

EVERY EVENING - Wilmington - Saturday, August 23, 1924.

JOYOUS TELEGRAM - CIVIL WAR RELIC

Relics of war days are always of particular interest, and almost every one looks fondly upon old muskets, canteens, discharge papers and other implements pertaining to warfare, especially when these mementoes have some definite connection with a relative they are of special value.

A telegram sent on April 17, 1865, from Port Huron, Mich., to Rochester, N. Y., is a valued relic of Nathan Levy of 705 West street. Mr. Levy served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Civil War and was captured and held as prisoner in the Andersonville prison until the close of the war in '65. After he was released in the exchange of prisoners he went to Ficksburg, Miss., and from there to the home of his sister, Mrs. H. Bendid (Bendit) at Port Huron, Mich. During the year spent in prison, Mr. Levy's family had given him up as dead, so that his safe arrival at the home of his sister was hailed with joy. A telegram was immediately sent to his brother at Rochester, N. Y. which read, "Your brother arrived yesterday from cursed Rebeldom. He is well," signed H. Bendid (Bendit).

The brother to whom the telegram was sent was Michael Levy, who died four years ago. Before his death he gave the time-worn telegram to Mr. Levy's son, W. N. Levy of Altoona, Pa., who passed it on to his father for safe-keeping. It is framed and despite its age is in excellent condition.

Beside the antique valuation placed on the telegram by Mr. Levy, the associations attached to it are priceless.