An Old Time Sermon.

The following is a part of one of the late Bill Arp's letters, containing the sermon of an old-time preacher. I have had an occasional request to reproduce and save from oblivion a sermon that went the rounds of the Southern press some fifty years ago and was known as the "Harp of a Thousand Strings." Not long ago quoted a paragraph from it, and a friend writes me from East Feliciana, La., and says that the author of that quaint old sermon lived and died in that parish and his daughters and grand children live there now, and are his near neighbors.

When the Rev. J. T. Lewis wrote this sermon it was not uncommon for amateur preachers to perform up and down the western rivers and thus advertise their business, which was principally flat boating and peddling their produce. Lorenzo Dow took continental journeys from Maine to Texas, but he was a pretty good orthodox preacher. These flat boat preachers were a rough and tumble set and tangled up the Scripture awfully but they could draw the crowds and their whiskey was a good card. It was an orthodox product then, and preachers and the people were as fond of it as Old Father Noah, who was a preacher of rightcousness. Rev. Mr. Lewis does not give this preacher's name but his sermon has been sent me by my friend and I give it to your readers as it was given to me. When it first came forth we thought it inexpressibly funny. It is not so funny now to the old people, but the younger generation are more easily amused than the veterans and for their sake, I append it.

This sermon was said to have been preached at Port Hudson, where the amateur divine had "tied up" for the double purpose of observing the sabbath and selling whiskey.

I may say to you, my brethering, that I am not an edicated man, an' I am not one them as believe that edication is necessary for a Gospel minister, for I believe the Lord edicates his preachers jest as he wants 'em to be edicated: an' although I say it that oughtn't to say it, yet in the State of Indianny, where I live, thar's do man as gets bigger congregations nor what I gits.

Thar may be some here today, my brethering, as don't know what persuasion I am uv. Well, I must not say to you, my brethering, that I'm a Hard Shell Baptist. Thar's some folks as don't like the Hard Shell Baptists, but I had rather have a hard shell than no shell at all. You see me here today, my brethering, dressed up in a good clothes: you mout think I was proud, but I am not proud, my brethering, and although I'm Captin of the flat boat that hes at your landing, I'm not proud my brethering, ah.

I am not gwine to tell edzactly whar my tex may be found; suffice it to say it is in the leds of the Bible, and you'll find it somewhere between the first chapter of the Book of Generations, and the last chapter of the Book of Revolutions, and ef you will go and search the Scriptures you'll not only find my text thar, but a great many other texes, as will do you good to read, and my tex, when you shall find it, you shall find it to read thus, ah:

"And he played on a harp of a thousand strings—spirits of jest men made perfick."

My tex, my brethering, leads me to speak of sperits. Now, thar's a great many kinds of sperits in the world—in the fuss place, thar's the sperits some folks call ghosts, and thar's the sperits of turpentine, and thar's the sperits as some folks call liquor, and I've got as good an artikel of them kind of sperits boat ason my flat ever foch down the Mississippi River; but thar's a great many other kinds of sperits, for the tex says, "He plays on a harp of a thousand strings, sperits of jest men made perfick." And thar's a great many kinds of fire, and then there, foxfire, and camphire, fire before you are ready, and fire and fall back, and many other kinds of fire, for the tex says, "He played on a harp of a thousand strings, sperits of jest men made perfick."

But I'll tell you the kind of fire as is spoken of in the Bible, my brethering, is hell fire! and that's the kind of fire as a great many of you'll come to, ef you don't do better nor what you have been doin'—for "He played on a harp of a thousand strings, sperits uv jest men made perfeck." And that's the kind of fire you can't dodge my brethering, ah, for it's the fire that won't be quenched. You may fly to the mountains of Hepsidan, where the woodbine twineth and the lion roareth and the whangadoodle mournet h for its first born, but you can't hide from the unquenchable fire, for it is the fire of hell and damnation, ah! For he played on a harp of a thousand strings—sperits of jest men made perfick.

Now, as there are many kinds of sperits and many kinds of fire, ah! n the world, ah! jes so there are many kinds of Christians. ah! In the fuss place we have the 'Piscopalians, and they are a high sailin,' high roostin,' hifalutin' set, ah, and they may be likened unto a turkey buzzard, that flies up into the air, and he goes up, and up, and up till it looks no bigger than your finger nail, and the fuss thing you know, he comes down, and down, and down, and goes to fillin' hisself on the carkiss of a dead hoss by the side of the road, and "he played the harp of a thousand strings, the sperits uv jest men made perfick."

And then thar's the Metkodis, ah! they may be likened into the squirrel runnin' up into a tree, for the Methodis beleeves in gwine on from one degree of grace to another, and finally on to perfection, and the squirrel goes up, and up. and up. and up and he jumps from limb to limb, and branch to branch, and the fust thing you know he falls, and down he comes kerllumix, and that's like the Methodis, for they is allers fallen from grace, ah! "And he played on a harp of a thousand strings, spirits uv jest men made perfick."

And thar is the Presbyterians, my brethern, with their long frock coats and high shirt collars, and dismal swamp faces, but they never cleared no new ground, nor burnt no bresh, nor deadened no timber, nor killed no bears. They always waits for us to do that, and settle up the wilderness, and then they will slip in and go to plantin', and put on heavenly airs, and claim to be the only people that are elected and shore of eternal salvation—and they play on a harp with a thousand strings—sperits of jest men made perfick.

And then, my brethering, thar's the Baptists, ah! and they have been likened to a possum on a simmon tree, and thunders may roll and the earth may quake, but the possum clings thar' still, ah! and you may shake one foot loose and the other's thar and you may shake all feet lose and he puts his tail around the limb, and clings, and he clings furever, ah! for "He played on a harp of a thousand strings, spirits uv jest men made perfick."

DAVIDSON NEWS.

Rural Route Suspended at Thomasville —New Bank.

The Dispatch

The postoffice department has decided to discontinue rural free delivery Thomasville route No. 4, April 1st, and the best part of that route will be looked after by the carrier on route No. 2. We are told that the reason of the discontinuance of this route is that the people living on the route would not work the roads and that they were most of the time impassible. Later no doubt they will have wished that they had taken more interest in their roads.

The Thomasville Telephone Co. is installing a new telephone switch board.

W. A. Kirkman, of Silver Hill, has sold his place to Frank Hicks of Spencer, who will move his family there. Mr. Kirkman goes to Fentriss, Guilford County.

The report was current last week that the Glenn Anna Railroad had been sold to the Norfolk & Western, and that the line would be built connecting with Winston-Salem and Wadesboro. The rumor is firmly denied by all.

The Roads Affected.

News and Observer.

There is much interest to know upon what roads in North Carolina the passenger fare has been reduced to two and a quarter cents, beginning the first day of July. Hon. James S. Manning, chairman of the Public Service Corporation committee, whose ability and devotion to the just and right sort of legistation is beyond all words of commendation, furnishes the following list of railroads with the mileage that are put on a two and a quarter cent rate:

ROADS.	MILES.
Aberdeen and Asheboro,	80 75
Atlantic and North Carolina,	94 71
Carolina and Northern,	63 50
Norfolk and Southern,	62 75
Norfolk and Western	87 34
Virginia and Carolina Coast,	61 02
Atlantic Coast line,	947 35
Southern R. R. Co.,	1,320 92
Seaboard Air Line,	612 12

The new roads of that length recently completed, or being constructed, can charge a rate to be fixed by the Corporation Commission, which is empowered to fix the rate on all roads less than sixty miles in length.

A sewer ditch 23 feet deep caved in at Statesville Friday and six negroes, working at the bottom, were buried alive. All were dead when found several hours later.

MRS. SARAH J. WINDROM

Mrs. Sarah J. Windrom of Chicago, cousin of Zachary Taylor, twelfth president of the United States, and grandniece of Alexander Hamilton, who signed the Declaration of Independence, says:

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LAND SALE.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Randolph county in the special proceeding entitled "Pearl Leonard and others," I will, on the 18th day of March 1907 at 12 o'clock M. sell to the highest bidder at public auction, at the courthouse door in Randolph county, North Carolina, the following described tracts of land.

FIRST TRACT. Adjoining the lands of Acenith Fentress and others beginning at an ash on the banks of Deep River, thence East 55 lb chains to a stone in the old line; thence North 24 chains to a stone; thence West 3 1-2 chains to a stone in Julian's line; thence South 2 chains to hickory; thence West 42 1-2 chains to a black gum on the river bank; thence South following the various courses of the river to the beginning, containing 16½ acres more or less.

SECOND TRACT. Adjoining the lands of E. S. Cobble and others; beginning at a small hickory on E. S. Cobble's line, running North on the dividen line 18 chains and 50 links to a stone in the Worth Manufacturing Company line; thence West on said Company's line one chain and 46 links to a stone; thence South 17 chains and 75 links to a dead black oak in E. S. Cobble's line; thence south 68 degrees east on said Cobble's line to the beginning, containing three acres of land be the same more or less.

THIRD TRACT. Adjoining the lands of O. L. Leonard and others beginning at a stone Leonard's line, running thence 5 chains and 85 links to a hickory; thence south 68 degrees east on Cobble's line 4 chains and 90 link to a stone; thence North 5 chains and 58 links to a stone; thence North 39 degrees west 7 chains and 67 links to the beginning, containing 2 7-16 acres more or less.

Terms of sale one-half cash, balance on a credit of six months. title to be retained until purchase money is paid.

This the 13th day of February, 1907.

J. A. SPENCE, Commissioner.

North Carolina, Randolph Co. } In Superior Court.

Asheboro Wheelbarrow & Manufacturing Co.
Vs.
Carnegie Steel Company.

Notice of Summons and Warrant of Attachment

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 16th day of January, 1907 by W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph county, North Carolina, which summons is returnable before the Judge of the Superior Court to be held for the County of Randolph at the courthouse in Asheboro, N. C., on the 2nd Monday after the 1st Monday in March, 1907, for the recovery of the sum of Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars due said plaintiff by the defendant on account of damages caused by the breach of contract on the part of the defendant in delaying the shipment of a car load of iron within a certain time in the year 1906

The said defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the said Clerk of the Courson the 16th day of January, 1907, against the property of the said defendant, for the said sum of Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars, for the cause above set forth, which warrant of attachment is returnable before the Judge of the superior Court at the time and place above named for the return of the summons, when and where the said defendant, the Carnegie Steel Co., is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demand will be granted.

This the 28th day of January, 1907.

W. C. HAMMOND,
Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina, Randolph County. } In the Superior Court.

B. F. Lowdermilk, extr. of Z. H Lowdermilk, Nora Lowdermilk and her husband, B. F. Lowdermilk,
Vs.
W. D. Ingram, W. D. Ingram, Admr. of Abigal Ingram, J. H. Kearns, I. F. Kearns, L. M. Kearns, Emma Watson and her husband, W. A. Watson, Jr, I. F. Kearns and J. H. Kearns, Exrs. of C. S. Kearns, Margaret B. Lowdermilk and her husband, W. W. Lowdermilk.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, from affidavit filed with the Clerk of the Court in this action, that Margaret B. Lowdermilk and her husband, W. W. Lowdermilk, defendants in this action, are not to be found in Randolph county and cannot be found within the State after due diligence, and that the said Margaret B. Lowdermilk and her husband, W. W. Lowdermilk are proper parties to this action; that the action is brought for the foreclosure of a mortgage which was executed by W. D. Ingram and Abigal Ingram to C. S. Kearns, and a second mortgage which was executed by same parties to J H Kearns, that these mortgages have been duly assigned to the plaintiff, B. F. Lowdermilk, Extr. of Z. H. Lowdermilk, said mortgages covering and conveying certain lands in Randolph county, which, at the time of the execution of said mortgages, were the property of Abigall Ingram, who has since died leaving the said Margaret B. Lowdermilk one of her heirs at law, and as such heir at law, the said Margaret B. Lowdermilk is entitled to an interest in said lands, subject to the said mortgages and that the said W. W. Lowdermilk is her husband.

It is therefore ordered, that notice of this action be published once a week for four weeks in the Asheboro Courier, a newspaper published in Randolph county, setting forth the title of the action, the purpose of the same, and requiring the said Margaret B. Lowdermilk and her husband, W. W. Lowdermilk to appear at the court house in Asheboro at the next term of the Superior Court of Randolph county to be held on the second Monday after the first Monday in March, 1907, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, or the relief therein demanded will be granted.

W. C. HAMMOND,
Clerk Superior Court Randolph Co.
This the 6th day of Feb. 1907.

NOTICE!

Having Qualified as Administer with the will annexed, on the estate of P. P. Copple, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph county, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for Cash, on the premises, on the 8th day of March, 1907, the following personal property, to-wit: One mare, farming tools, machinery, 1 one horse wagon, corn wheat, meat and household and kitchen furniture and other articles too tedious to mention.

All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 18th day of Feb. 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 9th day of February 1907.

J. S. KINDLEY, Admr. with the will annexed of P. P. Copple.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Randolph Co. } In the Superior Court.

M. A. Kindley
vs.
Matilda Copple, Jane Owen and husband Even F. Owen, Elizabeth Lambeth and husband Frank Lambeth, Edgar Copple and Roy Copple

The defendants Elizabeth Lambeth, Frank Lambeth, Edgar Copple and Roy Copple above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Randolph County, to sell certain parcels of land situated in Tabernacle Township in said county for a division among the tenants in common. And the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county at the courthouse in Asheboro, North Carolina, on the 16th day of March 1907, and answer or demur to the petition in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This the 15th day of Feb 1907.

W. C. Hammond,
C. S. C.

LAND SALE.

By Virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Randolph County in the special proceeding, entitled Seth W. Laughlin, Admr. of Jacob Chrisco, J. M. Chrisco et al. Ex Parte, I will, on the 18th day of March, 1907, at 12 o'clock M., sell to the highest bidder at public auction, at the courthouse door in Asheboro, N. C., the following real estate, to wit:

1st Tract. On the waters of Richland Creek; beginning at a rock pile and running thence North 20 chains to a post oak; thence West 27 chains to a post oak; thence South 20 chains to a red oak; thence East 27 chains to the beginning containing 50 acres more or less, excepting 7 acres more or less sold off to Wilkins Benton.

2nd Tract: Beginning at a pine, Drake's corner; thence North on Drake's line 28 chains to a sassafras, Trogdon's corner; thence East on Trogdon's line 14 chains to a stake, Trogdon's corner; thence South on Trogdon's line 26 chains to a stone pile in said Chrisco's own line; thence West on said line 14 chains to the beginning, containing 36 acres more or less.

Said land sold subject to the dower right on said land of the widow of the said Jacob Chrisco.

Terms of sale: One-half cash and the balance on a credit of six months, bonds with approved security to be given for the deferred payment

This 13th day of February, 1907.

J. A. Spence,
Commissioner.

North Carolina, Randolph Co. } In the Supreme Court

Joseph Parkin
vs
The Hoover Hill Gold Mining Co.
} Notice of Summons And warrant of Attachment.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against the defendant on the 5th day of Feb. 1907 by W. C. Hammond Clerk of the Superior Court for Randolph County returnable before the Judge of Superior Court of Randolph county on the second Monday after the first Monday in March 1907. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by said Clerk of Superior Court on the 11th day of Feb. 1907 against the property of said defendant for a breach of contract for service and money demand for $8,444.54. Which warrant is returnable before the Judge of the Superior Court on the second Monday after the first Monday in March 1907, When and where the defendant is required to appear and answer plead or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded will be granted. This the 11th day of Feb. 1907.

W. C. HAMMOND, C. S. C. for Randolph Co.

NOTICE.

M. C. Jones has this day entered the following land in Randolph County to wit: A tract of 20 acres more or less of land in Cedar Grove Township, Randolph County, N. C., on the waters of Raw Branch adjoining the lands of Daniel Lowe, S. A. Coltrane, Daniel Linthicum and others, for which without objection filed within thirty days from this date, he will ask for a warrant of survey to the County Surveyor of Randolph County.

J. P. Rosonus,
Entry Taker.

This Feb 18 1907.

LAND SALE:

By virtue of an order of sale granted by the Superior Court of Randolph county on the petition of B. M Reeves against Jesse Cox et al. I shall at the courthouse door in Asheboro at 12 o'clock M. on the 30th day of March 1907, the following Real Estate, to-wit: A tract of land in Richland township, in said county adjoining the lands of H. A. Albright and others, bounded as follows to-wit: Beginning at a white oak J. W. Cox's corner by a small branch and running south 22 chains and 31 links to a post oak in Hugh Moffitt's line; thence on his line 4 chains and 50 links to his corner a black jack; thence south on his line 9 chains and 31 links to a stake in his line; thence west 27 chains and 32 links to a post oak; thence north 31 chains and sixty links to a line; thence east on said Cox's line to the beginning, containing 86 acres more or less.

This 25th day of February 1907.

JOHN T. BRITTAIN, Comr.

NOTICE!

Having qualified as administratrix on the estate of Andrew Hunt, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 7 day of March 1908 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

This 4 day of March, 1907.

M. J. HUNT, Admrx.

NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, Randolph Co. } In the Superior Court Before the Clerk

Sarah A. Hepler, Sidney J. Blair, L. J. Blair, Branson J. Blair and Dora E. Richardson,
vs.
William J Blair, Marietta Blair Mendenhall, and her husband, W. D. Mendenhall, Eddie J. Mendenhall, Robert Earl Mendenhall, Etta Mendenhall Burk and her husband —— Burk, Willie Blair Mendenhall, Martha Tomlinson Mendenhall, Ruth Wurth Mendenhall, Robert Sidney Thompson, Lizzie Jane Thompson Cooper and her husband —— Cooper, Seymore Blair Thompson, Mattie Olivia Thompson, Landis Horation Thompson, Thomas S. Thompson, Bessie Roella Thompson, Sidney Washington Thompson, Dora Manilla Thompson, Ethel Thompson, Dewey A. Thompson, Edna Thompson, Sallie Alma Thompson, Emeline S. Denny, Gustavis N. Hunt, Winfield J. Hunt, Edward E. Hunt, Robert F. Hunt, William Dix, Hiram Dix, Roland Dix, Anna Davenport and her husband —— Davenport, Francis C. Tomlinson, Sarah E. Walton and her husband. —— Walton, Lillie J. Holder and her husband, —— Holder, Dona J. Tomlinson, Edward F. Robbins, Julius L. Robbins, Finjey G. Robbins, Daisy S. Ingram and her husband Arthur Ingram.

NOTICE.

The defendants Emeline J. Denny and her husband, Denny, Gustavis N. Hunt, Winfield J. Hunt, Edward F. Hunt, Robert F. Hunt, William Dix, Hiram Dix, Roland Dix, and Anna Davenport, heirs-at-law, and all others whose number, names and residences are unknown of Josiah Blair, deceased, will take notice, that an action, entitled as above, has been instituted in the Superior Court of said County for the partition of the lands of the late Josiah Blair and the said heirs-at-law defendants as aforesaid, will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the said Clerk of the Court for said County, in the courthouse in the town of Asheboro, N. C., on or before the 18th day of March, 1907, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief therein demanded.

This Feb. 7, 1907.

W. C. Hammond, C. S. C.

GOV MONTAGUE ON LYNCHING.

Virginian Talks to Students of Harvard University.

A. J. Montague, formerly governor of Virginia, gave an address at Harvard University at Cambridge in which he touched on the subject of lynching in the south. He said in part:

"Some of us are taught to favor lynching and therefore to fear the strong arm of federal power. This barbaric malady will not be finally eradicated in America until the people exercise a self-restraint born of conviction and not fear. In our system of government, above all others, there is no place for private or personal vengeance.

"I think that a strong constabulary is the best school to teach the virtue of self-restraint and beneficence of law and order over riot and murder.

"I give it as my deliberate opinion, started by the bulk of the law-abiding people of the southland, that there is never an occasion where resort to lynch law is justifiable among civilized people. Such practice sap the fundamental bonds of society and will eventuate in a government as capricous and as relentless as that of wild beasts."

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J. Alexander Dowie, the prophet, and founder of Zion City, Ill., died Saturday after an illness of five weeks. He was born in Scotland in 1847.

AUCTION SALE

I will sell at public auction one one horse wagon and harness in good shape, one pair match mules eight and ten years old, and harness, two two horse wagons, one mill shelter, one shanty covered with shingles, one barn covered with shingles 40 feet long, one Henry Ditson circular saw 48 inches, 10,000 feet of lumber, boards and framing from 8 to 25 feet long a bargain for some one, and other things too tedious to mention

This sale will take place at the Sherman Hinshaw, place one and one half miles, south of Worthville, near Deep river and one third mile east of W. H. Bonkemeyer's, on Saturday, March 16th, 1907.

W. C. Carson.

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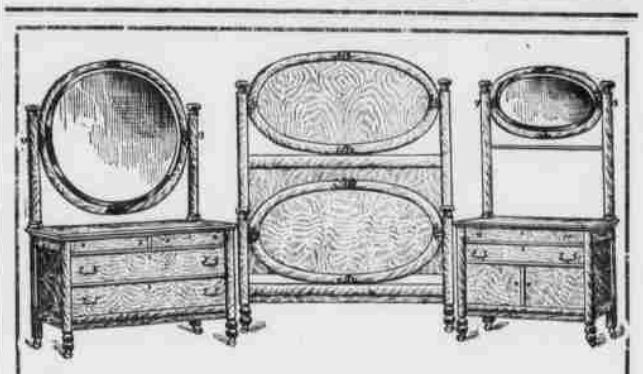

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