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STOCK LAW.

Sec. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any live stock to run at large in the counties of Halifax and Warren.

Sec. 2. Any person may take up any live stock running at large in said counties and impound the same; and such impounder may demand twenty-five cents for each animal so taken up, and twenty-five cents for each animal for every day such stock is kept impounded and may retain the same with the right to use it under proper care until all legal charges for impounding said stock and for damages caused by the same are paid, said damages to be ascertained by two disinterested freeholders to be selected by the owner and said impounder, said freeholders to select an umpire if they cannot agree and their decision to be final.

Sec. 3. If the owner of said stock be known to said impounder he shall immediately inform such owner when his stock is impounded and if said owner shall, for two days after such notice, willfully refuse or neglect to redeem his stock, then the impounder, after ten days written notice posted at three or more public places within the township where said stock is impounded, and describing the said stock and stating place, day and hour of sale, or if the owner be unknown, after twenty days notice in same manner, and also at the court house door, shall sell the stock at public auction, and apply the proceeds in accordance with the preceding and succeeding sections, and the balance he shall turn over to the owner if known, and if the owner be unknown, to the county commissioners for the use of the school fund of the district wherein said stock was taken up and impounded, subject in their hands for six months to the call of the legally entitled owner.

Sec. 4. Any impounder willfully misappropriating any money, he may receive under this act, or in any manner willfully violating any of its provisions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

Sec. 5. Any person unlawfully receiving or releasing any impounded stock, or attempting to do so, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

Sec. 6. The word stock in this act shall be construed to mean horses, mules, jacks, jennets, colts, cows, sheep, calves, goats and all neat cattle and swine.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the board of Commissioners of said forthwith to erect a good and lawful fence around said counties, except on the Virginia line and the lines of territory of adjacent counties in which the stock or no fence law prevails, and along all streams which are or may be declared lawful fences; and to defray the expense of the same, they shall levy and collect an assessment not to exceed twenty cents on the one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of the real estate of the counties.

Sec. 8. Any citizen or citizens of the territory herein described, are hereby authorized and empowered at their own expense to construct said fence or any part of it along the line indicated by this act or to erect gates on any of the highways on said line of fence.

Sec. 9. If any owner of land along the line of territory described in this act, shall object to the building of any fence herein allowed, his land not exceeding twenty feet in width for the fencing herein provided for, shall be condemned upon the application of any person to any justice of the peace of the township, in which said land is situated, and said justice of the peace shall at once proceed to summon two disinterested freeholders, who shall together with him lay off and condemn such land for fencing, after giving to the owners of such land or lands, or his or their agents, two days notice, and they shall assess such damage as they think just.

Sec. 10. That any person who shall willfully permit his or her live stock to run at large within said counties, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

Sec. 11. That Fishing Creek and its tributaries within said coun-

ties between the counties of Halifax, Nash and Edgecombe shall be deemed a lawful fence.

Sec. 12. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall be in force from and after the first day of September, 1885.

Ratified the 21st day of February A. D. 1885.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
RALEIGH, MARCH 5th, 1885.

I, W. L. Saunders, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the records of this office.

W. L. SAUNDERS, Secretary of State.

AN EDITORIAL GUN.

Sterrett, the red-headed superior tendent of the *Dallas Times*, has bought or borrowed a breech-loading shot-gun that shoot six times. It is a half-sister to the Winchester rifle. The noise made by this gun when feeding it with cartridges is similar to that of an alligator chewing on a "razor blade," a dilapidated hand-car on the Waxahachie Gap, or friend Sterrett's bazoo in a club-meeting. Last week Sterrett and this gun found their way to Henderson county on a camp-hunt. They were given a large bay mule and one spur on his right foot, and the injuries on the left leg are remarkably few, considering that the mule went kind of "catwampused." Sterrett and the gun were put on a stand out of gunshot of any one else. As the dogs and deer approached Sterrett began to manipulate his gun. The railroad was only some two miles distant, and the people in the neighborhood thought that an engine had jumped the track and right of way and was out in the woods. Soon six explosions were heard. Sterrett had shot! All the hounds escaped to camp, and Sterrett had only wounded one. Sterrett's fine pair of hounds were both unhurt. The one that was hurt didn't know Sterrett and approached too near. About six hours afterwards Sterrett and the gun came into camp. Their excuse for being so late was that Sterrett had to change the spur from one foot to the other in order to keep his course. Sterrett has been hunting heretofore with a horse pistol, and the gun is a ball to get the best of him. The party stayed on the hunt for several days but they could not influence the hounds to go into the woods with Sterrett and the gun.

Monday last, Mr. H. C. Davidson, of Davidson township, was in Statesville, and rather late in the afternoon left for his home, Mr. James Sherril, of his neighborhood, riding with him in his buggy. A short distance this side of Shepherd's X roads, about dark, a young man halted them from the railroad track, as they were riding along the public road, and asked for leave to ride. Mr. Davidson declined to take him in. He insisted and was answered that there was already two in the buggy and no more could be carried. The stranger told the travelers to go on then, coupling this with an epithet so opprobrious that Mr. Davidson jumped from the buggy and started for him. As he did so the stranger fired on him with a pistol, the ball passing through the fleshy part of the right arm below the elbow. The wounded man rushed upon the rascal while he was trying to fire again, jerked the pistol out of his hand and began to lay about him with his buggy whip, whereupon his assailant turned and fled, making good his escape. Mr. Davidson stopped at the residence of E. L. Cloninger, Esq., near by, had his arm bandaged and went on home. His wound is not serious.—*Landmark*.

ELI PERKINS IN RICHMOND.

Further on we came to a very large building and a very ancient building. "Is that a tobacco factory, too?" I asked the driver.

"No, sah, dat's a meetin' house, sar; dat's where Patrick Henry made his great speech, sah."

"What did Patrick say?" I asked.

"Why he done say, 'Giv me liberty or give me death.'"

"Well, which did they give him?"

"Dey giv him bof, sah, bof."—*Pittsburg Dispatch*.

'Twas in '57.

He was leaning against the railing of the Nevada Bank and a passing reporter knew he was a pioneer the moment the reportorial glance lit upon him. The reporter knew, moreover, that he was a tilted pioneer, and, consequently, had no hesitancy in leaning up against the railing likewise, and remarking without the formality of an introduction:

"Glorious climate, isn't it, Judge?"

"Oh, yes," he promptly responded, "Glorious climate—glorious climate of California. Nothing like it."

"Have you been down long?"

"No. Jest came yesterday. Haven't been here before nigh on forty years. Came down to pull the rope for Casey in '56, you remember. 'Twas 'long here some place, I reckon, but these dod-gasted new buildings kind of makes me disremember, you know. Oh, them was the days! We didn't have no murderers prancing the streets unbound in them days. No common sheep-thieves were running for Congress then. Ever run a Vigilance Committee, young fellow?"

The reporter blushingly confessed his inexperience.

"Well, I hev. Say, you haven't got an extra claw about you that you are not using precisely at this moment, hev you?"

The reporter made haste to accommodate him, and thus refreshed, the old pioneer took a fresh grip on the supporting post and began:

"It was away back upon the Yuba River in '57. I had just been running a Justice mill, and just completed my term of office, and the fellow who they put in didn't know more about law than a jackass knows about virtue. Well it was along in them times that the Vigilance Committee was at work down here at the Bay, and the thieves and rascals took to flockin' up to our section of the country, and began to stealn' whatever we had worth stealin'."

THE COMMITTEE OF TWO HUNDRED.

(Bill Nye.)

I wish that you would insert the following personal in your valuable and widely read paper:

Personal—Will the young woman who used to cook in our family, and who sent away ten pounds of sugar and five and a half pounds of tea ahead of the game, please come back, and all will be forgiven.

If she cannot return will she please write, stating her present address, and also give her reasons for shutting up the cat in the refrigerator when she went away?

If she will only return, we will try to forget the past and think only of the glorious present and the bright, bright future.

Come back, Sarah, and jerk the waffleiron for us once more.

Your manners are peculiar, but we yearn for your doughnuts, and your style of streaked cake suits us exactly.

You may keep the handkerchiefs and the collars, and we will not refer to the dead past.

We have arranged it so that when you snore it will not disturb the night police, and if you do not like our children we will send them away.

We realize that you do not like children very well, and ours especially gave you much pain because they were not so refined as you were.

We have often wished, for your sake, that we had never had any children; but so long as they are in our family, the neighbors will rather expect us to take care of them.

Still if you insist upon it, we will send them away. We don't want to send overbearing with our servants.

We would be willing also to give you more time for mental relaxation than you had before. The intellectual strain incident to the life of one who makes gravy for a lost and undone world must be very great, and tired nature must at last succumb. We do not want to succumb. If any one has got to succumb, let us do it.

All we ask is that you let us know when you are going away, and leave the crackers and cheese where we can find them.

It was rather rough on us to have you go away when we had guests in the house, but if you had not taken the key to the cooking department,

ez it was secret, I couldn't tell you all. Scurry set up the drinks in honor of the occasion.

THE COMMITTEE ACTS.

"In about a week we were informed that a fellow from Frisco had troubled a mule-driver for \$4.75 in coin and some the dust. We kind of took cognizance of the fact and charge of the fellow from Frisco. But we gave him a fair trial, allowed him to pick his own jury, but by six o'clock that night we had condemned him to be hung at six next morning. We gave him the right to say his prayers, and six of us were stationed in the school-house to take care of him. We got along alright until near mornin' when the fellow made and excuse to go outside. Three of the boys went out with him, but in some way he contrived to break loose and run. They emptied their revolvers but he got away and was gone. Bright and early next morning all of the Vigilantes had turned out in force to have the honor of jerking the rope. We met in the school-house, and when the President came up to me 'smilin' an' a rubbin' his hands, sayin', 'Ah, Mr. Brown, now justice will have its reward and the iron band of relaxing law will again stiffen; this will show that there is a premium for honesty in this community; where is the condemned?' I felt a little puzzled to explain, and rather stammered; I am sorry, Mr. Evans, but he is gone—'Ah, cried President Evans, 'that is an idea, Brown. Just say that; we'll all say it, it'll keep the myrmidons of the law from interfering. But, say,' he said, lowering his voice, 'did he die hard?' 'But he is really gone—got away—escaped—decamped!' I exclaimed. 'That's right, Brown,' he replied, enthusiastically. 'Just stick to it; but I'm sorry I missed the show. But stick to it—we all will. Tell 'em all he escaped.' 'But he did!' I roared. 'Bully!' he replied, 'the devil would believe you.'

"Well, sir, would you believe it, that to this day you would never convince the boys but that we actually hanged that fellow from Frisco? And what is worse, the—ungrateful cuss never turned up to deny the lie."—*San Francisco Examiner*.

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we could have worried along. You ought to let us have company at the house sometimes if we let you have company when you want to. Still, you know best, perhaps. You are older than we are, and you have seen more of the world.

We miss your gentle admonitions and your stern reproofs sadly. Come back and admonish us once more, at so much per admonish and groceries.

We will agree to let you select the tender part of the steak, and such fruit as seems to strike you favorably, just as we did before. We did not like it when you were here, but that is because we were young and did not know what the custom was.

If a lifetime devoted to your welfare can obliterate the injustice we have done you, we will be glad to yield it to you.

If you could suggest a good place for us to send the children, where they would be taken care of, and where they would not interfere with some other cook who is a friend of yours, we would be glad to have you write us.

My wife says that she hopes you will feel perfectly free to use the piano whenever you are lonely or sad, and when you or the broad feel depressed you will be welcome to come into the parlor and lean up against either one of us and sob.

We know that when you were with us before we were a little reserved in our manner toward you, but if you come back it will be different.

We will introduce you to more of our friends this time, and we hope you do the same by us, young people are apt to get above their business, and we admit that we were wrong.

Come back and oversee our frittler bureau agent more.

Take the portfolio of our interior department.

Try to forget our former coldness. Return, oh, wanderer, return!

CORRECT.

We learn from the New York *Journal of Commerce* that the author of the well known lines addressed "To a Pretty Waltzer" in 1800, bore the signature of Sir H. E. Bart, which may have stood for Sir Henry Englefield. The lines are as follows:

What! the girl I adore by another embraced!
What! the balm of her lips shall another man taste!
What! touched in the twirl by another man's knee!
What! panting recline on another than me!
Sir, she is yours; from the grape you have pressed the soft blue; from the rose you have shaken the tremulous dew;
What you have touched you may take: Pretty Waltzer, Adieu.—*Star*.

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