

COL. HENRY GIVES BATTLE

UNDIMINISHED BY LAST DEFEAT

Overwhelming Vindication on the Bloodhound Proposition Does Not Crush Col. Henry. Though He Quibbles a Bit and Writes in His Own Defense—Challenges The Observer to a New Task—Knows All About Bloodhounds, Science and Poetry, He Declares, But is Short on Knowledge of the Movements of Mermaids.

To the Editor of The Observer:

A bit ago Col. H. E. C. Bryant collaborated with me in the preparation of an article which was intended as an historical and crushing reply to your position antagonistic to the bloodhound. Mr. Bryant was, and had cause to be, jubilant over our exposure of the fallacy of your merciless verbal assault upon the long-eared sleuth, for by the highest scientific and historical authorities we proved his efficiency from the time he helped Julius Caesar to conquer Gaul to the time when he ran Bruce and Wallace up a tree, and proceeding triumphantly, for the present, we confidently cited the bloodhound pups of Chief Orr, from which great things were expected. Mr. Bryant's joy at having the "Old Man" whipped out on this vasty argument was something pretty to see. These other gentlemen of the "Mule Pen" warred us to look out for the "Old Man." They told us frankly that you would give us well, well, sheel. And so you did, summoning your satire and taking a fresh draught at your inexhaustible fountain of humor, you proceeded to jump over and ignore all our history and were forced actually to resort to a patent petitio principii, by assuming that the mongrels in North Carolina who have abandoned the trail of the criminal to chase rabbits or to run their masters to their doors, were blood-hounds. You not only captured the public to our hazard, but it was soon whispered around that Chief Orr was saying that the career of his pups sustained all you said about the matter.

Your piece was copied throughout the North and South. The New York Sun came over to my side just at the time Mr. Bryant weakened and passed over to your support by publishing the bloodhound speech of that insupportable lawyer-dramatist—Col. C. Watson. A few days after, having been deserted by Col. H. E. C. Bryant, I was joined by one of the greatest authorities on dogs and at the same time one of the greatest photographers in the South, who lives right here in Charlotte, who speaking by the book, declared and declares that there has never been a genuine bloodhound in the "Old North State." The fact is, however, you have the jury with you, that is to say, the public, though it knows no more about a sure-enough bloodhound than it does about an thysaurus. It will have to content myself against you and the most of your readers with the endorsement of "Uncle Sam," who recently used a genuine bloodhound successfully according to a report in The Observer, in running down and taking the negro assailant of Captain Macklin. Conscious of defeat in your hands on the bloodhound proposition, I have endeavored to get my friend, Col. H. E. C. Bryant, to join me in again attacking you, but he laconically informs me that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and so he is a scared angel and I am a fool in this business, according to his philosophy. I am going to write in "Yes, sir, I am going to try and thank you. You may know all about bloodhounds and science, and statesmanship and poetry, but if what I have heard is true, you are short on knowledge of mermaids. I am calling you out on this question because I am told that when it was murmured around some years ago that a mermaid had been seen in the Catawba river, opposite Mount Holly, sitting on a log combing her long black hair, having swam up from the Atlantic on

WIDOCK NEAR TAYLORSVILLE

Train No. 15 Has Mishap—Six Box Cars Leave Track—Programme for Celebration of Lee Day.

Special to The Observer. Stateville, Jan. 15.—No. 15, in charge of Capt. N. A. Bost, the mixed train that is due in Stateville from Taylorsville at 6:20 o'clock, was wrecked three miles this side of Taylorsville last evening. Six box cars and the baggage car left the track leaving the engine and the two passenger coaches, which were in the rear, on the track. No one was hurt and but little damage resulted to the track. There were but few passengers aboard and these piled on the engine and were brought on down the line. The engine also took what few passengers there were up the road last night. The train that was derailed is due to leave Stateville for Charlotte at 6:50. A train off of the Winston and Mooreville division came up about 1 o'clock and made the run to Charlotte. A wrecking train was sent to clear the track.

At the court house next Saturday morning the 100th anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee will be observed by Stateville people. The exercises will take place about 1 o'clock and will be under the auspices of the local chapter of The Daughters of the Confederacy. The following programme has been arranged for the occasion. Prayer, Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." Reading of Gen. Lee's farewell address to the Confederate Army by the choir of the First Presbyterian church. Address on life and character of Gen. Lee, Mr. Dorman Thompson, Reminiscences by old Soldiers, Hymn, "For All the Saints Who From Their Labor Rest." Prayer and Benediction. The following veterans will receive badges of honor: W. J. Becham, J. W. Cohn, J. P. Collins, J. W. Crowell, S. C. Chapel, H. H. Harbin, J. W. Lackey, M. S. Neel, C. K. McNeely, R. W. McKey, J. C. Sicefoll, J. Y. Templeton, J. A. Wiesner, H. S. Williams, H. C. York.

TOBACCO SALES HEAVY. Reidsville Market Shows Decided Activity—Representatives of Insurance Companies Adjust Fire Losses.

Reidsville, Jan. 14.—Tobacco sales on the Reidsville market continued heavy the past week and the quality has been about the average of the crop. The market shows a very decided activity, all classes of buyers being eager bidders, and the larger corporations taking their full proportions of the offerings. From the start weather conditions have been favorable for the farmers to market the crop and at no time have prices showed any declining tendency; on the contrary, prices have showed a gradual advance from week to week. The farmers have taken advantage of the situation, and have sold their crop perhaps more rapidly than ever before. And the buyers, too, have been eager and better prepared than ever to handle the crop expeditiously. Unless the weather is very unfavorable the home receipts will continue large for several weeks.

State Senator R. D. Reid was here today, returning from a short visit to his family at Wentworth to Raleigh. Mr. Reid is chairman of a number of important committees, and finds it difficult to remain from his duties at Raleigh for even a short length of time. Representatives of insurance companies have adjusted the losses in the recent fires in which the L. E. Ware Grocery Company's store and J. S. Tulloch's store were gutted, and these representative concerns have reopened their places of business. The L. E. Ware Company carried \$1,000, and Mr. Tulloch's stock and build- ings were insured for between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

Yesterday was the warmest day of the winter, the thermometer on the door of the sheriff's office registering 35. A few more days of such weather will result in all of the fruit being killed. The oldest inhabitants state that it is the most remarkable weather for the time of the year that they can remember.

NEW PHONE NEARLY READY. Irwell Telephone Company Organized by Stateville Citizens in Opposition to Bell. Will Begin "Cutting In" To-day.

Stateville, Jan. 15.—The Irwell Telephone Company, the independent company, which is making things a hell for the Bell company in Stateville, is about ready for business, and will begin the "cutting in" of phones to-morrow or next day. The company has one of the best systems to be had. Their switchboard is of beautiful mahogany, and the best made, and all of the material used in the construction work has been of the best. Messrs. H. V. Smith and W. C. Lacy, of the Dean Electric Company, Elyria, Ohio, are here putting in the switchboard and other electrical fixtures. They will complete their work in a few days. The Southern Railway people will begin the work of constructing an operator's tower at the Stateville depot in a short time. The plans for the building have already been made, and the tower will be an up-to-date structure. The tower, which is part of the block system, which is being put in operation on this division, will be great convenience to the railroad people and will also be a safeguard against wrecks at the station.

Mr. W. A. Davis, a traveling auditor of the Southern Railway, has been here several days checking in Mr. P. Maher, the new agent at the Stateville depot. Mr. Frank Sherrill's name has been used by the company ever since he resigned as agent several months ago, to avoid complication, but Mr. Maher's name will now appear as agent. Mr. Maher, who came to Stateville from South Carolina, is a very agreeable and accommodating gentleman, and people having business with him at the station receive prompt attention.

HIT HIM WITH SINGLE-TREE. Gertrude Bruner, Who is a Negro, Lambasts Ike Houpe, Another, With Very Serious Results—Stockholders of Cotton Mills Meet.

Special to The Observer. Stateville, Jan. 15.—Ike Houpe and Gertrude Bruner, two negroes who live near Mr. W. H. Crawford, in Bethany township, engaged in a fight Saturday night that may result in the death of Houpe. Just what the row was about is not clear, except that liquor and probably some other affair was the origin of the disturbance. FROM THE ANTILLES. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Benefits a City Councilman at Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. W. O. E. Barry, who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: "One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had a good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had sent for a bottle. It was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is very interesting to see a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy."

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