

THE DIFF-JACK DOG FEUD.

Some Facts Concerning a Bloody Affair on the Square—Diff, the Mastiff, Trice to Kill Jack Dog, the Dog-Trap—The Observer's Inquiry into the Cause of the Feud—The Presence of Jack Hurley—Police Interference and Bring Peace.

Walter Cochran, who keeps shop for Dr. Ikell Hirschlberg, at the Buford Cigar Stand, is a good-hearted, trustworthy fellow, judging from Mark Twain's dog test. A dog of any sort likes to follow him. If he strolls forth for a quiet hour, some mongrel puppy trails at his heels. Among Mr. Cochran's most intimate canine friends are: Diff, the Buford Hotel mascot; Jack Hurley, the little white and black pup of Mr. D. A. Hurley; and Jack Dog, the bouncer of The Observer office.

Of this dog, the largest, and also the biggest coward, Jack Hurley is very meddlesome, but not dangerous. Jack Dog is a thug. He scoffs and scorns at everything that holds society together. If he were a man he would be a bully. But, like the wayward boy, Jack Dog has friends. He stands well with man and beast.

Diff and Jack Dog are not friends. They have had several rows. Diff enticed Jack Dog into a back room in the Buford Hotel one fine afternoon and took him by the nape of the neck and beat him up and down against the floor, making the building vibrate. Jack Dog was not fazed by this drubbing. He harbors ill feelings toward Diff, and Jack Dog made friends with Walter Cochran it was not for the love of Walter, but for the purpose of worrying Diff.

Monday afternoon, when Mr. Cochran started to the square, Jack Dog followed and bit at his heels. The dog was frisky and gay, not because he felt especially well, but because he saw that Diff was looking on from the pavement in front of the Buford. Every few yards, after fondling Mr. Cochran's trousers, Jack Dog would turn around and look back at Diff and put one fore foot to his nose, saying as best he could: "You go to h—."

Diff stood this until Jack Hurley came out of the Buford Annex, and what was going on, turned and railed at him. The diodes and insults of Jack Dog were all right so long as they were unobserved by any dog except himself, but when Jack Hurley took note of the fact that Jack Dog was rolling him, then he became indignant. His temper got the better of him.

Curling his tail into a complete circle, the mighty Diff ambled up the street. As he passed in front of the Gem Restaurant he heard not, or heeded not, the calls of his friends there but moved on, foaming at the mouth and snapping his eyes. Jack Dog and Jack Hurley and Mr. Cochran were at the square, circulating among the people and rubbing elbows with the policeman.

"It's me that you're jeering at, you common whelp!" said Diff to Jack Dog. "Ah, go off," sneered Jack Dog. "Come on! Give it to me straight!" said Diff. "Answer my question!" "Crawl off, you lubber," said Jack Dog, showing the points of his teeth.

"I'll chew your throat if you don't apologize," growled Diff. "Geel!" sneered Jack Dog. "Holy Moses!" laughed Jack Hurley. "Well see," roared Diff, as he fell upon Jack Dog and bore him to the ground. "You're a coward," hissed Jack Dog as he struggled to regain his feet.

"Tell it to me, or I will kill you," said Diff. "I'm from Missouri!" declared Jack, as he turned on his back. The fight had become desperate. Diff was doing his best to murder Jack Dog, finally succeeding in landing the little black dog on his back with his powerful jaws. It required the use of two billy sticks to break his hold. Several dozen people had gathered to witness the unequal contest. Jack Dog was game to the last. He went down before his powerful enemy, but never yielded. While the fight was going on Jack Hurley made more noise than a pack of baying hounds. He kept shouting: "He stood off and suck Jack Dog and Diff on."

WELLS CASE MAY END.

Mississippi Cotton Firm May Accept Decision of U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Awarding Them \$50,000 of the \$70,000 for Which It Sued the Gastonia Manufacturing Company.

It is probable that a settlement of the famous case of the W. L. Wells Company, of Vicksburg, Miss., vs. the Gastonia Manufacturing Company and the Avon Mills, of Gastonia, in which about \$80,000 was involved, is near.

This case was tried in Charlotte at the June term of the United States District Court and Judge James E. Boyd rendered a decision awarding the plaintiff the full amount asked. The defendants carried the case to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, at Richmond, where it has been argued four separate and distinct times. It was argued before the United States Supreme Court once and returned to the Court of Appeals, which, last week, rendered its final decision, which sustains Judge Boyd's award of \$50,000, involving \$110,000 and interest, which should have gone to the jury.

The origin of the case was as follows: Mr. John P. Love, taken in by the Gastonia Manufacturing Company and the Avon Mills, claimed that Mr. W. L. Wells agreed to take two blocks of stock in the Loryn Mills, \$40,000, \$20,000, respectively, and that this stock was to be paid for out of money due the Wells Company for cotton.

Mr. Wells denied this, and sued to recover the money due his concern for cotton. In this case the plaintiff company was represented by Mr. W. T. Tillett, of Charlotte, and Mr. E. P. Smith, of Vicksburg, Miss. The defendants were represented by Burwell & Cansler, of Charlotte, and Mr. O. F. Mason, of Dallas.

Recorder Shannonhouse Severe on White Drunk-Lander Pays \$50 for His Last Sprock—Ed Lay Gets 30 Days.

Recorder Shannonhouse yesterday morning renewed his acquaintance with three of the most chronic drunkards in the city. Linder headed the list. The recorder had been patient with Linder, but he has with any other recent offender, letting him off with a fine of \$5 and a bunch of promises. Linder again. Yesterday morning, however, it was a different matter. Thirty days on the roads was the sentence, judgment being suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and the costs.

Ed Lay, one of Linder's side partners, was arraigned for the same old offense. He received no mercy from the recorder, either. He was sent to the roads for 30 days. A. T. Mann, white, finished a 30-days' term on the gang Monday morning, and Monday night was taken in by the police again for drunkenness. When he was arraigned yesterday morning he put up a most pitiful, inspiring plea, and the recorder suspended judgment on previous convictions, but should get a job and go to work at once and behave himself.

Joe Nisbet, a negro hackman who has been in prison on previous occasions, was fined \$5 for violating a city ordinance by leaving his team unattended. Robert Sutton and John Sampson, colored, were fined the costs for violations.

TO SELL INSURANCE BUSINESS. Receiver Plummer Stewart Will Discontinue Business of the People's Benevolent and Relief Association to Reliable Company—10,000 Members—Weekly Income \$500.

Mr. Plummer Stewart, receiver for the People's Benevolent and Relief Association, whose charter was annulled by State Insurance Commissioner James R. Young last Friday, last evening told an Observer reporter that he will dispose of the business of the concern to a reliable insurance company within the week. He thinks that he will have no trouble disposing of the business. He has already been approached by three concerns. Mr. Stewart has investigated the books of the association and says that even with the poor management it had built up a large business. It has approximately 10,000 members and the premiums amount to \$500 a week. The concern has a well organized force of solicitors and collectors.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Miss Emma Scroggs, of Statesville. Special to The Observer. Statesville, Nov. 20.—Miss Emma Scroggs died early Saturday morning at the home of her mother, Mrs. R. E. Scroggs, at the age of 31 years. She was a victim of tuberculosis and her condition had been critical for several days. Miss Scroggs was a daughter of the late R. P. Scroggs and had been living in Statesville seven or eight years, having moved here from Shiloh, toward the end of her childhood. She is survived by her mother, three sisters, Mrs. Walters and Misses Essie and Blanche Scroggs, and two brothers, Messrs. Frank and Mason Scroggs, all of whom were at her bedside when she died.

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Mrs. Rebecca Floyd, of Lumberton. Special to The Observer. Lumberton, Nov. 20.—Mrs. Rebecca Floyd, wife of the late Samuel L. Floyd, died Saturday at the home of her son, Mr. J. H. Floyd, in Lumberton, aged 55 years. Funeral services were conducted at Barnesville yesterday and the interment was at Bethesda church. Two sons and five daughters survive.

Miss Sallie J. Blair, of Archdale. Special to The Observer. High Point, Nov. 20.—Miss Sallie Blair died at her home at Archdale yesterday at the advanced age of 75 years. She was one of the gentlest and truest of the old quaker faith and type. Some time ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which she never recovered. The funeral services will occur at Springfield cemetery, conducted by Rev. Dougan Cox.

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Miss Anna E. Bogart, of Washington, N. C. Special to The Observer. Washington, N. C., Nov. 20.—Anna E. Bogart, a sister of the late D. N. Bogart, of this city, passed away at the home of Mrs. D. N. Gogart, on Second street, after a long illness from chronic gastritis, at 9:30 this morning. The deceased was born at Surfcoast, 75 years ago. Her husband was a beautiful Christian life. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. Her faith was steadfast belief unshaken. The entire community is saddened by her death. The funeral will take place at the Presbyterian church, conducted by pastor Rev. Dr. Grier, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The interment will be at Oakdale cemetery.

Mr. J. A. Farrow, of Washington, N. C. Special to The Observer. Washington, N. C., Nov. 20.—Joseph Allen Farrow, our oldest and well beloved citizen, died at his home on Bonner street at 2 o'clock this morning after an illness of several weeks. Deceased was a prominent citizen and a member of the Methodist church, a steward for 54 years, and a member of the Masonic order. His Christian life was marked by a beautiful trust in God. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Elizabeth Farrow, and three grandchildren. The funeral will be conducted from the Methodist church at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon by his pastor, Rev. E. H. Thompson. The interment will attend in a body. The interment will be at Oakdale cemetery.

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