

The Citadel Of Troyes.

A WAR STORY OF FRENCH AND COSSACK.

The disastrous campaign of 1814 was drawing to a close. The allied forces covered France like a cloud of locusts, and the wild Cossack who had marched from the banks of the Borysthenes was soon to slake his courser's thirst in the waters of the Seine.

Among these dangerous and inveterate enemies of the Cossacks was a certain Caesar Pompon, a sergeant of the Imperial guard, who lodged at a little inn kept by a little black-eyed Frenchwoman who had made the campaign of Russia and lost her husband, a one-eyed voltiguer, in the passage of the Bezina.

Fanchette would willingly have married the sergeant and even offered herself to that valiant warrior, but he would hear of no such arrangement till peace had been restored to his distracted country.

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"Hush!" said Fanchette. "The patrol is marching by." "Who cares for them?" cried the sergeant. "Fanchette, I brought home another bundle today. That makes ten."

"Ten what?" "Ten bundles," said the sergeant, with a wink. "Ask me no questions, and I'll tell you no lies. Well, captain?"

"Well, sergeant, what are you thinking of?" "Tomorrow night and the Cafe de la Victoire."

"So was I. We will warn all of our fellows tomorrow. Let them go armed, and we'll put Bressant through, whatever comes of it."

"Good," said the sergeant, rising and taking up his bed candle. "I'll oil my pistols before I go to bed. And if we don't meet again, captain, the rendezvous will be the Cafe de la Victoire, the hour sharp 7. Good night, captain."

"Good night, sergeant." "Pleasant dreams," cried Fanchette.

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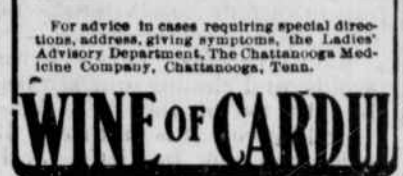
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Table listing land parcels in Wilson's Mills Township, including names like A. B. Austin, Mamie Hedgepeth, and Bettie R. Parker, with acreage and tax amounts.

Table listing land parcels in Clayton Township, including names like Dillon Avera, Richard Bryant, and Haywood Barber, with acreage and tax amounts.

Table listing land parcels in Pleasant Grove, including P. T. Massey, Agent, with acreage and tax amount.

Table listing land parcels in Ingrams, including Atkinson and wife, L. L. Booth, and Dock Watson, with acreage and tax amounts.

Table listing land parcels in Boon Hill, including Lucy Atkinson, D. H. Davis, and Nancy Evans heirs, with acreage and tax amounts.

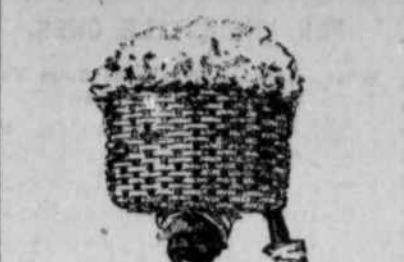
Table listing land parcels in Beulah Township, including D. M. Eure, Burden Holland, and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, with acreage and tax amounts.

Table listing land parcels in O'Neals Township, including Mary G. Bunn, Nancy Brown, and C. O. Ball, with acreage and tax amounts.

Table listing land parcels in Wilders Township, including A. J. Battle, Blackman Grey, and M. G. Wilson, with acreage and tax amounts.

Table listing land parcels in Selma Township, including C. C. Batten, Sarah J. Hatten, and Erastus Gaudie heirs, with acreage and tax amounts.

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NOTICE.

By virtue of an order of the Superior court made in the special proceeding entitled J. J. Harper, Exr., of John Harper and others, executor, to sell land for assets to pay debts, the undersigned will on Monday, May 6th, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door in the town of Smithfield, offer for sale to the highest bidder the following real property:

First tract, lot No. 10 in the survey of the land of John Harper, deceased, the same being a part of what is known as the "Pond tract" and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake in the old stage road, S. 1. Thornton's corner and runs with his line S. 87. E. 100 poles to a stake, thence S. 7. W. 43 1/2 poles to a stake, L. W. Langston's corner, thence N. 89. W. 9 poles to a stake, thence N. 88. W. 10 poles to a stake on said road, thence N. 30. E. 25 poles, thence N. 5 E. 6 poles to the beginning containing 36 acres more or less.

Second tract, lot No. 9 in said survey and situated between the old stage road and the Goldsboro and Aversboro road and beginning at a stake in the stage road, S. 1. Thornton's corner and runs with said road N. 54. W. poles, thence N. 5. E. 6 poles to a stake in said road corner of lot No. 10, thence same course 53 poles to a stake in a ditch, S. 1. Thornton's corner; thence N. 43. W. with said ditch 40 poles to said Goldsboro and Aversboro road, thence S. 54. W. 15 poles, thence N. 10. W. 10 poles, thence S. 81. E. 134 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing 44 acres more or less.

Third tract, lot No. 8 in said survey and beginning at J. A. Barbers corner in S. W. Morris and S. L. Thornton's line and runs with said line S. 43. E. 122 poles to the Goldsboro and Aversboro road, thence with said road S. 54. W. 15 poles, thence S. 64. W. 30 poles, thence S. 78. W. 44 poles to a stake in the road, thence N. 31. W. 17 1/2 poles to a stake in J. A. Barbers line, thence N. 73. E. 41 poles to the beginning, containing 37 acres more or less.

Terms Cash. The other lots in said survey of the John Harper lands can be bought also. Apply to J. J. Harper, Smithfield, N. C. This April 2nd 1901.

WILLIAMS & MORGAN, ATT'YS. J. J. HARPER, Executor of JOHN HARPER.

NOTICE. The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of Jerome Brown, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 4th day of March, 1902, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 4th day of March, 1901.

NOTICE. The undersigned having qualified as executor of the estate of Jerome Brown, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 15th day of March, 1902, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 5th day of March, 1901.

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Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, York Division Main Line—Train leaves Wilmington 9:00 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:05 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:25 p. m., arrives Sanford 1:45 p. m., returning leaves Sanford 3:05 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 4:25 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 4:45 p. m., arrives Wilmington 9:25 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:05 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m., Red Springs 9:51 a. m., Parkton 10:41 a. m., Hope Mills 10:55 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 11:10 a. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 1:45 p. m., Hope Mills 3:00 p. m., Red Springs 3:48 p. m., Maxton 4:16 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7:15 p. m.

Connections at Fayetteville with train No. 75, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gaff with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:55 p. m., Huxley 4:17 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:08 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m., returning leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:32 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:15 a. m., Weldon 11:38 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leaves Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrives Farmville 9:10 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., returning leaves Farmville 9:35 a. m. and 8:20 p. m., arrives Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro 10:10 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 1:30 p. m., 4:30 p. m., 6:30 p. m., 8:30 p. m., arrives Rocky Mount at 9:30 a. m., 8:40 p. m., arrives Rocky Mount at 10:20 a. m., 4:03 p. m., Spring Hope 11:00 a. m., 4:35 p. m., returning leaves Spring Hope 11:30 a. m., 5:05 p. m., Nashville 11:45 a. m., 5:25 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 12:25 a. m., 6 p. m., daily except Sunday.

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