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BILL ARP'S LETTER.

WILLIAM HELPS TO FIND LONG-LOST RELATIVES.

A Heavy Mail Attests the Philanthropist's Popularity.

Now if there is any old soldier living who was in the Indian war in Oregon during the years 1859 and 1860, under command of General Joe Lane, and knew Captain George W. Reynolds, in that service, let him please write to his widow, at Mars Hill, Madison county, North Carolina. The poor woman is entitled to a pension for her husband's service, if she can prove it. It is a long shoot and a narrow chance, but maybe some comrade will see this. It would rejoice my heart to see a little of that pension fund coming down this way.

I am not a bureau of information, but receive many letters of inquiry about antebellum days and families and events, and am always pleased to answer them and give the information if I can. Many of them are from old Georgia soldiers who removed west soon after the war, and they or their widows have heard that Georgia is paying all her invalid soldiers or their widows a pension. Please let me say all concerned that there is no provision for non-residents in our state pension law. This seems hard upon those who felt constrained to emigrate, but it is the law, and that settles it.

Then there are letters from aged men who look back to old Georgia with longing hearts and wish to trace up their kindred. It is a sure sign of gray hairs when a man or woman begins to hunt up their distant kindred or the companions of their youth. Here is a Mr. John A. Harris, of Pass Christian, Miss., who wants to know about his father's relatives—the Harris family, of Appling and Macon—and also about his mother's kindred—the Bledsoes, of Athens and Augusta. And here is Mr. Redwine, of Redwine, Ga., who wants to know of his kin of that name in Georgia. Alas, my old venerable friend, Judge Clark is dead and so is C. C. Jones, the only two men who knew all the old families of Georgia. It would perplex even them to identify any branch of the Harris family, for their name is legion, but the Bledsoes and Redwines could not doubt be traced by some of the octogenarians still living.

These are very unusual names and their kinship is not so remote. I was ruminating about the origin of names, Anglo-Saxon names, and find it to be a curious and interesting study. For instance, it is possible that the original Bledsoe was wounded in a fight or by accident and bled so much that it gave him a name? Is it probable the Redwine ancestor had a vineyard and made wine of that color, or maybe did not have a vineyard, but was much given to looking upon the wine when it was red? It seems that the common people often find their own name long after the Christian era. The Romans, however, began a system to honor and distinguish distinguished people. They adopted a pre-nomen—a woman and a cognomen—as Publius Cornelius Scipio. Publius was his Christian name, as we call it, and no doubt the boys called him Pub. Cornelius, his family name, and Scipio was his most notable characteristic, for he was good to his blind old father and led him about with a staff, and Scipio means a staff. I have great respect for Scipio. Horace was called Horatius Flaccus because he had very large ears, and Flaccus means floppy-ears. It was not till the eleventh century that family names were handed down to succeeding generations, and this custom was adopted because of a law requiring births and marriages and deaths to be registered in the parish books. As late as the eighteenth century many families in England had no surnames, and the children were given nicknames, as Nobby, Soaker, Sucker, Snuggletooth, Cockeye, Jumper, Bowlegs, Bedtop, etc.

As people multiplied, new methods had to be devised to distinguish them. Prefixes and suffixes were resorted to. The word son was added to distinguish the father from the children, as John, Johnson, Will, Wilson, Tom, Tomson. The word Fitz was a prefix to Norman names and came from fils or filin, a son. Vitch in the Russian language has the same meaning, and so has von or van in German, and Mac in Scotch and Irish, as MacDonald, the son of Donald. O is an Irish prefix and means grandson, as O'Connor, O'Harr, O'Halloran, etc. De or Dun is the French prefix for son and Ap means the same in Welsh. These affixes and prefixes will classify a great number of names, for from John came Johnson, Johnston, Johnstone and Johnstone. The Smith family name had a peculiar origin. The old Anglo-Saxons were ever on the lookout for invasions of the island, and hence they kept a large force of men on the hills near the coast to look out for the invaders and to smite them when they came. These men had but a single name, as John or Jack or Will, but they were known as John the Smiter or Jack the Smiter, or Will the Smiter, which was soon abbreviated to John Smither and then to John Smith, and finally to John Smith. A smith is a smelter—a goldsmith smites gold, a blacksmith smites iron. And so all these soldier on the highlands became Smiths by name, and were good patriotic fighting stock. Hurrah for the Smiths—including John. The Jones family are of Welsh extraction, and no doubt had a similar origin for the original name was Jones, and the S was added for a plural.

But names were still scarcer than people, and so they had to resort to

occupations to distinguish them; hence came the honest names of Farmer, Carpenter, Mason, Baker, Gardner, Tanner, Weaver, Taylor, Draper, Cooper, Miller, Porter, Joiner, Sadler, Brewer, Barber, Turner, Plumber, Thrasher, Carter, Carrier, Granger, Cook, Bridgman, Bowman, etc. Scores of others could be added that indicate trades and occupations.

Not long after, as the people multiplied, they were named for the places where they lived or some natural object near by, as Hill, Dale, Forest, Wood, Grove, Fountain, Lake, Pool, Rivers, Brooks, Branch, Bush, Grubb, Tree, Stone, Banks, Shore, Beach, Birch, Waters, Wall, Cliff, Peak, Seay, Rain, Rainwater, Timberlake, Rice, Wheat, Corn, Allcorn, etc.

They even appropriated the names of animals, birds, etc., as Lion, Lamb, Hog, Colt, Fowl, Bull, Bullock, Beaver, Bear, Buck, Deer, Swan, Hawk, Dove, Crane, Bird, Herring, Bass, Trout, Salmon.

And next the fruits and flowers, as Apple, Orange, Lemon, Plum, Cherry, Berry, Haze, Coffee, Turnip and Turnipseed. Colonel Turnipseed was colonel of the Ninth Georgia regiment. Of flowers and trees, there is Rose, Violet, Primrose, Chestnut and Holly.

Then they had to scorch on the nobility and clergy, and so we have King, Queen, Prince, Earl, Lord, Duke, Knight, Page, Stewart, Chamberlain, Pope, Bishop, Priest, Abbot, Prior, Deacon and Bailiff.

And on the heavenly bodies and heavenly things and precious stones, as Sun, Moon, Star, Cloud, Wind, Gale, Sky, Angel, Diamond, Pearl, Gold, Glass, Jewell, etc.

And on parts of the body, as Head, Heart, Beard, Hair, Arms, Legs, Foot, Shin, Back, Hip, Hand, etc.

And on colors, as White, Black, Brown, Green, Redd, Blue, Gray, Hoar and Violet.

Some were named on account of personal peculiarities—as Long, Longfellow, Siringfellow, Short, Small, Strong, Meek, Lightfoot, Good, Best, Bliss, Wise, Witt, Wisdom, Fite and Fitten.

But there are enough for the young folks to build onto and make a very good catalogue of names. Charles Lamb says that the original name of Bacon was Hogflesh, who was a very wealthy and clever gentleman, but his girl wouldn't marry him because she couldn't bear to be called Mrs. Hogflesh. It would be awful. And so he applied to parliament and had his name changed to Bacon. He couldn't give up the whole hog, but took it cured. Many names were abridged or changed from circumlocutions. John at the Moor was changed to Atmore, and At the Wood to Atwood and Peter at the Seven Oaks to Peter Snooks.

Will the taylor, had a sign of a peacock over his shop, and got to be called Will Peacock. Auslem, the pawnbroker, had a sign of a red shield, which in the Jewish language was Rothschild, and so he and his brothers were called Rothschilds, and became the richest men in the world. The old story of the firm of I. Ketchum and U. Chestnut may have never existed, but before the war there was a firm in Rome of Wise & Goodman, and close by was a Witt and a Wisdom. There is a Fute and a Fite in Cartersville, and some years ago there was a Fitten. The poet asks what's in a name? There is a good deal, and if I was a pretty girl, and had a pretty name, I wouldn't change it for a Hogg or a Sheepshanks.—Bill Arr in Atlanta Constitution.

MR. MARTIN BARRA.
California's Oldest Voter is 104 Years and Daily Smokes 40 Cigarettes.
Mr. Martin Barra, the oldest voter in California, is 104 years old, and lives in a country home in the beautiful valley of Santa Clara. He earns his living by



chopping wood, and in this occupation he is assisted by two partners, the junior of whom is more than 70 years old. He is a native of Quilo, Chili, and during his younger years was a merchant in his native country. He has a pretty little garden patch near his cabin and upon it he raises corn, beans, Cull peppers, and melons. When California was absorbed by the United States Mr. Barra became a citizen by the transfer and has voted whenever he remembered it was election day and the polls were not too far off. He is still in rugged health, his eyes are fine, and his teeth all sound and even. He well remembers the stirring 'times of '49, but he never cared to hunt for gold. He does not indulge in strong drink and seldom touches tea or coffee. He is an inveterate cigarette smoker and consumes forty of these narcotic things a day.

That Ohio girl who took arsenic to remove freckles will never be bothered by them again. As a freckle remover arsenic knocks the spots off most cosmetics.

Great Western Blizzard.

The great storm which swept over Minnesota and the Dakotas resulted in some loss of human life and great loss to live stock. Mail agent Berthold, of the Great Northern road, perished in a snow drift near Devil's Lake, North Dakota. John Hoovey, a farmer living four miles from Park River, North Dakota, started from his house to his barn and was found two miles away on the prairie, frozen to death. The loss to stock aggregates hundreds. A coat of ice covers the ground, and snow is in some places piled in drifts twelve feet high. In many localities the temperature sunk as low as forty degrees below zero. All railroad traffic was at a standstill, and the cattle are perishing on the hills for want of food.

Fatality in India.

The Earl of Elgin, Viceroy of India, arrived at Baroda, India, on a visit to the Maharaja, or native ruler of the State. The maharajah turned out on a terrace to greet a display of fireworks in his honor. At the end of the ceremonies the crowd made a rush for the park gates, which were so narrow that they soon became jammed with people. The mob pressed forward, and when the crowd was finally cleared away it was found that seventy-two persons had been killed and thirty more or less seriously injured.

Lived More Than a Century.

Mrs. Sarah Annis, who died a few days ago, at Worcester, Mass., was 101 years, five months and twenty-three days old. She was born in Cowell's Manor, Canada, and until eight years ago lived in Peru, N. Y.

Buzard, the Bully, Found and Killed.

A notorious character named Buzard was killed at Saluda, S. C., by three Hendersons, father and two sons, and two other men. Buzard had been bullying his neighbors for years. He had been shot and killed by Henderson and his sons. Henderson recovered, but Buzard had been bullying him on every occasion since. They were shot and killed. Henderson's brother owned the place. His father and brother came to his rescue. Buzard was shot and killed to death. The Hendersons were not arrested.

Dollar Wheat at Last.

The price of cash wheat passed the dollar mark, having been quoted in New York at \$1.00 1/2.

Spain's Great Failure.

The London Times prints a leading treatise of the situation in Cuba. It says that, owing to the incapacity of her Generals, there is no prospect whatever of Spain winning in the struggle on the island. Moreover, Spanish resources are strained to the utmost, and it will be difficult for her purse to bear much longer the demands upon it. In concluding the Times says: "We cannot exclude the probability of intervention by the United States."

Indian Town in Ruins.

A storm struck the town of Bialston, on the Arkansas River. Nearly all the 200 houses in town were blown down and several people were injured. Bialston is in the Osage Indian Nation.

Mutually Safe.

He—I never mean what I say to a summer girl.
She—And I never believe what a summer man says to me.
He—Good. Then we might as well be engaged without further loss of time.
—New York World.

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Leave Sanford	1:00 p. m.
Leave Climax	2:50 "
Leave Greensboro	4:40 "
Leave Stokesdale	6:30 "
Leave Wakelet Cove	8:20 "
Leave Rural Hall	10:10 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	6:35 "
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Leave Rural Hall	10:04 "
Leave Wakelet Cove	10:33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11:07 "
Arrive Greensboro	11:55 "
Leave Greensboro	12:10 p. m.
Leave Climax	12:41 "
Leave Sanford	1:15 "
Arrive Fayetteville Junction	4:12 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4:18 "
Arrive Wilmington	7:45 "
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Leave Maxton	6:17 "
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Leave Maxton	1:28 "
Leave Red Springs	1:48 "
Leave Lumber Bridge	2:08 "
Leave Hope Mills	2:31 "
Arrive Fayetteville	2:49 "
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