that dread hour felt the need of a Saviour. At the close of his stormy life his soul also craved that support which religion only can give. In the gloom of his cheerless room at Longwood, in the anguish of approaching death, alone, all alone save the presence of the Abbe Vignalia, he confessed his faith in Jesus, and vowed his trust in the atonement.

The sufferings of Henry Clay were at times very severe. But unrepiningly he assented to the sentiment that every pang was needed; that after a life so worldly, so tempted, so yielding, he needed peculiarly discipline of chastening. And when at last the dying moment came, as his spirit was leaving the body, his lips trembling with the utterance, repeated again and again, 'Lord, have mercy upon me.' Thus pleading he passed away to the throne of Him who said: 'Ask, and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find.'

"Reader, you will soon be upon the bed of death. Have you, by penitence for sin and trust in the Saviour, prepared for that dread hour? If not, then commence that preparation at once. Do not wait until the dying hour. That hour may never come. You may be summoned to appear at the Judgment without a moment's warning! Then be always ready 'for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.''

Very many of our older people remember the raid of Harry Gilmor, the famous Confederate, through Baltimore county in July 1864. This raid takes up the greater portion of the columns of the American on July 22, 1964, and as it was probably the most exciting event in which Baltimore county figured covering the entire period of the war, we will give a number of articles from that issue:

"The Entree of the Guerillas—As many of our readers will no doubt be anxious to know by what route the thieves headed by Gilmore entered Baltimore county, and left it, we will give the information as far as we are acquainted: They came by way of Westminster, and before entering Reisterstown part of their gang were deployed for the purpose of stealing horses. At Reisterstown, where they arrived early on Sunday morning, they again separated, a apart going toward Baltimore, and Gilmor and his gang going towards Cockeysville. On the latter route some of the most foul and damnable traitors live that ever the devil had an influence over, and of course they were well treated.

"At Shawan, four miles west from Cockeysville, they again separated, the main body still under Gilmor, going to Cockeysville; others were sent to Texas, Chestnut Ridge, Quaker Bottom, Ensor's Manor, Black Rock &c., to steal, each squad leaving the main body apparently having orders to separate again and again if they had on opportunity of stealing anything like dry goods and horses. From Cockeysville, on Sunday evening the main body of those who came down Worthington Valley came into Dulaney's Valley, whilst a small squad came into Towsontown, remaining here about an hour when they left for the neighborhood of Bob Gilmor's, where the gentry were lying and being handsomely entertained by the friends of these gentlemen (?). An exceedingly happy time was had of course, but they were obliged to move on that the trains on the Philadelphia Railroad might be intercepted on the next morning on their way to Philadelphia, agreeably to a previous arrangement no doubt.

After leaving the residence of Robert Gilmor, a man who has done more to injure the Government than any fifty rebels in Baltimore county, they proceeded up Dulaney's Valley, robbing Union men and leaving rebels unmolested; they entered the Long Green Valley, and camped on the farm of Joshua C. Price, Esq., until 3 o'clock on Monday morning, when they proceeded on their way towards Mr. Day's house and Gunpowder bridge, burning both. At the former place they received an exceedingly warm reception, as will be seen in another article. After having accomplished all they intended, or having stolen all the horses aand dry goods that Union men had, they came back by way of Towsontown on Monday, having Gen. Franklin a prisoner, where they were met by a great many of our rebel sympathizers, both male and female; but their pleasures were soon ended by meeting a squad of Union cavalry, when a skirmish ensued, the result of which is really not known, except that one rebel saddle was emptied and another rebel had a bullet through his ear. None of our men were known to be injured. Gen. Franklin and staff were started at the first shot and taken towards Rider's Switch, after which we know but little of them, except that the General escaped that night and arrived in Baltimore city on Wednesday morning."

"Entree of Chivalry Into Towsontown—On Sunday week last, about 5 o'clock P. M., a detachment of the chivalry, known as rebel raiders, entered our quiet village and stayed about an hour, calling at a few places where it is said they received better than they asked for. They were fairly worshiped by some of the young ladies and by one or two older ones. They again came through here on the next nigh, having Gen. Franklin and staff in charge as prisoners, when the whole rebel portion of the town was out to meet them; aye, some of those who were previously considered ladies were sitting about on stones an dboardwalks awaiting their arrival. Their entree was of course greeted with clapping hands, waiving of handkerchiefs and repeated cheers for Harry Gilmor, Jeff. Davis, &c., by the would-be ladies. Some of these same ladies passed our dwelling, insulting our family whilst t
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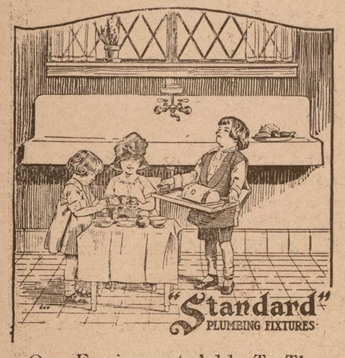

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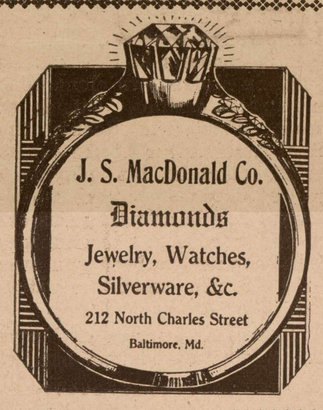

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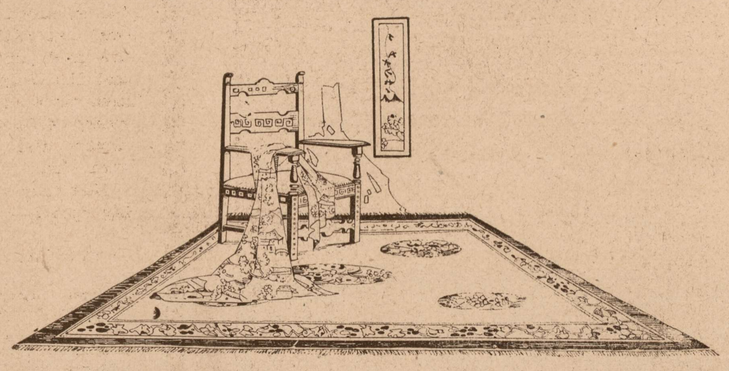

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