

THE HERO HOBSON'S ANCESTORS.

He Comes From a Long Line of Brave and Illustrious Tar Beels— They Fought Gallantly on Revolutionary Battlefields—The Women of His Family Were Not Less Brave Than the Men.

A distinguished lady of Alabama, who is one of the descendants of the ancestors of Lieutenant Hobson, writes as follows:

"It is seldom a man is a hero in an instant; his act is the outcome of years of high thinking and noble purpose. When to these is added the inspiration of a heroic ancestry, and the opportunity comes, the world's hero steps on the stage and history is enriched by another grand act in the drama of life. Richard Hobson's early years were a preparation for his famous deed. He was ever the quiet, resolute, purposeful, intrepid youth and man. His ancestors on his father's side enroll not only the names of gallant men, but brave women. Some account of these will doubtless prove interesting at the present time.

"Among these illustrious women his grandmother, Turner, was pre-eminent. Endowed with a patriotic spirit, she took a brave part in the revolutionary war. She was quite famous in her day and rendered material aid to the cause of independence. Like our own Clara Barton, she followed where the battle was fought to bind up the broken limbs and staunch the bleeding wounds. Her name was Karen Haddock (born of beauty), of Norman extraction. She claimed descent from William the Conqueror, and certainly she inherited his undaunted spirit. She was the wife of James Turner, of Maryland, and was known and loved among the soldiers as 'Granny Turner.'

ON REVOLUTIONARY BATTLEFIELDS.

"As she sent forth her sons and grandsons to their country's defense, she gave them her promise to be with them in their hour of need. Hearing of the gathering of the hostile armies in North Carolina and realizing that a bloody battle must ensue, she packed her saddle bags with such simple medicines and remedies as she could command, mounted her horse and rode alone from her Maryland home to Greensboro, N. C. She reached there just after the famous battle of Guilford Court House. Her son had been left on the field of battle. She sought him among the dead and dying, and, finding him desperately wounded, she bore him to a cabin near by. With skill beyond that of a physician of her time she placed above his wounds tubs filled with cold water, whose perforated bottoms allowed the cooling streams to flow constantly over the fevered wounds; it was as efficacious as the ice pack of modern science. Here alone she kept her faithful vigil, and had the joy of restoring her son to her country's service. One of her grandsons had entered the army at eighteen years of age. He came with the Virginia contingent into the Carolinas previous to the bloody battles of the Cowpens and King's Mountains, in which engagements he participated, and he was with Morgan in his famous retreat across the three rivers of North Carolina.

"When peace spread her white wings over the land this gallant soldier married Obedience Motley, of Amelia Court House, Va. This issue of this marriage gave to North Carolina some of her most gifted sons and daughters, the most noted of whom were John M. Morehead, one of North Carolina's great governors; James T. Morehead, a distinguished lawyer, and Abraham Morehead, author of 'The Hills of Dan,' and other poems, whose untimely death cut short hopes of high literary attainment. The women of this family were scarcely less gifted, and the third sister, who married Augustus Hobson, is the grandmother of our hero. She is still living at the old homestead in Yadkin Valley, N. C. Though nearly 90 years of age she retains full possession of all her mental faculties, but is totally blind.

"I remember an amusing story that was told of her during the civil war, in which courage and nerve saved her home from pillage by a party of Kirkpatrick's rangers. She met these lawless boys at her threshold, a switch in hand, and threatened to 'wear the last one of them out if they dared to come into the house.' Deciding that discretion was the better part of valor, the boys laughed and said they would leave 'if old miss would give them some buttermilk.

"AN INDUSTRIAL OLD DAME. "His great grandmother, Obedience Motley Morehead, I remember quite well. Her majestic appearance and venerable age were so awe-inspiring that I could never breathe freely in her presence.

She survived three wars. During the civil war, when her dull ears caught the sound of battle, so familiar to her

youth, failing faculties revived and she would tell us stories of the revolution ary days. As she talked her hands were never idle, and a pair of socks a day for the soldiers was her self appointed task. There was a sly deception practiced about these same socks, which we never regretted. At the appointed time the socks were toed off and finished, sometimes with and sometimes without heels. Some days the socks would be long and another day short, but the age dimmed eyes were never the wiser, nor did she ever know how each night the day's work was raveled out and the thread carefully rewound into balls for the next day's knitting. Woe betide the maiden that sat in her august presence with idle hands.

"She was the daughter of Capt. James Motley, who had served under Col. James Washington during the French Indian wars, and was with him at the time of Braddock's defeat.

"Capt. Motley, being too old to take active service in the war of independence, sent six sons into the army. It touched us deeply to hear of the sufferings of his wife and little children, often left alone with the servants and ever dreading the coming of the redcoats. Alas! not enemies, but friends, so called, brought to them the saddest of all disasters. One day there came riding into the yard a troop of drunken, reckless Tories, led by a neighbor and professed friend of the Motleys, who, knowing the loyalty and patriotism of the father and sons, determined to wreck vengeance upon the innocent children and the wife and mother. The latter was very ill and helpless, caring for an infant only a few weeks old.

"After demanding the whereabouts of the husband and sons this man made the servants give food and drink to his fellows; then, going to the bedside of the sick woman and calling out, 'She is in a fever and I will bleed her,' plunged his knife into the feeble veins despite the remonstrances of the mother and the agonized entreaties of the frightened children. They saw the life blood spouting from the arm of their mother as she fainted away. This picture was indelibly stamped upon grandmother's mind and the memory of her motherless childhood was so vivid she could never upon an orphan without tears.

"The Tories left the place, and faithful Nurse Rachel applied restoratives and brought back to temporary life the dying mother. The father on his return was overcome with grief and in wrath stared at once to wreck vengeance on his wife's murderer. She called him back to her, and pleading for mercy upon her slayer, she besought him to remember the little one soon to be motherless. He put aside his wrath to soothe the last hours of his loved one.

COALS OF FIRE.

"But there came a day of retribution. 'Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.' Long years after, when little Obedience Motley, one of the children left motherless by this foul deed, had become a wife and mother, with a home of her own, the door of which ever stood open to the knock of the stranger of the tale of woe, there came one dreary winter evening a party of travelers, asking a night's shelter and rest, bespeaking favor especially for an aged sick man, who was lying in the conveyance. The husband, with his wonted hospitality, bade them welcome, and soon all were busy providing for the comfort of the guests. The sick man was borne into the 'great room' and his couch placed before a blazing fire; the supper was made ready and eaten, when my grandfather called his wife aside and said tenderly: 'Biddy, whom do you suppose you have fed and nourished? The sick man is—' 'What! my mother's murderer!' she gasped, and as the vision of that dreadful deed rose before her mind, she cried in agony, 'Take him away; he must not—shall not—stay under my roof! Oh! mother, mother!' When the first bitterness was past, the loving, merciful words of her husband prevailed, and with heavy heart she went to her household duties.

"Later in the evening she went into the room where the sick man was and sympathized with him as he told of his weariness and pain; she then asked if he remembered Capt. Motley, and leading up to the incident of his wife's sickness and bleeding to death by the hands of a Tory, she turned upon him in the fulness of her long suppressed emotions and exclaimed, 'I am that woman's daughter, and you are my mother's murderer! May God forgive you and make it possible for me to do so!' The poor wretch hid his face under the bedclothes and remorsefully cried out to her not to look upon him, that his punishment was greater than he could bear.

THE LATER GENERATIONS.

"None of Hobson's ancestors would ever receive a pension or grant of land

from their country, so impoverished by war. The motto they gave their children, as they went forth in the world, was 'Death before dishonor.' "On the side of his mother Hobson can also boast of distinguished ancestors. No man holds a higher place in the admiration of his fellow citizens than his grandfather, Chief Justice Pearson, of North Carolina. His decisions for nearly or quite a quarter of a century that he held the position of chief justice of the Supreme Court of that state mark him as the greatest common law jurist of his day. That his intellectual power has not skipped a generation is attested by the fact that the son of the famous chief justice is now a distinguished congressman from North Carolina. Thus Bobson, in offering his life to his country, is bearing out his heredity—a hero descended from heroes and heroines."—Baltimore Sun.

SALES DECREASED.

Cigarettes Have Fallen in Amazing Manner—60,000,000 Less a Year.

The Raleigh Times-Visitor says: Clerk Hall, of the Labor Commissioners' is compiling some interesting figures for Mr. Hamrick's next report, and has made a singular discovery which will doubtless cause much discussion.

He finds from reports in the Eastern Federal District of North Carolina that the manufacture of all tobacco stuffs has increased except cigarettes, which have decreased about sixty millions. This is according to the revenue department figures and is, therefore, reliable.

Clerk Hall has asked a number of well informed their opinion as to the cause of such a phenomenal decrease in the manufacture of cigarettes and he finds that a majority agree with him that the anti cigarette laws in the West and the bitterly-waged fight against the weed in the other States has affected the sale and yet he finds many who think that the new tax that caused the increase in price to the retailer has been the chief cause in decreasing the demand. A number of merchants in every town have stopped selling cigarettes on account of the small profit since the new tax took effect.

However, there are those who say this cannot be the cause for decrease in cigarettes since cigars and snuff have increased and on both there is about the same tax.

Clerk Hall gives the figures for the year as it would end November 1, 1897, and the next year which ended June 14, 1898, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1897, 1898. Includes Plug and smoking tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, Snuff.

The figures furnish food for reflection, and every man will have an opinion of his own on the subject.

In annexing Hawaii we have annexed a number of institutions that are worth preserving and perhaps imitating. For instance, we have now a complete postal savings bank system, and that is highly successful, as all postal savings bank systems are. We ought to keep that in efficient operation and study its workings carefully. The next report of the Postmaster-General should contain some valuable information on that point.

Again, we have annexed an income tax. Hawaiian law taxes all incomes of over \$2,000 at the rate 1 per cent. a year.

Honolulu will be a good place for our statesmen to visit. The money spent on "junketing trips" in that direction would not be wasted.—New York Journal.

Sherman said: "War is hell," and many who have never given the matter much thought are beginning to think he was right, since their pocket books are being hit.—N. A. Horticulturist.

McClure's Magazine for August concludes a series entitled the Reminiscences of Charles A. Dana that are of thrilling interest. The imprisonment of Jefferson Davis is fully explained, and the placing of fetters on the limbs of the defenceless old man by General Nelson A. Miles, now commander of the American army, is a stigma that the capture of Porto Rico will not wipe away. It is true General Miles had authority from the Secretary of War to put Mr. Davis in irons if he deemed it necessary for the security of his prisoner, but it was not necessary, and the reader is forced to the conclusion that it was done to humiliate a heart broken man already overburdened. It would have been an outrage to have treated Cervera with unnecessary cruelty, Spaniard as he is; much more so an American citizen and a gentleman, albeit a "rebel," falsely so called.—Charity and Children.

(OFFICIAL) NATIONAL ALLIANCE DEMANDS.

Adopted at Washington, D. C., February 6, 1896.

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence, as a basis for a Republican form of Government that might be progressive and perpetual, states:

"That all men are created equal; that they are endowed with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the governed."

We hold, therefore, that to restore and preserve these rights under a Republican form of government, private monopolies of public necessities for speculative purposes, whether of the means of production, distribution or exchange, should be prohibited, and whenever any such public necessity or utility becomes a monopoly in private hands, the people of the municipality, state or union, as the case may be, shall appropriate the same by right of eminent domain, paying a just value therefor, and operate them for, and in the interest of, the whole people.

FINANCE.

We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible; issued by the general government only; a full legal tender for all debts and receivable for all dues, and an equitable and efficient means of distribution of this currency, directly to the people, at the minimum of expense and without the intervention of banking corporations and in sufficient volume to transact the business of the country on a cash basis.

(a) We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the legal ratio of 16 to 1.

(b) We demand a graduated income tax.

(c) The government shall purchase or construct and operate a sufficient mileage of railroads to effectually control all rates of transportation on a just and equitable basis.

(d) The telegraph and telephone, like the postoffice system, being a necessity for the transmission of intelligence, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

LAND.

We demand that no land shall be held by corporations for speculative purposes or by railroads in excess of their needs as carriers, and all lands now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

EXECUTION OF UNITED STATES SENATORS.

We demand the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people. That each State shall be divided into two districts of nearly equal voting population, and that Senators from each shall be elected by the people of the district.

DISTRICT LEGISLATION.

(c) That our national legislation shall be so framed in the future as not to build up one industry at the expense of another.

(d) We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all National and State revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered.

(e) We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of savings of the people, and to facilitate exchange.

(f) We are unalterably opposed to the issue, by the United States, of interest bearing bonds, and demand the payment of all coin obligations of the United States, as provided by existing laws, in either gold or silver coin, at the option of the government and not at the option of the creditor.

TRANSPORTATION.

Relying upon the good, common sense of the American people, and believing that a majority of them, when uninfluenced by party prejudice, will vote right on all questions submitted to them on their merit; and, further, to effectually annihilate the pernicious lobby in legislation, we demand direct legislation by means of the initiative and referendum.

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