

WITCHES WERE BURNED FOR DEVILRY

Wonderful Story of Mrs. Mary Webster and Her Evil Practices at Old Hadley, Mass.

There used to be witches up in this the river country, (South Hadley, Mass.,) but none have been seen lately. I believe the last case known was at Old Hadley, a few miles up the river, where in 1690 Mrs. Mary Webster cast an evil eye upon her neighbors and their cattle and did a great deal of mischief. The chronicles which report her trial show that cows on their way home would stop in front of her house and stand there trembling, to the terror of the children who drove them, until she allowed them to pass on. A load of hay was upset by her and restored to its normal position without help from human hands, according to the testimony of the driver. One day when she entered the door of a neighbor's house the baby was lifted three feet from the cradle by an unseen power and hung suspended in the air for several moments. A hen flew down the chimney and dropped into a pot of boiling water and various other things happened under her influence. She was the cause of an epidemic among sheep and chickens, and finally the exasperated citizens appealed to Philip Smith, senior deacon in the Congregational church, "a man for devotion, sanctity, gravity, and all that was honest, exceeding exemplary," who arrested her and "haled her down to Boston," where she was tried, acquitted from lack of evidence and returned to Old Hadley in a vindictive disposition, where she "encompassed and murdered her accuser with an hideous witchcraft."

Shortly after her return Deacon Smith "began to be very vauntful, inquisitorial, and, after wonderful manifestations in the sick room, died, and his body was found full of holes that seemed to be made with awls." The details of this sickness and death are related with comments in the chronicles of the parish.

The night the deacon died a number of young men dragged the witch from her house and hanged her to a tree in her orchard. Then they cut her body down and buried it in the snow, but, according to the records, she survived the vengeance of this vigilance committee, and on the following morning was found at her cabin as usual. The miraculous manner in which she escaped death was conclusive proof that she was a witch, but it is very likely that the young men in their excitement let her down from the tree before life was extinct and that she was resuscitated by the burial in the snow. She lived eleven years after this incident, and bore the blame of all the calamities that happened in the neighborhood of Hadley, even a flood of the Connecticut River, which she predicted.

The first case of witchcraft in New England was at Salem, but at Springfield, where in 1651 Hugh Parsons and his wife were accused of and tried for practicing the arts of Satan. Mrs. Parsons exercised evil spirits which entered into the bodies of Martha and Rebecca Moxon, daughters of a well-to-do citizen of Springfield, and did many other acts which showed conclusively that she was a witch. While in one of her tantrums in March, 1651, Mrs. Parsons killed her own infant, and when arrested the poor demented creature confessed to an intimacy with the devil; indeed, she boasted of it. She was taken to Boston, tried and condemned to death, but was reprieved and imprisoned for further investigation. As her case is not mentioned again in the records, it is probable that she died in prison. In the following year her husband was tried for witchcraft, and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, which was set aside by the Great and General Court.—W. E. Curtis in the Chicago Record-Herald.

Hard Times in Kansas.

The old days of grasshoppers and drouth are almost forgotten in the prosperous Kansas of today; although a citizen of Odell, Earl Shamburg, has not yet forgotten a hard time he encountered. He says: "I was worn out and discouraged by coughing night and day, and could find no relief until I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. It took less than one bottle to completely cure me." The safest and most reliable cough and cold remedy and lung and throat healer ever discovered. Guaranteed by all druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

"HUMAN INTEREST" GALORE.

A Good Story of a Succeeded Family Fever-Smitten, and the Gratitude of a Farmer.

Following is from the Troutman correspondence of the Statesville Landmark:

Sam Bustle dropped around some two weeks ago and requested me to write a piece to the papers for him. "I don't want an ordinary stereotyped card of thanks," said he, "but I want you to write a long piece and tell everybody, if you can, how sincerely thankful I am for their service to me during our siege of fever. It began in May and lasted till the middle of August. You may say what you please about the world going daffy about money and worshipping and studying money, but it is not true. The world is getting better every day and I have had ample proof of this. Why, when my folks began to get sick and the grass began to grow in my crop, and when I was all wrapped up in anxiety and going from one bed to another caring for my dear ones and no time to study crops, what did they do but to drop in and take hold and plant and dig and plow the cotton and corn and gather in and thresh the wheat. Yes, they came from every direction and lent a hand. There were men of affairs with lots of business of their own, who hitched up their wagons and came with wagon loads of laborers, and there were men who didn't even know me who came with their sons and hoes in the crops. And the women, bless 'em, when they came to the house they pushed up their sleeves and lent a hand toward caring for the sick and cooking for the Lord, as Preacher Sowers says, by doing the thousand and one things which need to be done in a large family, where the mother is hovering between this world and the next and four or five others at the same time are lying extremely ill. That was a manifestation of a wholesome religion which is good to live and die by. Seven of us had fever and you who have had one or two cases at once can get just a bare inkling of what a serious time it was with us in the very busiest time of the farming season, with all these sick ones.

"But they worked out our crop and cared for us in a spirit of neighborliness and our hearts are just overflowing with thankfulness which we can't express. Yes, the world is getting better every day and this community is filled with some of the best people who ever breathed God's pure air or ever tendered a cup of cold water in His name."

Publishers, push out some politics and give Sam room for this long piece. 'Tisn't often a family is up against it so tough as he was this summer and he has got to have a long, long say or burst. Samaritans to Sam, you stand thanked one and all. Your bread is out on the waters and the great I Am will put His hand on it and direct its course and after many days it will return to you with interest. Your kindness to this humble-hearted man will not go unrewarded.

Lutheran Missionary Society Elects Officers

At a recent convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society held in Charlotte, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. A. Linn, Rockwell; first vice president, Mrs. J. Q. Wertz, Salisbury; second vice president, Miss Ella B. Shirey, Hickory; third vice president, Mrs. J. H. C. Fisher, Mt. Pleasant; recording secretary, Miss Constance Oline, Concord; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Brown, China Grove; honorary treasurer, Mrs. P. N. Heilig, Salisbury; active treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Winecoff, Salisbury; general secretary of children's work, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Charlotte.

A committee, consisting of Mrs. A. W. Winecoff, Mrs. M. M. Kinard and Miss Constance Oline, was appointed to confer with a committee from the Synods of North Carolina and select plans for the building of a church at High Point.

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NO OFF YEARS NOW.

We Used to Have Them But Now the Candidate Gives Us No Rest.

We are getting farther and farther away from the good old plan of letting the office seek the man. Eighteen months in advance of time for the convention the candidates for Governor were out on the campaign displaying their wares. Office-seeking has come to be a scientific business and is now regarded as the proper thing to do. The Congressman-elect from the sixth district has not yet taken his seat, but here comes an announcement from a candidate that he will be in the race for the position two years hence. And so it goes. The people who are the masters of the situation, and who are supposed to choose their servants, sit back and obey orders. It would be a wholesome lesson to perennial and premature candidates if a few slates were smashed when the convention meets. It would clarify the atmosphere somewhat and stop this perpetual disturbance. Years ago we had what was known as "off years" in politics; we do not have them now. The candidate is eternally before us. The pot is always boiling. The strife within party lines is often strenuous than that without. Great social, economic, and even moral questions are settled according to the bearing they will have on the political situation. If the element of politics were eliminated from the Southern Railway embroglio we have no doubt an amicable adjustment would have been reached without resort to the courts. The candidate is a very clever man, and most accommodating withal, but he is a general disturber of the peace nevertheless. We wish we had less of him. He is certainly too much in evidence. He can be controlled if the people desire to control him. No man has any claim upon the suffrage of the citizens. Nobody has ever earned an office—certainly those have not who claim to have done so. The very best man for almost any position is not the man who nominates himself, but he whom the people nominate.—Charity and Children.

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The Mayor Proved Himself as Bad as the Woman He Fined.

Because Mayor Graham did not think that there was sufficient evidence to fine John W. Shepherd on the charge of disorderly conduct and cursing Mrs. Shepherd, prosecuting witness, told the court that it was a "dirty trick" in discharging the hubby, and she was at once attached for contempt of court and fined \$5 and cost, a total of \$7.50. Mrs. Shepherd had her husband arrested on the charge named and then appeared in court as witness against him. The mayor looked into the facts of the case and finally discharged Shepherd. The wife-witness then left the court room and when she reached the door she said in a voice sufficiently loud to be heard by the court and others in the room that it was a "dirty trick." Mayor Graham instructed an officer to bring her back into the court room and after looking into the matter the fine was imposed and she was placed in the hands of the chief of police until it was paid, which was promptly done.—Special to Charlotte Observer.

The Man and the Position.

The real man of size is determined by measuring him as he stands apart from the accident of position. Among the accidents and misfits which one encounters in the course of human events is the small man in the large position. Such a man in such a position sometimes seems big for a brief day, because of connection with a large position. He comes into the position by accident. He most probably regards it as a providence and according to the divine fitness of things. If he does not invest himself with all the importance attaching to his position it is a wonder.

So small is he as compared with his position, that he is absolutely dependent on the position for power and prestige. He must do business on the credit of his position. His glory is reflected glory of his position's sake. The way he shrinks when separated from his position is pathetic.

We have known men to go down from positions where accident had temporarily placed them, who endeavored to use the prestige of that former position to advance them in their own little schemes. When a man is not bigger than his position he is too small for it. Only small men have to depend on large positions for their own largeness.—Word and Way.

My Hair Ran Away

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Big Advertising Bills.

Attorneys for the State of North Carolina today placed in evidence before the standing master in the rate case the result of their examination of the books of the Southern Railway. Among this appeared several vouchers showing the Southern's payments to newspapers for advertisements and other purposes.

The most striking item was that to The Raleigh Evening Times, aggregating \$6,000 for the year 1906. These vouchers were for "advertising" and "special notices." Two were paid to John C. Drewry as president of the Visitor Publishing Company, which publishes The Times, each voucher being for \$2,000.

The State's attorneys also placed in evidence for comparison the vouchers of payments to The Charlotte Observer for advertising and special notices and those of the Washington Post. The Observer's vouchers for the year 1906 aggregate \$252, and the Washington Post's \$1,032.—Washington Special to Charlotte Observer.

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