

court and also courts established by and recognized by North Carolina, and for a little while it even had two sets of officers in every department.

Andrew Jackson's first duel in regular form, was with his friend Avery, who was considerably older than himself. Avery practiced at Jonesboro, Tennessee and rode over from Morganton, N. C., to appear in a law suit in which Jackson represented the other side. Avery was a man of rather imperious manner and his ridicule, not to say satire, was sometimes severe. Jackson made the opening argument and was followed by Avery, who ridiculed the position the opposing counsel had taken. Jackson became instantly furiously angry and rose in the court room as if to make an attack, but restrained himself and sent a formal challenge. The original of this challenge is in the possession of a grandson of Col. Waightstill Avery, the only son of Jackson's opponent in the duel. This descendant is Col. Alphonso C. Avery of Morganton, who for eight years was a distinguished member of the north Carolina Supreme court and who worthily represents this noted family. Col. Avery has had a photograph of the challenge made.

The document shows that Jackson was not much of a penman and was also a poor speller, but his directness is apparent in every line. The meat of the whole paper is perhaps, the postscript and it is very evident that Jackson desired quick satisfaction for what he thought to be his injured honor. Avery was by religion and training opposed to the duel, nevertheless he yielded to the custom of the day, accepted the challenge, and chose Col. Adair of Kentucky, to be his second. Adair afterwards became Governor of Kentucky. He too was present as a lawyer at Jonesboro court.

Col. Avery was entirely cool about the whole matter. The duel was fought in the forest, perhaps a half mile from the straggling little village of Jonesboro. Jackson was cool also, though naturally somewhat more nervous in manner than the older man, who had been his friend for years. The men were duly placed, the signal given and Jackson fired, Avery taking his shot, but not returning Jackson's fire. Avery stood very still for a few moments and then stepped towards his young adversary and spoke to the latter in a fatherly manner. The seconds listened very attentively to this talk, to which Jackson at first had very little to say. The elder man had shown that he had no fear of bullets and this impressed Jackson's passionate but at the same time friendly nature and coupled with the talk, which was very fine in tone and entirely without passion, profoundly impressed Jackson. The seconds at once agreed that the affair must end without another shot and the combatants were reconciled then and there. Col. Avery was one of the most methodical men alive and he took Jackson's challenge to his home in North Carolina and filed it with his papers, upon its back being now the endorsement in his bold writing: "Challenge from Andrew Jackson."

The challenge shows Jackson's impatience to have done with the matter at once, because it is evident that he was entirely willing to fight during the noon recess of court, that being then the dinner hour. It is interesting to know that

Avery and Jackson were thereafter the best of friends, mainly because of Avery's attitude, bravery and recognition of bravery.

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The Ingenious Chinese Sportsman

"The Chinese sportsman is certainly a curio," remarked the traveller. "The sporting gun or *gingal*, is over eight feet in length and about twenty-four pounds in weight, and the hunting dog is fully as weird, but fishing with unbaited hooks is certainly even more uncanny. Two small boats move along some thirty feet apart, a man in each holding one end of a sixty foot line, stretched across the space, to which small unbaited hooks are attached. Alternately the anglers jerk the line, thus hooking the fish. Purely accidental you would say, but the accident occurs about four out of every five witches!

The shell fisherman wades in a waterproof suit, seeking with his feet and completing the capture with a net.

"Yes, indeed, 'no pushee, no pully' is as odd in sport as he is in his dingy laundry; but he is certainly ingenious."



Local Ball League Possible

Preliminary practice games are leading up to the selection of the usual baseball teams. The Village has some excellent material and with the arrival of the Carolina contingent, matters will assume definite shape. It is also anticipated that various points near at hand will co-operate, thereby making possible the formation of a local league.



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