

VAST AGRICULTURAL POSSIBILITIES ARE TO BE FOUND IN CRAVEN

Since the Days of Baron Christopher De Graffenried This County Has Been Famous For Its Fertile Soil--A Paradise For the Farmer and a Good Place to Live for All

When old Baron Christopher De Graffenried and his Swiss settlers called up the river Neuse away back in 1710, they unknowingly landed on one of the most fertile spots along the Atlantic coast, a spot which needed only the touch of the ploughshare to cause it to blossom forth in a yield of agricultural products which rival those of the far famed valley of the Nile and which are unsurpassed at any spot in this country, for it was in Craven county that those doughty settlers decided to cast their lot and from that day to this Craven's remarkable agricultural abilities have been talked and written about.

Its Location. Craven county is ideally located in every sense of the word. Watered by two mighty rivers and their numerous tributaries, located in a temperate zone where snow and frost are practically unknown, this section is indeed blessed and in fact the El Dorado for the farmer and the man who makes his life work to reap from the soil the mighty fortunes which it contains.

Early History. For two hundred years Craven has yielded up to the ploughman a rich harvest year in and year out. Early in its civilized history farming was done on a rather small scale, but as time grew on apace and the population increased, the number of the tillers of the soil also grew and it became known as one of the greatest farming sections in the State.

Good Schools. Another thing with which Craven county is endowed, is a number of the best public schools in the State, and it is a well known fact that in Craven education has reached a high water mark. Right in New Bern, the county seat, the white population have four as nice buildings as will be found anywhere in North Carolina and scattered all over the remainder of the county are numerous institutions of learning which furnish an adequate means of gaining knowledge for the children of the farmer.

With excellent soil, with unsurpassed climate conditions, with an adequate railway and water service and with unsurpassed educational facilities, Craven county is indeed blessed and in future years bids fair to become even more famous than she has in the past.

MOVIES BROKE UP HOME. Marshalltown, Ia., May 15.—That the first Indian marriage contracted at the Iowa Sac and Fox reservation at Tama is not a success is forecast in a petition for divorce filed by Josephine Youngbear, a matron of copper hue, from her lawful spouse, John Youngbear.

Trucking Section. The climatic conditions here in Craven are such as to make the first truck crops of lettuce, strawberries, radishes and other such products, mature just between the time that the Florida product is exhausted and the crop from other sections begins to reach the market and this causes the farmers to secure good prices for the products, which they are able to furnish to the world.

Needs People. Craven's real need at present is more people. Many of the farms are now too large and could with profit be cut up into smaller sections, and made to pay greater returns than is at present the case. Far and wide the invitation to come and live among us has been extended and many have answered the call, and are now happy and contented. Still there is room for all and those who are seeking a home could find no better spot on this fertile earth than to come to this veritable paradise.

Resilient Transportation. Remarkable agricultural possibilities would be essentially worthless without means of transporting the products of the soil to a market place, and in this respect Craven county is indeed fortunate. Two ago only

spirited and far seeing citizens, taking into consideration that the water route was much too slow for the quick shipper, set about to put a network of railroads in this section, and while their efforts at first met many a rebuff, they finally succeeded in accomplishing the desired result and today Craven county is traversed by as good a system of railways as one could desire to find.

Down from Norfolk, Va., the Norfolk Southern has run a line that enables the farmer living between New Bern and the northeastern edge of the county to get his produce on board of a train and to Norfolk every few hours. From Beaufort to New Bern and from New Bern to the Northwestern side of the county runs another line of the Norfolk and Southern while those in the Western part of the county can use the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company's route via Wilmington and from there on to Richmond, Va., and points further North. Then there is the water route which is cheaper but slower.

Couldn't Be Better. Taken as a whole the transportation facilities could not be very much better, and the farmers here never murmur along that line. Combined with this Craven county affords the farmers some good roads. Of course all of the roads are not good, but they are a hundred per cent better than they were five years ago, and the County Commissioners are spending thousands of dollars each year in improving them, and in the course of the next five years there will be as much improvement work carried on, if not more, than has taken place in the past five.

Bandits' Refuge. In this cabin for many years Belle Starr reigned queen of outlaws, giving refuge to every criminal that came that way. In return each gave her a share of his plunder. If any one in the surrounding country set his face in the direction of law and order he was marked as an enemy of the lawless frequenters of the Belle Starr rendezvous, and many such were ambushed and killed. Some were cautious, shut their eyes and ears to what was going on, and their reward was the protection of Belle Starr's friendship. But this, too, was not without danger. To be suspected of aiding, even by silence, the outlawry at her home was to draw the enmity of the Deputy United States Marshals that rode the country, and many of these officers were no less cruel.

Had Womanly Traits. Belle Starr was not a wholly coarse and unimaginative woman. She was touched by the suffering of the helpless; she loved to sing the old "weeper," accompanying herself on the guitar, and on occasion could discourse upon subjects that appealed to polite society. But also she could swear like a pirate. Her romantic inclinations were shown in the bright colors of her garments when she went riding to the towns. If she ever shed human blood there is no authentic record of it. She visited the families in her vicinity and won the affection of the women, caring for them in their sickness and carrying them food. So Belle Starr is not without her apologetic and defenders in that section.

Recently Mrs. Mabel Jones of Tama, now an old woman, who knew Belle Starr in the old days, was shown a photograph of Belle's grave. This filled the eyes of the old woman as she pointed to a mound near the grave and said: "I planted that mound; Belle told me once that she wanted me to plant a mound at her grave when she was put under ground. She was twining red sunflower leaves on the bridle of her favorite riding horse when she asked me to make this promise, saying: 'You know, Jas'—she always called me Jas'—"

Women "Hiked" It Alone. Unarmed and Unmolested. Eugene, Ore., May 15.—Five Eugene young women have just finished a "hike" of sixty miles along the Oregon coast unarmed and unafraid of stories of bears told them at virtually every place they stopped. They carried packs weighing almost 20 pounds, and took their chances at finding shelter each night.

They proudly boast that not one man "got fresh" and that it would be quite possible for a woman to walk all over Oregon alone without being molested.

The "hikers" were Miss Frieda Goldsmith, Miss Harriet Thompson, Dr. Bertha Stewart, Miss Mary Perkins and Miss Myrtle Stephens. Four are members of the University of Oregon faculty.

WOMAN OUTLAW WHO LIVED UP TO THE FAMILY NAME

Belle Starr's Evil Fame Survives Her After Twenty-Six Years

WAS ASSASSINATED

Shot in the Back by a Renegade—Her Tomb Still Seen

Muskogee, Okla., May 15.—The Starr family—one member of which, Henry Starr, the Cherokee outlaw, recently was shot and captured in the little town of Stroud after he and his companions had robbed two national banks in daylight—has included some of the worst and some of the best citizens of Oklahoma. Though Belle Starr has been dead these twenty-six years—killed by an assassin—her fame as an outlaw overshadows that of most of her kind in this part of the country. It has been said that Henry Starr is her brother, but that is a mistake. Back of them all was "Uncle Tom" Starr, one of the most dangerous men that ever lived in the Cherokee Nation. His nephew, George ("Hopp") Starr, was Henry Starr's father. Belle Starr was the wife of Sam Starr a son of "Uncle Tom."

Belle Starr lived in the South part of what is now Muskogee County, in a lonely retreat in the dense timber close to the South Canadian River. The old house of cedar logs, with its open fireplace, its smoke-begrimed rafters and its two small windows, through which many a watchful eye scanned the approaches to the place, is standing now as it stood then.

Her Tomb. In the dooryard is the grave of Belle Starr, marked by a granite headstone chiseled by Joseph Daily, a rural stonecutter. It bears a rude likeness of Belle Starr's horse; above its head a star, beneath it a bell and on its flank a "B. S." brand. At the bottom of the stone is a clasped hand filled with flowers. The inscription reads:

BELLE STARR, Born in Carthage, Mo. Feb. 5, 1848. Died Feb. 3, 1895. Shed not for me the bitter tear, Nor give the heart to vain regret; 'Tis but the casket that lies here— The gem that filled it sparkles yet.

Earlier that year Sam had been ambushed by officers trying to arrest him. He was fired upon and his horse killed, but he escaped by springing into the brush. In the posse was Frank West, a brother of Capt. John West of Muskogee. Starr believed that his horse had been killed by West. At the Surratt dance a big heap of logs in the yard blazed for the comfort of the guests, the house being too small for both stoves and dancers. West was sitting alone in the yard by the fire, wrapped in his overcoat, when Sam and Belle rode up on horseback on their way home from Fort Smith, where Sam had to give bail for some offense charged against him. Sam was drinking, and at once began making threats against West, who was warned to be careful. West said that Starr had no cause to quarrel with him, and seemingly dismissed the matter from his mind.

About midnight Sam and Belle came from the house toward the fire. Belle was walking in front. Suddenly she stepped aside and West saw Sam standing with his pistol drawn. Starr, giving West a mortal wound in the neck, turning at his pistol, finally got it out of his pocket, and though struggling with death, fired at Starr, who disappeared in the darkness. West was carried into the house and laid on the floor.

The sound of struggling being always loved the one leaves of the summer. Mrs. Jones has a Winchester rifle which Belle is said to have owned and two leather saddle-pockets in which Belle carried her ammunition on each side of her saddle. Once Ashamed of Attire. Miss Alice Robertson, postmaster at Muskogee, is the daughter of a missionary who for years was at the Tallahassee Mission, north of Muskogee. One day Belle rode up to the mission and asked for lodging, saying she was pursued and her horse was lame and exhausted. Belle remained there three days, borrowed a horse when she departed, leaving her own until she should return for it. Several years afterward Miss Robertson was with her father at Okmulgee, at an Indian council. Belle Starr was in town, dressed in a gaudy buckskin dress and hunting shirt with a pistol in her belt. The dining room at the hotel was crowded at dinner time, and when Belle entered the only vacant seat was beside Miss Robertson. Belle recognized her and apparently was greatly confused by reason of her garments. After dinner she went to her room and put on a plain dress, and laid aside her pistol and was the prim of propriety as long as Miss Robertson remained there. When Miss Robertson's father died Belle cried in recalling how he had befriended her. Miss Robertson is inclined to think that Belle Starr was "more sinned against than sinning."

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NEGRO "JITNEYS" PROVE POPULAR

Out in Texas They Are Filling a Long Felt Want

Austin, Texas, May 15.—In Austin and other towns of Texas jitney service for the exclusive use of negroes has been introduced. These cars are liberally patronized, and the new service is having the effect of greatly reducing the receipts of the street railway companies.

When the "Jim Crow" law, which requires that negroes and whites be seated separately in street cars, was passed a few years ago, a movement was inaugurated by negroes to boycott the street cars. For a time this organized plan of showing disapproval of the race separation law had strong support on the part of the negroes, but gradually they again began patronizing the street railway system.

Introduction of the jitney automobiles came as a welcome relief to many of the negroes, who object to being seated in the rear ends of the street cars. The jitney automobiles for negroes are owned and driven by men of that race. They run between the different negro communities in town and the business center. It is stated that these negro jitneys are making more money than those for white people.

Rapid transit jitney service is being extended to interurban traffic. Nearly every town in Texas of more than 2,000 population is now equipped with jitney automobiles. Plans for the extension of existing street railway lines and the construction of new ones have been abandoned. Councils of the municipalities are hesitating about imposing unbearable burdens upon the jitneys, for the reason that the new transportation service is in great popular favor, despite the financial injury it is doing street railway companies.

HORSE BY PARCEL POST.

New Jersey Man Wanted to Ship Animal.

New York, May 15.—Charles A. Walker, proprietor of the Gray Horse Hardware Company of Newton, N. J., walked into the Newton Post Office yesterday and said to Postmaster George N. Norris:

"George, how heavy do you go on parcel post packages?" "Well, go as heavy as fifty pounds, Charlie," the postmaster answered. "Come on down to the store, George," Walker suggested. "I want official advice." So the postmaster and merchant went to the hardware store, and pointing out a papier mache horse in front of the establishment, Walker asked:

"Do you think they will take him by mail? You see I have him stamped and addressed to Hartford, where I want to send him for repairs and fittings for harness." "Well, Charlie," announced the postmaster, "no doubt he's light enough, but he's too big of bulk. I can't take him."

Walker took off the stamps and called for a wagon to haul his horse to the freight depot.

BRIDGEPORT SEES A FIERCE RIOT

Bridgeport, Conn., May 15.—With a rush order for 4,000 cases of ammunition to replace that lost when the Lusitania was torpedoed, was being packed at the plant of the Remington Arms U. M. C. Company, in this city, feeling over the sinking of the liner and the war in general precipitated a riot that nearly cost several lives.

Crowbars, shovels, and ammunition boxes were used when English speaking workmen were attacked by giant Hungarian speaking laborers. The foreman of the gang, Frank Devitt, was being beaten with a crowbar when he was rescued by Major Louis Hermann. He was taken to the emergency hospital with a deep dent in his skull and bruises. He will recover. Nicholas Neaty, another workman, was beaten murderously with a shovel, but was rescued. The foreign born fighters were repulsed after many minutes terrific fighting and fled from the plant.

HOME WRECKED BY BILL'S PAR

SAYS COL. KEEGAN Philadelphia Declares Sunday's Crowd Is Destructive One

Philadelphia, May 15.—A bill for \$1,754 in damages—among the items being smashed furniture, broken china, vanished glassware and damaged brick-work—has been prepared by Col. Charles M. Keegan, owner of the house at No. 1914 Spring Garden St., which was used as a home by Billy Sunday and his party during their recent revival in this city.

"I'm going to present this bill to the Sunday Campaign Committee, and if they don't pay it, I'm going to bring suit," said the Colonel today. The committee was the organization that had charge of Billy's temporal affairs here. Its members know about the bill and say they are not going to pay it because it is too high.

The temporary Sunday residence was overrun almost every day, and night with delegations of visitors from local churches and from other cities, which may explain some of the alleged damages.

Whiskey Glasses Unwashed. Col. Keegan's bill is a very interesting document, filling five typewritten pages. One of the first things he complains about is that more than 100 glasses disappeared while Sunday's party occupied his house. He asserts that twenty whiskey glasses, which he had never taken from their original wrappings were found, after a search, unwrapped, in a telephone closet on the first floor.

Walls were gouged, he asserts. Six doors were off their hinges, and the Colonel charges the modest sum of \$4.40 for re-hanging them. Another item in his bill is for carting of three loads of rubbish, which he says the revivalists left behind.

A five-foot jardiniere in the drawing room was broken and patched together, he says, in the occupancy of the temporary tenants. Some one broke a leg off a heavy leather chair in the room Billy himself occupied. Heavy on the Piano Stool. The piano stool was smashed and the marble top of a table in a room on the first floor was cracked.

Then a good many things are missing, it is asserted. Among these is a marble dog, which graced the Keegan reception room, the big toe of a statue of a girl also in the reception room, a silver-plated syrup jug and much bed clothing.

Col. Keegan refused to confirm a report that several bottles of ground whiskey he had left in a padded trunk in the cellar were empty, and the lock broken when he took possession of the house again.

Burns, presumably made by cigars or cigarettes, were found on the ivory keys and mahogany sides of a piano. A Catalogue of Missing Things. Here is a list of the claims in part: Missing: Two sets Haviland china, six oil paintings, nine bath towels, three table covers, ten napkins, thirteen pillow cases, seven sheets, eighteen boys' glasses, forty engraved water glasses, twenty-six whiskey glasses, ten wine glasses, five cordial glasses, six creme de menthe glasses, four champagne glasses, nine fancy stiers, one wicker armchair, five embroidered neckties, three silk curtains, one Turkish rug, five books, one silver-plated syrup jug, one marble god one shade on front door.

The broken things include: One jardiniere, five armchairs, one mahogany chair, one large leather chair, one French plush chair, one corner lounge, one piano stool, one marble top table. In the party that stayed at the Sunday home were: "Billy" and Mrs. Sunday, Homer A. Rodaway, the choir leader; Miss Grace Saxe, Blainy C. Akeley, Sunday's secretary; Miss Francis Miller; Jack Cardiff, Sunday's trainer; George Sunday, Jr., and Mrs. Mary Schuler, the housekeeper Sunday brought on from the West.

Much Scrubbing Afterwards. The housekeeper was not scrupulous, say persons who want to clean the house. Col. Keegan has put the charge for employing these women and two men for the job in the bill. He says that on the Sunday day destroyed the family soapstone newspaper and wrapped papers under the bed. The bill also lists one newspaper in March, here dated in January and February, so it is supposed they lay under the bed a long time. There were out of about thirty chairs by the time the Sunday party left. There were burned holes in expensive bureaus and one bedstead charred his marks of a hot iron. Col. Keegan's list of charges includes one paper in the breakfast room and the room Billy occupied. Instead of chairs in the front hall was changed and a new coat carried on the wall. It is supposed it is a

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