

"Red Steer" Burns His Louisiana Life Early

Bill Langley probably was one of the toughest characters that Texas ever produced, Owen F. White tells us in Collier's Magazine. According to his family Bible he was born of honest, God-fearing parents, but he took to shooting early. When he was only fourteen years old he was doing his daily duties with a pair of slippers and filling all the trees in the ancestral wood lot with clusters of leaden bullets, generally grouped a dozen in a spot and no spot more than six inches in diameter. Thus early in life did Bill make a bid for fame. He learned to shoot with both hands; afoot or horseback, it was the same to him. But, sad to relate of one so young, Bill's conscience apparently was just as well trained as his shooting eye. It never bothered him in the slightest degree. Hence, before he was sixteen years he had six ticks on his gun and had been hanged by a Texas vigilance committee. But the hanging did not "take." Members of the party fired shots at him as they rode away. One of the bullets clipped the rope, weakening it, and a few moments later he dropped to the ground and quickly recovered. After several years of wild depredation, Langley was executed in Giddings, Texas, October 11, 1878.

Joel Chandler Harris Never a Social "Lion"

The first published work of Joel Chandler Harris, creator of "Uncle Remus," was set into type by hand as ideas came to his head, without first being committed to paper, says J. T. Manry of Plain Dealing, who worked with Harris on the Monroe Advertiser in Forsyth, Ga., shortly after the close of the Civil war.

Harris would not read his compositions after they were in print if he could avoid it. He taught Manry to read proof and thus avoided having to read what he had "written" with type. Harris was extremely shy and declined to meet many persons. Once Harris, Mark Twain and George W. Cable met in New Orleans. Twain recounts the instance in his "Life on the Mississippi." When the New Orleans children saw "Uncle Remus" they were greatly disappointed and exclaimed:

"Why, he's white."

To console them, a move was made to have Harris read the Tar-Baby story aloud. But he never had real aloud to people and was too shy to make the venture.

Ponderous German Verbs

The ponderous use of the divided German verb is as characteristic of their mental processes as is one of their great machines. In fact, it reminds one of Big Bertha shooting at Paris. It also seems to be the thing which is most embedded in their way of thinking.

I knew a German who had lived forty years in America and had practically forgotten all of his German. But to the end of his days he would get off such an expression as this: "As long as I live in this town the more I find, by Jimmy Christmas, out," and that final "out" landed with all the force of a projectile which had been carefully aimed and had carried a long distance.—Henry C. Emery in Harper's Magazine.

Handel Rebuked King

The courage of conviction is a characteristic to be admired. Handel held no other avocation or individual higher in his estimation than the elevated standard to which he placed music. To him the power of man was no greater power than that of his art. With such exalted reverence did his genius worship the spirit of music it is quite reasonable to accept his fearless manner of constantly championing it, no matter what the dignity of the personage whom he found himself compelled to address. On one occasion, when the king of England told Handel how greatly the performance of "The Messiah" had pleased him, the composer answered: "Your majesty, I did not intend to amuse or afford pleasure, but to make the world better."—The Violinist.

Had Stolen Gold in Eye

The death of the owner of a "pub" at Kalgoorlie, western Australia, recently revealed a unique theft from the gold mines many years ago. In his youth the man had lost an eye in an explosion and a glass one had been substituted in the socket. A cavity at the back of this furnished a hiding place for gold stolen from the mine, and though the miner stole only a small bit of gold each day, his revenue from this source was about \$40 a week. Before his death the man told his friends that he had stolen several thousand dollars worth of gold, but that he retired and bought a "pub," fearing he might arouse suspicion.

New Name for Old Dish

A correspondent of the Daily Chronicle of London, who traveled by rail from Bucharest to Cracow, writes: "As is the custom on transcontinental lines, the menu for each meal was printed in the language of the country through which the train was passing at the time. Thus I had selected my lunch in Rumanian, but at dinner was confronted by a Polish menu. I chose 'bementez,' which somehow suggested an Esperanto delicacy. What was my delight when a dish of ham and eggs was placed before me!"

"Up Salt Creek" Burn in Clay's Campaign

Shoptonsville, Ky. — "Up Salt Creek" has long been a popular expression with a marked origin, but Dr. G. C. Crist, grandson of Gen. Henry Crist, Kentucky congressman, traces the phrase to a campaign of Henry Clay for the presidency.

The Sunday before the election, the local legend goes, Clay was far down the Ohio river and hired a boatman to row him to Louisville. Clay's opponents bribed the boatman, and when the ship bearing Clay reached the mouth of Salt river the boatman quietly slipped into the smaller stream, his passenger being unaware of the move.

After the votes were in some one asked as to Clay's whereabouts. "He's gone up Salt Creek," was the reply.

The phrase is a popular figure of speech to denote dismay or defeat.

Registration of motor vehicles in the United States in 1926 totaled 22,375,642, an increase of 2,044,618 over 1925. New York holds first place, California second and Ohio third. Nevada has the fewest cars—23,999.

Queen of Pastora, a California hen holding the world's egg production record, is dead after laying 1,174 eggs in a period of five years and two weeks. Her owners declared she laid them twelve per cent on an investment of \$10,000 during her lifetime.

There are stated to be 3,000,000 human beings still held in slavery.

Notice of Trustee's Sale of Land.

Under and pursuant to authority contained in a deed of trust executed May 7, 1925, by H. E. Key and wife to the undersigned trustee, which deed of trust is registered in book 95, page 21, records of Deeds of Trust for Surry County, default having been made in the debt thereby secured, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Bank of Mount Airy on

Wednesday, April 6, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon,

the following described lands, to-wit: Lying and being in Mount Airy Township and situated on the waters of Stewart's Creek and beginning at a birch on the west side of Stewart's Creek at the mouth of a ditch, C. C. Hutchens corner and runs up the

center of the ditch North 20 deg. West 1 1/2 chs., thence South 21 deg. West 2 chs. to a point in the center of the ditch on the West side of a bridge C. C. Hutchens' corner, thence North 79 1/2 deg. West 3 1/2 chs. along C. C. Hutchens' line to a stake in the South or line; thence North 3 deg. East 5 chs. to H. E. Key's corner; thence with his line South 75 deg. East 14 1/2 chs. to a birch on the West bank of Stewart's creek; thence with said creek South 82 deg. East 2 1/2 chs. to the beginning, containing 10 1/2 acres, more or less. The same lying lot No. 1 of the J. W. White farm as surveyed by Vestal Taylor and sold by Linville-Hall-Hutchens Land Company on the above date.

A perpetual right of way beginning near the iron bridge which spans Stewart's creek on the Mount Airy-Dobson road and running across lots No. 6 twelve feet wide and crossing the corner of this lot at the bridge and continuing up the ditch to lot No. 5 shall remain open perpetually for the free and unrestricted use of lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, save and except the owner of lot No. 6 may put a gate across said road where his pasture fence crosses in two places, less four acres conveyed to C. H. Childress. Sale made to satisfy a debt of \$262.07 and interest from May 7, 1925. J. H. FOLGER, Trustee.

Notice of Sale of Land by Trustee.


By authority contained in deed of trust executed Jan. 1st, 1925, by William M. Martin to the undersigned trustee to secure an indebtedness to Bank of Pilot Mountain, stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at request of holder of bond, I will sell for cash at public auction in front of Bank of Pilot Mountain, in Pilot Mountain, N. C., on

Friday, March 24th, 1927, at 2 P. M.,

the following lands: Lying and being in Rhoda Township, Surry County, N. C., being a

boundary composed of three tracts, containing 20 acres more or less, which is minutely described in deed from S. F. Martin and L. F. Martin to said William Martin, bearing date July 25th, 1921, recorded in Book of Deeds 95, page 153, Register Deeds, Surry County, also in deed from J. E. Spaulding and wife to S. F. Martin on book 95, page 177, also deed from L. L. Martin and other heirs of L. E. Martin to William M. Martin, description in said deeds referred to for notes and bounds of said tract. This is a resale and bidding to start at \$1,575.00. This March 24th, 1927. O. E. SNOW, Trustee.

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