

## KE'S TALE

### Deer Star Readers:

A feller can larn sumpin' purty nigh every day if he will stay sober and keep his eyes open.

I've larned sense I rote last last that hit won't do to tell the truth these times if you don't want to git into the durndest mess you ever did: I don't think I'll ever tell the truth any more 'til I shore have had lots of afflictions sent on me since Sal's sister Mary Jane married John back during the holidays, and all these afflictions wuz sent on me just because I took and rote hit up and sent hit down to Lee Weathers to be printed in the Star, telling the truth about hit. (Hit should have been printed over thar in the social column whar hit belonged) but they got hit at the wrong place somehow.

When Mary Janes folks read hit they wuz all jist as mad as they could be, but they weren't half as mad as John's folks wuz.

One da while I wuz gone to borrow a twist of home-made fur Sal to chaw on till the old hen wud lay eggs enough to buy a plug; they all got together and took coun cil how they wud do to git their revenge on me fur being a truthful man.

So, I being kinder foolish any way, and not knowing of their evil designs fell an easy victim to their wiles. Fur the next few days the plagues fell on me fast and furious like they come in Egypt in the time of bondage. I endure them purty well till that cold Saturday nite about a month ago and then the burden got too heavy fur me. Hit must a been about midnight fur I had been asleep and waked up a little sorter cold and got up, with nothing much on and went out to see what hit wuz the dog wuz a barkin' at. Rote thar furst the grindstone that stood about a dozen men, hit appeared like, with flour sacks over their heads and long keen hickory sticks in their hands. I knowed hit wuz me they wuz after fur me an Sal wuz who lives here, and Sal hadn't done nuthin.

They made a dive fur me, but they wuz too slow, and hit weren't but a little while till I wuz clean out of site. I run through a briar patch so fast that I didn't git scratched nary time. Thar is a big gully on tuther side of the hill and I made fur hit, whar I could feel safe. But hit wuz terrible cold way down in the bottom of that old red gully, and jist about the time I had begun to wish hit wuz summer time or something like hit, away off I heard somebody a singing and the nearer he got to me the plainer I could hear the song. I knowed hit wuz Gus Richards fur thar haint another person in the whole world that sings jist exactly like Gus dux, even if they sing the same song. I knowed whar he had been, fur every Saturday nite if hit haint preachin' nite, Gus tells his folks that thar is an old sick woman across over in Burke that sent him word to be shore and come to see her that nite if he wants to see her alive.

His folks believes every word he tells 'em and so while they haint a lookin he slips a gallon vessel in his car and goes over in Burke to see that old woman that has been sick so long.

I crawled out of my gully and when Gus saw me he had compassion on me and threw some old sacks around me, and took out his jug and told me to drink all I wanted and that when he went back he would fetch me another big drink. Then he set me in his car and took me on to Casar whar all is peace and joy. And verily I say unto you that I rejoiced more over that one drink of whiskey than I did over about ninety and nine gallons that Bob Kendrick poured out one nite when he visited me and Sal. But talkin about tellin the truth, what is the matter with folks these times do you think? Why they pretend like that everybody is prosperous these times, but I doubt hit. They let on like all the schools air larnin the children so fast that hit purty nigh is bustin their heads to hold in so much. Don't you wish hit wuz true. Then when a person dies they wuz the most devout Christian in the world. But haint hit sorter strange that nobody ever found hit out on 'em till after they wuz done dead? Tellin lies is about the commonest thing you'll find any whar now. I heard a preacher tell a lie once but I don't believe he'd a done hit if he had been sober. One day I axed Sal to tell me whar all this tellin lies originated at any way.

She said that these here real estate agents ketched hit from the lawyers and that the lawyers had had hit so long that thar wuz no cure, fur hit.

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### ARGENTINA WILL BUILD LEPER COLONY FOR 500

Buenos Aires.—The government has authorized the construction of a large leper colony on the island Carito, situated on the junction of the Alto-Parana and Paraguay rivers.

The cost of building will be in the neighborhood of a million pesos the hospital for the colony will be able to accommodate 600 patients.

Dressed in evening clothes, 50 London policemen raided a popular night club and arrested more than 400 guests for disorderly conduct.

## What Would Lincoln Do About China, Mexico And Nicaragua?

Washington, (INS.)—What attitude would Abraham Lincoln take toward Nicaragua, Mexico and China if he were in the White house today?

The question was answered by two leaders in the congressional war over President Coolidge's internal policy, as Lincoln's birthday anniversary turned their thoughts to his policy toward other nations. Lincoln would do just what the United States is doing today, declared Representative B. L. Fairchild, New York Republican, who introduced the first resolution in congress to endorse President Coolidge's Nicaraguan and Mexican policy.

He would do just the opposite, said Representative Huddleston, an Alabama Democrat, who started congress with the charge that Mr. Coolidge was "consciously and deliberately driving toward war with Mexico."

"Abraham Lincoln's fundamental belief in American traditions and ideals would move him to uphold the honor of the nation in the present situation," said Representative Fairchild.

"He believed that the nation should be just and demand justice. His humanitarian instincts would cause him to try to aid Nicaragua, just as the United States is today trying to save that country from the horror of Civil War. Lincoln did not fear the consequences of an act which he believed was right."

"Lincoln would want a united country back of him. Just as he was criticized while trying to save the Union, the President today is crucified."

"He would deal justly with Mexico, and demand that Mexico deal justly with American citizens."

Such a conclusion is unthinkable, in Representative Huddleston's opinion.

"Lincoln was an honest believer in democracy and was a sworn foe

of imperialism," he said. "He understood the spirit of traditional Americanism."

"He had a high view of national responsibilities and he never would have consented to use the great power of the nation to oppress the weak at the behest of financial interests."

"His record speaks on the subject. Lincoln opposed war with Mexico in 1846. He spoke and voted against it. And the fundamental issues of that day are the same as those involved in our present controversy."

### MR. LEE OF LINCOLN, HAS DRAWING BY LEE

Lincoln County News. Several days ago a news story was printed carrying the information that an old letter written by General Robert E. Lee had been found in the Blue Ridge Leo hall school near Black Mountain. Another piece of information which may be of interest is the hand-drawn picture of Robert E. Lee's now in the possession of William Forney Lee of Lincoln county. It is claimed the picture was drawn by General Lee and given to the late William Osborne Lee, who was a relative, just after the war. It is claimed the paper on which the drawing was made is worn and discolored with age, but the outline is very plain, and carries General Lee's autograph.

Mrs. W. L. Lawing, a daughter of William Forney Lee, states that her father prizes very highly the drawing of General Lee which has been handed down to him. Nowadays, when a Washington resident speaks of the new Senator from Texas he doesn't mean anybody less than Tristram Speaker. Those who insist upon raising the religious issue in politics are those who insist upon rebuking those who raise the religious issue.

### South Needs To Learn.

A prominent business man of Hickory told this story yesterday afternoon. He said he was in a northern city and went to call on a native of North Carolina who had been living and prospering in the North for a number of years. It so happened that the day the Hickory man selected for his call was on a legal holiday, and, knowing that such occasions were generally observed in that section of the country he was afraid he would not see his friend.

However, he went to the place where the former North Carolinian worked, and, to his surprise, found that he was the only man in the office. After exchanging greetings the Hickory man remarked that he was surprised to find his friend at work on a legal holiday. Whereupon the man told him that he and his wife had made plans to visit some cousin in a city about 30 miles away. They had actually

accepted the invitation and had everything arranged to leave on the night before the holiday. But upon investigation they discovered that such a trip, costing about five dollars, would cause them to exceed their family budget for pleasures, trips, clothes, and so on down the line. When one of these items reaches the limit in the week, or month, it is time for the family to stop spending on that particular thing.

That is a simple little story but its moral is evident. The man of the story has prospered in the north. He could afford, if he wished, to travel the length and breadth of the land. But he had attained that stage of independence because he was systematic in his saving. The Hickory business man was profoundly impressed. He doubted if there is a single family in Hickory that operated on the budget system. Most of them, he said, spend so long as the money lasts, and when it is gone they go in debt.

This particular business man,

whose judgment is unquestionably sound, would advise that all families start a budget, setting forth just how much they can afford to spend on certain things: groceries, theatres, candies, gasoline, trips, clothes, and so on down the line. When one of these items reaches the limit in the week, or month, it is time for the family to stop spending on that particular thing.

The south has not yet learned to systematize its spending and saving. When we have, we should save. Saving is difficult when there is not an accurate account of where the money goes. And so long as the south continues to spend haphazardly its economic progress will be behind that of the north. The rich sections of the country have reached their desired state not because manufacturing industries brought wealth but because the great mass of people have saved their money for investments.

Hickory, nor any other community for that matter, could not make a more progressive step forward than the simple determination by a great proportion of its families to start systematic budgets and keep within their limits. If you know how much you make, or approximately so, it is an easy matter to figure your expenditures just a little under that. Then stay within those appropriations.—Hickory Record.

### Blaming U. S. For China Row.

The fight of American missionaries, teachers and Y. M. C. A. workers from their fields of labor in China to cities protected by foreign gunboats does not mean that their work has been a failure and that they are abandoning it permanently. It does not prove that their converts to Christianity, or the people who have received them in a friendly spirit as teachers, have turned against them. Some of

them doubtless have been swept into the ranks of the mobs, an innocent people often are in every country from momentary excitement. In all probability the bulk of the rioters, who are burning the chapel and school houses and driving out the missionaries, belong to the large class that have not accepted the teachings of the missionaries and Y. M. C. A. workers. Such uprisings and exhibitions of hostility have occurred before, and after the excitement has died away will be well.—Exchange.

The settlement as a vice center more than rivalled the famous beer towns, Tijuana and Mexicali, according to Alameda county officials. At the expiration of the urban ment period, District Attorney Warren will ask the immigration department to declare the settlement a nuisance unfit for human habitation and will wipe out the locality for all time as a rendezvous of outlawry.

# The Value of Human Life at all ages



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