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From the President's Pen ...)

On our return to town I heard from several on how well the meeting went in May. One even suggested I might consider taking more trips.

Many thanks to Don Hale, Fred George, Ed Harris and the many others who helped out and of course to Pat Mallory for a great presentation.

At the Company of Military Historians Convention I made contact with members of two other Round Tables and discussed the possibility of having a speakers exchange.

The Nebraska Chapter is interested in a speaker on the Battle of Westport and the Colorado group want something on the Second Colorado in this area....(are they sure they want to hear about that matter?)

On Sunday, I took the President of CMH and some others on a short three hour tour of the Westport Battle sites. They were most impressed by the trail thru the rocks above Byram's Ford and the trail coming up out of the Ford.

Biggest thrill came when I took their picture at Frank James' grave. They were all excited about that.

Most unbelievable thing was having to explain to my Battle of Westport class who Bloody Bill Anderson was. Most of this predominately Eastern group had never heard of him. I guess it just goes to show how far we have to go yet. SEE YOU AT PITCHER...

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REAL TRIVIA

What is the birthday of the last offspring of a Civil War Veteran?

Who was the last officer to be commissioned during the War?

Who was the last Civil War Nurse to die?

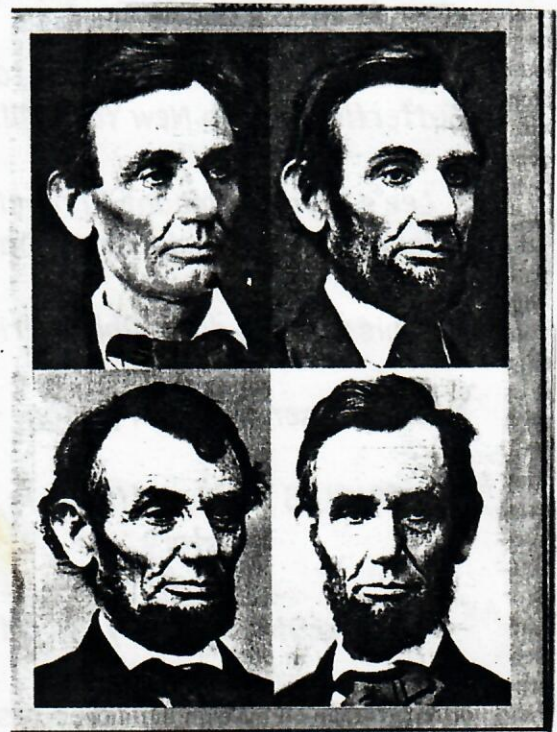
How many states had as their last veteran an "old Reb"?

At what point in time were there exactly the same number of veterans living from each side.

Source: The South's Last Boys in Grey by Jay S. Hoar

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PHOTO QUIZ BOARD AT
OUR TENT AT THE
CIVIL WAR SHOW**

DATE THESE PHOTOS





A Civil War Chaplain's Notes



- * Lee didn't offer his sword at Appomattox and Grant never requested it.
- * "The bloodiest eight minutes of the war" elapsed during Grant's June 3 assault against Lee's works at Cold Harbor - it resulted in approximately 7,000 Union casualties and 1,500 Confederate losses.
- * John Surratt fled to Europe after his mother's execution and eventually joined the Vatican's Papal Guard.
- * Shouting encouragement to the 2nd Iowa as it headed his attack column during the February 15 of '64 battle for Fort Donelson, Union General C. F. Smith cried out: "You volunteered to be killed for love of Country and now you can be!"
- * Union Commodore William David "Dirty Bill" Porter was the son of prewar commodore David Porter, the brother of Admiral David Dixon Porter, the foster brother of Admiral David G Farragut, the cousin of General Fitz-John Porter, and had two sons fighting for the Confederacy.
- * The first Union regiment to cross the Potomac into Virginia was Dan Butterfield's 12th New York Militia - on May 2 of 1861.
- * Lee's famous mount "Traveller" was first named "Jeff Davis" and then "Greenbrier." He rode "Grace Darling" during his service in the Mexican war.
- * In his fighting days, Phil Sheridan stood 5'5" tall and weighed 115 pounds.
- * Three descriptions of history -
 - PERICLES "Very difficult is it to trace and find out truth of anything by history."
 - NAPOLEON "(History is) a fable agreed upon."
 - CARLYLE "(History is) a distillation of rumor."