

SOME ART TREASURES.

Raphael's "Adoration of the Shepherds" Owned by North Carolina Ladies and Will Be On Exhibition at The Appalachian Exposition.

By Old Hurraygraph.

In a beautiful old Southern home—"The Fountain" by name—in a lovely, mountain-enriched valley, known as the "Happy Valley," in Caldwell county, North Carolina—a home charming and quaint in its history and folklore, and venerable with age and story; being built more than a century ago, handed down with its sweet and sad, and holy associations, from one generation to another; is a real, genuine Raphael work of art, "The Adoration of the Shepherds." It is signed by the master painter of the world, and competent art critics pronounce it genuine. It is a beautiful old gem. In the collection of art in this Caldwell county colonial home there are other gems, the authenticity of which has never, I believe, been questioned, that would put art connoisseurs into a state of ecstasy to behold them.

There is a Dutch scene by Isaac Ostade, painted on wood; "The Judgement of Midas," the joint work of Paul Brill and Annibale Caracci; a beautiful and rare canvas, by Deitrich; another by Von Behr; etchings by Michael Angelo, Rembrandt, and Salvator Ross, and others.

The Appalachian Exposition opens at Knoxville, Tenn., Monday the 11th of this month, and remains open until the 1st of October, and North Carolina will contribute the most interesting feature to this display of the ingenuity of women and men. The owners of the above rare collection of art have consented to allow the old and valuable pictures to be placed on exhibition there during the time of the exposition. They will be guarded day and night in order to secure their safety.

These treasures of art once belonged to the collection of General Collett Leventhorpe, erstwhile a captain in a crack British regiment, and later a brigadier general of the Confederate army, soldier, surgeon, civil engineer, chess expert, literature, art connoisseur, and courtly man of the world.

General Leventhorpe set to work to discover where this Raphael painting he possessed, "The Adoration of the Shepherds," came from. He found that it had belonged to an old and wealthy family that had left Spain, on account of politics, in the sixteenth or seventeenth century. They first went to Mexico, and later to New Orleans. The family had dwindled, the last of the men had been killed in the war, and, finally, at the death of one of the women, the old mansion and everything in it had been sold at auction. "The Adoration of the Shepherds" was supposed to have been brought from Spain and had been highly prized by the family, and that was as far back as the general could trace it.

General Leventhorpe always believed that he possessed the greatest painting, the most priceless gem of art ever brought to America. After General Leventhorpe's death the Leventhorpe collection has been kept intact at "The Fountain," the home of Mrs. Leventhorpe's sister, Mrs. William Davenport Jones, in the "Happy Valley." The ownership of the pictures, however, is divided among two nieces of Mrs. Leventhorpe, one of whom is Miss Lily Jones, who resides at "The Fountain," near Patterson, in Caldwell county, North Carolina.

Bull Weevil Appears.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 12.—The bull weevil has appeared here on the farm of Mr. Sidney Balcombe, and is playing havoc with his crop, destroying at least three-fourths where they are at work. Rains have been injurious to opening cotton; too wet to pick out. The berry situation has improved. The situation of corn, sweet potatoes, peanuts, fair to very good.

Miss Sallie Packard and Miss Mary Damon go to Fassifern school at Lincolnton this week. This is Miss Packard's first year, while Miss Damon is a former student.—Cleveland Star.

A WORTHY EXAMPLE.

Three Years Ago Noted for Bad Roads Now Has Improved Highways.

McNeill's township, Moore county, should be an object lesson to the people of the whole South. Three years ago the township was noted for its abominable roads. Today according to a statement from John R. McQueen, road supervisor, the township has nearly seventy miles of improved roads, money in the treasury to build more, money coming with the taxes soon due, and the sinking fund to provide for the bond issue has already reduced the bonded debt incurred at the beginning of the road-building period.

When the township decided to try for good roads it was proposed to do the work with the taxes. This was sufficient to show what a good road signified. Then a bond issue of \$15,000 was voted. From that bond issue the present mileage has been constructed, and \$2,000 of the debt has been paid from the funds accumulated in the sinking fund. The debt will be wiped out in a few years, eight to ten years at the most, and the increased value in property will give an increase in taxes that will put the township on an entirely different plane.

J. E. Buchan, in a speech on the subject of good roads at Raeford recently, said that not a farm in McNeill's township was more than two miles from a good road at present, with roads still pushing in all directions, while four years ago most farms, scarcely knew what a good road meant. The township is big, and not within a day's travel of a passable road when the movement began. Now it is one of the most agreeable sections in the South to travel in wagon, buggy or automobile.

The difference in the life of the people is astonishing. New airs, thrift and interest spring up, traffic is on an entirely new basis, farms have a different appearance, and the general stimulus to everything is beyond measure.

The results in McNeill's are most accurately measured by the vote for road bonds taken recently in Sand Hills township adjoining Sand Hills has been like McNeill's without roads. But when the vote was taken it was almost unanimous in both precincts for a bond issue, and already the township is getting good roads, the equal of those of McNeill's.

Never was a more complete conversion. Those who opposed good roads in McNeill's four years ago are now adherents of the improvement, and no price would induce them to go back to the old system. Around Vass, Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Ahlerdeen, Lakeview and vicinity travel is a pleasure as well as a profit. Hoke county is fast getting into the line and Cumberland is joining the movements, and in two or three years more it will be almost impossible to find a main road in this section that is not like a boulevard.—News and Observer.

A Fight at Campmeeting.

Correspondence of the Hickory Democrat.

Jacobs Fork, Sept. 13.—The campmeeting at Wesley's Chapel closed Tuesday. The crowd was not as large as last year. On Saturday night after preaching they found a young man selling beer which he had in his buggy, 12 bottles full when arrested, this they captured with \$12 out of his pocket. Then a company fight followed. One young man knocked the officer down with his fist. He was fined \$5 for resisting an officer. Another man was fined \$50, who tried to part the officer and the belligerent but he appealed.

The well and spring were drawn dry by the crowds but the Presiding Elder and preacher did not exhaust, of course, the spiritual streams.

Farm Life School in Gaston.

An important meeting of the citizens of Gaston was held in Dallas Thursday. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibilities of getting a farm-life school for Gaston. Some of the farmers of the county would like to see the school located at Dallas.

ALLEGED SEDUCER REFUSES TO TALK

H. N. Pace of Eagle Rock Keeps Mute in Crayen County Jail.

New Bern, Sept. 14.—No new developments have occurred today in the much talked of case in which H. N. Pace, of Eagle Rock, N. C., is charged with the seduction under promise of marriage of Miss Henrietta Daugherty, an estimable young lady of this county, and Pace still remains in Crayen county jail in default of a bond of \$5,000 awaiting a preliminary hearing next Monday.

Pace was seen yesterday by your correspondent and asked a few questions in regard to the report that he has a wife and three children living at Eagle Rock.

No information, however, could be secured from him.

When he first came to this city he secured rooms and board at a boarding house at which there were a number of young ladies and he acted in such a manner that he won the good will and respect of all.

He met Miss Daugherty while she was employed as a waitress at the Gaston Hotel and as she claims won her love. According to her statement they had been engaged to be married for a number of weeks when they took a trip to Wilmington to have the knot tied there.

However, this was not done, and as a result of rigid investigations into his past life and his present actions a warrant was sworn out for him and he was placed behind the bars. It is probable that he will be sent over to the next term of Superior court after he has been given a preliminary hearing.

READ THIS.

Yes, I am so glad they are talking of having a Fair in our county this fall, in the fair town of Lincolnton, and I hope all other counties will follow suit, for I am preparing a number of articles to put on exhibition. Will name a few of them: Three straw hats, plaited and sewed with my own fingers. One of that number is made from long leaf pine needles, (or straw). My! but wasn't it tedious work. I think it ought to be worth about \$5.00. Then brooms, there will be no end to them. The same with walking canes, axe and pick handles made from beautiful white curly hickory. A number of baskets of various designs. Can't take up time and space here to name them all, but you can bet I will have them on the grounds. I do court competition, and want to see who can furnish the greatest number of articles made with his or her own hands. To this, I respectfully ask county papers to copy, as I expect to send my exhibits around to the fairs in reach.

The cotton farmers sure have a hard time getting their cotton picked. It is now almost the middle of September and there are white fields of cotton with not a boll picked out. So many rains have made it mean picking.

I had thought my cotton picking days were over, but my wife has a piece of ground in cotton nearby, and fearing she has overcropped herself and for pastime and amusement I take my chair and go out and pick, yes and I take two rows at a time, while it lasts. But when the broom corn commences coming in, then I will have something else to do. To my patrons in the broom business, I have been making brooms for 35 years, and am still able to do the work. Thanking my friends for past patronage, I also ask your patronage in the future, while I am able to do the work. After attending the old soldiers' reunions, the camp meetings and family reunions, I feel highly blessed.

About 3 o'clock this afternoon a considerable rain and storm visited our neighborhood, blowing down trees, cotton houses, etc.

My good friends and cousins Sumner Ramsaur, wife, and little Martha will return to their home in Birmingham, Ala., tomorrow, after a weeks visit to his mother, Mrs. Martha Ramsaur, where a family reunion was held a week ago in honor of Mrs. Ramsaur's 76th birthday, of which another writer will give fuller details. Will now ring off for fear I tire your patience. J. O. Warlick. Sept. 13, '11.

TAFT OFF ON LONG TRIP

Most Important Excursion Ever Undertaken by a President—Politics Will Play a Part.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 14.—President Taft leaves Beverly tomorrow on his second swing around the circle. In the opinion of many of his friends the trip promises to be one of the most important ever undertaken by a Chief Executive.

The "swing" starting tomorrow will be about 13,000 miles in length. Twenty four States will be visited and in eighteen the President will speak. In Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Idaho, California, Oregon, Washington, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin he will spend many of his busiest days. These States are labeled "insurgent" by those who keep the political books. New York, Colorado, Wyoming, Illinois and Pennsylvania will be slighted but in those States the President will not have to work so hard. The same political book keepers credit them to the "progressive" wing of the Republican party. Michigan, which has been called "Taft insurgent" will get a lot of the President's attention.

The trip begins in Boston tomorrow night. Syracuse, N. Y., is the first stop. Washington will see the wind up on November 1. The train will consist of three pullman sleepers, a dining car, a baggage car and a day coach. Tomorrow will be President Taft's 54th birthday and he plans to spend the day quietly on the links at Myopia and at Paramatta. Mrs. Taft expects to remain in Beverly through October.

Mr. J. S. Conner Passes Away.

On last Thursday morning the death angel visited the home of Mr. Jacob S. Conner and claimed him as a victim.

Mr. Conner had been afflicted with heart dropsy for quite awhile and his death though expected was quite a shock to his community.

He was a noble citizen, a loyal church member and a good neighbor and will be missed very much in his community. He served faithfully in the civil war and made a brave soldier and was ever true to the last cause.

He was a member of the Methodist church and was laid to rest in the Mt. Zion church yard in the presence of a host of relatives and friends, the funeral being conducted by Rev. W. M. Boring of Crouse.

The bereaved family and friends have our deepest sympathy in this hour of sorrow.—Cherryville Eagle

Catawba Wine.

There may be a great many citizens of Catawba county who do not know that the name "Catawba" has a national reputation in connection with a very popular and celebrated grape wine. In referring to this the Wine and Ale Vault, a newspaper published in Troy, New York in a recent issue says: "The wine of this name, now so celebrated in this country, was named from its grape, which was first found growing on the banks of the Catawba river in North Carolina. The late Mr. Longworth of Cincinnati, O., was nearly the first to put the wine on the market, and, with much care and expense he succeeded in producing a wine that compares favorably with the very best of imported wines. The finest kind of Catawba wine now commands a high price."—Hickory Democrat.

IN MEMORIAM.

Alexis, route 1:—Mrs. Minerva Fisher was born Sept. 9, 1832 and departed this life Sept. 8, 1911, aged 79 years, lacking one day. She was baptized in infancy and in childhood was received into the Methodist church to which she was ever afterwards a faithful member. In 1853 she was married to Mr. J. W. Sigmon to whom she was a devoted wife for 58 years. Mrs. Fisher was laid to rest in New Hope cemetery. Many descendants of this good woman mourn for her, she being the mother of 7 living children, 47 grand-children and 19 great-grand children.

THE STARS AND BARS.

The Much Loved Flag of the Confederacy Designed by a Native of North Carolina—First Waved in Louisburg, N. C., in Early '61, Two Months Before the State Seceded.

When the Senators and Representatives of the seven Confederate States that had seceded February 1, 1861, met at Montgomery, Ala., the first business after organizing was to decide whether the new nation should have a new flag and new Constitution or fight under the "Stars and Stripes" and under the Constitution of the United States. The debate was short, both sides had strong arguments to offer. A new Constitution, composed of native white citizens, was adopted, and a committee was appointed to select a new flag. This committee advertised in the leading papers for designs of flags, to be sent to them at Montgomery. One of these went from Louisburg, N. C., where there was living a man, an original secessionist who so hoped that the Confederacy would adopt a new flag and a new Constitution that he was ready with a design when the advertisement of "Flag Wanted" appeared. When this man, Orren Randolph Smith, was introduced by Gen. Julian S. Carr, commander-in-chief of the U. C. V. of North Carolina, at their reunion in Norfolk, Sept. 1910, he told the story of his flag in the following words:

"Three times have I been a soldier at my country's call, twice fighting under the Stars and Stripes and once under the 'Stars and Bars.' While with Taylor, south of the Rio Grande, a unit in that proud army that never let an enemy touch our flag; in Utah with Albert Sidney Johnston, 1857-1858, I learned what the flag meant to the men who were willing to give their lives for 'Old Glory' every day and every hour in the day. A soldier's flag must be his inspiration. It stands for home, kindred and country; it must be something more than a piece of bunting or the blending of bright colors.

"When at Sumpter, that shot was fired that was heard around the world, I realized that a new country had been made and that the new nation must have a new flag, of the deepest trust significance, to lead the 'Men in Grey' against the greatest odds and through the greatest difficulties that any soldiers have ever overcome since the world was made. The idea of my flag I took from the Trinity, 'Three in One.' The three bars were for the Church, State and press. Red represented State, legislative, judiciary and executive; white for Church, Father, Son and Holy Ghost; red for press, freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and liberty of press—all bound together by a field of blue (the heavens over all), bearing a Star for each State in the Confederation. The seven white stars, all the same size, were placed in a circle, showing that each State had equal rights and privileges, irrespective of size or population. The circle, having neither head nor foot, stood for eternity, and signified 'You defend me and I'll protect you.' I had the flag all complete in my mind before the Confederate Congress advertised for models, and when the advertisement appeared I went to my friend, Miss Rebecca Murphy (she is now Mrs. W. B. Winborne, of Wilson, N. C.) and asked if she would make me a little flag, I'd tell her how. I tore the 'Bars and cut the Stars' and sewed the stitches and when finished the little flag was sent to Montgomery, with the suggestion that a star be added for each State that joined the Confederacy.

The flag committee, as you all know, accepted the flag and named it 'The Stars and Bars.' They also adopted the suggestion, and it was not long before the flag bore eleven stars for the eleven Confederate States that voted for Jefferson Davis to be President. After the small flag was sent to Montgomery I bought dress goods from Barrow's store and asked Miss Rebecca to make me a large flag, 9x12 feet, for whether the flag committee accepted my model or not I was determined that one of my flags should be floating in the breeze. Splicing two tall saplings together, I made a pole one hundred feet high and planted it on the courthouse square at Louisburg, N. C. (where I was then

living), and the flag was sent aloft on Monday, March 18, 1861, two months before North Carolina seceded. Over the flag was floating a long blue streamer, like an admiral has on his ship when 'homeward bound,' and on this pennant I had stars for each State that had seceded and one for North Carolina, for though my State was still in the Union I knew she was 'homeward bound.' This was the first Confederate flag ever raised in the Old North State, and this is how the 'Stars and Bars' came into existence. 'Dixie's Flag' that floated over the bravest and hardest to wear out soldiers ever encountered in any war."

Miss Murphy, who made the two flags, married first Dr. Germain Watson, and secondly W. B. Winborne. Her sister, Miss Sally Ann, refused to sew on the flag, saying she was "for the Union" and meant to marry a Yankee officer, and she did marry James A. Miller, lieutenant U. S. A. But while Mr. Smith and Miss Rebecca made the flags, Miss Sally Ann played on the piano and sang "Dixie," "Bonny Blue Flag" and other Southern songs. In 1904 Mrs. Winborne was living at Pine Tops, N. C., and she appeared before W. L. Dunn, a justice of the peace (he was also postmaster) and made an affidavit to the making of the Confederate model and the large flag that was displayed in Louisburg.

She is living today with her daughter, Mrs. H. T. Webb, on South Tarboro street, Wilson, N. C., and has become a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, for Mr. Smith said he wanted her to have a U. D. C. badge as it was "The Stars and Bars."

Mr. Smith has made Henderson his home for years and he is a member of the Henry L. Wyatt Camp, U. C. V., where he is always honored as the man who designed the "Stars and Bars."

Miss Jessica R. Smith, Henderson, N. C.—In The Key Stone.

STANLEY NEWS.

Stanley Sept. 18th:—After a very pleasant and profitable session the Kings Mountain Presbytery which was held in the Presbyterian church here, closed last Thursday afternoon. There were forty or more preachers and delegates in attendance. Rev. S. S. Oliver of King's Mountain being moderator of the meeting. The old-fashioned picnic dinner was served each day in the grove. All of the services were largely attended, but the missionary address Wednesday night by Rev. W. H. Hudson, missionary from China was one of the most interesting features of the occasion. The spring meeting of the Presbytery will be in session at Lowell.—While shifting the picnic dinner was served each day in the grove. All of the services were largely attended, but the missionary address Wednesday night by Rev. W. H. Hudson, missionary from China was one of the most interesting features of the occasion. 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