

ROWAN'S STONE WALL.

Well Known Educator of Davie County Makes Inquiry About It.

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Dear Sir: In the examination of an old geography, by Elijah Parrish, D. D., published by Thomas & Whittle, of Newburyport, Mass., 1808, I find this paragraph:

"CURIOUSNESS.—One of the greatest artificial curiosities to be found in the country is in Rowan county, 10 miles South West of Salisbury, 200 from the sea, and 70 from the mountains. It is a subterraneous wall. This wall is uniformly 22 inches thick; The length discovered is 300 feet, the height 12 or 14 feet. Each stone is laid in cement and both sides of the wall are plastered. The top of the wall runs parallel with the surface of the ground, about one foot below. The whole is executed in a skilful manner, but who was the artist baffles all conjecture. Six or eight miles from this is another similar wall, 40 feet long, 4 or 5 feet high, and 7 inches thick."

I write to ask, do these walls still exist? If so is this a true description of them?

The spelling and all is an exact copy of the text.

Respectfully, W. F. MERRELL.

The subjoined quotation, taken from Ruple's History of Rowan County, Chap. xvi, gives the information asked for:

Lossing in his "FIELD BOOK" says that the village of Salisbury, is the capital of Rowan county, a portion of the "Hornet's Nest" of the Revolution. It is a place of considerable historic note. On account of its geographical position it was often the place of rendezvous of the militia preparing for the battle fields; of various regular corps, American and British, during the last years of the war, and especially as the brief resting place of both armies during Greene's memorable retreat. (vol. 2, p. 615). The writer is not aware that the British troops were ever in Salisbury, except once, when Lord Cornwallis was in pursuit of Gen. Greene. Mr. Lossing seems to have been peculiarly unfortunate in his visit to Salisbury. He seems to have seen nothing there that had any historic interest, although the house occupied by Cornwallis, as his headquarters, was still standing there, (Jan. 1849), besides other buildings where the British officers congregated, as we shall see. He seems however to have heard of the famous Rowan "Natural wall," which he locates in Salisbury, and supposes to be a part of the circumvallation of a city of the mound builders! The fact is that about three miles from Salisbury, and again about nine miles from Salisbury, in the direction of Mocksville, there are "trap dikes," or natural walls of trap rock, beneath the surface of the ground, from twelve to fourteen feet deep, and twenty-two inches thick, as Lossing says, that have the appearance of being laid in cement. But this cement is nothing but a fine decomposition of the trap rock itself, or an infiltration of fine material from without. Mr. Lossing does however give us in his book, a beautiful little moonlight sketch of Trading Ford, showing the point of the Island, and the row of stakes that then stood there to guard the stranger from the deep water below. There Gen. Greene, with Gen. Morgan and his light troops, crossed the Yadkin, Feb. 2, 1781.

GAVE IT UP.

Bank Robbers Abandon An Effort to Loot the Vault.

Laurinburg, N. C. Oct. 21.—This morning between 1 and 2 o'clock three masked men entered the telephone office at McColl, S. C., and after completely gagging the operator took him down beneath the office into the bank and there forced an entrance into the vault of said bank. But after working till nearly day and finding an entrance well nigh impossible they left, having obtained only about \$5 in silver. They left the telephone boy in the bank bound hands and feet and gagged. The officers of the bank found him in that condition this morning when they opened the bank. He heard the robbers say they would have entered the vaults in one more hour. There is no clue as to who the robbers were, but the boy said that they were white men. Bloodhounds have been brought to the scene, but at last accounts were not doing much toward the apprehension of the robbers. A carpenter of this place prophesied some such event yesterday, basing his prophecy on the appearance here of a face that was so mysteriously connected with the post office robbery at Maxton some two years ago. The man is now missing again.

Kratz to Come Back.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The department of state has arranged for the return from Mexico to St. Louis for trial, of the alleged hoodler, Charles Kratz. The constitution of Mexico, making it impossible to surrender fugitives from this country charged with bribery committed prior to the negotiation of the new extradition treaty, the state department has called upon the Mexican government to surrender Kratz as an act of comity, a very unusual proceeding on the part of this government. Mexico has a law allowing fugitives to be surrendered under such a call even when their alleged crimes are not extraditable. The only requirement is that the nation seeking the surrender of such a fugitive shall engage to grant any similar request coming from Mexico. The state department is awaiting to hear further from Governor Dockery of Missouri, before issuing the final papers accrediting Missouri's agents with authority to take possession of the hoodler, who is now at Guadalajara, Mexico.

Dead In The Road.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 23.—A well dressed man of thirty today was found dead near Clinton in the roadway. Beside him was a pile of burned letters and an empty laudanum bottle. Before the body was closely examined it was reported to be that of E. L. Wentz, the millionaire who is now missing from Big Stone Gap, Va., since October 14. A gold crown on an upper tooth, a scar on the left side of the neck, smooth face and black hair, fill the description of a farmer named Myatt, residing near here, and the man is not believed to be Wentz. A report from Bristol tonight is to the effect that no trace of Wentz has been found.

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CANADA IS DISGUSTED.

The Alaska Boundary Decision Regarded as a Political Sacrifice.

British Columbians have heard the news of the settlement of the Alaskan boundary question with a feeling bordering on disgust at what is popularly termed 'the sacrifice of Canada by Great Britain on the altar of political expediency.' The people of western Canada are bitter because of this, and the general trend of opinion seems to be that the action of the British commissioners has started a wave of popular opinion, which may be the opening wedge of the weaning of Canada from the patriotic reliance upon the mother country which has marked the Dominion in the past. The action of the Canadian commissioners, Sir Louis Jette and Mr. Aylesworth, in refusing to sign the agreement is approved. The people feel that it is again a "compromise," a diplomatic settlement arranged by the British diplomats and acceded to by the British commissioners for the sake of maintaining friendship between England and the United States. The British commissioner, Lord Alverstone, is criticised on all sides for his action in agreeing with the Canadian commissioners as they stated in their manifesto, and then agreeing to a compromise after discussing it with the American commissioners.—Victoria, B.C. dispatch.

Imported From Chicago.

It is reported and apparently by authority, that Erley, the confederate of Sam Rains, made a clean confession to District Attorney Jerome, and that when the facts are made public there will be a sensation. One detail is that contractors, who wanted to bequit of jobs where they were losing money, used to hire walking delegates to get up strikes, so that they could take advantage of the strike cause in their contracts. This is in the line of what Jerome himself said about such doings. It will be remembered that there has been no denial of his assertion that a big building concern imported Parks from Chicago to worry the people who did not give them contracts.—Hartford Courant.

Inoffensive Negroes Protected.

New Orleans, Oct. 23.—The charges made that the negroes in Rusk county, Texas, were being assaulted and ill treated by a mob of whitecappers has resulted in Governor Lanham instructing the district judge of Rusk county to make an investigation. Judge Levy reports that the investigation was begun before any charge of cruelty to negroes had been publicly made. Four of the leading whitecappers have been arrested. Since the publication two more arrests have been made. Capiases have been issued for a number of others, but they succeeded in getting out of the county. The trouble had ended and the officers find no difficulty in enforcing the law.

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DEATH IN CABBAGE.

Poison Worms Cause Considerable Loss of Life In Georgia.

Gainesville, Ga., Oct. 22.—A great loss of life is reported in the counties of northeast Georgia, due to the eating of cabbage saturated with poison by a strange worm. During the past few weeks persons coming here from White Towns, Union, Dawson, Forsythe and other counties surrounding them have reported over a score of deaths from this cause. At first the many mysterious deaths were not understood, though all occurred after eating cabbage. Then a farmer in White county, in gathering cabbage, discovered a worm about two inches long and about the size of a needle. He says when he touched the leaf the worm that was on it licked out its tongue like a snake and acted in every way like a reptile. Becoming alarmed, he sent the worm to the state chemist who reported that it contained enough poison to kill fifteen persons. The worm is so small that it is hard for housewives to find it when preparing cabbage for cooking, and many have been cooked in this way. The cabbage crop is of great value in this section, but the discovery of the worm has completely annihilated it. Up to this time no scheme has been devised for getting rid of the worm.

Ruined by Speculation.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 22.—Ernest F. Farris, one of Charlotte's leading jewelers, fled through his counsel, Jones and Tillett. Liabilities are given as twenty thousand dollars and assets about half that sum. Speculation is the admitted cause of the failure. The young man purchased the business two years ago and has prospered until recently when the mania for futures seized him. Several experiences in getting on the wrong side of the market resulted in the wrecking of his business.

White and Negro Soldiers.

Fort Riley, Kas., Oct. 22.—All the troops at Fort Riley are on the same side of a military problem today and the enemy is wholly imaginary. Some little friction had developed between members of a Texas regiment and the troopers of the Tenth Cavalry who are colored men. Some of the Texans have troopers to pass through their camp on a pretext and the colored troops who comprise one of the best cavalry regiments in the army are displeased at the order. Numerous fist fights have already taken place and last night a detachment of troopers descended upon the camp of the Texas regiment and carried off one man who however, was released in a short time. The men of the Texas regiment have found it necessary to travel in bunches whenever they visit a commissary store near the camp.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident is narrated by John Oliver, of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and now I am a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed at all druggists.

POSSE SHOTS TO KILL.

Three Negroes Dead and Seven Wounded as the Result of an Encounter.

Three negroes were killed and seven seriously wounded, some of them fatally, in an encounter with a sheriff's posse at Pecan Grove plantation in St. Charles parish, about thirty miles above New Orleans, yesterday. The negroes were railroad hands working on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railway, which is raising its tracks. They were eighteen in number and were said to be from Gloster, Miss. They were under the command of a white man named Pat McGee. Constable Charles Zory attempted to serve a legal notice on one of the negroes Saturday, but was driven from the camp by a negro armed with a rifle. He summoned five other white men, and the entire party well armed and on horseback, accompanied him to the negro camp, which is on the border of the Pontchartrain swamp. As the posse approached the railroad camp McGee and the negroes fired on them. The shooting was kept up for some time, the negroes finally scattered and taking to the woods. Three negroes were found dead in the fields and seven wounded, who were cared for in the neighboring settlement, of Elkinsville. None of the whites was wounded. The posse was increased and has begun a search for the missing negroes. The shooting caused a panic among the other negroes employed on the railroad and nearly all of them fled during the night.—New Orleans dispatch.

Mother of Murdered Children Prostrated.

Ashville, N. C., Oct. 22.—It is learned today that Mrs. J. V. Jay, who, is the mother of her children has been in a critical condition, is no better, and fears are entertained for her recovery. Thomas Dillingham, father of Mrs. Jay, arrived in Ashville today from Georgia, where he was at the time of the tragedy. Mr. Dillingham's son met his father here and the two left this afternoon for Barnardsville. There is much sympathy expressed for the unfortunate wife of Dr. Jay by those who have known her since childhood. Mrs. Jay had been married seven years. At the time of her marriage she was not quite fifteen years old.

Feeling Very Bitter.

Ashville, Oct. 22.—A letter was received today from a prominent citizen in the northern part of Buncombe county saying that the feeling against Dr. Jay, who last Saturday killed his three children, is very strong and growing more and more bitter each day. Justice, swift and sure, the letter stated, must be meted out to the criminal, else the people of that community would attempt to take the law in their own hands and in so doing they would have the moral support of the best class of conservative citizens. Gray-haired men and women, the letter stated further, had been heard to say that justice must be done, the murder of the three children avenged and the prisoner not be permitted to hide behind the cloak of insanity.

A Thoughtful Man.

M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills, and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c, at all drug stores.

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