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## WEAVER'S WAR RECORD.

NOW WE HAVE IT STRAIGHT FROM PULASKI, TENN.

A Swindler—A Robber—A Bad Man All Around—A Sworn Statement of his Cruelty.

A copy of the Pulaski (Giles County) Democrat having fallen into our hands we find it contains some interesting facts about GEN. JAS. B. WEAVER—third party candidate for president. His war record in that place is all sworn to and is enough to disgust every honest man in the south.

### HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Gen. Weaver, while in command at Pulaski, in January in 1864, issued an order to Charles C. Abernathy, John H. Newbill, Robert Rhodes and others that they pay into his hands \$1,000 for the maintenance of refugees (meaning negroes and renegades from Alabama.) This order was accompanied by a threat that if the money was not paid, they and their families would be sent south and their property given to said refugees. All of these parties are dead now and were over sixty years old when that order was issued. Can any southern man vote for such a heartless wretch?

### THE COTTON TWIST ROBBERY.

A man by the name of C. W. Witt sold Mr. Jasper Cox—a very poor man—two thousand pounds of bacon, for which he received the cash. Mr. Cox took the bacon to the cotton mills in Lawrence county and traded it for cotton twist. This he carefully stowed away in the loft of his little cabin, thinking that it would assist him in purchasing a little home after the war, as he was very poor with a large family and had no home. Weaver learned through some source that this gentleman had the cotton twist and sent a detachment of soldiers to his house and took possession of it, and shipped it to Iowa for his own use.

This cotton twist was worth at the time it was stolen, \$2,000.

Jasper Cox is living in Giles Co.

### ROBBERY OF HOGS.

John P. Williams, a poor but highly esteemed farmer in Giles county, had twenty-five fat hogs, which at that time were worth ten dollars per hundred gross. Weaver, in person, took a file of soldiers out to Williams' place and made the soldiers shoot every hog on the place, and had them brought to camp. When Williams asked for a voucher Weaver said, "I don't give rebels in the south vouchers. I would rather furnish rope to hang every d—n one of them." Mr. Williams is still living, and will swear to the above if necessary.

The hogs were valued at \$750.

### FONDNESS FOR HORSE FLESH.

Weaver had a great fondness for horse flesh, and whenever he found a horse belonging, as he called it, to a "rebel sympathizer," he took possession of it without giving any voucher for it, and if the owner valued it very highly and did not wish to part with it he charged him from one to five hundred dollars, according to the value of the horse, for returning it to his owner. This money he put into his own pocket.

### ROBBERING AND IMPRISONING PROMINENT CITIZENS.

Weaver had a number of law-abiding citizens arrested and put in jail and then charged them from one hundred to five hundred dollars for releasing them. There were no charges against them. Several of the gentlemen who were put in jail and paid the money are still living, among them is Dr. J. C. Roberts, one of the

most highly respected citizens in Pulaski.

The following are a few of the gentlemen in Giles county from whom Weaver coerced money at the point of the bayonet. They were all law-abiding and highly respected citizens:

Thomas Martin.....	\$250 00
Dr. Wm. Batte.....	100 00
Charles Abernathy.....	250 00
Robert Dickson.....	250 00
J. H. Newbill.....	100 00
J. W. Morris.....	100 00
David Reynolds.....	250 00
B. Abernathy.....	200 00
Charles B. Daly.....	200 00

Total, \$1,700 00

This money was taken Jan. 25, '64.

The above parties were old men, staying at home and interfering with no one. Several of them had borne their muskets and followed the stars and stripes through the Creek, Florida and Mexican wars. They are all dead except Dr. Wm. Batte, who is now living here and substantiates the above:

### STATE OF TENNESSEE GILES COUNTY

This day personally appeared before me Dr. Wm. Batte, to me known as a man of high standing and credibility, and says that he was a citizen of Pulaski, Tenn., during the war of the rebellion and has been ever since. That he was personally acquainted with J. B. Weaver, who as colonel of the United States troops, was in control of the U. S. forces stationed in Pulaski, Tenn., in 1863-4. That said J. B. Weaver was very oppressive and extortionate upon the citizens of said town and vicinity. That said commandant J. B. Weaver issued a military order requiring the above parties and perhaps others to pay over to him a large sum of money for the alleged purpose of supporting refugees then within his lines. This order was accompanied with the threat that if not complied with immediately that the parties on whom the demand was made would be sent south. Under this threat said J. B. Weaver the sum of one hundred dollars, and said J. B. Weaver believes the other parties on whom the demand was made paid the amounts required of them.

Wm. BATTE,  
Subscribed and sworn to before me Aug. 22, 1892.

J. W. BRADEN,  
Clerk Circuit Court.

J. P. Abernathy, son of Charles C. Abernathy, has the original receipts which Weaver gave to his father for the \$250 taken from him.

### BARTERING IN PASSES.

Weaver made it a practice to charge our citizens ten cents each for passes to come into and go out of the federal lines. This money he put into his own pockets. This pass read as follows:

PASS THE BEARER THROUGH THE FEDERAL LINES.

J. B. WEAVER,  
Commander.

Weaver had David B. Cox arrested and imprisoned until his friends paid \$500 for his release. Cox is living here and will substantiate the above, so will Maj. J. B. Stacy and Col. S. E. Rose, friends of Cox, who furnished part of the money.

He had John P. Williams, an old Mexican soldier, arrested and imprisoned until he paid \$500. Mr. Williams borrowed the money from J. P. May, president of the bank here.

Hon. Pleasant Smith, an old citizen and former mayor of the city, was here during the war. He says Weaver was the worst man that was ever in this country, and that every southern man who votes for him should be disfranchised.

D. T. Harrison, an old citizen of Pulaski, makes the following statement under oath before J. J. McCallum, J. P.:

"Of all the men I ever knew Weaver was the worst, he seemed to take a delight in abusing, persecuting and robbing them; he had no respect or feeling for old, defenseless men, women and children. Mr. Lanier, of Nashville, gave me \$1,335 with which to buy some cotton, but as soon as Weaver found it out he had me arrested and took \$935 of the money, and then added falsehood to robbery by reporting to Mr. Lanier that I had made way with the money."

Weaver was a terror, not only to the male portion of our people, but was loathed and despised by the wo-

men and children for his brutal conduct. All these charges are true, and can be substantiated by living witnesses.

Any southern man who would vote for such a scoundrel ought to be imprisoned for life and fed on vinegar and pumpkin seed the remainder of his days.

### Brings it Home.

Our townsman, Mr. A. C. Link, to satisfy himself in regard to Mr. Weaver's record in Tennessee wrote to Dr. J. C. Roberts, one of Weaver's prisoners, in regard to the matter and received the following reply:

PULASKI, TENN., Aug. 26, '92.

A. C. LINK, Dear sir:—I received your communication this morning in reference to Gen. Weaver's record while stationed here and commander of the post of Pulaski.

It affords me great pleasure to state that his record is an addition to Ben. Butler's and Ball Nelson's. I don't bear malice against any man, but crying justice demands the truth as a vindication.

God forbid that after understanding the man, as I know him to be full of venom and hatred towards the south, a villain of the direst cast, a plunderer and inconsistent politician, a diabolical hypocrite, God forbid I say, there be a man south of Mason and Dixon's line that is so deluded and irreverential of the noble manhood of the south, the love of country, mother, sister and home with the forgetfulness of the bleaching bones of the noblest heroes of the world, now scattered from Antietam to the borders of the gulf, among the magnolias and evergreens that echo back daily the wailings from the flames and plundered homes, led by better men than Weaver. Who is it that knows his record will vote for him? \* \* \*

Now we are developing the blacks demoralized character of General Weaver; tell the democratic club to send for the "Giles County Democrat," Col. J. G. Ford, editor, and it will get his diabolical deeds and sworn to by the best men and as good in point of veracity as any in the state. All that is said in reference to me is true.

Yours, etc.,

J. C. ROBERTS.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Official returns in Russia show 6,953 new cases of cholera.

Savannah has declared quarantine against Great Britain, on account of cholera.

The national committee of the third party has opened headquarters in Boston.

Roanoke, Va., has had a cloudburst with great damage. Water stood four feet deep on the streets.

The theatre end of the Metropolitan opera house, New York, was destroyed by fire on the 27th. Loss \$500,000.

The Wilmington Messenger says that one of the third party state candidates has been in Wilmington since the convention on a drunk.

Cholera has made its appearance in Great Britain, the victims being German emigrants on their way to the United States.

South Carolina held her primaries Tuesday, and it is estimated that Tillman has carried the state by perhaps 50,000. A bolt is expected.

Among other prominent persons, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Blaine have petitioned Queen Victoria to pardon Mrs. Maybrick, an American woman imprisoned for life in England for the murder of her husband.

The Lehigh Valley and Central railroads of New Jersey have notified their employes that they must sever all connection with labor unions. The men are very indignant, and a strike is almost certain to follow.

Gen. Stevenson and Ewing to Convince North Carolina Together.

Special to PRESS AND CAROLINIAN.

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COM. )  
RALEIGH, August 31.)

Hon. A. E. Stevenson, nominee for vice president, and Hon. W. G. Ewing, of Illinois, will address the people of North Carolina at the following places and times: Asheville, Sept. 15th; Raleigh, Sept. 16th; Charlotte, Sept. 17th; Winston, Sept. 19th; Fayetteville, Sept. 21st; Wilmington, 21st, at night; Goldsboro, Sept. 22nd.

Gen. Stevenson and Ewing will reach Asheville on the morning of the 15th, and will travel through the state in special Pullman car on the following schedule, to wit: Leave Asheville, via R. & D. R. R., Thursday, 15th of Sept., 5 p. m.; stopping at Hickory at 8:30 p. m. for supper, arriving at Raleigh on Friday, 16th, 8:30 a. m. Leave Raleigh 6:30 p. m.; arriving at Durham 7:30 p. m.; leaving Durham 10:30 p. m.; arriving Charlotte, Saturday 17th, 8 a. m.; leaving Charlotte 5 p. m.; arrive at Statesville 7 p. m. on the 17th; leave Statesville 11 p. m.; arrive in Winston 8 a. m., Sunday 18th; leave Winston, Monday 19th 6 p. m.; arrive at Greensboro 7 p. m.; leave Greensboro, via C. F. & Y. railway, Monday night, 19th, 11 p. m.; arrive at Fayetteville Tuesday, 20th, 7 a. m.; leave Fayetteville Wednesday, 21st, 4 p. m.; arrive at Wilmington Wednesday 21st, 7 p. m.; leaving Wilmington, via A. C. L. railroad, Thursday, 22nd, 8 a. m.; arrive at Goldsboro 11 a. m.; leave Goldsboro Thursday, 22nd, 6 p. m.; arrive at Rocky Mount 7:30 p. m.; leave Rocky Mount Friday, 23rd, 4:03 a. m. and arrive at Richmond, Va., 7:40 a. m.

While in North Carolina, Gen. Stevenson and Ewing will be the guests of the state association of democratic clubs.

F. M. SIMMONS,

Ch. State Dem. Ex. Com.

R. H. COWAN, Sec.

Vanderbilt's Stone Cutters on a Strike.

ASHEVILLE, August 29.—Fifty-four stone cutters at work on Geo. Vanderbilt's mansion near here are out on a strike for increase in wages. The men have been receiving forty cents per hour but wanted forty-five, and their demands being refused the men went out. Both sides are firm and stone cutting is practically suspended on the mansion.

ASHEVILLE, Aug. 30.—The strike of the stone cutters on George Vanderbilt's mansion was settled this morning by the demand of the men for more pay being granted. This was only done after the millionaire's agent had telegraphed various cities and failed to secure workmen to take the places of the strikers, who are union men.

## STATE NEWS.

Wilmington has quarantined against all European ports as a safety against cholera.

WINSTON, August 29.—Leonidas McKnight was sentenced yesterday by Judge McIver to be hanged October 21.

Two fires occurred from spontaneous combustion within four hours of each other in the new government building, at Asheville, Monday night.

W. H. Roberts and Neil McCallum were arrested in New York last week for swindling. They are the two who conducted that bogus bank in Marion last year.

Belmont Hotel, at White Sulphur Springs, five miles from Asheville, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night of last week. Two lady guests were badly injured, one of whom has since died.

Dawes Declines Re-Election.

BOSTON, Mass., August 26.—Henry L. Dawes has written a letter declining a re-election to the United States senate.

Mr. Dawes has been in the senate since 1875.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

REPUBLICAN PROMISES—MORTON REFUSES TO "CHIP IN."

Encouraging Summary From New York—Noble's Probable Successor—Quarantine Against Cholera Districts.

Special to the PRESS AND CAROLINIAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 30.—Boss Platt has been given his price, and he has agreed to help Mr. Harrison's man Carter try to elect the man he fought so bitterly at Minneapolis. Such is the story which reaches me from authentic republican sources. His price is the promise that he shall be made secretary of the treasury if Mr. Harrison is re-elected.

Representative J. DeWitt Warner brings encouraging news from New York, where he says everything looks unusually bright for the democrats, who he says are coming together beautifully. He finds that the sentiment throughout the state is all that any one could ask towards the national ticket. He also says there is no reason to suspect disloyalty from any democratic organization in the state, while there is every reason to expect that every democrat in the state, and is satisfied that this means a good healthy majority of the voters, will do his best from now on for the ticket. He spoke lightly of the circular issued last week in Erie county, and said he did not think it would result in any harm.

There is no cholera panic among the officials of the marine hospital service, which represents the national government, in dealing with the introduction or spread of epidemic diseases, but a commendable activity has been shown in taking steps to prevent the landing of any cholera patient in our seaboard cities, and also to prevent the disease making its way in by way of Canada. The old revenue cutter Ewing is to be used as a floating hospital at the Cape Charles quarantine station, while another revenue cutter will aid in making inspections of European steamers.

It is understood in the general land office that no commissioner will be appointed to the vacancy made by the resignation of Mr. Carter, to become chairman of the republican national committee, until after election, so that if Mr. Carter fails in his effort to re-elect Mr. Harrison, which he is most likely to do, he can get a little consolation by having his old place given back to him, and by drawing the salary until Mr. Cleveland appoints his successor. Should Harrison win he is booked for Noble's chair.

It would be difficult to find a milder mannered gentleman than Vice-President Morton, but according to a story that has floated over from New York he recently made Mr. Carter's hair stand on end, by swearing a string of oaths that could only have been expected from a cow boy on a "bucking" broncho. The occasion upon which Mr. Morton lost his temper was when he was visited by Carter and asked to duplicate the check which he gave to Mr. Quay in 1888, to be used for campaign purposes. He did not duplicate that other check, nor draw a check of any kind; but he did give Mr. Carter his opinion, very freely, of the underhanded methods by which he was shelled to make room for Mr. White-law Reid, and he also told him that Mr. Reid was the proper person to apply to for the duplication of the Morton check of 1888. It is well known in this town that Mr. Morton has a good right to complain of very shabby treatment from this party, and it is known also that the skirts of the man who now heads its ticket are not entirely clear. R.