

ANCIENT HISTORY.

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permit Saladin to despoil this land. He met with obstinate resistance an' before long his army wuz rulin' in rapid retreat towards Egypt. Allow me to say rite here that the biggest man does not awlays whip; neither does the biggest country. Russia, with nearly twice the population of Japan, couldn't do a thing with that little country. Why? The great Architect of Heaven an' ov earth holds nations and kingdoms in the heart of His hand. He decides battles an' everythin' else. Wars cause great empires to crumble an' crash. Wars change the map of the world; they bring in the train of results both joy an' sadness, fortune an' misfortune.

Before Saladin could reach Egypt after the campaign above mentioned, thousands of his troops had died from exposures, etc. His arrival at Cairo wuz marked with the results of battle, hunger an' thirst. But he still looked with longing eyes toward the riches of the East. In the commencement of this the next campaign his army wuz defeated at the battles of Aleppo and Mossul, an' the crusaders had assembled a fleet in the Red Sea which threatened the destruction or capture of Mecca an' Medina. But Abubecker, the viceroy in Egypt, fitted out a fleet which wuz commanded by Lulu, which defeated the European expedition an' gave renewed hope to Saladin. He again entered the provinces of the East an' went from siege to siege, battle to battle, like some fierce animal which had just learned its own strength an' ability to destroy.

After runnin' a triumphant course through Syria he entered Palestine an' created terror. After obtainin' possession of Aleppo and Mossul, he again aimed a blow at the Holy Land. For three years Saladin gained points over the army of the crusade. Various cities had fallen, includin' Tiberias. By this time Lusignan, King of Jerusalem, had heard somethin' of Saladin, an' he begged the privilege of meetin' him in battle. Saladin sent him word that he must be quick about hit for he wuz a busy man. So the King of Jerusalem got a hump on himself. The two armies met on the banks of the river Jordan an' Saladin wiped up the earth with the army from Jerusalem an' took the King prisoner; also Arnold, Lord of Carac. The King of Jerusalem wuz treated kindly. But Carac wuz put to death by Saladin's own hand because he had inflicted many miseries upon the followers of Mohamet. He soon captured several cities, an' findin' practically no further opposition, he marched directly to Jerusalem an' soon began efforts to capture the wonderful old city. The garrison made a powerful defence, but after Saladin had made a breach in the wall the commander offered to capitulate. Saladin refused the terms an' vowed that he would sack an' destroy the city. Hiz cruel threats aroused the people of Jerusalem an' they determined to pursue desperate, an', we think, unjustifiable, tactics. However, hit wuz their fite, an' I'll not try to meddle at this late day. Public notice wuz given that the rulers of Jerusalem would put about five thousand prisoners or war to death to prevent any rescue in case the besiegers were victorious; an' in order that no European might be exposed to their revenge, they decided to destroy awl their own women an' children as a precaution, which gave an idea as to the desperate situation. That no booty be found, they resolved to destroy everythin' ov value in the city, such as money, jewels, etc. Havin' leveled the rock which the Mahometans held sacred, they were to sally forth beyond the walls of the city an' fight until victory perched upon their banner or the last man had fallen. Talk about your Spartan bravery! The Spartans were awl rite; so were the citizens of Jerusalem. But Providence would not have it so. The very bravery of the citizens an' soldiers of Jerusalem moved Saladin to a reasonable course an' he notified the army an' citizens in the city that he would accept a certain amount of money an' that the people an' property of the city would be safe. Thus a most critical situation wuz safely passed through, for Saladin carried out his promises.

Az ever, ZEKE BILKINS.

Moonshiners by the Two-Horse Wagon Load.

The following from the last issue of the Wilkes Patriot tells of several big raids in Wilkes and Yadkin Counties: "Deputy Marshals Holland and Grant returned Tuesday night from the Swan Creek section, near the Wilkes and Yadkin County line, with a two-horse wagon load of prisoners. By actual count, there were five of them—Cling Harris, Eli Johnson, Eulis Cheek, Sanford Cheek, and Everette Harris. All are charged with illicit distilling. None were ready for bond, and consequently they were placed in jail to await their several preliminary hearings. This is one of the largest numbers of successful arrests that has ever been made by the officers, and very likely sets a new record for numbers. "An illicit whiskey plant, in full blast of operation, was found Saturday evening by Officers Holland, Grant, Harkins and Shepherd, about two miles east of Jarvis postoffice. Two men were present operating the

plant, but when the officers were in sight, they fled. Thereupon a lively chase ensued resulting in the capture of Helus Curry.

"Deputy Collector B. D. Haynes and Posseman Clyde Parks and A. P. Haynes surprised and captured John Welborn, colored, early Sunday morning, down in Edwards township, while he was busy making some illicit whiskey, in a hurry, presumably, to get through before Sunday-school time. Welborn is an old offender and several warrants have been issued for him, but because of his expertness as a runner, none of them have ever been served. He is accused of having operated more plants and escaping arrests longer than any who have, in recent years, come within the knowledge of the officers.

"Deputy Marshal Grant, with two possemen, arrested W. R. Welborn at his home near Harley postoffice in Job's Cabin township, last week upon a warrant issued several months ago. In making a search about the premises, Mr. Grant found a still place a short distance away, but the still and other equipment had been removed. Further search found the still in the cellar of Mr. Welborn's home. "Joe Younce, of Ashe County, was brought in by the officers, tried and committed to jail on the charge of obstructing the officers in discharging their duties. Welborn gave bond for his appearance at court. His son, Terelius, was also arrested but made his escape, when Mr. Grant went to phone for the deputy collector."

MOB OF INEBRIATED DEMOCRATS

Democrats in Missouri Legislature Get Drunk, Fight, and in Other Ways Desecrate the Sabbath. Albemarle Chronicle.]

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat prints an account of a very disgusting and humiliating scene in the Missouri House of Representatives, Speaker Champ Clark's home State, of which the following is a part: It was Sunday, March 19th. Why the General Assembly chose to continue its session on that day of rest is not given, but was probably because the Democratic hoodlums, who are in the majority, were too drunk to know when Sunday came, and it is evident that they didn't care. That the General Assembly of an American State was turned into a drunken mob and the most depraved orgies participated in by its members on Sunday, shows one of the noble traits of Democracy, and it takes a strange freak of opinion among voters to cause them to put such a crowd of bacchanals in authority in any State. Here is the substance of the account in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "Jefferson City, Mo., March 19.—A Sunday debauch, without parallel in the capital city of Missouri, and which followed a rough-and-tumble fight on the floor of the House this afternoon, ended to-night when a mob of inebriated Democrats from the House stormed the Senate and forced it to adjourn. The Democratic caucus commemorated the humiliation of Jesse A. Tolerton, State Game and Fish Warden, which was brought about by methods heretofore unheard of in Missouri politics. The revelry was begun a few hours after the pastor of the Presbyterian church had referred to the law-makers in his prayer which opened the Sunday morning services, and it continued until midnight. Every Democrat who partakes of alcoholic beverages had an opportunity to do so to his full capacity, and many of the Bourbons in the House consumed as much as they could carry. The Senate session was stormy throughout. The old guard brought up the contingency appropriation bill as soon as the body convened, and a riot was narrowly averted. The Democrats attempted to ride roughshod over the Republicans in jamming through the attended bill."

Offered Bryan \$2,000,000 to Move to Memphis.

Washington, D. C., April 6.—Mr. Bryan to-day told the committee sent here by the citizens of Memphis to invite him to make his home in that city that he could not accept. The invitation was extended at a luncheon given Mr. Bryan by the committee. Judge James M. Greer, of Memphis, chairman of the committee, as toastmaster presented the Memphis idea. He was followed by Senators Lear and Taylor and Representative Gordon, of Tennessee; Representatives Sisson, of Mississippi, and Robinson, of Arkansas, and Duke C. Bowers, of Memphis. They begged Mr. Bryan to come where "the people loved him, where he would always find friends." Mr. Bowers said he felt sure that Memphis could easily raise \$2,000,000, if that would be any inducement to have Mr. Bryan in his city. Mr. Bryan replied that it was not a money consideration, and that if he looked at it in that light, he would not be worthy of such an invitation. He said he knew he had friends in the South who would stand by him and that was why they did not need him there; they needed him more in the North.

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LAWLESSNESS IN NEW HANOVER

Judge Peebles Says It is Easy to Pack Juries in Wilmington and Refuses to Try Any More Murder Cases in That County—A Spirit of Lawlessness.

Wilmington, April 8.—There was plenty of excitement in superior court to-day, even though the court was in session but a very small part of the day. A part of this excitement was furnished by the grand jury in making presentments and returning true bills in cases not heard of until during the present week.

When court convened it was thought that the trial of Dick Gause, colored, for murder, would be entered into, but Judge Peebles said he never expected to try another murder case in New Hanover County; that there was no trouble in packing a jury so as to acquit a defendant, no matter what might be the charge. Later in the day, upon affidavit of the solicitor, the cases of Dick Gause and Garfield, charged with murder, and J. E. Tisdale, indicted as an accomplice in connection with the Gause case, were removed to Pender County. This action was brought about by the Stephens verdict last night.

This afternoon Joe Stephens, acquitted last night of murder, was arrested on a bench warrant charging him with carrying a concealed weapon. Stephens admitted on the stand that for several years he carried a pistol. He was released under a \$500 justified bond.

After a week of the most strenuous work the grand jury completed its work late this afternoon. In receiving the report Judge Peebles said he had never had a grand jury that did so much work and said the members deserved the thanks of the entire community, but he doubted whether they would receive it or not. In this connection Judge Peebles declared that there is a spirit of lawlessness in this community that is surprising and that an unhealthy condition exists relative to law enforcement. The grand jury found about twenty true bills this afternoon against women occupying disreputable houses, the charge being common nuisances. Other indictments of a somewhat similar nature were also returned to-day against several men.

It was suggested to the court that the grand jury remain in session until the next term of court, but this was not done.

"Grandfather Clause" a Snare and a Delusion.

Statesville Landmark.] A new registration having been ordered for the road bond election, some of the folks who registered under what is known as the "grandfather clause" of the constitutional amendment adopted some ten years ago, are under the impression that they do not have to register anew; that registration under the grandfather clause fixes their status as permanent voters during life.

This is an error. Those whose names are on the permanent roll, prepared under what is known as the "grandfather clause," are simply certified voters. That is to say, the fact that they are so registered means that they are qualified voters and they can register again without being subjected to the examination required of voters not so registered. But voters registered under the "grandfather clause" must have their names put on the registration book or they can't vote on election day. The regular registration books is the guide at elections and not the roll of voters prepared under the "grandfather clause."

The foregoing is the substance of a Supreme Court decision in a case sent up from Statesville some years ago.

Democrats Set Bad Example.

Charlotte Observer.] Making a rather extensive variety of charges in connection with the Democratic municipal primary, The Southern Republican of this city concludes:

"Many citizens disgusted, retired from the polls, and a large Republican minority, including the greatest tax-payers of our city, must have thought that if such treatment was given by brother political to brother—what could a Republican expect?" Among the important functions of North Carolina Democrats is the duty to set North Carolina Republican a good example, and, with all possible allowance for our contemporary's exaggerations, they did fall short locally in this respect.

Governor Blease Running the Government.

The Governor of South Carolina seems to have a way of doing business to suit himself, as the following special from Columbia to the Charlotte Observer a few days ago indicated:

"Governor Blease to-day informed the members of the State Pardon Board that his was the responsibility and told them that there was 'nothing doing' for them, when they met in accordance with the law to receive and act upon petitions for pardons. At about the same time, to show that there was 'something doing' in the matter of applications for executive clemency, Governor Blease turned down eight applications for pardon and granted clemency to none.

CUPID CAUSES LAWSUIT.

Son Wants to Marry and Father Opposes Such Action—Son Employs Attorney and Register of Deeds Will Hold Hearing on Question of Son's Mental Capacity.

A special from Elizabeth City to Sunday's Charlotte Observer says: "A case of unusual romance, bordering on the sensational, has just been learned of here and it is attracting a considerable amount of attention. Calvin V. Davis, a well-known young man of Wanchese, Dare County, is determined to marry a young lady of the same village by the name of Miss Mabel Rogers and the young man's father, B. H. Davis, is equally as determined he shall not. Young Davis applied in Dare County for license, and it is understood that the license was refused from testimony from his physician that the boy was not of sufficient mental capacity to enter into a civil contract. At least, this is what the elder Davis wrote to Register of Deeds Munden here asking that in case his son applied for license to marry that he be refused.

"This morning Attorney E. F. Aydlett notified Register of Deeds Munden that application would be made by Calvin V. Davis to marry Mabel Rogers. With the instructions from the young man's father before him, Register Munden decided to hold a hearing on the case and set the time for Monday, April 10th, at his office, when all parties to the case will be heard.

"It is understood that an effort will be made by young Davis, who has returned to his home, to have as witnesses for him the would-be bride's mother and a written consent from the young lady's father and possibly other witnesses. It is said that Miss Rogers is only 16 years of age and that the young man is 20. "The hearing will be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock, or as soon as the parties to the case arrive from Wanchese by boat on that day. "This case is one of the most unusual in the history of the local office of the Register of Deeds, which has certainly had its share in interesting and exciting runaway matches, and the hearing is expected to create the greatest interest both here and throughout Dare County, where the interested parties are both well known."

ELECTION FRAUDS IN ASHEVILLE

Twelve Reputable Citizens Have Signed Statement Charging Perjury and Fraud in the City Election. Asheville, N. C., April 9.—The persistent rumors of fraudulent voting in the fifth precinct of this city, which have been heard since the recent commission government election here, took definite shape to-day when ten reputable citizens of that precinct affixed their signatures to a document in which charges of perjury and fraud are openly made.

The matter is not to rest here, however, but will be carried before the grand jury with evidence and affidavits which, these citizens claim, will convict nine men of perjury and will show that fourteen men voted fraudulently in the commission government election held March 21st. The alleged illegal votes were all cast against the commission form of government, which lost by only eleven votes.

Large Blockade Distillery Destroyed Near Fremont.

Wilmington, N. C., April 8.—The largest blockade distillery seizure in the history of the State is reported from near Fremont and Kinston, this State, to-day by Revenue officers, W. K. Merritt and J. E. Cameron. The Fremont plant was of 750 gallons capacity and had formerly been a Government distillery, was seized and

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sold two years ago, was then stolen from the Government and never heard of again until to-day when taken by the officers on a 100-acre plantation in a house built to imitate a tobacco barn with underground steam pipes from a cotton ginney some distance away. The plant was on an estate, the executor of which denies all knowledge of the presence of the outfit on his lands.

The distillery near Kinston was of 225 gallon capacity and was in full operation when discovered, two negroes, one of whom escaped, being in charge. Some whiskey and still equipment was seized by the officers in each instance and arrests are expected to follow later.

JUDGE "SCORES" THE JURY.

New Hanover Jury Free Joe Stephens Who Had Formerly Been Sentenced to Death for Murder of Ernest Shields.

Wilmington, N. C., April 7.—After being out only about forty-five minutes, the jury this afternoon, shortly before 6 o'clock, returned a verdict of not guilty in the case wherein Joe Stephens was charged with the murder of Ernest Shields in July, 1909. In the first trial Stephens was convicted of murder in the first degree and got a new trial. While not as strong a case was made out as in the first trial the verdict is regarded as one of the most outrageous ever returned in this county.

When the verdict was returned, Judge Peebles said he had been on the bench nine years, and during that time four outrageous verdicts

had been returned in courts held by him, two of which were in New Hanover County. He declared that Stephens, under the evidence, was clearly guilty of murder in the first degree, and that if the jury took the unsupported evidence of the defendant in such cases as this as against law or twelve witnesses for the State, then the court had just as well be abolished.

Turning to the jury, he said: "You can go and need not come back to-morrow, get out." After the jury was chosen, the charges of conviction were regarded as very slight. The verdict was generally condemned.

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