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DUELING.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

In the western part of the State there have been extremely few duels, the mountain people have little relish for this sort of business. There were, however, at least two duels early in the last century in which the old-fashioned long-barreled deer rifles were used. In one case there were duels with pistols between Dr. James Vane, of Buncombe County, an uncle of the noted governor and United States Senator Zebulon Baird Vane, and Samuel P. Carson, in which the latter was wounded, but not seriously. The duelists at once made friends and the matter ended happily. General Thomas L. Clingman, who for years represented the mountain district in the United States Congress, and who was a brigadier general in the Confederate army, was twice a challenger in duels, and was once challenged. He was "out" three times, but was unhurt. All of his duels were fought out of the State, one of them while he was in Congress.

It was in one of these affairs that "Shocco Jones" figured, and which grew out of a dispute about a pig. In this neither participant was hurt. Jones was a great planter and writer of much local repute and one of the oddest books ever written about this State is his "Defence of North Carolina," in which he roasted Thomas Jefferson on the ground that the latter had been studiously unfair to North Carolina because of his intense partiality to Virginia. It was with one of Jones' kinsmen that John Paul Jones, one of the most famous sea-fighters this country or the world has ever known, lived for several years, this home of Jones' kindly patron, not being far from "Shocco," the seat of "Shocco Jones."

In the hall of history at Raleigh is a pair of historic duelling pistols "flint and steel" made in London, in 1803. The workmanship is of the finest character and the cost of the pair of weapons, with implements and the rosewood case, silver-mounted, was \$150 of our money. They bear both date and numbers. The wood work is of rosewood and the barrels are inlaid with silver. Every screw head is hand engraved. Each pistol weighs 32 ounces. The barrels 13 inches long and the diameter over half an inch. They are smooth bored. In the case are half a dozen spare flints, chipped with the greatest care, also loading tools of the finest make and some of the heavy bullets, which weigh almost an ounce. On each barrel is the engraved inscription "T. Mortimer & Son, Gunmakers to his Majesty." And on an engraved plate on the case is the inscription; "Thomas Mortimers & Son, Gun and pistol makers to his Britannic Majesty; the United States of America; the Honorable East India Company; No. 44 Ludgate Hill, London." It would be interesting to know how Mortimer and Son secured the appointment of gun and pistol makers to the United States. In an announcement they state that they were prepared to furnish officers and gentlemen with pistols of the costliest and rarest designs, inlaid with precious metal and stones, and that ship captains could be provided with pistols certain not to miss fire. The "balance" of these weapons is simply perfect. To this and the sharp and cross-checking of the but or handle, the greatest possible attention was paid, as well as to the tiny trigger, which can be set so that a pull of an ounce will discharge the weapon.

F. A. OLDS.

CLASHES WITH BRYAN.

Daniel and Democratic Leader in A Words Exchange—Nebraskan Too Independent.

Washington Post, 27th.

Democratic harmony got a staggering blow between the eyes yesterday when William Jennings Bryan and Senator Daniel, of Virginia, met in the lobby of the New Willard Hotel at the conclusion of the former's address to the National Publicity Association. There was no blood spilled, but the tenacity of the situation pervaded the lobby and extended to Peacock Alley, the show place of Washington's leading hotel, where afternoon tea was being served.

Senator Daniel was conversing with a group of the colleagues when Mr. Bryan stepped from the elevator. The Nebraskan joined the group, and shook hands with the Virginia Senator with more ceremony than cordiality. Conversation, which has been general, turned to politics, and Senator Daniel turned directly to Mr. Bryan and remarked pointedly that there was a great deal in the St. Louis platform that should not have been there.

"Well," Mr. Bryan responded, with some acerbity, "you were chairman of the committee on resolutions, Senator Daniel. The platform was reported unanimously, I believe. If it contained anything which should not have been there, you might have made a minority report."

The two men glared at each other. The Virginian's eyes flashed, and his lower jaw set. Then he said with much precision of diction:

"You know what I know, Mr. Bryan; that we had to put a great deal in that platform in order to assure your allegiance to the ticket. If you are the Democrat you profess to be you ought to be more ready to yield unconditionally to the judgement of the majority. You ought not to get your inspiration from the Independence League."

Face to face, the men stood. No word was spoken. The company of five or six was silenced by the situation, none being equal to the task of relieving the strain. It was Mr. Bryan who finally broke the silence, after a moment that seemed much longer interval. His friends had feared he would attempt to continue the argument, but he said, quietly:

"Well Senator, if the origin of my Democracy is to be the subject of the conversation, it is best that I should withdraw."

Bowing low, he backed off, followed by his retinue.

Senator Daniel departed on an afternoon train for Richmond. It was announced that he had not intended to be present at the Bryan dinner last night.

When Mr. Bryan returned from Europe last summer, Senator Daniel passed through Washington on his way to New York to greet the "peerless leader." He stopped in Washington long enough to give out an interview, in which he expressed the opinion that the Democracy would be reunited and rally to the support of the Nebraskan in 1908. The Senator sat on the platform when Mr. Bryan made his speech in favor of government ownership, and then returned to Virginia, only stopping long enough here to revise the statement he had made two days before.

The ginners report will be issued the 8th of this month, and the government estimate of the crop will be announced the 10th. Both are being awaited with much interest by cotton men everywhere.

Lowesville Locals.

(Received too late for last issue.)

Lowesville, Nov. 25th, 1907.

Mr. David Kincaid has completed his new residence in Lowesville and is expecting to move into it soon.

Mr. C. M. Henkel, our efficient R. F. D. letter carrier, has sold his place at Lucia and moved to Lowesville. He now occupies the Presbyterian parsonage.

Mrs. John Jones, who has been confined to her bed with typhoid fever for some time, is able to be out again, we are glad to hear.

Mr. J. W. Edwards, our able Sunday School Superintendent, has been quite sick for the last few days. We hope he will soon be well again.

Miss Laura Henkel opened her school over in the Killian district today.

Mr. Walter Boring, who has been in school at Rutherford College this fall, is spending a few days visiting homefolks here and at Lucia.

It is reported that Mr. Walter McConnell has taken his little five-year old son to Charlotte today to have Dr. Russell, the eye specialist, perform an operation. Recent developments prove that the little fellow is suffering with a grain of sand in his eye ball. While playing with other small boys some time ago, sand was thrown into the little fellow's eye, a very small particle of sand grain cutting into the ball of the eye. This has caused a painful inflammation and we hope Dr. Russell will be able to give him relief.

News comes from Conference that Rev. W. M. Boring, our pastor, has been appointed to the Polkville circuit in Cleveland county. Rev. Boring and his wife are both excellent church workers and we are sorry to lose them from our midst. We congratulate Polkville on securing their services and wish them well in their new home.

There seems to have been a general mix-up, which came near ending very seriously, over at Mr. Charlie Miller's corn shucking last Wednesday night, knives and rocks being used with but little discretion, it is reported, but we can't get particulars. "Old corn ficker" was the cause of it all. (But that is not news, anybody would have known that.)

A great many of our people attended the protracted meeting that was held at Unity church, Triangle, last week. Rev. C. H. Little, their pastor, is an able speaker and a zealous Christian worker and we believe great good has been accomplished.

School opened here November 4th and about 40 students have been enrolled. There has been so much farm work to do that people have been slow about starting their children in school. Most people see the need and know the benefits of an education. But a great many people keep their children at home to work because hired help is so high, and then excuse themselves by saying that they are going to send them off to college for a long term after awhile. Just a little calculation will show you what a great interest you'll have to pay on your money, and just a little thought will convince you that a long term in a year or two can never take the place of what the boy or girl should have now. We believe that a more prosperous and intelligent community than this around Lowesville would be hard to find. And with the model school building we have, the ideal location and the local tax to run seven months in the year, we see no reason why Lowesville district should not lead in education.

SALADIN.

Caesar's Letter

Alexis, Nov. 26th 1907.

Your correspondent has been down fourteen days with lagrippe, and is still very low.

Mr. James Ballard moved to Lincoln on last Tuesday, where he goes purposely to educate his children.

Mr. Robert Ballard, Jr. and wife have returned from Atlanta, Ga., to which place they went on a bridal tour.

Mr. Frank Womack and Miss Eva Sigman were married on the 17th inst by Rev. W. B. McClure, at the home of the brides father, Mr. J. A. Sigmon.

Miss Ethel Robinson left this morning for Mooresville, where she goes to accept a position as teacher in the Graded School at that place. The rest of the family will move to Mooresville the 15th of December.

Mrs. O. K. Loftin, of Lincoln, has been visiting friends and relatives in this community.

Mr. Alex Gabriel, of Mooresville, has been visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. Henderson Robinson at Machpelah.

Mr. Billy Armstrong's boys have put the public road from their house out to the creek at Capt. A. F. Brevards in fine travelling condition. It was not done any sooner than it was needed.

Alexis, Nov. 30th,

Mr. Cale Lineberger, of Iron Station, and Miss Etta Reel, of Machpelah, were united in holy wedlock last Sunday.

Messrs. George and Frank Womack, of Lincoln, spent Thanksgiving day at their father's Mr. T. H. Womack. They took quite a lively round-about hunt while here.

Miss Maggie Bisaner is spending several weeks in Lincoln with relatives.

Miss Ola Goodson, of Spencer, is visiting friends in this neighborhood.

A singing school will begin at Mount Zion church next Friday, December the 6th. It will be taught by Mr. Marion Laney.

Quite a serious runaway occurred on last Friday night, when Harvey Foster, Capt. A. F. Brevards driver, was returning home from Maj. W. A. Graham's a short while after dark, where he had taken the Captain to spend the night. When about midway between Machpelah church and Capt. Brevards' house, two men, one on each side of the road demanded him to stop. He was about to comply with their request when both men, all at once, fired several pistol shots, thereby causing the horses to take sudden fright and in the lively runaway which followed as a result. The phaeton was turned upside down, and damaged to the extent of about \$50. When the phaeton turned over the horses broke loose and one of them was not found until next day. Harvey escaped unhurt with the exception of a few slight bruises on the face.

Mr. Lee Howard, of the firm of Howard & Abernethy, has quite sick for the past two weeks.

While off-bearing lumber at the Howard & Abernethy saw mill Friday afternoon, Mr. Carl Norwood, son of the late Rufus Norwood, was thrown against the saw by the carriage running backward of its own accord at a time when no one was expecting it, and his arm was cut off and his head split open by the fall which he received. The accident occurred about 4 p. m. and he died about 6 p. m.

Dr. Percival Hall, son of Mrs. Willis Hall and a brother of Miss Sadie Hall, was married to Miss Sally Graham, daughter of Dr. George Graham, of Charlotte, in

Lincolnton on last Thursday, the 28th.

The Stanley writer seems to be forgetful of the fact that the editor of The News does not allow baptism to be discussed through the columns of his paper.

CAESAR.

"Ingle-side."

The romantic marriage of Miss Sally S. Graham to Mr. Percival Hall, which took place at the Presbyterian parsonage Thanksgiving day was a social event of wide interest and, in this connection, numerous questions have been asked about the history of "Ingle-side," the future home of this happy young couple. Ingle-side, the home of the Halls, is in the eastern end of the county, about 14 miles from Lincoln, and is a place of considerable historic interest. It became prominent during the Revolutionary War as the home of Jacob Forney, Sr., a pioneer German settler and the father of Gen. Peter Forney. Here General Cornwallis camped for three days with his army on his march from Ramsaur's Mill to Cowan's Ford. Jacob Forney was a noted patriot and the father of three Revolutionary soldiers, Gen. Peter Forney, Abram, and Jacob Forney. This property passed to Major Daniel M. Forney, son of Gen. Peter Forney, and who married Miss Harriett Brevard, of this county. He was, likewise, a man of prominence in his day and time. He received the title of Major in the War of 1812, and was a member of Congress and several times represented Lincoln county in the State Senate. Maj. Daniel Forney built the noted residence now known as "Ingle-side," which is a large two-story brick mansion, of Colonial style, with tall white columns in front. At the time of its erection Ingle-side was considered the finest private residence West of Raleigh. This property passed from the Forneys to the late Robert Anderson, a sturdy Scotchman, and through his son, the Rev. Robert Anderson, to Mr. Willis E. Hall.

Georgetown News.

George Town seems to be moving along very nicely, has opened up a nother hole sale house in the City and the lumber & shingles have bin laid down fore the city hall, will be built nere the main dwelling.

Sevel of the aldermen seams to be in a deep sorry of loosen one of there best sifersens, Mr. B. R. Carpenter who left Thursday for Clover, Texas; and also there was a large crowd gathered in wednesday night to bid Mr. E. B. Carpenter and wife good by and as the crowd broke they sang the old heam there is no place like home.

Mr. S. L. Carpenter visit B. R. Carpenter Thanks give.

Mr. W. L. Carpenter, and wife, of Beaver Dam Rolling Mill vist B. R. Carpenter Wednesday night to bid them good by.

Mr. G. W. Hines and J. T. Bird vist Mr. R. L. Ford Sunday evening.

Samuel Carpenter enjoyed a nice Oposum dinner at Mr. S. L. Carpenter Sunday.

Mrs. Eph. Carpenter visit Mrs. J. T. Bird last week.

Mrs. Ocia Edwards and little daughter is vist R. L. Ford this week.

Seval of the sifersens are wereing a greezy smile they have bin killing hogs.

George Town are going to have a truck farm this year; they are buisy planting now. Seavel of the sifersens begining to kick about having the onion patch so close to the main street on the count getting in there eyes.

BILL BLUE.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. Wilson Gates died at his home, near Pisgah church last Tuesday night after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Gates was born in 1840 and died in 1907 aged 57 years. He leaves to mourn his loss a lonely widow, aged mother, two sisters, and two brothers. Mr. Gates served in Company G, 37th North Carolina Regiment and was a gallant and fearless soldier.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord, when love has ound the heart. 'Tis hard, so hard to speak the words, must we forever part? Dearest loved one we have laid thee, in the peaceful graves embrace. But thy memory will be cherished, till we see thy heavenly face. Call not back the dear departed, anchored safe where storms are o'er, on the border land we left them, soon to meet and part no more. Far beyond this world of changes, far beyond this world of care, we shall find our missing loved one, in our Father's mansion fair. One by one earth's ties are broken, as we see our love decay, and the hopes so fondly cherished, brighten but to pass away. One by one our hopes grow brighter, as we near the shining shore, for we know across the river wait the loved one gone before. Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding o'er the spoils that death has won, we would, at this solemn meeting, calmly say, thy will be done. Though cast down, we're not forsaken; though afflicted, not alone, thou didst give and thou hast taken, Blessed Lord, thy will be done.

F. M. HARTSOE.

The Book Club.

The Anna Jackson Book Club held a pleasant and interesting meeting Thursday the 21st inst at "Stonewall," the hospitable home of Mrs. W. E. Grigg. In the absence of the President, Mrs. B. C. Cobb, the Vice President, Mrs. Steven Herndon presided.

The subject of the meeting was "The Field of Night." An instructive paper was read by Mrs. E. O. Anderson on "The Romance of the Stars."

Mrs. R. E. Costner highly amused the gathering by reading a humorous selection from Pickering on "The Origin of the Moon."

Mrs. Agnes Lawing gave an instructive reading on "The Extent of the Universe."

After the various readings a general discussion took place and delicious refreshments were served.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with palms, ferns and other potted plants.

Those present were: Mesdames J. S. Wise, R. E. Costner, Stephen Herndon, E. O. Anderson, H. E. Reid, J. L. Lineberger, R. S. Rienhardt, Agnes Lawing, R. S. Abernethy, John Sain and Misses Florence Finch and Virginia Hoke.

Mrs. Fred McDonald, of Rocky Mt. was a guest of the club.

Lincoln County Medical Society.

The Lincoln County Medical Society met in regular session yesterday at Dr. R. W. Petrie's office. There was a small attendance but had a very interesting meeting. There were no papers read on account of several members being absent. Several cases reported and a general discussion followed. It being the regular time for election of new officers, the following were elected: C. H. Hoover, Crouse, President. J. W. Sain, Vice President. R. W. Petrie Sec. and Treas. Drs. L. A. Crowell and G. W. Costner were appointed to read papers at the next meeting which will be on the first Monday in February 1908.

Mr. R. A. Love, of Gastonia, was in town yesterday.