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A TRAGEDY OF THE WAR.

Letter of a Confederate Soldier Who Was About to Face the Penalty for Desertion.

Charlotte Observer News.

Please publish the following letter, which was written by Joseph Honeycutt, of Stanley county, to his family during the civil war, while he was under sentence of death for starting home to see his wife and children. He was shot a short time after case letter was written and before it reached its destination.

March the 5d, 1865.

My Dear Wife:
I have to state to you the sad news that to-morrow at 12 o'clock I have to die. I have to be shot to death for desertion. I leave my wife and dear children and was arrested and brought back and court-martialed and am to be shot at 12 o'clock. Me and D. M. Furr have to die but thanks be to God I am not afraid to die. I think when I leave this world I shall be withers Mary and Martha are. Dear wife, don't grieve for me. Try and not. I dreamt last night of seeing you but I shall never. You shall see your hubby no more. I want you to raise my children in the way that they should go. My dear son Julius, this is my last order to you. I want you to be a good boy and try to serve God and be a good man. Farewell Julius, I must leave this world. And my son, Ephraim, try and be a good man and serve God. My dear daughter, Rebecca Heselbine, I bid farewell to you. Be a good girl and try to preach. Farewell, my dear son, Joel. You have no daddy now. Be a smart boy and mind your mother. My dear Nancy, I have to bid farewell to you. I want you to keep what things I have and pay my debts. And I want you to try to learn to have my tools and I want them to take good care of them and remember. I have a little looking glass that I want to send to Rebecca. I want her to remember. I have a good blanket I will get and send home. I will send my things with you. I will send you a letter. I will send home if he will and I have 25 or 30 dollars and I shall send \$5 of that in the morning before I suffer. Dear wife, that is four months' service. I can't write like I was not in trouble. I don't want you to have to suffer so much here that I don't fear. I don't want you to grieve for me, for I feel like I am going home to die no more. I hope I shall be with shining angels and be out of trouble. I have got a little book I want to send to you and remember me to some pretty lines. I want you to send the children to school, and my son Julius, I can't hear from you any more. I sent him a letter but got no answer. I pity poor Julius for he has had no chance. I have got no chance to write for I must go now.

March the 5th, 1865.

A few lines to Daniel Lefler and Jane Lefler. I bid farewell to you and my dear mother; I bid farewell to you and father and brothers and sisters. I must leave this world. Farewell, Julius, my dear son: farewell, Joel, my dear son. I want you all to meet me in heaven.

JOSEPH HONEYCUTT.

To Nancy Honeycutt, farewell, farewell.

P. S.—I want you to have my funeral preached at Pleasant Grove. I want Columbus Foreman to preach it and sing, "I Am Going Home to Die No More." This is the 4th day of March at 9 o'clock. I must soon be in eternity. I don't desire this, but I am not afraid to die. I want you to get all of the children's funerals preached that are dead. Nancy I want to see you one more time if I could but we can't meet any more. I want you and all the children to meet me in heaven.

JOSEPH HONEYCUTT.

Commenting on the above the Charlotte Chronicle says:

In another column The Chronicle prints what it considers a pathetic letter covering one of the tragedies of war—the farewell letter to family and friends of soldier condemned to pay the penalty for desertion. "Me and D. M. Furr have got to die," he writes almost pitifully. "He had attempted to leave the front without furloughs—had deserted, in fact—were caught and had received the sentence from which there was no appeal, for the capture of a deserter means his death at the hands of the firing squad. Honeycutt's letter will recall to surviving soldiers many scenes of the kind in which Honeycutt and Furr were the principals. Perhaps it may meet the eye of some survivor who was in the firing squad but who does not yet know if it was his gun that carried the blank cartridge.

News is from Washington through anti-prohibition sources that North Carolina congressmen are "greatly alarmed" for fear prohibition will create an upheaval. The Congressmen need not be troubled. The voters are going to settle this question since it was submitted to them and the little peanut politicians who think they can make it disturb politics will find that they do not know anything about the situation and the temper of the people.—News and Observer.

SUPT. JOYNER SAYS SCHOOL DON'T GET SQUARE DEAL.

Charlotte Observer.

The Shelby Star is another paper that gives voice to the growing sentiment to make Overman's re-election to the United States Senate unanimous. Adverting to the fact that practically all the papers in the State are advocating his return to the Senate, and conceding that as far as "timber" is concerned, there is no lack of material," it asks: "But can the Democracy of this State, the fair-minded preservers of its interests, afford to displace an admittedly able and worthy Senator serving his first term simply to provide a position of influence and honor for an equally worthy and able citizen." This question it answers in the negative, and it adds: "We have too much confidence in the sense of fair play which has ever dominated the rank and file of the Democracy to believe that it will for a moment consent to the retirement of Senator Overman at the close of his first term. Such action would be unprecedented and without valid excuse.

On the other hand, we believe that recognizing his pre-eminence, fitness, statesmanlike qualities, his high order of ability and his value to the State, worthy aspirants, whose ambitions may yet be gratified, will 'get wise' to the utter futility of his attempted defeat at this time and join with thousands of Democrats in saying, 'well done, good and faithful servant, accept the hearty endorsement of a unanimous re-election from a well-pleased constituency.'" These sentiments reflect the opinion of the Democratic party in the State, and this being the case, there can be but very little doubt of Overman's return.

RETURN OF MR. OVERMAN.

Wall Street Journal.

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These decisions have been rendered by the same court which decided against railroads and the corporations in the Trans-Missouri case, the Northern Securities case and the Edgerton case.

The court has proved its impartiality. It is applying to labor trusts the same law that it applied to trusts of capital.

The Supreme Court of the United States is the best fruit of our political system. He who attacks it dishonors himself. He would pervert it, or pack it, is a traitor to his country.

AN EDITOR'S TALK WITH HIS SUBSCRIBERS.

The following editorial in last week's Monroe Journal applies to The Times and every other county weekly or semi-weekly newspaper, and we hope our subscribers will read it carefully:

A newspaper and the subscribers who read it from year to year stand in very intimate relations to each other. They ought to be able to have a little talk with each other occasionally on business matters without misunderstanding each other. You feel very close to the editor whose words you read week by week, year in and year out. We know this both from our own experience, from what others have told us, and from the fact that you less you did have some such feeling, coupled with respect, you would not continue in the relation of subscribers. Presuming, therefore, that our subscribers will take what we have to say at its face value, we want to speak a few words in candor.

You have noticed from time to time the statement that after April the first the postoffice department will not deliver papers to subscribers who are one year in arrears with their subscriptions. Has your stopped to think why this rule has been made? It is no mere whim of the department, but a dire necessity, made so by the greed of the public as well as by the needs of the department. Why are you able to buy a paper like The Journal and have it delivered at your door fifty-two times a year for the small sum of one dollar? One reason that is the government does not charge you anything for carrying it to you. Many people do not know this, but it is so, that is if you live in the county in which the paper is published. If you live out of the county, the government charges at the rate of one cent a pound for carrying the paper to you. Now, why does the government do this? Because it considers that the distribution of good newspapers and periodicals is necessary to the welfare and happiness of the people and that it is right for the government to aid in distributing these as cheaply as possible so that they will be within the reach of as many people as possible.

Now, here is the point: Under this ruling a great many worthless publications have sprung up that serve no useful purpose but are printed and distributed for private gain. Most of them are no good, the people do not subscribe for them and in many cases do not want them in their homes. Yet if your name ever gets in the hands of one of these sheets they will be sent to you forever whether you refuse to take them or not. The publishers do not expect you to pay. All they want is to get them into your hands for some ulterior purpose. Sometimes that purpose is to preach socialism, anarchy, or some other nefarious doctrine. Most often, however, the publishers expect to make money, and do make millions out of the fraudulent schemes which they advertise and expect you to bite at.

A Wives Man's Remarkable Dog.

Washington Chronicle.

Uncle Israel Miller was in town last week and the subject of dogs came up. Uncle Israel stated that he had raised some remarkable specimens down at his place. He now has one that is good for snakes only. He will track up snakes, yelping on the trail as if running a rabbit. When he "trots" a snake he bays it until some one comes to kill it. A few years ago Uncle Israel had a fish dog, which would go along the river bank and tree fish, and if he could charm the fish to stillness he would dive in and get them. Our recollection is that Judge Henderson purchased the dog for the purpose of supplying the towns with fish, but the dog refused to work, and Uncle Israel explained it by saying "you couldn't expect a dog to be any account after he had taken up with these lazy, trifling town fellers."

Wood Alcohol in Whiskey Kills.

In Fayetteville a man died last week from drinking blockade, or blind tiger whiskey, which contained wood alcohol. In a town near Fayetteville a second death is reported from the same cause, and a third from Manchester. In this connection, a Fayetteville doctor, who attended the last victim, says that it is a fact that much of the so-called corn whiskey now sold is adulterated strongly with wood alcohol, a deadly poison. It is much cheaper than the real corn whiskey. With wood alcohol and concentrated lye, tobacco and other poisons, it, the North Carolina brand, is becoming a dangerous concoction.

You will do the greatest service to the State, if you shall raise not the roofs of the houses, but the souls of the citizens; for it is better that great souls should dwell in small houses rather than for mean slaves to lurk in great houses.—Epictetus.

It is rumored in railroad circles that Mr. H. B. Spencer, fourth vice-president of the Southern, will be promoted to general manager and that Mr. C. H. Ackert, who at present holds that position, will be made third vice-president.

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Butchered to Make a Holiday.

A bull fight tendered by the President of Peru in honor of the American fleet on the 23rd developed into one of the bloodiest ever seen in South America. So ensanguined became the battle, that after the fourth bull had been slain Admirals Thomas, Sperry and Emery, representing Admiral Evans who was too unwell to be present, deliberately arose and left the arena, which was regarded by the natives as a grave breach of etiquette. When they had gone the fifth bull tore the matador's stomach open and he soon died. Many of the American sailors jumped into the ring and grabbed pieces of his scarlet coat as souvenirs. Ten thousand people attended the fight, and it wound up with the first big downpour of rain in Peru in 40 years.

Watauga Approves Hackett.

Watauga Democrat.

The press of North Carolina, little we weeklies as well as semi-weeklies are just now engaged in pouring out a deluge of criticism upon Congressman R. N. Hackett for the stand he has taken and is taking in opposition to the Appalachian Forest Reserve bill. And the large dailies are also criticizing him most severely for the same cause. It is true that Hackett stands entirely alone among the North Carolina delegation on the important question, but to the mind of this writer he is to be congratulated for his nerve in contending for what he thought to be just and right in the face of such overwhelming opposition. He contends that the measure is unconstitutional and thinks remarkably the press are unkind until that question is settled. We say right or wrong, hurrah for Dick Hackett for the honesty of his convictions.

Fiddling and Dancing May Invalidate Title to Land.

Search in the record of wills probated in the office of the clerk of the court of Davidson county a few days ago, brought to light the fact that in a will recorded about 20 years ago this clause occurs: "—is to have no fiddling and dancing and card playing nor parties. If he does, he forfeits all his claim on the lands."

The Lexington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says it is reported that the party upon whom this code of discipline was placed was of a somewhat jovial spirit and did have a few parties. From what can be learned a suit is to be instituted and the right to the property contested on the ground that by reasons of having the parties the right to the property was forfeited.

Choosing fire as the medium of death Miss Emma Fink of Slantington, Pa., committed suicide Sunday in a most tragic manner. Standing where she could see the ruins of her old home, which was destroyed by fire about a year ago, she poured coal oil over her clothing and then set fire to her skirt. Miss Fink called on friends there today and after visiting her mother's grave, she went to the house of friends, where she secured a can of oil. Going to where she could see the site of the burned house she sat herself on fire.

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