



RUSSEL A. ALGER.

Brief and Interesting Sketch of the Lawyer, Soldier and Business Man. Detroit Post.

Russell A. Alger was born in Lafayette township, Medina county, Ohio, Feb. 27, 1856. Having lived a temperate life he is a comparative young man in appearance, and possesses those mental faculties that the distinguished characteristics of robust, nature and educated manhood. When 11 years of age both his parents died, leaving him with a younger brother and sister to support and without any of the substantial means of existence. Lacking the opportunity of better employment, he worked on a farm in Richfield, O., for the greater part of each of the succeeding seven years, saving money enough to defray his expenses at Richfield academy during the winter terms. He obtained a very good English education, and was enabled to teach school for several subsequent winters. In 1877 he commenced the study of law in the offices of Wolcott & Upson at Akron, remaining until March, 1879, when he was admitted to the bar by the Ohio supreme court. He then removed to Cleveland and entered the law office of Otis & Coffinbury, where he remained several months. Here he continued his studies with increased zeal, and did much general reading. Hard study and close confinement to office work, however, began to tell on his constitution, and failing health warned him that he must seek other occupation. He therefore reluctantly abandoned the law and removed to Grand Rapids, Mich., to engage in the lumber business.

IN THE WAR.

When Michigan was called upon to furnish troops for the war, Mr. Alger enlisted in the second Michigan cavalry and was mustered into the services of the United States as captain of Co. C. His record as a cavalry officer was brilliant and honorable to himself and his company. He participated in some of the fiercest contests of the rebellion and was twice wounded. His first injury was received in the battle of Booneville, Miss., July 2nd, 1862. His conduct in this engagement was so distinguished that he was promoted to the rank of major. On the same occasion his colonel, the gallant Phil. Sheridan, was advanced to the rank of brigadier general. A few months later, on the 16th of October, Major Alger became lieutenant-colonel of the sixth Michigan cavalry and was ordered with his regiment to the army of the Potomac. After marked service in the early campaign of 1863 he was again advanced, and on June 2 received his commission as colonel of the Fifth Michigan cavalry. His regiment at this time was in Custer's famous Michigan cavalry brigade. On the 6th of July occurred the battle of Boonesborough, Md. In this conflict he was again wounded. His health received a more than temporary impairment, and in October, '64, he was obliged to retire from the service. His career as a soldier included many of the most celebrated contests of the war. He was an active character in all the battles fought by the army of the Potomac from the time of the invasion of Maryland by Gen. Lee in 1863 up to the date of his retirement, with the exception of those engagements which occurred while he was absent from duty on account of wounds. In all he took part in sixty-six battles and skirmishes. At the close he was brevetted brigadier general and major general for "gallant and meritorious services in the field."

Aside from regular duty Gen. Alger was on private service during the winter of 1863-64, receiving orders personally from President Lincoln and visiting nearly all the armies in the field.

BUSINESS AND PERSONAL.

Gen. Alger came to Detroit in 1865, and since that time has been extensively engaged in the pine timber business and in dealing in pine lands. He was a member of the well known firm of Moore & Alger until its dissolution, when he became head of the firm of R. A. Alger & Co., the most extensive pine timber operators in the west. Gen. Alger is now president of the corporation of Alger, Smith & Co., which succeeded R. A. Alger & Co. He is also president of the Masticque Lumber Co. and president of the D. B. C. & A. railroad Co., besides being a stockholder and director of the Detroit National bank, the Peninsular car company and several other large corporations.

While always an active and influential republican, Gen. Alger has never sought nor held a salaried office. He was a delegate from the First district to the last republican national convention, but aside from this his connection with politics has not extended beyond the duties of every good citizen to his party and his country.

Gen. Alger is now 49 years of age, an active, handsome gentleman, six feet tall, living the life of a busy man of affairs. His military bearing at once indicates his army life, and although slenderly built, his square shoulders and erect carriage gives the casual observer the impression that his weight is fully 180 pounds. He is a firm, yet a most decidedly pleasant appearing man, with a fine forehead, rather a prominent nose, an iron gray moustache and chin whiskers and a full head of black hair sprinkled with gray. He is usually attired in the prevailing style of business suits. His favorite dress at present is

not complete his personal apparel. He is very particular as to his appearance, and always wears neat clothes of the best goods but shuns any display of jewelry or extravagant embellishment. He is one of the most approachable men imaginable. No matter how busy he may be, he always leaves his desk to extend a cordial welcome to every visitor, be he of high or low situation. His affable manners delight his guests, while his pleasing face and bright, dark eyes always animate his hearers.

A HARD WORKER.

Gen. Alger is a hard worker. He is always at his office promptly in the morning and stays as long as anything remains that demands his attention. In business matters he is always decided, and is never shaken nor disturbed by any reverses. He has the confidence of his associates to a high degree, and all his business relations are tempered with those little kindnesses that relieve the tedium of routine office life. Although deeply engrossed in various business pursuits, Gen. Alger has yet found time for general culture. He owns a large library and his stock of general information is as complete as it is reliable. His collections of paintings has been selected with rare good taste and contains some of the finest productions of modern artists. His special enjoyment is in the driving of horses. His team of bays are perhaps the handsomest that grace the roads of Detroit, and usually lead other outfits when their owner hold the reins.

HIS FAMILY.

Gen. Alger has an interesting family. His wife was Annette H. Henry, the daughter of W. G. Henry of Grand Rapids, to whom he was married, April 2, 1861. She is a slender woman of fair complexion, bright and attractive, and a charming hostess. She is gifted with many accomplishments, and appears quite young. There are six children. Fay, a lively brunette, and Caroline A., who is rather tall and resembles her mother, have completed a course at an eastern seminary and during the past year traveled in Europe. The remaining members of the family are Frances, aged 12; Russel A. Jr., aged 10; Fred, aged 8, and Allan, aged 2. All are bright and promising children. Gen. Alger at present makes his home at the Russell house, but will soon occupy his handsome and large new residence on Fort street, at the corner of First.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

—The largest cigarette factory in the world is at La Houradez, Cuba. It has a producing capacity of 2,530,000 cigarettes per day.

—Galena, Kan., the greatest zinc producing region in the world, gave out 70,000 tons of the metal last year.—*Chicago Herald.*

—A Tate County (Miss.) man, whose time evidently hung heavy on his hands, counted the number of grains to the bushel, and found of corn 72,130, wheat 892,000, peas 109,920, and cotton-seed 164,166.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

—The first American petroleum was exported in 1862 from Pittsburgh to Europe at a loss of \$2,000 on 600,000 gallons. In 1883 400,000,000 gallons were exported, for which \$60,000,000 were returned to this country.—*Pittsburgh Post.*

—The valuation of real and personal estate in New York City has increased nearly \$62,000,000 during the past year, the total being \$1,338,298,343. The rate of taxation this year will be about \$2.26 per \$100, the amount to be raised being \$29,250,800.—*N. Y. Sun.*

—According to an official publication Cuba has 1,521,682 inhabitants, 854,520 of whom are males. Of these 46,698 are Chinamen and 7,944 of other foreign nationalities. Of the females 3,400 are foreigners, including 84 Chinese. There are 242,320 negro and mulatto females.

—The American railroad system, which now extends over about 100,000 miles, has cost something like \$500,000,000, and nearly four-fifths of that amount has been expended on the locomotives. There are estimated to be 38,000 railroad engines now in use, and they cost not less than \$10,000 apiece.—*Chicago Tribune.*

—Statistics of the population of the Italian Kingdom for the year 1881 show that in a century the population has doubled. Further facts shown are that among young men from 20 to 25 years of age the number of the illiterate is 17.05 per cent. of the population. Among the whole population the proportion is 67 compared to 73 in the previous census. At Turin, in 1871, the number of illiterate had decreased to 54 per cent., and in 1881 to 20 per cent. At Cosenza the figures had decreased from 89 to 86 per cent.

WIT AND WISDOM.

—Great wealth comes by destiny; moderate wealth by industry.—*N. Y. Herald.*

—A little child's foot "went to sleep," as the expression goes. She tried to walk, but couldn't, and said: "Papa, I can't walk, my foot is so dizzy."

—"Clara Morris, the actress, discharged her gardener because he kissed the kitchen girl!" Some people seem to desire the entirety of this mundane sphere.—*Boston Globe.*

—"Now, children, about what shall I talk to-night?" asked a proxy Sunday-school superintendent. "About three minutes," said a little girl. The witty answer convulsed the church with laughter.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

—There is just as much family government now as ever there was—just as much as in the days of our fathers and grandfathers. The only difference is that then the old folks did the governing; now it is done by the young ones!—*N. Y. Graphic.*

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