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MY STORY OF MY LIFE

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CHAPTER XXIV. MY RETIREMENT AND HOME LIFE AND THE MATCH WITH JOHNSON.

SETTLED down now to a quiet family life--no more stage work, no more fighting. I believed that I'd never put on a fighting glove again. I bought a fine ranch of 145 acres near Los Angeles, with a country house on it, and became a farmer again. For two years I worked hard on my ranch, clearing away the brush and then putting a hundred acres in alfalfa, which grows eight crops a year in my country. I did the heavy work myself, and I never enjoyed life more than down on the ranch. I was tired of fuss and publicity. Here I was just a farmer again, and it was great.

From time to time, of course, I went to see a good fight somewhere or other or took a good hunting trip to the mountains or went fishing in Catalina, where we have the best fishing in the world. I was as healthy as a man could be. It used to make me laugh when some one sent me the papers and I read stories of my "dissipated life." Why, no man since Noah's time ever lived a cleaner life than I did, up early and to bed early after a hard day's work.

AT TWO years on the ranch I built a fine town house, with everything in it that one could want and everything the best I could buy. I won't say what it cost, but it's insured for \$15,500, so it's something of a house. In the same year I bought a tract of land near the town, cut it up into lots and sold again with a profit of \$20,000. A friend of mine and myself cleared \$35,000 on another tract, so I didn't need to fight to earn money. In the next year I went into partnership with another friend, and we got one of the 200 best businesses in Los Angeles and built the finest cafe west of New York. That was a big money maker too. Fitting it up cost over \$50,000. I moved into town now to my big house and attended to the cafe. Because I was there so much of the time the old stories about my drinking broke out again. I never did drink to any extent. My limit was usually a glass of charged water with about a spoonful of claret in it, and only a few of those.

When not hunting or working I mixed up with the fighting game a little, often refereeing important fights. One of these was the Hart-foot fight up in Nevada. The promoters asked me to officially "revent" the heavy weight title to the winner. I refused. Nobody can give away championships. Not they told everybody I had "given" the title to Hart after he stopped Root, and I didn't take the trouble to deny it.

While I was in retirement Bill Squires came over from Australia. Billy Delaney went to work and signed for a fight with Squires. But I hadn't given him the right to represent me, and I refused the match. That broke up my old association with Delaney.

One disagreeable thing happened about this time. My reputation has always been clean in ring affairs, and if any crooked work has ever been planned in connection with any of my fights I've never known about it. In fact, I don't think any ever was planned, for people have known that I'd go out to win and would win. But while I was at home in Los Angeles a certain heavy-weight, who shortly after would become notorious through the exposure of his trickery, tried to get me to see me. He told me a little while and beat about the bush, and then he said:

"I have just been over in Nevada. One of the promoters over there put up a proposition to me that sounded like a lot of money. He said that he'd give a purse of \$25,000 for a fight between you and me, then he'd put between you and me the purse, and you could have the whole \$50,000." Here he stopped and looked at me queerly for a moment.

"You?" I said.

"Of course," he went on, "the promoter would have to make his money out of the match some way besides the gate, and I'd have to make mine. If you and the whole purse and all that money too, we'd have to make it out of the betting. If you and me couldn't make anything betting, you couldn't."

"No one," he said quietly.

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FIGHT WARSHIPS FROM AIR-CRAFTS

Aviators Will Try to Drop Bombs on Gun Boats Below

Atlantic City, N. J., June 22--Three aeroplanes with the foremost aviators guiding them, will run the gauntlet of a withering fire from one of Uncle Sam's mightiest battleships to take a chance of sending the ship to the bottom of the ocean with a well directed bomb. This is part of the program for an over-ocean aviation meet that the Atlantic City Aero Club will hold during the week of July 4 to 11, inclusive.

The "withering fire" and the "bomb" are to be taken only in the theoretical. The battleship will train its guns on the airship, and the aviators will drop bombs loaded with sand.

A prize of \$1,000 will be given to the aviator who first succeeds in dropping upon the deck of the battleship the bomb. In case the guns of the battleship, as shown by photographs, are successful in repulsing the attack, the money will be given to the crew.

Shocked by Lightning.

Early yesterday afternoon Mr. Wm. Oast who is employed by Mr. P. Trenwith, who conducts a blacksmith and repair shop on South Front street, went out on Trent river to catch a bunch of fish, when the storm came up he was unable to reach the shore so rowed his boat underneath the bridge. Lightning struck the water nearby and Mr. Oast being so near was knocked senseless by the force of the shock. In this condition he was found and brought to the shore after which he was carried to his room and a physician was called in to give him medical attention. Mr. Oast is about 65 years old and the severe shock completely unnerved him for several hours but it is more than probable that there will be no serious after effects.

The "DuPont" Cost \$144,000.

Since the arrival of the torpedo boat "DuPont" hundreds of people have endeavored to ascertain the cost of this immense vessel. For the benefit of those who will state that the vessel cost the government \$144,000, and was built in 1896, and at that time was one of the largest torpedo boats in the United States Navy.

The Undecided.

Ed Ezra Potts spent night and day devising new protection from things that over sea or clay might come in his direction.

He built a cyclone cellar when the twisters were reported and sought his wind proof earthen den when or a cloud hovered.

He built a study in his yard-- Quite earthquake proof 'twas quoted-- And when the seismograph was jarred His absence soon was noted.

And when a comet filled the sky (And men with apprehension) He built upon a tower high A comet proof extension.

But when those three things came at once, All working in collusion, Old Ezra so stood, like any dunce, And just died of confusion. --Denver Republican.

Failed to Find Any Clue

After a careful investigation among the negroes in the northern section of the city the police have failed to find any evidence or clue as to who the negro was whom John Hargett, the negro man who was found in a semi-conscious condition in a cold chute a few days, says attacked him.

Hargett is still confined at the sanatorium but unless his reason soon returns he will be sent to the insane asylum.

Excursion Here July 4th.

It is more than probable that the citizens of New Bern will have assistance in celebrating the 4th of July. A telephone message from Trenton yesterday stated that an excursion would be run from that place and all intermediate points on that date and that a large delegation might be expected.

A New Rifle Muffler.

The stir created by Maxim's murderous rifle silencer, which is really a muffler, not a silencer, has brought other inventors into the field. A Moore silencer is one that is said to have many advantages over that of Maxim, not the least of which is its relative cheapness. The ordinance department of the army is now giving it a test. With a considerable crop of "silencers" it is probable that a really effective silencer of the report of a rifle will eventually be evolved. The next war is thus likely to be fought in a deadly silence, far more terrifying than the roaring of the un silenced cannons of historic battlefields. --New York Times.

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WOMAN MAY BE MAYOR

Will Run in New Hampshire Primary as Republican Candidate--Sends Check.

Concord, N. H., June 21--Mrs. Marilla Ricker, who was characterized by Col. Robert G. Inglesol "the most sensible woman I ever knew," is to be a candidate for governor of New Hampshire. To an advocate of her interests here, Mrs. Ricker has sent her check to over the primary law privilege from San Jose, California, and is expected soon to arrive in New Hampshire to push her candidacy.

Mrs. Ricker will run as a Republican. She was the first woman lawyer to be admitted to the bar of the district of Columbia and New Hampshire and once was suggested to President McKinley for appointment as minister to Columbia.

Union Passenger Depot Work Starts

Last night the contractors arrived here to take charge of the work of the new Union passenger depot, that is to be erected to serve the Norfolk-Southern and Atlantic Coast Line patrons. This work will start today, which means that before long this much longed for and greatly demanded depot will become a reality.

To Keep Beds Sweet. All beds should be stripped before breakfast and placed where they can get plenty of air and, if possible, a little sun too.

Mattresses should be half turned and allowed to stand in a draft, so that the air will play all around them.

Pillows, too, should be treated in the same way to keep them from getting stinky.

Mattresses should be cleaned and remade every three years to keep their springiness. Cheap mattresses are not worth remaking and almost invariably get lumpy after a year or two of wear.

No Trace of Mr. Lupton's Assailant Found.

Although the sheriffs of Craven and Jones counties have made diligent search for the negro man who on last Monday morning shot Mr. Ralph Lupton, a traveling salesman for the Carolina Grocery Company, while he was driving along the county road enroute from this city to Pollockville, they have so far failed to find any trace of the miscreant. Several negroes who live in the section near where the shooting occurred and who filled the description of the assailant given by Mr. Lupton have been questioned but each of these proved a satisfactory alibi.

Mr. Lupton is still confined to his room from the effects of the wound, but if no serious complications set in will doubtless be able to be out within a few days.

Mr. Walter Watson Passes Examination.

A message from Wilmington, yesterday stated that Mr. Walter Watson, son of Mr. J. B. Watson, of this city, and who recently graduated from a prominent medical college in Virginia, had made a very creditable showing in the examination held by the State Board of Medical Examiners at Wrightsville Beach, and had been granted a license to practice his profession.

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Respectfully submitted, F. S. ERNUL, Treasurer. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of June, 1910.

W. H. SEAY

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings of the Last Meeting which was held June 6th.

It having been reported to the Board by Mr. J. J. Dixon, of No. 1 Township, that the Fence tax of Mr. H. H. Summerill, for his Stock Law District, has not been assessed against him on account of error for the year 1909. It is therefore ordered that the fence taxes due by Mr. Summerill be charged to him for the year 1909, and the Sheriff is hereby ordered to collect same. At 1 o'clock P. M., the Board takes a recess. At 3 o'clock P. M., the Board convenes.

Commissioners present:--Chairman C. E. Foy, A. E. Wadsworth, G. V. Richardson, and County Attorney E. M. Green.

Mr. Wm. Dunn, Jr., Treasurer of the Bi-Centennial Committee, appeared before the Board and asked for a check for One Thousand Dollars part of the Bi-Centennial Appropriation. On motion, it was ordered that a voucher be issued for same in accordance with the request of Mr. Dunn.

The following report from the Tax Assessors of No. 8 Township was received and adopted as follows, to-wit: To The Hon. Chairman and Board of County Commissioners of Craven County.

Gentlemen:--We, your assessors of the 8th Township, beg to report on Susan Bow's property on New Street, that it should not be charged to her, as it is a part of her lot, No. 74 George street, hence recommend that \$550 be stricken from her list.

We recommend that the valuation of Julia Foy's lot, 190 George street, be reduced \$150, same being a higher assessment than other property adjoining it.

Respectfully, J. A. Patterson, E. E. Harper, June 6th, 1910.

It is ordered by the board of County Commissioners of the county of Craven that permission be and is hereby granted to the Home Telephone and Telegraph Company, its successors, associates and assigns, for a period of 10 years to attach the necessary cross arms, fixtures and cable to the Neuse river bridge for the purpose of stringing, operating and maintaining telephone wires thereon; provided, however, that the said cross-arms, fixtures and cable and wires shall in no way interfere with the public travel, and shall be erected and maintained in a safe and secure manner.

The following reports of the county officers were examined and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to-wit: REPORT OF J. W. BIDDLE, SHERIFF.

To balance on hand at last report, \$ 2,977 95	Taxes collected in May, 5,158 48	Sched. "B" taxes May, 30 00	Back taxes, 19 43	W. M. Watson, CSC Jury tax, 13 25	S. H. Fowler, Reg. of Deeds, marriage license, 22 00
					\$ 8,221 11

Dr

May 3, by F. S. Ernul, treasurer, fence No. 1, \$ 285 00	5, by F. S. Ernul, treasurer, general fund, 1,000 00	8, by F. S. Ernul, treasurer, Dover schools, 500 00	21, by B. R. Lacy, State treasurer, bal. due for 1909, 2,342 15	23, by F. S. Ernul, treasurer, general fund, 1,500 00	25, by H. R. Bryan, Commissioner, fence 7, 85 50	31, by F. S. Ernul, treasurer, general fund, 1,500 00
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W. B. FLANNER, C. S. C.

REPORT OF F. S. ERNUL, TREAS.

To the board of commissioners of Craven county, North Carolina, for the month of May 1910, report filed June 6th, 1910.

GENERAL FUND	INTEREST ACCOUNT
To balance on hand, \$ 4,837 70	To bal on hand, 211 96
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By bal. overdrawn, 109 02	By bal. overdrawn, 8 00
FENCE NO. 1, 7 00	FENCE NO. 2, 5 00
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FENCE NO. 5, 8 00	FENCE NO. 6, 8 00
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FENCE NO. 13, 8 00	FENCE NO. 14, 8 00
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SEVERE WIND-RAIN STORM

With Hail Thunder Lightning Heavy Rainfall. Damage About City.

Shortly after one o'clock yesterday afternoon, this city was visited by a very severe storm. It was hot and sultry during the morning, but the first storm threatnings gave no evidence of what followed. First hurries of rain, then heavier, with great down pours for minutes. There were rallies from lull periods, then heavy thunder with sharp lightning. The storm itself lasted about an hour, the rainfall was 2.80 inches. The wind blew hard at times, and veered to all points of the compass. The local phone service suffered from crossed wires and a number of phones were disabled. Some hail fell and there was a drop in temperature for a short time. The section of Metcalf and Broad, and New and George streets was under water, and lots in the vicinity filled with water to the suffering of those living nearby.

Mr. R. D. W. Connor in the City

Mr. R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh, who is to have charge of the Historical part of the Bi-Centennial is in the city and is hard at work on his plans. Mr. Connor says that in his estimation this event will be one of the greatest ever held in this State. Thousands of visitors from all over the State and from other States will be here that week. The official program will be given out within the next few days.

Married

Last evening at 7 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage Mr. James S. Foy, of Trenton, and Miss Fannie Sanders of Pollockville. Rev. C. L. Graves pastor of the First Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

The F. S. Duffy Medicine Company Chartered

Raleigh June 22--The F. S. Duffy Medicine Company, of New Bern, was chartered to manufacture and deal in the F. S. Duffy remedies. The authorized capital stock is \$100,000 and will begin business with \$15,200 paid in. F. S. Duffy, of New Bern, and Frances Bryan Broadfoot, of Fayetteville, are the principal stockholders.

The new company will be located in the building formerly occupied by the Coca Cola bottling works on East Front street.

Have You Listed Your Taxes?

Only 8 days remain in which you have an opportunity to list your property. Each day a steady stream of humanity is seen wending their way up to the tax listers office which is located in the court house. The question is "have you listed?" If not do so today and avoid any inconvenience.

Market Well Supplied With Fruit.

No one need say that they cannot secure the fruits of the season at a fairly nominal cost. Yesterday several wagon loads of peaches and June apples were brought in from the country and peddled around from house to house. The peaches this season are some of the finest specimens ever seen, and they are easily disposed of to the consumers.

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