

The halcyon days of rafting on the upper Mississippi were full of novelty, as well as danger. In those times, say back before 1866, such a thing as a raft boat was unknown. The work was all done by hand, but the rafts were not of such mammoth proportions as they are now. Today they are made up of millions of feet of timber. The rafts were handled by big swinging oars on the front and raft ends, and were manned by three men to each oar. Their only use, however, was in directing the course of the raft, the sole motor power being the current of the river. The time of making the trip from the northern lumber region to St. Louis depended upon the velocity of the current. Usually the time required to make the trip from La Crosse, Wis., to St. Louis was anywhere from six weeks to three months. Now a steamer with three times as large a raft can come down in from nine to eleven days. In the old days the cost of moving a large fleet of lumber was much larger than now, when a raft boat tows it for \$1.50 a 1000. To handle a raft by hand required a crew of thirty-five men or more, with an experienced pilot. These men had little houses built on the draft lived aboard until the trip was ended.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**They Expiate Their Crimes.**

**Three Colored Men Hanged Yesterday Afternoon.**

Garysburg, N. C., May 3.—Eli Ward, colored, who attempted the murder of Mr. W. H. Farmer at Rich Square some time in January last, was hanged at Jackson, Northampton county, today. He was cool and firm till the last.

Robert Williams and Walter Harris, both colored, were also hanged at Hicksford Va., to-day for murder.

The history of Ward's case is as follows:

Some months since he broke into the house with the intent to kill and rob Mr. "Farmer," a very worthy citizen of Northampton county. He had his trial in Northampton county, was convicted, and sentenced to be hanged. His sentence would have been executed more than a month ago had not his counsel succeeded in having the Governor extend the time until today. The jail of Northampton, not being very secure, the prisoner was sent to Warren, which has the most secure and convenient jail in the State, for safe keeping. Yesterday the sheriff of Northampton, accompanied by the jailer and undertaker, came for "Ward," taking him to Jackson.

"Ward" is reported to have some property, and up to committing this grave offense had a fair record; he, however, got into bad company, drank freely and was easily led into crime.—*News and Observer.*

**FIRST IN WAR, LAST IN PEACE.**

North Carolina opened the celebrations of revolutionary period at Charlotte, May 20, 1875. She will close the centenary era of those memorable events at Fayetteville on November 21, 1889. It is the duty of the whole

State to be fitly represented at the Cumberland Centennial in November. Every inhabitant of North Carolina, who can, should visit the historic old Cape Fear region on that occasion. Perhaps there is nothing connected with the history of the revolutionary times of greater significance or of more importance for the success of the representative form of government than proposed and to the welfare of the people thereunder than the action and influence of the State of North Carolina in refusing to adopt the constitution of North Carolina until the rights of the States had been better guaranteed, and the limitations of the powers of the Federal government more clearly defined.

Truths of history will be brought out, and made to assert themselves, through the celebration at Fayetteville, of which many of us are supremely ignorant. Facts will be presented there to interest where before we stood criminally indifferent. It will be one of the grandest occasions, commemorative of North Carolina history, within the annals of the State. The historical addresses delivered will be the finest our people have ever listened to, and the fire of patriotism will be rekindled to burn, as they have not, since the days in which our great fathers did the deeds we are so fortunately privileged to illustrate.

Happily the opportunities of travel are unsurpassed for conveniently reaching Fayetteville this year. She now enjoys all-rail connections with every portion of the State. The great system of rail roads now centre there, contributed to at Sandford, Goldsboro and by all the lines entering or traversing our territory. Accommodations for entertaining large bodies of people and the visiting military and bands are ample and the locality is notably among the most hospitable of the whole country.

NORTH CAROLINA ought to unite in making this the grandest celebration of all State events. Whatever of State pride there may in the souls of our people shall manifest itself at Fayetteville on the 21st of next Nov.—*Wilmington Messenger.*

**Relic of a Famous Battle.**

A white pine tree was cut recently two miles south of Shade Mills, in Garrett county near the site of the old Braddock road, and converted into shingles. It was a large tree and by expert woodsmen estimated to be at least three hundred years old. In cutting it up the saw in going through some tough substance, attracted attention, and investigation disclosed a bullet imbedded in two inches of the heart. The tree at this point was 32 inches in diameter. About one-third of the bullet was sawed away, the remainder weighing at least an ounce, being left in the corner of a butt end of a shingle. The ball is supposed to have been shot from a musket of one of Braddock's men during the campaign which culminated in the disaster at Fort Duquesne. In this event the bullet was embedded in the tree 133 years ago, each year's growth burying it deeper. It is a most interesting memento of the ill-starred campaign of 1755.—*Baltimore Sun.*

Before we pick flaws in the character of another let us carefully look into our own hearts and see if we find any there that we are ashamed of. Use the church as a means of transportation to Heaven only, not as a veil to shadow your sins.

**A DARING ROBBERY.**

Colorado Springs, Col. May 8.—The most daring robbery in the history of the county was perpetrated at Florissant Monday night about 8 o'clock. Frank Costello, postmaster and storekeeper of that town, with his two clerks was getting ready to close his office, when three men entered and covered the occupants with guns, and said they wanted money. One of the clerks named Putnam began to parley with them when he was severely clubbed. Postmaster Costello seeing the robbers had the drop on him handed over \$400. All the time the money was being counted the robbers kept the men covered with their Winchester. Putting the money in their pockets the bold intruders backed to the door and escaped.

An alarm was given and the party started in hot pursuit. The robbers were overtaken a short distance from town, and a fight ensued, in which one of the pursuing party, Wm. Brady, was shot and probably fatally wounded. The robbers succeeded in making their escape and reached the mountains. The deputy sheriff and a well armed posse started after them at an early hour yesterday morning and, overhauling them, another fight ensued. The robbers were lodged behind a barricade of rocks and after a terrible fight of half an hour, one of the robbers was killed and another wounded, but the third still holds out and until ammunition is exhausted, there is no prospect of his surrendering. Sheriff Jackson and posse left this city last night well armed for the scene of trouble, and it is probable that the desperate villain will be obliged to surrender. The attacking party had three horses killed but nobody was shot, though bullets fell like rain around them.—*News and Observer.*

**News From the Boomers.**

Chicago, May 6.—A special from Arkansas City says: Suffering of the baffled boomers finds most prominent evidence along the Northern border. Yesterday 1,000 wagons on the march down, and 800 wagons on the way back were counted. The groves in Arkansas and Walnut river valleys, that offered camps for boomers before the descent, are filling again with returning unfortunates. There are hundreds of families among them who have sold everything to make the trip and now have nothing left. The sight of men, women, and children, who are thus unprovided for and desolate, with mere frames of horses surviving to drag them along, is pitiable.

Guthrie still holds the majority of the population and is not yet symmetrically formed. Oklahoma is the most promising town site. Captain Couch, an old successor to Boomer Payne, was Saturday, elected mayor, defeating a preacher, whose platform was against gambling and whiskey. As long as the latter is excluded, as it is now, a serious trouble cannot occur in Oklahoma.—*Wilmington Messenger.*

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NOTICE.  
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