

INOTE: 4 JULY 1930 NEWSPAPER; THE POCATELLO TELEGRAPH, BY CARL GREGORY, J. H. VAUGHN, CONFEDERATE AND PIONEER, FRIEND OF CODY AND JAMES, LIVING AT BLACKFOOT. IT IS FREQUENTLY THE CASE THAT MEN WHO ARE PIONEERS IN AN UNDEVELOPED COUNTRY OR IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUSINESS, WHO BEAR THE TRIALS AND HARDSHIPS INCIDENT TO SETTLEMENT IN A NEW COMMUNITY OR MEET THE DISCOURAGEMENTS AND DIFFICULTIES ATTENDANT UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW INDUSTRY OR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE, DO NOT ALWAYS RECEIVE THE COMMENSURATE RETURNS WHICH SEEM THEIR DUE. SUCH IS THE TRIAL THE PIONEERS HAVE TREAD. DISREGARDING SUCH FACTS, THEIR LIVES ARE RICH IN HISTORY, ROMANCE, HEROISM AND SACRIFICE. AT LEAST, THE LIFE INCIDENTS OF J. H. VAUGHN, CONFEDERATE OF THE CIVIL WAR AND NOW A RESIDENT OF BLACKFOOT, OFFERS SOMETHING UNUSUAL TO THOSE OF US WHO LIVE SO QUIET AND PLACID A LIFE. NO HISTORY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CARIBOU, BANNOCK AND BINGHAM COUNTIES WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT DUE MENTION OF MR. VAUGHN, FOR HIS LIFE STORY MOST ASSUREDLY AFFORDS AN INTERESTING CHAPTER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PART OF IDAHO AS WELL AS OTHER PARTS OF THE UNION. SERVING WITH THE CONFEDERATES AT 15 YEARS OF AGE, RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME TAKING UP A TAILOR'S TRADE, SPENDING CHILDHOOD DAYS WITH THE JAMES BOYS. LATER BECOMING A PAL OF WILLIAM QUANTRELL, THE FAMOUS OUTLAW, AND HAVING MANY PERSONAL AFFAIRS WITH BUFFALO BILL, THE YOUNGER BROTHERS, AND OLD JIM BRIDGER, DESERTING THE CONFEDERATES, COMING WEST TO GET OUT OF THE FRACAS, AND THEN HAVING THE DISTINCTION OF BEING ONE OF THE VERY OLDEST SETTLERS IN THIS SECTION OF THE STATE. SHOWS THAT MR. VAUGHN HAS SPENT A VERY ACTIVE AND SPECTACULAR LIFE, TO SAY THE LEAST. WE OF THE PRESENT DAY HAVE TENDENCY TO HOLD SUCH "BUSHWHACKERS" AS JESSIE JAMES, QUANTRELL AND BUFFALO BILL UP TO OUR PROGENY AS SHINING AND INIMITABLE EXAMPLES OF DARING AND BRAVERY, OF DEVOTING OUR HERO-WORSHIPING MOMENTS TO THEM AS THOUGH THEY WERE SUPER-HUMAN AND NEVER TO BE EQUALED. AFTER A LITTLE CHAT WITH ONE WHO HAS BEEN A "SIDE-KICK" AND CONFIDANT OF THESE SPECTACULAR MEN, ONE COMES TO REALIZE THAT THEY WERE JUST PLAIN HUMAN BEINGS WITH ALL THE WEAKNESSES AND SIMILARITIES OF THE ORDINARY PERSON. HE THEN REALIZES THAT THEY WERE JUST TOOLS OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND DID NOT DO ANYTHING THAT THE AVERAGE PERSON WOULD DO. POSSIBLY WE ARE TOO MATERIALISTIC AND NOT ROMANTIC ENOUGH, POSSIBLY WE DO NOT GIVE THEM DUE CREDIT, BUT LET US DELVE INTO MR. VAUGHN'S EXPERIENCES AND SEE HOW HE VIEWS HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THESE GREAT MEN AFTER THE LAPSE OF MANY YEARS.

I WAS BORN ON JULY 9, 1846, IN CLINTON CO, MO, ON A FARM. MY FATHER AND MOTHER WERE IRISH SO I RECKON I OUGHT TO BE IRISH TOO. THEY CAME FROM KY TO MO. THROUGH OUT MY EARLY CHILDHOOD I WAS RAISED ON THE FARM AND HAD BUT VERY LITTLE TRAINING IN SCHOOL-- ABOUT A MONTH ALTOGETHER. I WOULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL. SOMEHOW THE TEACHER AND MYSELF ALWAYS HAD TOO MUCH TROUBLE. IN FACT, I WAS ALWAYS PRETTY HARD TO GET ALONG WITH. I ADMIT THAT. I NEVER EVEN LEARNED TO READ IN SCHOOL, BUT OUGHT TO BE GIVEN SOME CREDIT BECAUSE I DID PICK THAT UP AFTERWARD. --BLACKSMITH AND TAILOR--- " AFTER REFUSING TO GO TO SCHOOL I RAN AWAY FROM HOME AND WENT TO WORK ON A FARM WHEN ABOUT 12 YEARS OF AGE. A LITTLE LATER ON I LEARNED THE BLACKSMITH TRADE AND THEN , WHILE DODGING AROUND TO HIDE MY WHEREABOUTS, SERVED A WHILE AS AN APPRENTICE TO A TAILOR AND GOT SO I COULD THROW A WICKED NEEDLE. JUST BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR BROKE OUT MY FATHER LOCATED ME, BROUGHT ME HOME AND AT THAT TIME I WAS DOING GENERAL WORK AROUND THE PLACE IN CLINTON CO, MO. IN 1861, JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE OF WILSON CREEK, MO. I WAS PARADING AROUND INSIDE OF DAD'S PASTURE WHEN COLE YOUNGER RAN ONTO ME AND RECRUITED ME FOR THE BIG CONFLICT. COLE YOUNGER WAS A NOTORIOUS OUTLAW WHO HAD TAKEN UP THE SOUTHERN CAUSE AND WAS THEN RECRUITING MEN FOR THE BIG STRUGGLE. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, MOST OF THE FIGHTING WAS DONE BY GUERRILLAS, BY MEN WHO WERE NOT OF A BAND OF REGULAR SOLDIERS AND WERE INDEPENDENT OF ORGANIZED DISCIPLINE AND GOVERNMENT AND NOT RESPONSIBLE TO ANY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY. GUERRILLA WARFARE WAS CARRIED ON TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT BY SOUTHERN SYMPATHIZERS AND SERVED TO QUERY THE NORTHERN GENERALS. "WELL, WE ORGANIZED. YOUNGER JOINED GENERAL PRICE AND OUR FIRST BATTLE WAS FOUGHT AT WILSON CREEK, MO., ON THE TENTH OF AUGUST, 1861. IT WAS A FIERCE STRUGGLE AND MANY MEN WERE SLAIN, BUTCHERED, AND DISABLED. GENERAL SCAGULL OPENED FIRE ON US WHILE WE WERE IN BED. I WAS JUST 15 AND WAS EXCITED AND READY FOR FIGHT AND RATHER LIKED THE IDEA AT THE TIME BUT IT WAS NOT LONG UNTIL I HAD ENOUGH TO SATISFY ME. WITH PRICE AND YOUNGER FORCES COMBINED WE THOUGHT WE HAD AN UNBEATABLE OUTFIT BUT NEW THAT A HARD FIGHT WAS ON. WE ROUSED OUT OF BED AND STARTED AT IT. IT WAS EARLY IN THE MORNING WHEN THE ATTACK WAS MADE AND WE FOUGHT HARD ALL DAY LONG. MOST OF IT WAS HAND TO HAND FIGHTING WITH SWORDS, BAYONETS, RIFLES, CLUBS, AND ANYTHING WE COULD GET HOLD OF. I TELL YOU, BOY, THIS BAYONET BUSINESS IS SOMETHING AWFUL-- TO JAB ONE THROUGH A MAN WAS TERRIBLE. IT'S AN AWFUL DEATH AND AN AWFUL WAY TO FIGHT. MISTAKING ONE OF MY MOVES WHILE PECKING AWAY AT THE KEYS OF MY MACHINE, MR. VAUGHN RATHER HUMOROUSLY SAID, "THE FIGHT IS ALL OUT OF ME NOW, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO FIDGET AROUND SO NERVOUSLY FOR I'M AFRAID YOU'LL MISS ONE OF THEM TYPEWRITER KEYS AND MAKE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE."-- NOW 84 YEARS OF AGE-- TAKING UP THE STORY AGAIN THIS WONDERFUL FIGHTER OF 84 YEARS CONTINUED, "ABOUT SUNDOWN THAT EVENING WE WERE VICTORIOUS. GENERAL SEAGULL SHOWING US HIS HEALS. THEN WE CAME ON OVER ONTO THE MISSOURI RIVER AND HAD ANOTHER LITTLE SKIRMISH

AT JEFFERSON CITY, THE CAPITAL OF MISSOURI. FROM THERE AN ADVANCE WAS MADE TO LEXINGTON WHERE WE CAPTURED THE FORT BY CUTTING THE MAIN FORCE OFF FROM THE WATER. THEN WE WENT FARTHER SOUTH IN MO. AND WINTERED WHERE WE JUST HAD AN OCCASIONAL SKIRMISH OF NO CONSEQUENCE. "THIS WAS THE WINTER THAT WILLIAM QUANTRELL, THE GREATEST GURRILLA OR BUSHWHACKER THAT EVER LIVED, DID HIS WORK. HE AND HIS BROTHER STARTED WEST AND THE PEOPLE AT LAWRENCE, KANSAS, KILLED HIS BROTHER. THEN, OLD QUANTRELL SEIZED EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BUSHWHACK KANSAS PEOPLE POSSIBLE. DURING THE WINTER THAT I WAS THE ARMY ENCAMPED IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI I TOOK A BRIEF TRIP HOME AND WHILE ACTING OUT THE PART OF A SPY FOR THE SOUTHERN ARMY WENT ON A TRIP TO LAWRENCE, KANSAS, WITH QUANTRELL WHO WAS GOING UP THERE WITH SOME 180 MEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF KILLING OLD JIM LANE, NORTHERN GENERAL. WE WERE GOING UP THE ROAD AND QUANTRELL'S MEN WERE JUST SHOOTING IN THE GROUND TO SCARE THE MEN WHEN JIM LANES MEN OPENED FIRE ON US AND KILLED TWO OF QUANTRELL'S MEN. THEN THE BATTLE BEGAN. THE BATTLE WAS AWFUL. I WAS NOT IN IT AS I MERELY HELD SOME OF THE HORSES AND WAS NOT ONE OF THE REGULAR QUANTRELL GANG. THIS FIGHT MADE QUANTRELL FAMOUS. SOME 140 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 185 BUILDINGS BURNED TO THE GROUND, LEAVING THE TOWN COMPLETELY DEVASTATED. GENERAL LANE HID SO THAT QUANTRELL DID NOT NOT GET HIM. MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE WERE KILLED THERE THAT DAY AND AFTER THE FIGHT QUANTRELL'S MEN GOT DRUNK. BURNED HOUSES AND DID THINGS THEY HADN'T OUGHT TO. AS I SAID, I HELD THE THE HORSES AND DIDN'T CARE MUCH HOW THE FIGHT WENT, BUT I ALWAYS FIGURED IF I STARTED WITH A MAN I'D STAY WITH HIM TO THE BITTER END. IF I'D BEEN ON THE NORTHERN SIDE I'D BEEN JUST AS STRONG THAT WAY. "I'LL NEVER FORGET THE LAWRENCE MASSACRE. SHORTLY AFTER THIS KANSAS FRACAS I WENT HOME- DESERTED, IF YOU PLEASE. AFTER THE FIRST BATTLE AND THE LAWRENCE MASSACRE I DID NOT SEE MUCH ACTION IN THE ARMY. IN THOSE DAYS AN ARMY MOVED VERY SLOW AND IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WE ONLY HAD LITTLE SKIRMISHES AND NO BIG BATTLES. THESE LITTLE FIGHTS HELPED TO TAKE UP THE ENERGY OF THE NORTHERNERS BY CHECKING THEIR ADVANCE AND WEARING DOWN THEIR RESISTANCE. "YOU ASK WHY I DESERTED? I GOT TIRED OF THE ARMY. WHY? BOY, IF YOU'D BEEN WITH ME YOU'D NEVER ASK THAT QUESTION. WE LIVED HARD, EATING HORSE MEAT, FARM MULES,AND ANYTHING THAT WOULD GIVE SUSTENANCE. I SIMPLY GOT BURNED OUT AND QUIT --DESERTED, IF YOU WISH TO CALL IT THAT. AFTER REPEATED INQUIRES ABOUT PERSONAL MATTERS MR. VAUGHN RETURNED, "I ALWAYS TRY TO FORGET THOSE THINGS I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU MORE THAN I EVER TOLD ANY MAN IN MY LIFE. CONSIDER YOURSELF LUCKY. "NOW, I WAS A QUITTER IF YOU WISH TO CALL IT THAT. RETURNING TO MY MO. HOME I HAD AN AWFUL TIME UNTIL I TIRED OF THAT AND IN 1869 DECIDED TO HIT FOR THE PLAINS. YOU KNOW PEOPLE ACTUALLY WENT TO CHURCH WITH SIX-SHOOTERS ON THEM AS RIGHTOUSLY AS THE PREACHERS CAME WITH THEIR BIBLES. IT WAS, OF COARSE, ALL DUE TO THE ANTAGONISM BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. I WAS IN SEVERAL OF THESE SUNDAY SHOOTING SCRAPES BUT ALWAYS CAME OUT ON TOP IT SEEMED. I WAS HOME IN CLINTON CO, MO, WHEN LINCOLN WAS KILLED. HIS DEATH WAS SAD. THE SOUTHERNERS TOOK IT HARD. YOU KNOW LINCOLN WAS ABOUT THE BEST FRIEND THE SOUTH HAD AND I BELIEVE THAT IF HE HAD LIVED THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT, MOST OF THE SUBSEQUENT ANTAGONISM ELIMINATED AND THE SOUTHERNERS PAID FOR THEIR SLAVES. --WON SLAVE AT POKER-- "MY FATHER HAD SOME TEN OR TWELVE NEGROES AND FIRST ONE HE EVER HAD I WON AT POKER WHEN BUT 13 YEARS OF AGE WHILE ON A STEAMBOAT ON THE MISSOURI RIVER. YOU KNOW THEY DID THEIR GAMBLING ON THE RIVER. MY FATHER PUT UP \$400 AGAINST THE NEGRO AND LEFT THE GAMBLING PART OF HIS STAKE TO ME. WE WON. IT WAS NOTHING TO GIVE \$1000 FOR A NEGRO. WHEN I WAS A BOY I BELIEVED IN SLAVERY, TOOK IT AS A MATTER OF COARSE WHICH WAS AS NECESSARY AS THE SUN,MOON AND STARS. BUT HOW I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT IT SINCE.NOW I SEE THAT IT WAS WRONG-- THAT NO MAN SHOULD BE IN BONDAGE TO ANOTHER, WHAT I MAINTAIN IS: THE SOUTH SHOULD HAVE HAD PAY FOR THEIR NEGROS AND THEN SET THEM FREE.THEN THEY WOULD SELL A FATHER AND MOTHER AWAY FROM THEIR CHILDREN JUST AS THEY SELL A COW FROM A CALF NOW. YOU KNOW I LOOK AT IT DIFFERENTLY NOW FROM WHAT I DID THEN. I'D HATE TO BE IN A COUNTRY NOW WHERE THEY HAVE SLAVES. THEY DO HAVE SLAVES IN PLACES NOW. IT IS OUR DUTY TO GO TO SUCH PLACES AND TURN THEM LOOSE FOR PEOPLE OF TODAY DON'T REALIZE JUST WHAT THEY HAVE TO UNDERGO. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER WAR RIGHT HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. IT WON'T BE OVER NEGROES BUT OVER OUR NARROW STRUGGLE FOR MONEY. IS IT NOT UNEQUEL DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY THAT ALWAYS CAUSES CIVIL WAR? TAKE THAT AND STICK IT UNDER YOUR HAT FOR CONSIDERATION." ---SAW GOLDEN SPIKE DRIVEN--- TIRING OF THE LIFE IN THE EAST, OF THE RIGID ANTAGONISM THAT EXISTED BETWEEN THE NORTHERNS AND SOUTHERNERS. MR. VAUGHN, AT AN EARLY AGE, STARTED WEST. "HOW DID I COME? WELL, A CHAP BACK THERE TOLD A LIE ON ME AND GOT ME WHIPPED BY MY DAD. THAT WAS ALL THE INCENTIVE I NEEDED. I STOLE SAID FELLOWS HORSE AND BY NEXT MORNING WAS IN OMAHA, NEB., 120 MILES DISTANT. I WORKED AROUND OMAHA AND THEN CAME OUT WEST TO FRANKLIN IN CASH VALLEY AND KEPT WORKING UP INTO THIS COUNTRY. I SOLD THE FIRST KENTUCKY HORSE IN OMAHA, GETTING \$80 FOR HIM AND CAME THE REST OF THE WAY TO FRANKLIN ON THE TRAIN. WORKING ON THE UNION PACIFIC FOR SOME TIME BEFORE COMING TO IDAHO. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE PRESENT AT ANOTHER OUTSTANDING EVENT IN THE PROGRESS OF THE WEST, THE DRIVING OF THE GOLDEN SPIKE AT PROMONTORY ON MAY 10,1869, WHEN THE EAST AND WEST RAILROADS MET. "SHORTLY AFTER THAT I WENT TO SODA SPRINGS WHERE ONLY A FEW SETTLERS WERE LOCATED. BRIGHAM YOUNG, FOUNDER OF THE TOWN OF SODA SPRINGS, WAS THERE AT THE TIME. HE AND ANOTHER FELLOW WERE

BUILDING A LOG HOUSE AND I GUESS THE BUILDING IS THERE YET I DON'T KNOW. I STAYED IN SODA SPRINGS OVER WINTER AND IN '70 AND '71 WINTERED UP AT BEAR LAKE IN MONTEPELLER. BOY IT DID SNOW, SIX FEET ON THE LEVEL. YOU COULDN'T SEE A FENCE IN THAT TOWN. AFTER THAT I WENT TO UTAH AND WORKED IN THE MINES FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS AND THEN CAME BACK TO IDAHO. IN 1873 I WAS MARRIED IN UTAH TO MISS ANNA ROBBINS. TO US WERE BORN 13 CHILDREN, TEN OF WHOM ARE LIVING IN THE INTERMOUNTAIN COUNTRY. SHE HAS BEEN DEAD ABOUT FOUR YEARS. PUTTING IN THREE YEARS, AFTER MARRYING, IN THE MINES IN UTAH, I CAME TO SNAKE RIVER VALLEY AND WENT TO FARMING IN BINGHAM COUNTY NEAR PRESTON, IN 1876. AT THAT TIME THERE WAS PRACTICALLY NOTHING IN THE VALLEY. TWO MILES SOUTH OF BLACKFOOT WAS AN OLD STAGE STATION FOR FREIGHTERS AND THEN UP TO IDAHO FALLS. ANDERSON BROTHERS HAD A LITTLE STORE AND A TOLL BRIDGE. THOSE WERE THE ONLY PEOPLE TO BE FOUND IN THIS TERRITORY TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION. AT THAT TIME SODA SPRINGS, MALAD, FRANKLIN, EAGLE ROCK OR IDAHO FALLS, AND MONTEPELLER WERE ALL IN ONE COUNTY. NOW THEY FORM FIVE BIG DISTINCT COUNTIES. IN 1906 I SOLD MY PRESTO FARM AND BOUGHT A FRUIT FARM IN OGDEN, UTAH, ON SEVENTH STREET IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF TOWN ON THE BENCH. UNABLE TO MAKE A GO OF THAT AND NOT GETTING ALONG VERY WELL IN OGDEN I GAVE MY WIFE A DEED TO THE PROPERTY AND CAME TO TWIN FALLS WHERE I WORKED FOR THREE YEARS FOR I. B. PERINE. THEN I CAME BACK TO BINGHAM COUNTY. SPENDING MOST OF MY TIME IN PRESTO COUNTRY WORKING AROUND ON THE FARMS AT FIRST ONE THING AND THEN ANOTHER. I NEVER DID LOCATE PERMANENTLY AT ANYTHING BUT JUST WORKED AROUND AT MOST ANYTHING I COULD GET. WATCHING THE VALLEY GROW AND GROWING WITH IT, THINKING OF WHAT I HAD DONE IN THE PAST, FOR MY COUNTRY AND MYSELF AND TREATING EVERYBODY AS SQUARELY AS POSSIBLE. SIX OR SEVEN YEARS AGO I HAD A STROKE AND HAVE BEEN LIVING RATHER QUIETLY EVER SINCE. ---TELLS OF OUTLAWS--- "WELL, LAD, GUESS THAT IS ABOUT ALL. DID YOU ASK ABOUT THE JAMES BOYS? WELL, I DID KNOW THEM WELL. MY UNCLE, MARRIED THEIR AUNT. WE ALWAYS CALLED OURSELVES COUSINS, THOUGH OF COARSE WE WERE NOT. I BEGAN ASSOCIATING WITH THEM BEFORE THE WAR BEGAN WHEN WE WERE JUST YOUNG CHAPS. I LIVED IN CLINTON CO, MO. AND THEY LIVED IN AN ADJOINING COUNTY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CLINTON IN CLAY COUNTY, I BELIEVE. THEY WERE GOOD BOYS, NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THEM. THEY WENT INTO THE ARMY AND DID QUITE A LOT OF KILLING UNDER QUANTRELL. DURING THE WAR THE NORTHERN DETECTIVES WENT TO THE JAMES HOME, THREW A BOMB THROUGH THE WINDOW IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE BOYS, KILLED ONE OF THE YOUNGER JAMES BOYS AND BLEW ONE OF THE HANDS OFF OF THE MOTHER. THEY WERE ALREADY OUTLAWS AND THIS JUST INTENSIFIED THEIR OUTLAWRY. THEY KILLED EVERY DETECTIVE THEY COULD TRACE DOWN. JESSE JAMES WAS HUNTED BY GREAT FORCES OF MEN, PUT UP SOME WONDERFUL BATTLES, AND WHEN HE WAS SHOT IN THE BACK WHILE HANGING A PICTURE IN MY BROTHER'S HOUSE IN ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI, BY HIS OWN COUSIN, ONE OF THE MOST DARING CAREERS OF A PURE-BLOODED AMERICAN WAS ENDED. IN 1874 JESSE JAMES WAS AT MY HOUSE IN PARK CITY, UTAH AND THERE WAS A BIG BANK ROBBERY BACK EAST FOR WHICH HE WAS GIVEN FULL CREDIT. THAT ONLY SHOWS HOW ONE IS ACCUSED OF THINGS HE NEVER DOES ONCE HE GETS THE REPUTATION. HE'D JUST COME FROM CALIFORNIA. HE HAD TO DODGE THE OFFICERS. THERE WAS A BIG REWARD FOR HIM AND HE HAD TO KEEP DODGING ALL THE TIME. IN PARK CITY, UTAH, WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW JESSE. AFTER THAT I HAD A LETTER FROM FRANK. HE WANTED ME TO COME BACK TO MISSOURI TO A REUNION OF QUANTRELL'S MEN. I DIDN'T GO, BUT IF I WAS BACK IN MISSOURI, TEXAS OR VIRGINIA NOW I COULD DRAW A PENSION. THE AMERICAN LEGION TRIED TO GET ME IN THE SOLDIERS HOME OUT HERE BUT OFFICIALS AT WASHINGTON REFUSED BECAUSE I WAS A CONFEDERATE, I SHOULD WORRY. "ACCORDING TO MR, VAUGHN'S STORY OF A MOST UNUSUAL LIFE HE WAS ALSO A PAL OF JIM BRIDGER AND BUFFALO BILL. HE TOLD ALL ABOUT JIM BRIDGER AND HIS TWO INDIAN SQUAWS AND SAID BUFFALO BILL WAS NOT AS BRAVE A MAN AS MANY PEOPLE WOULD HAVE HIM. CASUAL REMARKS INDICATED THAT MR, VAUGHN HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL QUARRELS WITH THE FAMOUS INDIAN SCALPER AND HAD GOTTEN THE BEST OF THEM. "AT LEAST, "HE SAID, "I NEVER TOOK ANYTHING OFF OF CODY. SOME TIME AGO WILD BILL WAS WITH HIS SHOW AT IDAHO FALLS. A FRIEND OF HIS TOLD HIM I WAS IN THE CROWD AND ASKED HIM IF HE WANTED TO SEE ME. HE SAID 'NO' AND DIDN'T MAKE A SPECK OF DIFFERENCE TO ME. "WELL, SHE HAS BEEN A GREAT OLD LIFE I DON'T REGRET MOST OF IT AND FEEL THAT I HAVE COME OUT VERY LUCKY. I HAVE NEVER BEEN SICK MUCH IN MY LIFE, DO NOT NEED GLASSES TO READ WITH TODAY AND HAVE JUST USED A TOOTH BRUSH ONCE IN MY LIFE AND HAVE TWO OF MY OWN AT THE PRESENT TIME. 'EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE' HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY MOTTO. I READ THE NEWSPAPER WITH A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST BUT HAVEN'T WRITTEN A LETTER IN OVER 30 YEARS. TO SAY THE LEAST I'M THANKFULL I'M STILL LIVING IN GOOD HEALTH AND HAVE AN ACTIVE MIND YET. IF ANY OF YOU PEOPLE OUT THERE WANT KNOW ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT SOME OF MY SPECTACULAR PALS AND WANT TO TEST ME OUT JUST CALL AROUND."