

SOCIETY

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The Wearing o' the Green.

"What did St. Patrick do?" asked a small boy. "Preached and drove snakes out of Ireland," was the prompt reply...

The patron saint of Ireland was a Roman aristocrat by birth and is first seen in Gaul when the fierce Irish overpowered the Roman province in which he dwelt...

For six years he tended the sheep of Milcho, a chief of Antrim, on the green hills of Erin, and here at night, the story goes, he was visited by angels and planned out the great work of Christianizing idolatrous Ireland.

Being aided by a kind hearted sea captain to escape and return to his old home, thirty years of St. Patrick's life were now spent in preparation for this great work.

He studied, preached, made pilgrimages, keeping always this one end in view, and at last prepared for this great undertaking, landed in Meath in 432.

Having heard of the arrival of the saint, Prince Dichu came down to the coast to drive him and his religion into the sea. But when he rushed upon St. Patrick to attack him, the Prince's sword arm became rigid as marble, and, feeling that a power more than human was at work, he abandoned his purpose and himself embraced Christianity.

To convert his old master Milcho was St. Patrick's great ambition. Accordingly he set out toward the north in the direction of the fields where he had been used to tend the sheep.

When he came in sight of the castle, however, he beheld a great red light on the horizon.

Milcho had heard of his approach and, fearing that he might be induced to leave the faith of his fathers, set fire to his ancestral home and perished in the flames.

St. Patrick proceeded to the palace of the King.

It was the night before the lighting of the sacred fires, and the Druid priests were gathered to worship in the national fashion.

In full view of these ceremonies, St. Patrick and his followers built their camp fire and sat boldly in its glare.

This was a grave offense. No fires were allowed to be lighted before the sacrificial fires.

On the following morning, therefore, the King ordered him brought before the ceremonial and it was only when St. Patrick's supernatural powers had outnumbered those of the Druids, that the King gave up, and, though he, himself, did not at once accept Christianity, decided to make the best of the situation and give this great missionary the freedom of his kingdom.

Eleven years after his arrival St. Patrick was made a member of a council formed to remodel the laws of the land.

So goes the story of his ministry, and, whatever of it may be merely legendary with no foundation save the superstition of the times, certain it is that at the age of 120 after sixty years of work among a once fierce and idolatrous people, St. Patrick breathed his last on March 17th, 492 in a Christian country of over 3,000,000 souls, where not an idol was to be found.

NEWS AND COMMENTS.

A recent expert estimate of the extent of the anthracite coal fields in the United States places their contents at 11,921,400,000 tons. The annual production averages 45,000,000 tons, at which rate the supply would last some 265 years.

The town of Wenatchee, Wash., is to be moved two miles from its present location to a point on the bank of a river. It is a pretty fair sized town, too. All the buildings will be moved in the usual way to the new location. There is not an adequate supply of water where the town now stands, and in addition the citizens are incensed at the avarice of the owners of the present town site, who have fixed the price of property at a very high figure.

Lorenzo Faginoli, who saved Garibaldi's life in 1849 by hiding him in the swamps near Ravenna, after he had been obliged to leave his dying wife in the retreat from Rome, has just died at Ravenna. Garibaldi and he from their hiding place saw the Austrian soldiers march by with Ugo Bassi and the other patriots they had captured, who were soon after tried by court martial and shot.

Latest News from all Parts of the World, Prepared Especially for the Readers of "The Observer."

At St. John, Porto Rico, a Spanish soldier attempts to assassinate the United States consul. Gen. Weyler contradicts the report of his intention to resign. A man attempting to hold up a passenger train in California was killed; he wounds the sheriff and another officer. The Treasury Department issues orders for the seizure of the Bermuda if to be found in the jurisdiction of the United States. Thomas B. Keogh is the representative of Morton in this State and is organizing the districts to send Morton delegates to St. Louis. It is said in Madrid that the Cuban war can only be ended by sending large reinforcements to the island and forming a complete blockade. The twentieth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association met in Charlotte yesterday. The Iron Trade Review announces very dull times in the iron and steel trade. W. H. McNult is arrested in Chicago for tapping the wires and causing the big swindle on the New Orleans race track last Saturday. The Democratic Senators caucus on the subject of the Senate patronage; the two parties are about to come to an agreement as to the division of the patronage among the ninety Senators.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., March 19, '96.

MR. EDITOR:--If Robert Burns, "Nature's Poet," as he is sometimes called, had lived in this enlightened nineteenth century, he could not more aptly have described some of the "Religionists" of America than he does in his poems, "To the Unco Guid" and "Dedication," "To Gavin Hamilton." Religious zeal without Christianity has, in all the ages of the past, been a curse instead of a blessing. It was this that threw the pall of darkness over the ninth and tenth centuries, very properly called "The Dark Ages." It was this that established the Inquisition with all its horrors; it is religion, the religion of the Turk that to-day is massacring the Christians of Armenia, and like their predecessors, "their zeal for Islam is only equalled by their slakeless thirst for plunder." It is religious zeal that to-day would again persecute Jew and Gentile for differing with them if they only had the power. I once heard an eminent divine speaking of a narrow sectarian sermon to which he had listened, and his comment was, all great and good men are broad men. We know that the reverse of this proposition is not necessarily true. We have all heard of Ministers who had been preaching for years before they found out that they had never been converted, and judging from the unkind and unchristian like expressions of some of them, we don't doubt it.

The Religion of Jesus Christ has been wonderfully exemplified in the powerful sermons to which we have listened for the last week, and it is that Christ like spirit, with which he is possessed, that gives the preacher his great power. Appropos of the sermon on Friday evening, I heard one Minister who takes a very prominent part in the meetings, charged with having gotten religion under that sermon, his reply was: "I got that before the war and have never lost it," and those who know him can testify to the fact that he still has it, for his broad minded, Christian liberality proves it, and a man of this kind will do more good in a year than one who, as Burns says

"Grunts up a lengthened solemn groan And damns all parties but his own." will do in a life time, for he makes everybody love him, and that without "compromising principle" either. LIBERAL.

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Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway

JOHN GILL, RECEIVER.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

In Effect December 8th, 1895.

Table with 2 columns: NORTH BOUND, No. 2, Daily. Lists stations from Wilmington to Mt. Airy with times.

Table with 2 columns: SOUTH BOUND, No. 1, Daily. Lists stations from Mt. Airy to Wilmington with times.

Table with 2 columns: NORTH BOUND, No. 4, Daily. Lists stations from Bennettsville to Fayetteville with times.

Table with 2 columns: SOUTH BOUND, No. 3, Daily. Lists stations from Fayetteville to Bennettsville with times.

Table with 2 columns: NORTH BOUND, No. 16, Mixed, Daily Except Sunday. Lists stations from Ramsey to Madison with times.

Table with 2 columns: SOUTH BOUND, No. 15, Mixed, Daily Except Sunday. Lists stations from Madison to Ramsey with times.

NORTH BOUND CONNECTIONS at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line for all points North and East, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Winston-Salem.

SOUTH BOUND CONNECTIONS at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Roanoke and points North and West, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company for Raleigh, Richmond and all points North and East, at Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line for all points South, at Maxton with the Seaboard Air Line for Charlotte, Atlanta and all points South and Southwest.

W. E. KYLE, General Passenger Agent. J. W. FRY, General Manager.

City Tax Sale.

City Tax Payers are notified that I am making out my list for levying, advertising and selling. Do those who have not paid want to be advertised?

Respectfully, S. W. TILLINGHAST, City Tax Collector. 34-6t

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.

AND BRANCHES AND FLORENCE RAILROAD Condensed Schedule.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Table with columns: DATED Jan. 27, 1895, No. 23, 35, 41 Daily. Lists train schedules between Weldon, Rocky Mount, and Tarboro.

Table with columns: No. 47 Daily, No. 48 Daily. Lists train schedules between Wilmington and Tarboro.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Table with columns: DATED Jan. 27, 1895, No. 76, 32, 40 Daily. Lists train schedules between Tarboro and Wilmington.

Table with columns: No. 78 Daily, No. 32 Daily. Lists train schedules between Wilmington and Rocky Mount.

Daily except Monday. Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:48 P. M., Halifax 4:05 P. M., arrive Scotland Neck at 4:55 P. M., Greenville 6:37 P. M., Kinston 7:35 P. M., returning, leaves Kinston 7:20 A. M., Greenville 8:22 A. M., arriving Halifax at 10:55 A. M., Weldon 11:20 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 7:00 A. M., arrive Parrale 8:40 A. M., Tarboro 9:50 A. M.; returning leaves Tarboro 4:50 P. M., Parrale 6:10 P. M., arrives Washington 7:35 P. M. Daily except Sunday. Connects with trains on Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C. daily except Sunday at 5:00 P. M., Sunday 3:00 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 9:00 P. M., 5:25 P. M. Returning leaves Plymouth daily, except Sunday, 6:00 A. M., Sunday 9:30 A. M., arrive Tarboro 10:25 A. M. and 11:45 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily except Sunday, 6:05 A. M., arriving Smithfield 7:30 A. M., returning, leaves Smithfield 8:00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 9:30 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4:30 P. M., arrives Nashville 5:05 P. M., Spring Hope 5:30 P. M., returning, leaves Spring Hope 8:00 A. M., Nashville 8:35 A. M., arrive Rocky Mount 9:05 A. M., daily, except Sunday.

Trains on Latta Branch Florence R. R. leave Latta 6:40 P. M.; arrive Dunbar 7:50 P. M., returning leave Dunbar 6:30 A. M.; arrive Latta 7:50 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, Daily, except Sunday, at 4:10 P. M., returning, leaves Clinton at 7:20 A. M., connecting at Warsaw with main line trains.

Train No. 78 makes close connection at Weldon for all points North daily, all rail via Richmond, and daily except Sunday via Portsmouth and Bay Line. Also at Rocky Mount with Norfolk and Carolina Railroad for Norfolk daily and all points north via Norfolk daily except Sunday.

J. R. KENLEY, JOHN F. DIVINE, Gen'l Manager, General Supt. T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.