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## AN ENOCH ARDEN RETURNS.

**Comes Back After 47 Years to The Wife of His Youth and Declares He Will Spend Rest with Her.**

Pittsfield, Mass., July 1.—Away from his wife and home 47 years, during which time he had enlisted in the civil war, had been wounded there and given up for dead, George Hecox returned to Lee last night, and says he will spend the rest of his life there.

In the meantime Mrs. Hecox had married Raymond Tucker, who died in 1907. Some years ago, Hecox, returning to Lee, learned that his wife was happily married, and, letting his brother only into his confidence, decided not to return. After Tucker's death the widow received money and presents frequently from an unknown source.

Late last night a white-haired old man, with gray whiskers, called at Mrs. Tucker's home, on Centre street in Lee.

"Does Mrs. Tucker live here?" he asked of the old lady who answered the call.

"Yes, sir; I am Mrs. Tucker," was the sharp reply.

"Well, Mary, I've come back home to be with you the rest of my days. Forty-seven years ago I left you to go to the war, and I suppose you thought me dead."

The widow Tucker recognized her first husband, cordially welcomed him back, and announced today that she was henceforth Mrs. Hecox, and not Mrs. Tucker.

When asked why he stayed away all these years he said: "That is a secret I can never tell." Mrs. Hecox was equally reticent and friends know, not the mystery.—Philadelphia Record.

## SIX MEET DEATH IN FLAMES.

**Five Children and Old Soldier Victims as South Boston, Va.**

Danville, Va., July 5.—As the result of a mysterious fire which totally destroyed the home of S. E. Hamlett at South Boston early this morning, five of their children and H. A. Strange, aged 74, were burned to death, and another child aged four years seriously injured. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlett escaped without injury. The victims of the frightful affair are: H. A. Strange, Vernie Hamlett, age 14 years; Beatrice Hamlett, aged 7 years; Violet Hamlett, aged 6 years; Cecil Hamlett, aged 3 years; Henry Hamlett aged 18 months.

## Wilson's Mills and Dunn Play Ball.

Wilson's Mills, July 8.—Wilson's Mills and Dunn played a 11 inning tie game here last Friday afternoon, game being called for visitors to catch train. Taylor and Davis pitched good ball for the locals, but had poor support. Dunn scored four runs in the seventh inning on several costly errors.

R. H. E. Dunn 0 0 0 0 0 4 0 1 0 0 5 4 3 W. Mills, 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 5 8 9 Batteries, Dunn, Shell, Sanders and Taylor. W. Mills, Taylor, Davis and Tomlinson.

Yesterday afternoon Wilson's Mills defeated Dunn 5 to 0 on the Dunn diamond. Frank Davis pitched great ball for Wilson's Mills, letting the heavy hitting Dunn team down without a single hit and striking out 16 men. He also got one single, one two bagger and one 3 bagger out of five times up. The Dunn boys are a clever set of ball players and a credit to the town they represent.

R. H. E. W. Mills, 0 0 0 1 2 0 2 0 0 5 9 1 Dunn 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 Batteries, Wilson's Mills, Davis and Stevens. Dunn Lane and Taylor. Wilson's Mills goes to Kenly tomorrow for two games.

## CYCLONE KILLS FOUR.

**Fifty Persons Injured and Immense Damage Done in Canada.**

Winnipeg, July 3.—Reports from Southern Saskatchewan show that four persons were killed and more than fifty hurt and immense damage done by the cyclone which swept that district late last night and early this morning. In the Gainsboro district three persons were killed and nearly fifty injured, while a child was killed near Carleton.

## CLAYTON NEWS.

Mr. John T. Pullen, of Raleigh, spent Monday afternoon here on business.

Mrs. J. R. Wall returned Sunday from Raleigh where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Branham.

Mr. J. I. Barnes made a business trip to Raleigh Monday afternoon.

Miss Ava Wall who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Wall, at Archer, returned home Sunday.

Prof. Bruce H. Caraway, of Kinston, is in town this week on business.

Mr. M. R. Wall, of Selma, was here for a short while Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Dunn.

Messrs. W. L. Stencil and Chas. H. Ellis spent Sunday afternoon in the Capital city.

Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Hocutt arrived home last Friday from western North Carolina where they spent their honeymoon.

Mrs. Chas. L. Barnes and Miss Madge and Mrs. T. L. Ferrell spent last Friday in the capital city shopping.

Mr. Eric Ellington, who recently graduated from Annapolis Naval Academy, left last Friday for San Francisco where he will join his ship, the Louisiana.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam, of Selma, spent Sunday here with her father, Dr. J. A. Griffin.

Miss Male Swindell, who taught last year in Clayton High School, is the guest of Mrs. Jno. S. Barnes this week.

Misses Bessie and Lillie Hale, of Lenoir, spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. A. T. Beddingfield.

The well diggers are at work on a deep well for Messrs E. L. Hinton and Jno. S. Barnes this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCullers and Warren McCullers left Saturday for Raleigh where they joined the special Pullman train on its 23 day tour of the continent.

Mr. Chas. W. Horne is putting in a new system of gins at the Fowle Place near here. By the beginning of the season he will be prepared to handle cotton by the best equipped and most modern methods known to the ginners world.

Mr. Herman Moore returned Tuesday from Durham where he was called to the bedside of his brother who was confined to his room with fever.

Shotwell and Liberty Cotton Mills played a 12 inning game of ball here Saturday afternoon which resulted in a score of 4 to 2 in favor of Shotwell.

The revival services at the M. E. church closed last Thursday night. Several professions and some additions to the church was the result of the meeting.

Miss Nellie Pool, of Raleigh, spent several days in town with her parents this week.

Mr. B. P. Williamson, Jr., of Knightsdale, was in town Tuesday on business.

Miss Ethel Underhill, of Raleigh, is the guest of Mrs. A. T. Beddingfield this week.

Archdeacon Hughes and Rev. Milton A. Barber, of Raleigh Episcopal church, are conducting mission meetings at the High school Auditorium this week.

Mrs. Robt. Gulley and daughter, Miss Aline of Richmond, are visiting at the home of Mr. M. G. Gulley this week.

Representative J. W. Barnes and Mr. J. S. Barnes, of Archer, are in town today on business.

Mr. Charlie Gulley, of Durham, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

The tobacco warehouses are practically completed and tobacco could be marketed in town this week if necessary. The "Liberty" house up town has been rented to Mr. B. H. Hobbins of Garner, N. C., and the "Horne" house down town will be run by Mr. W. I. Wilkerson, of Clarksville, Va. These gentlemen are both experienced tobaccoists and Clayton's future in the tobacco world led by these gentlemen, supported by an able corps of buyers will shine brightly with success. The Clayton tobacco warehouse company will give a barbecue and public dinner in the near future. Will give date later. Clayton, July 7. S. L. W.

## LIFTED BARREL TO DRINK.

**Veteran Who Sighs for Good Old Days That Never Return.**

Pennsburg, Pa., July 3.—Among the octogenarians of this section of the State there are few who can talk so interestingly of ye olden times as Charles Schroyer, veteran of the Army of the Potomac, iron ore miner, carpenter and farmer, of this borough who says that "the world is going to the dogs sure, on account of the young people disliking to work, sleeping too little and spending too much money."

Mr. Schroyer was a giant in his younger days, both in stature and strength. To handle 300-pound barrels of sugar and shoulder a three-bushel bag of grain was child's play for him, and it took only a portion of his prodigious strength to lift a barrel of cider to his knees and enjoy a draught out of the bung hole.

Mr. Schroyer says: "Those were good old days. Men were healthy and strong then. We weren't bothered by style and fashion, either, for we attended church and Sunday school barefooted, without coats, collars or ties. That was real comfort. At battalions we boys got five cents' spending money, and at vendues or public sales, only three cents; but we enjoyed that little more than the boys nowadays do five dollars."

"No judgment notes in those days—oh, no! The people were honest then, and a little scratch on a beam or upon the chimney was enough. Children get big too quick now, and rule their parents, whereas in my days it was nothing for a 21-year-old son to be whipped by his father. Yes, the world is growing worse, and the trouble lies with the young people."—Philadelphia Record.

## SENTENCED TO STUDY BIBLE.

**Memorizing of Prayer, Commandments and Psalms Will Free Boy.**

Nowata, Okla., July 3.—When Arlie Powell, convicted of horse stealing, was brought into Court to receive a sentence of one year in prison Judge Thomas Brown said to him:

"You're too good a boy to be sent to prison. I'm going to allow Rufe Riley, the sheriff, to make a man out of you. In three months I will return to Nowata. Instead of sending you to prison I am going to instruct Rufe to keep you here in jail. If, when I come back, you have learned by heart the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and two Psalms and come into Court and repeat them I will turn you out again. If you cannot do these things you must then go to prison."

## "TEXAS GIANT" DEAD.

**L. S. Thurster Stood Seven Feet Seven in His Stocking Feet.**

Mount Vernon, Tex., July 3.—L. S. Thurster, known as the "Texas giant," and believed to be the tallest man in the United States, died last night at his home here. He was seventy-seven years old and served through the war in the Confederate army. He stood seven feet seven inches in his stocking feet. He leaves a son, who is slightly more than seven feet tall.

## Not To Be Cheated.

"This is a mighty dishonest world, you know," said Henry Dixey, "and it don't hurt to be suspicious of some people. I sympathize with the old negro who came to a watchmaker with the two hands of a clock."

"I want yer fer to fix-up dese han's. Dey ain't kept no correct time for mo' den six munfs."

"Well, where is the clock?" demanded the watchmaker.

"Out to my cabin."

"But I must have the clock."

"Didn't I tell yer dar's nuffin' de matter wid the clock 'ceptin' de han's? An' here dey be. You jess want de clock so you kin tinkle it and charge me a big price. Gimme back dem han's."—Young's Magazine.

## Fire Sweeps 6,000 Acres of Grain.

Los Angeles, July 2.—Fire swept 6,000 acres of grain on several ranches yesterday near San Fernando. The loss is estimated at \$125,000. The fire started in the afternoon and by nightfall great fields of barley and wheat had been laid waste.

## HORROR ON JAPANESE SHIP.

**149 Persons Perish in Fire Disaster Near Aomori.**

Victoria, B. C., July 4.—[Special]—One hundred and forty-nine lives were sacrificed by the recent burning of the Japanese steamer Nihonkai-Maru. Details of the disaster have just been received by the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress. The victims were the entire crew of the Nihonkai, a coaster, 16 men in all, together with 133 fisher folk, both men and women. The disaster occurred on June 24, near Aomori, and what made the tragedy more pitiful was the fact that the vessel was so close to shore and succor that there need not have been any fatalities but for the fact that fog obscured the burning vessel.

The cause of the fire will never be determined. The first intimation of danger received by those aboard, the majority of whom were fishermen returning to their homes in Japanese villages, was when the flames burst from the bunkers and drove those aboard for temporary safety to the rigging.

## The Cigar That Cost One Hundred Dollars.

The Old Man is not a non-smoker by any means. Heavens, no! But he does not permit my Lady Nicotine to get in her work except when he's off the job. He flirts with the little lady almost incessantly after he has banged the roll-top into place. While he doesn't use the five-dollar Havana accredited to J. P. Morgan, he is some connoisseur of the delicious weed, at that. He calls tobacco his slave. He prides himself that it isn't the other way. He told me a story the other day of a youth who smoked a cigar that cost one hundred dollars.

"Talking about our favorite brands," he said, as he rolled his unlighted Panatella to the other side of his mouth, "puts me in mind of a young gentleman who dropped in on me the other week. He had worked for me at one time, and I must say he rang the bell with me at the time. When he next turned up he was selling lithograph work for a big Chicago establishment. His get-away was great, and I knew he'd sell me at once. He had talked for some five minutes when he produced a cigar and lighted it complacently. During the operation I managed to get in two or three questions, and was astonished that he lacked his initial ginger altogether when he continued. I was puzzled, strove to analyze his difficulty, and wondered where the sand in his gear-box was trickling down from."

"Before I could arrive at my solution he had closed me for a hundred dollars' worth of lithographed work. We sat talking reminiscently for a few minutes, and then he rose to go, thanking me for coming through."

"My boy," I said, shaking hands with him, "you smoke expensive cigars."

"Three for a quarter is all," he laughed.

"Guess again," I answered. "That cigar cost a hundred dollars."

"He wanted to know what I meant."

"Listen," I answered. "You could have convinced me that I needed two hundred dollars' worth of lithograph work if you hadn't divided your attention between your selling and your cigar. I saw in a second that something was wrong when you raised the match to your cigar. I was puzzled for a moment; then I realized what was the matter. Listen. This selling work is no parlor's plan. A man can't divide his attention between it and anything else. They tell us that Caesar diverted himself by dictating seven letters at once and slipping in a job or two simultaneously in addition. But the rest of us can't."—The Business Philosopher.

## Early Not A Leper.

New York, July 5.—John S. Early, the North Carolina leper, is at last in the New York hospital. But the superintendent of the hospital says he has already responded to Dr. Bulkeley's treatment, who said he did not have leprosy, but a skin disease, and that he is entirely well. He will be turned loose in about two weeks.

Kentucky now has but 24 counties in which liquor can be purchased.

## THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

The June attendance at the Seattle Exposition was 667,971, giving a profit of \$86,000.

A burglar, resisting arrest at Chicago, killed Policeman Henry Schnadle and escaped Friday.

An apartment house will be built in St. Louis, in which no family without children will be allowed.

Rice in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and the Carolinas is above the average, with a slight acreage increase.

Eight more mines with 2000 men have closed because of the strike in the coal district of Pittsburg, Kan.

The Mexican flea is doing as much damage to Louisiana cotton as the boll weevil.

New Orleans imported 278,394,418 pounds of coffee during the year ending June 30.

Plans have been completed for the intercoast canal between New Orleans and Galveston.

The Oklahoma law prohibiting the piping of natural gas from the State has been declared invalid.

His wife and two children are dead at Cleveland as the result of Foster Shy's drunken rampage.

Attorney General J. D. McCarn, of Tennessee, prosecutor of Senator Carmack's slayers, will run for Governor next time.

With her husband dead, supposedly a suicide, Mrs. John Rice, at Cincinnati, has confessed that she killed him.

Internal revenue losses at Milwaukee, were \$322,000 for the year ending June 30, due almost wholly to a decrease in the beer output.

The body of Postmaster Daniel Cerrillo, of Santa Maria del Oro, Mex., who disappeared when his office was robbed of \$10,000, has been found, robbers evidently having slain him.

Unusually heavy rains in Northern Mexico have demoralized railroad traffic.

One white man and three negroes were drowned when a skiff capsized in a squall at Hickman, Ky., Sunday.

Falling down a 100-foot well at Tucson, Ariz., Saturday, W. B. Keeling, director of a new magnetic observatory, sustained serious injuries.

For sending threatening letters to Rudolph Spreckels, Benjamin W. Soule, of San Francisco, has been sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

## Just About Lemons.

With the approach of warm weather, when man's best friend is the citrus fruit, these suggestions are especially interesting. Following are some of the uses of a lemon.

Two or three slices of lemon in a cup of strong tea will cure a nervous headache.

A tablespoonful of juice in a small cup of black coffee will relieve a bilious headache.

A dash of lemon juice in plain water makes a cleansing tooth wash, not only removing the tartar, but sweetening the breath.

A lotion of lemon juice and rose water will remove tan and whiten the skin.

Lemon juice with olive oil is far superior to vinegar for a salad dressing—equal parts used for blending.

Tough meat can be made tender by adding a teaspoonful of lemon juice to the water in which it is boiled.

It also removes unsightly stains from the hands.

After the pulp is removed the skins make dainty receptacles for serving salads, ices, &c.—New York Globe.

## KILLED IN COLLISION.

**Traction Cars Meet Head-on Near Cleveland, Ohio.**

Cleveland, July 3.—One man was killed and a dozen persons injured in a head-on collision between two cars on the Chardon division of the Eastern Ohio Traction Company near Gatos Mills late this afternoon. Passengers were panic stricken and trampled on each other in efforts to escape from the cars. Traffic was tied up for three hours.

According to Robert Beatty, receiver for the traction company, Motor-man Eggleston, in charge of the east-bound car, overran his orders. His instructions were to wait at a switch 1,500 feet from where the collision occurred.

## FATALITIES IN NEW YORK.

**Four Deaths and 337 People Injured As Result of Celebration.**

New York, July 5.—Four deaths, 337 injured, nine of them dangerously and one so seriously that death seems certain was the Fourth of July record in New York up to midnight tonight.

The list of dead up to 10 o'clock tonight as follows:

Edith Brown, 6 years, died from fractured skull by explosion of toy cannon.

Dorothy Martin, 5 years old died from burns caused by igniting of box of matches.

George Mafredonia, a 19 year old boy died of tetanus after wounding his hand with a toy pistol.

Pagano Gisseuppo, 40 years old killed by random bullet supposedly fired by a celebrator, though relatives maintain that he was murdered.

Fires in city and suburbs were numbered by the score, but none in New York proper did any great damage.

## KILLED THE WHOLE FAMILY.

**Therefore Railroad Company Escapes Liability for Damages.**

Jefferson City, July 3.—By the killing of the entire family, a railway company has escaped liability for the payment of damages for the death of Philip Ragel and wife and their minor sons.

Suit was brought for \$15,000 by the administrator of the estate. According to the Missouri Supreme Court, the company is left free from damages because the entire family was wiped out by the fatality, no person who has the right to maintain the suit to final judgment against the company surviving.

## COULD SUPPORT HARMON.

**Gov. Johnson Discusses Report Regarding Nomination in 1912.**

Minneapolis, July 3.—"I am not in Presidential politics now," is the significant answer which Gov. Johnson made when asked for a statement regarding the report that of the 161 Democratic members of Congress, 125 who had been polled were for Gov. Harmon, of Ohio, for President in 1912.

"I know nothing of the report that the Representatives are for Harmon," added the governor, "I have the highest regard for Harmon, and if he is nominated I could very cheerfully support him."

## Husband and Wife Die in a Day.

A correspondent of The Landmark mentioned a few days ago the death of Mr. Ernest Shaw, which occurred at his home in Turnersburg township soon after midnight on Sunday morning, June 20th. Mr. Shaw's remains were buried at Mt. Bethel church at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, 20th, and his young wife, a bride of less than six months, who was critically ill at the time of her husband's death, died Sunday night, June 20th, and was buried at Mt. Bethel the following Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Both died of typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were married last Christmas eve. They were the same age and the day of their marriage was their 19th birthday. It is a sad coincidence that they should die of the same disease within 24 hours of each other, less than six months after their marriage.—Statesville Landmark.

## The Same Everywhere.

This very solemn communication appeared in the New York Herald Tuesday:

"The other day I went in a drug store to order a glass of soda water, but I happened to see how they washed their glasses, and the sight made me leave that place in disgust. Since then closer examination has made me acquainted with the fact that many drug stores have no other outfit for this purpose than a slop pail, which serves as much to wash the hands of the operator as to rinse the glasses, and which after a while assumes a most disgusting appearance."

Isn't it the same everywhere?