

OBITUARY

Sketch Of Mrs. John R. Wilson's Life

The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Pothenia A. Wilson, nee Sears, was born in Granville County on Dec. 23, 1846, and died at her home in Dexter, N. C., on Nov. 30, 1921, after being sick for several weeks.

On Jan. 6, 1864, she was married to John R. Wilson. To this union there were six children born, three boys and three girls.

Sister Wilson was converted while young and joined Salem M. E. Church South and remained a loyal, true member all her life. There were many admirable traits of character in this noblewoman of God. She loved her home, her church, and her Lord. She was very considerate of those who were needy and a worthy appeal for help was never turned away unaided.

As long as she was able she took an active interest in the work of the church, the kingdom of God, the welfare of the community. She was devoted to her children and grand children.

Sister Wilson lived her life with a strong faith in Jesus Christ and was happy in singing praises and talking of those richer, better things.

She leaves three daughters, Mrs. R. W. Day, Mrs. Ira T. Green, Mrs. Dennis O'Brien and a large number of grand children and other relatives who grieve because she is gone but do not mourn as those without hope for we know when to look for her.

The funeral services were held at Salem Church on Dec. 1st at 3 p. m. conducted by her pastor assisted by Rev. E. G. Usry. We laid her to rest in the cemetery at the church. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

B. H. BLACK, Pastor.



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TRIBUTE TO DEAD

German Writes of American Cemetery in France.

Spot Where More Than 21,400 of the Bravest of Our Land Are Buried, in Field of White.

Paul Block, Paris correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt, was recently a sympathetic observer of the destruction wrought by his countrymen in northern France, and sent to his paper a detailed report of his trip through the devastated region. Of a certain point in his journey he writes: The guide relates in a matter-of-fact way that of the 131 villages which he covers in his trip some eighty have been utterly destroyed. This part of the journey, from Clermonten-Argonne to Boureuilles, has all been wrecked by the war, but the worst came after we reached Varennes. From there to Verdun it is a desert—over which the horsemen of the Apocalypse have swept.

At only one point is there any evidence of restoration, and this has become one of the sights of the region. I mean the American cemetery at Romagne below Montfaucou. Whenever the Americans take anything up they do it in a wholesale way. Although we had come solely to see ruins, we could not pass this cemetery without a visit. It is the only one of its kind.

On a gently rising hill purchased outright for this purpose are buried the 21,400 Americans, who fell during the fighting around Montfaucou. Some kilometers before we reached this point we noted little white signboards along the road directing us to this gigantic graveyard; for many of the relatives of the fallen cross the sea in order to visit the last resting place of those dear to them.

But when you come within half a mile of the point you need no further guidance. An apparently limitless field of white suddenly greets the vision in the distance. This is the effect of the 21,400 tombstones of equal size shining in the sunlight. There are

crosses for protestants and Catholics, and stars for Jews, ranged closely side by side, at the heads of 21,400 uniform, well-kept graves. They all lie there, the officers in the middle. A great star of foliage plants separates the world of the dead from the world of the living. High above the graves flutters the Stars and Stripes. Sad, indeed, as is the thought that a whole army of vigorous young boys here slumber in death, this cemetery has nothing gloomy about it. It is a bright and cheerful burial place.

And the army of the dead has its commander. An American officer and his staff reside in the group of tidy houses opposite the entrance, to guard the resting place of their dead countrymen. One of them came forward and greeted us, a cheerful, young man with a wholesome ruddy countenance. What had induced him to exile himself here in this solitude? High pay? A sense of duty? Love for France? The last suggestion is not very plausible, for he does not know a single word of French. In any case, his nerves must be sound, else he could not live here day after day, hour after hour, guarding these 21,400 graves, without going mad.

Comment Not Needed.

I see that Dr. Schussler, who has had access to documents relating to the quarrel between Bismarck and the ex-kaiser, has published in Germany a new political study entitled "The Fall of Bismarck," writes a correspondent. But surely no addition is needed to Bismarck's own words to Dr. Moritz Busch, on the day of his resignation: "I thought he would be thankful if I were to remain with him for a few years, but I find that on the contrary, he is simply longing with his whole heart to be rid of me, in order that he may govern alone—with his own genius—and be able to cover himself with glory. He does not want the old Mentor any longer, but only docile tools. But I cannot make genuflexions, nor crouch under the table like a dog."

New Anesthetic.

A coal tar chemical for the elimination of all pain in dental surgery is announced. This new chemical is

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China's Air Mail Service.

China, with the reputation of the most backward of nations, is operating a regular airplane mail service between Peking and Shanghai, on which 40 planes are in use large enough to carry passengers and parcels in addition to first-class mail.—Barron's Weekly.

Mill Girl Judge in England.

England has a mill girl magistrate in the person of Miss Mary Anne Dews, a cloth weaver, in the town of Dewbury, and who has recently been appointed a justice of the peace.

Why Lead Disintegrates.

Professor Matignon, of the College of France, has described experiments made by him with ancient medals, vases and so forth, of lead, which are gradually disintegrating in the Museum of Cluny. After a certain number of years they fall into dust. The cause, it is thought, lies in the presence of minute traces of saline matter, with which the objects have become impregnated during their long burial in the soil or under water. These microscopic chemical impurities play the part of bacteria and microbes in living bodies. In other words, the lead is "sick," and unless the noxious matter be removed, will inevitably perish. Curiously enough, it is found that if traces of salt are imparted to a fresh mass of lead, it is attacked, and eventually falls to pieces like the exhibits in the museum.

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—Pensions for bank employees are being urged by the president of Argentina.

—The State of Mississippi added eighty new school libraries to its credit during the past year. Now a plan is afoot to add librarians and to pay for more libraries through state funds.

The first silver dollars to be coined since 1905 were recently turned out at the Philadelphia mint. Under the provisions of the Pittman Act, 270,000,000 silver dollars will be coined this year to take the place of an equal number that were melted into bullion and set abroad during the late war. Under provisions of this act, also, the silver is to be bought at American mines at a price of one dollar per ounce. In the open market today, silver can be bought for sixty cents per ounce, so

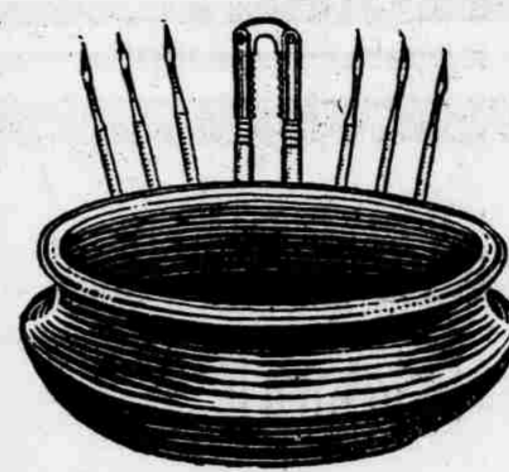
this part of the act may be repealed and a lower price set.

—If your name is John, you possess the most popular of all boys' names. A recent estimate of 100,000 boys' names showed that John appeared 8,280 times, the greatest number of times of any, while William was a close second with 7,811 times. The popularity of the others is shown in the following order: James, Charles, George, Thomas, Henry, Robert and Joseph. It was discovered that even the supposed boy-hated names of Archibald and Horatio appeared oftener than the supposedly popular names of Clifford and Douglas. Augustus was more frequent than Patrick and Edgar while Lucius and Chauncey, as might be guessed, were well down toward the bottom of the list.

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