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Memoirs, Traditions and History of Rocky Mount and Vicinity.

(Written for The News and Herald by L. M. Ford.)

XII.

SHERMAN'S OCCUPANCY OF ROCKY MOUNT.

Concerning the occupancy of this section by Sherman's army the late Robert Ford writes as follows:

The writer who tells of Sherman's march through South Carolina has a prolific as well as a sorrowful theme.

Several days before the arrival of the army at Rocky Mount, February 22, 1865, the southern heavens were covered with the smoke of burning buildings. Each day the smoke appeared nearer and nearer, and the hearts of the people beat faster. Next came a throng of fugitives fleeing from their homes, endeavoring to save their stock and some valuables. Then came straggling soldiers with many tales of woe and horror. Next was heard the skirmish near Gladden's, then the smoke of the neighbors' buildings was seen in black columns ascending heavenward, then came the sound of caps on the drum. The yankee soldiers dashed up to the doors; gold and silver plate were demanded; and whether given or not, the houses were thoroughly searched, and everything they wanted was stolen.

Often when they did not wish the articles themselves, they took them and gave them to the negroes. Yards were cleared of dogs. In one instance a soldier presented his gun to shoot a dog, which had fled to its mistress' feet for protection. Had not an officer ordered him to desist, death might have been the result to the lady, Mrs. Robt. Ford. Firearms were taken and destroyed, a great many were thrown into the Catawba river. The poultry was all taken. Bacon, flour, corn-meal, corn and provisions of all kinds were removed. Every locked door was forced open, gin-houses and cotton were burned in every instance. This much was done by the first installment. Late in the afternoon they put a pontoon bridge across the river and a part of the army went over in the afternoon of the 22nd. It rained and the water broke the pontoon. On the morning of the 23rd the encampment reached from Mtford on both roads to Rocky Mount ferry. The six days and nights the army spent here was a time of much sorrow and fear to the ladies and a few old men who were left at home.

Gen. Jeff C. Davis, of the U. S. army, had his headquarters at the residence of Robert Ford for twenty-four hours. He drove Mrs. Ford, her aged mother-in-law and the children of the family from her room to an open portico to spend the night, an unpleasant and wet one. He occupied the room much to her discomfort. Gen. Davis traveled in a fine silver-mounted carriage drawn by two fine white steeds, all stolen on the march. His meals were served on silver waiters.

Gen. Sherman traveled the vicinity on horseback and, save the wanton destruction of property, did nothing to render himself obnoxious. He had ten buildings belonging to Robert Ford burned, among them a large barn and stable. Several secret efforts were made to burn the dwelling-house, but it was saved by the kind efforts of an Indiana soldier, whose name I would gladly mention if it were known. The family of Mr. Ford had a steadfast friend in the chief of artillery. He found some Masonic files about the house and asked Ford if her husband was a Mason. Being answered in the negative, he soon had the house yard cleared of pillagers and ordered a few provisions and sent them in and placed a guard over the premises.

When he moved, he left a paper which he hoped would be some protection. There was little left them to protect. The yankee soldiers shot down all kind of stock, destroyed all farm implements, and burned the fencing. During their six days' stay at Rocky Mount they foraged the country for miles around, going in squads of from four to ten, sometimes without arms. Gen. Sherman's headquarters were near the Barkley mansion. He treated the ladies in this section politely.

The neighborhood was so pillaged that the people for several days had to subsist on the gleanings from the camp. Mr. Joseph H. Stroud of Chester county was very kind to the people in their distress. He sent an ox cart regularly with meal and flour. His name will ever be green in the memory of the unfortunate people of the Rocky Mount section. The good people of Bascomville, Chester county, also aided them. All aid received was from persons. For two years the actions were mainly cow peas boiled in water and a bit of corn bread. Without money, clothing or credit, there was real danger of starvation.

After the army passed, persons in the track of the march came and claimed all unknown stock and broken down and abandoned vehicles of all kinds. A few had some cattle left. They had to keep them under guard or they would have been claimed and driven away.

Mr. Steven R. Ferguson of Chester county, an aged man, asked for a detachment of Wheeler's cavalry, and with them came down and skirmished with the yankees in the yard of Robert Ford and at Dr. I. F. Scott's, which greatly frightened the ladies. Ferguson rode boldly to the window and told them to stand between the chimneys. He captured a few stragglers and left.

The army began to move across the river about ten at night, scantly in great excitement. Ferguson came with a large detachment, but he was too late; the army had crossed the river and the pontoon was raised.

The family of Mr. J. G. Johnston was assigned to one room of the residence and were expected to put everything they needed there and it would not be molested. Very soon after their arrival, Miss Sarah Barkley, Mrs. Johnston's sister, saw a yankee thief with all their chickens tied and strung across a mule's back. She took a pair of scissors and cut two hens and a rooster from the string and put them in their room and saved them. A barrel of molasses was placed there also. A yankee seeing it, went into the cellar and bored a hole through the floor to lit the barrel, but he missed it about six inches. The hole is still there.

While the yankees were crossing the river, a detachment of Wheeler's cavalry charged up to the front door of Mr. Johnston's residence and found one yankee in the hall. He was called upon to surrender, instead of which he took to his heels and was shot at. The bullet missed him and hit the floor; its mark may be seen yet. The yankee escaped through a window, calling upon those around the house to get away, and they did in good style. Some soon returned in line of battle and engaged the Confederates, who were protected by the house. Several bullets lodged in the house, but no casualty on either side was reported.

(To be continued.)

Saved by Dynamite.

Sometimes a flaming city is saved by dynamiting a space that the fire can't cross. Sometimes, a cough hangs on so long, you feel as if nothing but dynamite would cure it. Z. T. Gray, of Calhoun, Ga., writes: "My wife had a very aggravated cough, which kept her awake nights. Two physicians could not help her; so she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which eased her cough, gave her sleep, and finally cured her." Strictly scientific cure for bronchitis and La Grippe. At McMaster Co.'s, Obeard Drug Co.'s and John H. McMaster & Co.'s drug stores; price 50c. and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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A School Closing.

The outside public has but little idea of some of the difficulties under which a county paper is published, especially where the office force is limited in numbers. It is probably true every week that there is reprint matter that prevents longer mention of some local items. However, it is not infrequently happens that items of local interest to which more attention would be given do not happen until the day before or of publication; or if they do happen, there is not an opportunity to prepare the copy for the printer. Then, too, it very often happens that the copy for local matter prepared the day before publication has to be cut down on the last day because of other matter that comes in at the eleventh hour, so to speak. As an illustration of what we mean, last week we had considerable copy prepared, or in the course of preparation, that had to give place to unexpected new advertisements that came in on the day of publication and could not be left out. There were, therefore, two physical impossibilities before us—the lack of force to set up the copy and space in which to put it, for our outside sheet was already printed when this new matter came in. On account of the urgency of a certain movement, there was certain editorial matter that had to be set, thus contributing to reduce the number of local items or to shorten those mentioned.

After the above explanatory remarks, we desire to state that an item thus cut down last week was one in regard to the closing exercises of the Hickory Ridge school, held May 12. which exercises it was our pleasure to attend. This school is situated about five miles from Winnsboro, right near the buildings in which Winnsboro University had its beginning more than one-half century ago, and has been taught the past year by Miss Estelle Stevenson. The total enrollment of the school is about twenty-eight, all of whom live comparatively near. There were no exercises on the part of the children, though all of them were there and along with them many patrons and friends. During the morning hour talks were made by Supt. Stevenson, Mr. Dixon, the recently appointed member of the county board of education, and the writer. Then came dinner, which truly lacked neither in quantity nor quality. After dinner refreshments were served for the benefit of the school library and quite a nice little sum was realized for this purpose.

The day was certainly most pleasantly spent. It was quite a revelation to us to find this community so thickly settled. From all we heard the school has had a successful year under its present management and the prospects for a prosperous school at this place are good. This district levies a special tax of one mill, which supplements the schools for about two months.

We regretted that on account of certain duties at home we were unable to remain throughout the day. A glance over the books in the library shows that they have been well selected and are being well used. That they are appreciated is fully evidenced by the raising of additional funds.

When we look in upon one of these rural libraries, we cannot help but think what great factors they can be in stimulating the intellectual life of the community, giving pleasure both to the pupils and the patrons. These libraries are sure to prove a blessing to the educational interest of this State, and any school that has not one should not be without it, if possible to get it. Even if the school does not come under the benefits of the library law, a small sum can be raised for the purchase of a very small number of books, which, if well used, are sure to have a telling effect.

A Creeping Death.

Blood poison creeps up towards the heart, causing death. J. E. Stearns, Belle Plaine, Miss., writes that a friend (readily) injured his hand, which swelled up like blood poisoning. Backlen's Arnica Salve drew out the poison, healed the wound, and saved his life. Best in the world for burns and sores. 25c at McMaster Co.'s, Obeard Drug Co.'s and John H. McMaster & Co.'s drug stores.

Kentucky Can't Beat It.

A Kentuckian never ceases to boast of the blue grass fields of his native state and wherever he goes there still lingers with him fond recollections of the magnificent pasture lands, where graze the finest of horses and other stock. Nor does he, when he moves to another state, fail to have the best pasture possible in his adopted home. It was this spirit that prompted Mr. W. R. Doty, when he came to Fairfield county about a quarter of a century ago, to set aside about one hundred acres of the best land adjoining his home for pasture purposes. To-day he has there a pasture as pretty as the human eye is ever privileged to look upon. There is no prettier sight in nature in this section at this time than this rolling field of more than 100 acres, covered with a thick matting of Bermuda grass, Japan and white clover on which are grazing more than 30 head of cattle, which are anything else than of the lean and lank order. It is a real relief to the eye, after looking upon the bare red hills around, to see this beautiful coating of green. It is, however, not only a thing of beauty, but of profit as well. We doubt if there is another 100 acres of land in Fairfield county that is yielding richer returns than this pasture of Mr. Doty's.

And fast thereby is another beautiful sight, one rarely seen in this section, a seven-acre patch of alfalfa, which is now two years old and is getting to be profitable. Mr. Doty will get from this several cuttings this season, and another year when it becomes more thoroughly sodded, it will prove much more profitable. Then, too, close along the road, where every one can see it, there will soon be another beautiful sight, some five or seven acres of as good land as there is in Fairfield county, beautifully green with a dense mass of sorghum. Mr. Doty knows a good thing when he sees it and the best evidence of his faith in the value of sorghum as a forage crop is the fact that he is planting so large a quantity of it on such good land. An instance of this kind ought to be sufficient to convince smaller farmers to plant a small quantity of their very best land in this most profitable of all forage crops.

When one sees how thoroughly devoted Mr. Doty is to the doctrine of raising all supplies at home, it is easily understood how he has been termed a general-in-chief among the farmers of this section.

Terrific Race With Death.

"Death was fast approaching," writes Ralph F. Fernandez, of Tampa, Fla., describing his fearful race with death, "as a result of liver trouble and heart disease, which had robbed me of sleep and of all interest in life. I had tried many different doctors and several medicines, but got no benefit, until I began to use Electric Bitters. So wonderful was their effect, that in three days I felt like a new man, and to-day I am cured of all my troubles." Guaranteed at McMaster Co.'s, Obeard Drug Co.'s and John H. McMaster & Co.'s drug stores; price 50c.

Winthrop College Commencement.

President Johnson has our thanks for an invitation to the Winthrop commencement, June 4-6. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. E. M. Smith, Greenboro, N. C. The address to the alumnae will be made by Hon. E. D. Smith, Sumter, S. C., and that before the graduating class by Hon. M. F. Ansel, Greenville, S. C. Among the graduates are two young ladies from Fairfield, Miss Miriam Walker Jordan of Winnsboro and Miss Henrietta Eleanor DesPortes of Ridgeway, the latter now holding one of the scholarships of Winthrop from Fairfield. This will be the only vacant scholarship at Winthrop from this county.

Traveling is Dangerous.

Constant motion jars the kidneys, which are kept in place in the body by delicate attachments. This is the reason that travelers, trainmen, street car conductors and all who drive very much suffer from kidney disease in some form. Foley's Kidney Cure strengthens the kidneys and cures all forms of kidney and bladder disease. Geo. H. Haisan, locomotive engineer, Lima, O., writes: "Constant vibration of the engine caused me a great deal of trouble with my kidneys, and I got no relief until I used Foley's Kidney Cure." Sold by McMaster Co.

Pedagogs Pay Price.

Friday morning there were assembled at the court house nine young ladies and three young men for the purpose of standing the teachers' examination that had been announced for that day. Faithfully and persistently did they work throughout the day, pondering over the questions that had been propounded. When the hour of six arrived, they found that the superintendent had torn off only about half of the long perforated slip that had been sent out from headquarters in Columbia. So they reassembled Saturday morning and it was not till a late hour in the day that they completed their work.

An examination of the questions shows that they were prepared with care and are better suited for making a test of one's fitness to teach, if that problem can be so determined by any such process, than such questions too often are. Nor are we registering a kick against making these tests something worth while. Our criticism is that it is not fair to the applicants to teach to announce that a one day's examination is to be held and then give questions, that it requires two full days to answer. If the examination is to be for two days, it should be so announced, so that those who live at a distance might plan for remaining over at night and thus save the inconvenience and expense to themselves and family of having to go home and return again the next morning.

A Wonderful Saving.

The largest Methodist Church in Georgia used 32 gallons of L. & M. mixed with 24 gallons of oil, thus making paint cost \$1.20 per gallon. They calculated to use 100 gallons of other paint. Saved about \$80.00, and also got a big donation of L. & M. Dealers gladly sell L. & M., because their customers call for it, and say they used it 12, 14 and even 30 years ago.

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Blythehood Briets.

On Friday evening, May 12th, there was organized here a Woodmen of the World camp with thirty-five applications for membership. The name Blythehood was given to the camp, and the following officers were elected: Dr. M. Langford, Consul Commander. J. M. Hawley, Advisory Lieutenant. T. E. Hood, Clerk. L. L. Langford, Banker. C. D. Wilson, Escort. C. F. Broom, Inside Watchmen.

Brooks Boney, Sentry. Everything gives promise of a flourishing camp here. The ladies of Sandy Level Church gave a May party in a lovely grove in our town recently, and realized quite a neat sum from refreshments sold. The proceeds go to the painting of the inside of the church.

Our little town is building up rapidly, and since the paint brush has been applied so freely, it is a real pretty little place. Miss Ellen Bookhart, our efficient teacher, gave her pupils quite a pleasant picnic last Friday.

Mrs. A. M. Black, Miss Lula Wilson and Mrs. J. M. Hawley went to Columbia last week to do their shopping. Mr. Mose Wooten, who was injured so severely recently by a frightened horse, is improving.

Mrs. J. P. Hall visited Mr. Hall at Chester last week. Mrs. Brooks Brown and Brooks, Jr., left Monday to visit relatives in Sumter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wooten of Columbia spent a few days with relatives here last week.

Mr. L. O. Browning, our depot agent, visited his brother (?) at Tillman last Sunday.

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Special Election.

School District No. 11.

In compliance with a petition signed by the required one-third of the freeholders of School District No. 11 and one-third of the qualified electors of the said district, an election is hereby ordered to be held by the trustees of said district for the purpose of levying a special tax of one mill on all taxable property in said district on FRIDAY, MAY 28TH.

The polls will open at Shiloh school building at 2 P. M. and close at 5 P. M.

By order of the County Board of Education.

D. L. STEVENSON,
5-17-24 Chairman.

Letters of Administration

State of South Carolina, }
County of Fairfield. }

By D. A. Broom, Esq., Probate Judge:

Whereas, Alexander Davis hath made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate and effects of William Davis, deceased:

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said William Davis, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Fairfield Court House, South Carolina, on the 25th day of May next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of May, A. D. 1905.

D. A. BROOM,
5-17-24 Judge of Probate.