

**A MEDAL OF HONOR.**  
Authorized by Congress, and Yet Seldom Heard Of.

In the early days of the civil war Secretary Stanton proclaimed that "valority, daring, courageous spirit and patriotic zeal on all occasions and under every circumstance is expected from the army of the United States. \* \* \* And the people of the United States will rejoice to honor every soldier and officer who proves his courage by charging with the bayonet and storming intrenchments, or in the blaze of the enemy's fire!" And to carry out this purpose congress authorized the conferring of a decorative medal of honor for distinguished conduct in the presence of the enemy. A thousand heroes have been so decorated, but so quietly has it been done that but few persons have ever heard of it.

The war department has recently and tardily published the list of men who received the medal during the war. Since the war there have been about 300 of these medals distributed, and it is to be hoped that the names of these gallant 300 will be published before the close of the century.

On this subject a newspaper writer recently said: "A stranger within our gates will hardly agree with the assertion so often made that 'we are not a military people' if he takes note of the profusion of military medals and crosses worn by American citizens. With few exceptions, these have no national, official significance. The badges of the Loyal Legion, the Grand Army of the Republic and kindred associations are honorable reminders of our greatest struggle for liberty and union, but do not mark individual acts of courage or self sacrifice. After these come military decorations—prizes for length of service, manly spirit, athletic sports, personal popularity and other commendable things. That a great nation, possessing for more than twenty years a congressional decoration for valor, already conferred upon several hundred heroes, should be ignorant of its existence is astounding."

The cause of this ignorance may be found in the method of presentation. In countries from which we get many of our best military customs the decoration is often bestowed to the soldier by his sovereign in the presence of the principal officers of state, of large bodies of troops and of thousands of people. The name of the fortunate recipient is published in the official gazette and by the press throughout the dominions. In our country this reward from the highest power in our government is sometimes conveyed to the brave winner by the hands of the postman, with the brief remark perhaps of "a parcel for you." Seldom is there a parade of the troops or parading of cavalry squadrons or rumbles of artillery wheels or flashing of infantry bayonets or crash of military bands while the prize for valor is pinned over a heart swelling with honest pride. Seldom is the affair an occasion of ceremony.

JOHN E. OWENS.

Gone is Solon Shingle, with His "Burl" of Apple Saus." John E. Owens! How the name conjures from the past phantoms of fun. He has made more people laugh, tear bubbling, side-splitting laughter, than any other man of our time—or, indeed, of many times.

Mr. Owens died at his farm, Aigburth Vale, near Towson, Maryland. He had given to his country place the name of the town where he was born, in England, in 1819. From the name, he was plainly of Welsh descent, though born in England. His father was Owen Griffith Owens, who came with his family to this country when John E. was only 6 years old. No thought had the father of making his son a stage player, even though it was to be the funniest man in America. It was his intention to make the youth a professor of physics and mathematics.

Young John was a serious, studious, and diligent student. He had a strong inclination to engineering, and he was a member of the Mechanics' Association, and he was a member of the Baltimore Museum till he got inside of it. He served as drug clerk by day and played at night for some time. But the stage attraction grew constantly stronger, and the pill and powder connection weaker. Owens at length broke away from drugs altogether and devoted himself to theatricals.

But his first leading character was about the worst drug he had ever compounded. Like many another funny man he pined to be great in tragedy, and attempted Richard III. The audience drowned him down in roars of laughter. He took his defeat like a man, and thereafter devoted himself to making people laugh. After all that is better than to make them cry, far better.

He was very wealthy at one time, but had lost much money. He still had his beautiful country home and the Charleston Academy of Music. His wife is still living. He was an ardent southern sympathizer during the war.



Fred. Douglass in England.

Frederick Douglass, who has been traveling on the continent, wrote a letter to a citizen of Jefferson, Tex., in which he says: "I am again on the soil of dear old England. The contrast between my present visit and that of 1845 is striking. Then I came as a slave, now I come as a freeman; then as an alien, now as a citizen; then I was young, now I am comparatively old; then to plead the cause of my brethren in bond, now to tell of their freedom and progress."—Exchange.

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**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., November 1st, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Hune Nelson, D. S. No. 16981, for the sw 1/4 of sec 12, tp 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Jens Anderson and Helge Leine, of Jesse, and Made Nerstrom and Albert Larson, of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before the judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Friday, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. 47-52

**THEO. F. KERB, M. D.**  
Physician and Surgeon.  
Cooperstown, Dakota.

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., November 26th, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Peter A. Grovo, D. S. No. 15390, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 9, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: C. T. Bentley, Martin Skoldamner, Knudt, Leirberg, and Ole Griggs, all of Northwood P. O., Grand Forks county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before the judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Sherbrooke, Steele county, D. T., on Friday, the 14th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. 46-51

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 22, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Louis H. Larson, D. S. No. 17494, for the sw 1/4 of sec. 18, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Andrew Hanson, John Paulson, Andrew Bendickson and John K. Thune, all of Jesse, P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Monday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. OIE, Atty. 46-50

**CONTEST NOTICE—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, Dak., Nov. 3rd, 1886.**  
Complaint having been entered of this office by John P. Larson against William F. Miller for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 8675, dated April 19th, 1883, upon the north east 1/4 of section 24, township 14 n. range 29 w. in Foster county, D. T., with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said William F. Miller is hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 22nd day of December, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. A. B. GUTHRIE, Atty. 45-48

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Complaint having been entered of this office by John P. Larson against William F. Miller for failure to comply with law as to timber culture entry No. 8675, dated April 19th, 1883, upon the north east 1/4 of section 24, township 14 n. range 29 w. in Foster county, Dakota territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said William F. Miller is hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 22nd day of December, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. A. B. GUTHRIE, Atty. 45-48

**Mortgage Sale.**  
DEFAULT having been made in the payment of the sum of three hundred and sixty-seven and forty-one hundredths dollars, which is claimed to be due on a certain note upon a certain mortgage duly executed and delivered by Joseph C. Valey to Mrs. Rachael S. Hulme, bearing date the 24th day of September, A. D. 1884, and duly recorded in the office of the register of the county of Griggs and territory of Dakota, on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1884, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., in book E of mortgages, on page 23, and no action or proceeding at law for enforcement having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Now therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage and provided in the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed, and the premises described in and covered by said mortgage, viz: The northwest 1/4 of section number one hundred and forty-eight, township 14 n. range 29 w. in Foster county and territory of Dakota, with the improvements and appurtenances, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay said debt and interest, and the balance of said principal and interest, and the disbursements allowed by law which shall be made by the sheriff of said territory at the court house in Cooperstown, in said county and territory, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1887, at 2 o'clock p. m., of that day, subject to redemption at any time within one year from the date of sale, as provided by law. Dated November 16th, A. D. 1886. MRS. RACHAEL S. HULME, Mortgagee. C. M. MACLAREN, Attorney for Mortgagee. 44-47

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 13th, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: David H. Henneman, D. S. No. 16621, for the se 1/4 of sec. 28, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Charles A. Wright, John S. Insland, Albert A. Calmer, Peter Schuler, all of Willow P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before George B. Clark, Judge and ex-officio clerk of the probate court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Friday, the 30th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. Glass & MacLaren, Atty. 44-49

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., November 14th, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: David H. Henneman, D. S. No. 16621, for the se 1/4 of sec. 28, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Charles A. Wright, John S. Insland, Albert A. Calmer, Peter Schuler, all of Willow P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before George B. Clark, Judge and ex-officio clerk of the probate court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Friday, the 30th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. Glass & MacLaren, Atty. 44-49

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 15th, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Peter Schuler, D. S. No. 16342, for the se 1/4 of sec. 3, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Albert A. Calmer, De Forest Conant, William Ripley and David Henneman, all of Willow P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Friday, the 31st day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. OIE, Atty. 44-49

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 16th, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Amund Pederson, D. S. No. 16441, for the se 1/4 of sec. 4, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Sigvar Hauke, Ole A. Alakson, Fred. Tholander and Fingard Larson, all of Lee P. O., Nelson county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Friday, the 31st day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. OIE, Atty. 44-49

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**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 1st, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Andrew H. Ness, D. S. No. 16580, for the sw 1/4 of sec. 24, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Lewis Larson and Ole K. Bakken, of Jesse, and Albert Larson and Soren E. C. Berg, of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before the judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Thursday, the 30th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. 45-52

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 30th, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Aulak Gunderson, H. E. No. 7083, for the se 1/4 of sec. 30, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Charles Nelson, Thomas Knudson, Andrew Nelson, Peter Nelson, all of Dazy P. O., Barnes county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, judge of the Sixth judicial district territory of Dakota, or in his absence before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Thursday, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. OIE, Atty. 45-52

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 2nd, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Ivan Johnson, D. S. No. 16588, for the sw 1/4 of sec. 1, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Adolph Hegre, Tobias Thune, Arne Thompson and Ole M. Moen, all of Cooperstown P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Thursday, the 21st day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. OIE, Atty. 44-49

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 11th, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Roy Rindberg, D. S. No. 16424, for the north west quarter of sec. 32, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Soren H. Johnson, Ole Nelson, Leif Peterson and Elna Erickson, all of Marshall P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. Iver Jacobson, Attorney. 44-49

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 23rd, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Sidney H. Merritt, H. E. No. 6231, for the se 1/4 of sec. 6, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: John G. Mills, Duncan Sinclair, Alexander Miller, Archibald M. Sinclair, all of Cooperstown P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before George B. Clark, Judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 30th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. Glass & MacLaren, Atty. 46-51

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Oct. 27, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Charles Johnson, D. S. No. 17231, for the sw 1/4 of sec. 11, tp. 18 n. r. 35 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Soren H. Johnson, Ole Nelson, Leif Peterson and Elna Erickson, all of Marshall P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. OIE, Atty. 44-49

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 9, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Sylvester Flick, D. S. No. 15528, for the se 1/4 and ne 1/4 of sec. 11-18-90. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. C. Bound, Arthur Khov, Richard Davis, all of Willow P. O., Dakota, John E. Quirk. And you, Elijah S. Hamilton, who filed home stead entry No. 1484, July 25, 1884, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 4 of sec. 11-18-90, are hereby summoned to be taken before the office above named on the 17th day of December, 1886, and show cause if any you have why said Sylvester Flick should not be allowed to make final proof and payment for said ne 1/4 of sec. 4 of said above described land. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. Glass & MacLaren, Atty. 43-48

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Dec. 9th, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Charles H. Frost, H. E. No. 9992, for the ne 1/4 of sec. 2, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Ole Balken, Charles C. Platt, Samuel B. Langford, William Henderson, all of Cooperstown P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Hon. William H. Francis, judge of the Sixth judicial district, Dakota territory, or in his absence before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Thursday, the 7th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. Glass & MacLaren, Atty. 48-1

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Oct. 6th, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Esther Gunderson, H. E. No. 8124, for the north west quarter of sec. 30, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as her witnesses, viz: Ole P. Balken, William Henderson, Ole Halverson and Soren Nelson, all of Marshall P. O., Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before A. T. Drakey, judge and ex-officio clerk of the probate court at Sherbrook, Steele county, D. T., on Monday, the 27th day of December, A. D. 1886, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. J. O. OIE, Attorney. 45-48

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**NOTICE OF CONTEST—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Oct. 2, 1886.**  
Complaint having been entered of this office by Albert Thompson against John Nelson for abandoning his homestead entry No. 8222, upon the south east quarter of township 14, range 29, in Griggs county, Dakota territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said John Nelson is hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 18th day of December, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. E. C. GEAREY, Receiver. IVER JACOBSON, Attorney. 44-47

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., November 23rd, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Samuel A. Markwood, H. E. No. 9772, for the sw 1/4 of sec. 3, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Andrew Iverson, Joseph Miller, Ben Westman, Elias Moon, all of Lee P. O., Dakota. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before the judge of the probate court at Griggs county, D. T., at Cooperstown, D. T., on Friday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. Glass & MacLaren, Atty. 45-51

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Nov. 11, 1886.**  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: E. E. Fjeldstad, H. E. No. 15381, for the north east quarter of sec. 24, tp. 14 n. r. 31 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Emil Kroeggaard, Simon J. Ouren, Faithful Groland and Ole Stal, all of Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before the judge of the probate court of the sixth judicial district of Dakota territory or in his absence before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of said court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Thursday, the 30th day of January, A. D. 1887, at his office. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register. Iver Jacobson, Attorney. 44-49