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REMINISCENCES.

Personal Recollections of a Trip to Texas in Pioneer Days, and Some Incidents in Cow Boy Life in the West.

(By L. N. Perkins.)

As soon as we crossed Red river at Boggy depot we were in the Choctaw Indian Territory. As we only expected to drive ten or fifteen miles a day, we were some days in that nation. The country between Red river and Kansas is admirably adapted for driving stock then, plenty of grass and water for stock and usually a skirt of timber for camping purposes every few miles. The Choctaw Indians were highly civilized, and spoke the English language. They were also exclusive in their habits. They would not tolerate intermarriage with other tribes. If one of their number strayed off and married elsewhere he forfeited all of his rights to a home among his own tribe. Many of them had their own plantations and good homes, and before the Civil war owned slaves. Mr. Adams told me he had traveled extensively through the Territory and had bought slaves and taken them to Eastern Texas and Louisiana and he had some friends he would like for me to meet. So it chanced one day that we nooned near the home of some of his acquaintances, and he introduced me to two ladies who had been educated at Martha Washington College in Virginia. The reason why he wished me to meet them my home in Virginia was not far from that college. I found them to be intelligent, good looking and good looking and well educated. They were sisters and were married then, and the only trace of Indian in them to be noticed was their coarse, straight hair and black eyes. They were very free to talk and one of them made the remark that some people might think it strange that she prized her Indian blood, but, said she, "I am just as proud of my Indian blood as I am of my white blood." We did not meet the husbands of the ladies as they were away that day.

The beef cattle we were driving were to be shipped to Chicago, so at a point about midway of the territory they were separated from the stock cattle and took the western trail to Abilene, Kansas, a shipping point on the U. P. railroad, which was then in course of construction from Kansas City westward. At that time the State of Kansas had a strict quarantine law against the tick-infested cattle of Texas. They were not permitted to be driven into the State until they had been wintered and also grazed one summer in the Territory. Mr. Hatch, who owned half the cattle, and some of the hands went with the beef cattle. We traversed a portion of six different nations, Choctaw, Creek, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Shawnee and Paupau. They were not considered hostile except some of the Chickasaws were said to be treacherous but we had no trouble with them. There were only two streams of water the whole distance from Fort Worth to Kansas City that could not be forded. They were Red river and the Arkansas river. The distance was said to be five hundred miles. The Arkansas river, which we crossed at Ft. Gibbons in the Creek nation was about a half mile wide with a island somewhere near the center of the river. We camped near the river the night before crossing and did not expect to have any trouble in swimming the cat-

tle, but they would land on the island and when driven off they would swim back to the starting point. This was repeated many times with the same result. Finally the men succeeded in preventing them from landing on the island and they struck a sand bar and crossed without swimming. We, who were on horse back followed the cattle who packed the quick sand till we all got across without any loss, and the strange part about it was that it would come as near swimming a horse as it would a calf. That was the most tiresome riding I ever did, wading thru that quick sand for half a mile with the water nearly over the back of the horse.

We had some trouble after that when we undertook to drive thru some timber, the distance being farther than we expected and night overtook us. We found just enough open space on the bank of a small stream for the cattle to stand on and we all had to stay on herd during the night to prevent the cattle from getting away. We did not even have time to cook our meal, but when daylight came we were not long getting out of those woods where we could graze our stock and get something to eat.

About the last of September we were near the Kansas and we camped for some days on a bluff of the Neosho river. We were then in the Papau nation. The Papaus were a shiftless tribe and did not do much but hunt and fish. They were rather sullen and we had very little intercourse with them.

At that place I had a spell of malarial fever and lay for 10 days under the shade of a big oak, moving my blanket around from the sun to keep in the shade. I was not dangerously sick, but I could not sit up. Finally I prevailed on some of the boys to go to the town of Baxter's Springs, Kansas, a distance of forty miles and bring me back some medicine. I took it and was soon able to ride again.

We had now driven about as far as we could go on account of the quarantine and were waiting for some stock men to come along and buy us out. But as none were forthcoming Mr. Adams decided to send all the men home but two, and he would go to Kansas City to see if he could find a buyer for the cattle. So we moved to a good camping ground on a small stream about three miles from the town of Chetopa, Kansas, where we built a brush corral, and would pen our cattle at night and graze them during the day. By the time we got our tent stretched and corral ready for use it was October. I was left in charge of the herd with a young man by the name of York to help me whose home was in Ft. Worth.

(To be continued)

NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION.

North Carolina, Watauga County, Notice is hereby given that there will be held a town election in the town of Boone, N. C., on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1921, at the usual voting place in said town, for the purpose of electing a board of town commissioners and a mayor. J. D. Councill is appointed Registrar, and M. P. Critcher and L. L. Critcher judges to hold the said election. This 7th day of March, 1921.

J. M. MORETZ, Mayor.
J. G. GREER,
M. B. BLACKBURN,
F. A. LINNEY, Town Coms.

Some of the Things the General Assembly of North Carolina Has Done During the Session of 1921.

J. B. Warren in Winston Salem Journal.

1. Passed road bill for providing for the construction and maintenance of a State system of hard-surfaced and other dependable roads in North Carolina and the issuance of fifty million in bonds for this work.

2. Raised the salaries of all State officials to \$4,500 per year and provided increases for some of the other older employes of the State.

3. Provided pensions for members of the judiciary who have served fifteen years and have reached the age of seventy, who may retire on part pay and qualify as emergency judges.

4. Created the office of Commissioner of Revenue who will have general charge of all taxation work in North Carolina.

5. Put all Eastern Carolina under the ctock law.

6. Wrote a revenue bill which will raise nearly seven million dollars annually without a tax on property.

7. Provided for a revaluation of property values in the State which have decreased in value since the 1920 special session of the legislature.

8. Provided a million dollars for old soldiers.

9. Increased appropriations for maintenance for all State institutions a total of over two and a half million.

10. Provided \$6,745,000 for permanent improvement and enlargement of all State educational and charitable institutions.

11. Amended the medical practice act, bringing the code up to date.

12. Revised the banking laws of North Carolina.

13. Passed what is known as the par clearance bill, allowing State banks to charge for exchange.

14. Killed the eight per cent interest bill.

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16. Killed the moving picture censorship.

17. Killed all prohibition legislation except local.

18. Killed the bill providing enforcement of power contracts.

19. Passed the municipal finance act in accordance with suggestions of the mayors and other municipal officers of the State.

20. Made provision for putting all insane people in the State in hospitals and taking them out of jails.

21. Made provision for the treatment at State hospitals of inebriates.

22. Repealed the 1919 law requiring the removal of the State penitentiary and conversion of the old building into an asylum.

23. Redistricted the senatorial districts in North Carolina.

Ten Commandments of the Mathematics Department, A. T. S.

I. Thou shalt be present every day, if possible, and shalt bring a written excuse for absence, signed by the teacher in charge of the dormitory, or by parents in case thou liveth in town. All absences shall be made up.

II. Thou shalt be prompt for thy recitation and shall be in the room before the last bell rings.

III. Thou shalt not take the work of thy neighbor in place of thine own, for thy teacher will not accept it.

IV. Remember the offer of exemption and strive hard to attain unto it.

V. Honor thy teacher and do all thou canst to make his duties easier in place of harder.

VI. Thou shalt not kill thy teacher's respect for thy misconduct on class for he giveth thee a 6 every time thou doest so.

VII. Thou shalt not commit the sin of getting any one to help thee with thy work, for if he finds it out thou wilt not receive credit for it.

VIII. Thou shalt not cheat on examinations, for this means a zero if thy teacher finds it out.

IX. Thou shalt not engage thy neighbor's attention with idle talk or otherwise on class, for perhaps he wishes to make a good grade if thou dost not.

X. Thou shalt not desire to pass on thy neighbor's work instead of thine own, for it is not thine and in case thy teacher discovereth so it will profit thee nothing. Thou shalt, furthermore abide by these ten commandments, for I, thy teacher, have sworn to see that they are enforced and carried out.

J. T. C. WRIGHT, Teacher.

REGIONAL MISSION CONFERENCE.

Following is the program for the Regional Mission Conference to be held in Boone March 21 and 22nd by Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention:

FIRST EVENING

7:30-8:00 Devotional.
8:00-8:30 "Our Young People."
8:30-9:00 "Sunday Schools."
9:00-9:30 Address "Missions."

SECOND DAY A. M.

9:00-9:30 Devotional.
9:30-10:00 "Orphanage."

10:00-10:30 Conference on Our Home Missions.

10:30-11:00 Conference on Stewardship and State Missions.

11:00-11:30 "Biblical Recorder."

11:30-12:00 "Hospitals"

SECOND DAY P. M.

2:00-2:15 Devotional.

2:15-2:45 'Our Old Preachers.'

2:45-3:15 Conference on Foreign Missions.

3:15-4:15 Conference: The Spring Round Up; How to Conduct Campaign; The Budget System; Uniform Method of Accounts; Conserving Campaign, and other matters.

4:15-4:45 "Baptist Foundation."

4:45-5:00 Miscellaneous Discussions.

SECOND EVE.—CLOSING SESSION.

7:30-7:45 Devotional.

7:45-8:15 "Laymen's Movement."

8:15-8:45 "Education."

8:45-9:15 Foreign Missions.

It is expected that this conference will draw representatives from the churches of Ashe, Avery, Stony Fork and Three Forks associations. Pastors, 75-million campaign workers, W. M. U. workers and all others who will be urged to come. Boone extends a hearty welcome to any who will come. Come on and we will have a good time together. Entertainment will be provided. Send your name to F. M. Huggins, Boone, N. C., so that he may look out for you. But if you see that you cannot come until the last, come anyway.

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Notice of Administration.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Jas. P. Mast, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of March, 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please come forward and make immediate payment. This the 10th day March, 1921.

JOE K. MAST, Adm.

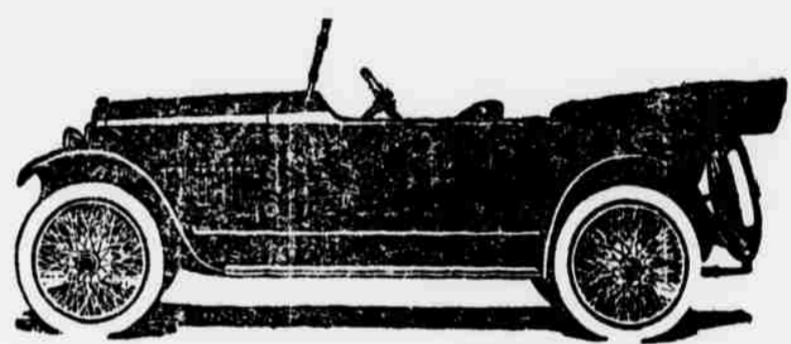
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