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COWARDICE IN AN EDITOR.

Cowardice in an editor would be an unpardonable thing. Fact, is a coward is held in contempt no matter what may be his occupation. The man of courageous heart is the man that we respect, no matter who he is nor the sphere in which he acts.

Of all men, the editor must be sincere, and he must be faithful. If he it but a trimmer, one who writes to suit the whim of the hour and loses sight of his higher mission—to speak the truth, to condemn public evils, to espouse the cause of the public good, then does he drop into the cowardly class, and he deserves but little sympathy. This is all true, yet few realize how exacting the situation often becomes. It is not pleasant to clash with others. It is not remunerative to offend liberal patrons of the enterprise. It is decidedly uncomfortable to "rile" people. Yet, often that very result obtains. This frequently happens when the editor has least thought of giving offense. It seldom fails to happen when duty demands that certain conditions must be brought to the notice of the public. It frequently happens when the editor is unconsciously made a cat's paw by some designing individual, and unwittingly brings down the wrath of an offended soul upon his head.

All the above is true; yet we venture to say that fearless man will not be deterred by those things. He will perform his duty, as he sees it; he will stand for the right, as he knows it; he will condemn the evil when he finds it—and will do this without fear and without apology. We feel that an editor without convictions is either a fool or a knave, possibly both.

WM. J. BRYAN AND THE TORONTO INCIDENT.

What with us was a mere guess at the time, turns out to be the truth concerning the "howling down" of Wm. J. Bryan at Toronto, Canada, a few weeks ago. The Toronto World states that it was done by anti-prohibitionists. About 2 per cent of the vast audience of 4000 engaged in the heckling and persisted to such an extent that Mr. Bryan desisted in his attempts to be heard. Thirty returned soldiers took part in these disturbances. Two newspapers, both friendly to the liquor traffic, are said by Mr. Bryan to have been the chief cause of the opposition. In the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of March 2 is published an interview with Mr. Bryan from which we quote the following:

William Jennings Bryan spent today in St. Louis.

To reporters who questioned him about the incident of Thursday night at Toronto, Canada, when he was hooted and prevented from speaking to a crowd of 5000 persons by former soldiers who cried, "Remember the Lusitania," and shouted "pro-German," Bryan gave Biblical quotations to express his forbearance and explain the causes of the demonstration.

Mr. Bryan said that the opposition to him had been fostered by two newspapers whose columns contained liquor advertisements, but who professed to see other reasons than that he was a prohibition speaker to oppose his coming to their city.

"The fact that the former soldiers

gave other reasons than their opposition to prohibition for their demonstration is not conclusive," he said, "because the newspapers also gave other reasons, following the example of Demetrius, the silversmith, who appealed to his craft to oppose Paul. The silversmiths, however, did not shout their real reason for opposing Paul, but shouted 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians.'"

The Biblical reference of Mr. Bryan was from The Acts 19:23-28, which reads as follows:

"And about that time there arose a great stir concerning the Way.

"For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines to Diana, brought no little profit unto the craftsmen; whom he gathered together with the workmen of like occupation and said: 'Sirs, ye know that by this business we have wealth.

"And ye see and hear that this Paul . . . hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying there are no gods that are made by hand, and not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana be made of no account."

"And when they heard this they were filled with wrath and cried out, saying: 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians.'"

The Washington Herald, speaking upon the incident, has the following to say:

William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, was hooted from the platform in Toronto, where he had been invited to speak on behalf of the Anti-Saloon League.

No one with an ounce of sense will charge up this disgraceful proceeding to the Canadian people. Indeed the same element recently hooted the premier of Canada from the stage at Kitchener, Ontario.

Whether one is a Bryanite or an anti-Bryanite, no one with a sense of proportion has ever doubted or would ever dare to doubt his Americanism. He is a statesman of whom this or any country ought to be proud.

May we say with all fairness that much of the opposition to Mr. Bryan comes through the misstatements of our own press. Every good and great man makes enemies, and the enemies made by Mr. Bryan are neither good nor great. A partisan press has misinterpreted, misquoted and even lied about him for twenty years, yet he has grown in the esteem of all real Americans since that period.

Canadians who read what some of our papers have said of Mr. Bryan may have believed the slanders, but are not of that stripe. The returned soldier element in Canada is being inflamed by a selfish press with a view to making them a factor in Canada's political life. That's all there is to the disturbance. It is the mob spirit, and mobs are made of those who do not reason, nor inquire why.

Judge Fails to Sentence Soldier Who Is Guilty

London, Feb. 1.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Employment of the "unwritten law" as a cloak behind which soldiers may plead justification of capital crimes resulting from conjugal infidelities has again aroused criticism throughout England. The action of a London judge in binding over to keep the peace a soldier who had shot his unfaithful wife dead has called forth the comment from the Manchester Guardian that "the courts are beginning to treat certain offenses by soldiers in the same spirit as the church granted indulgences to Crusaders."

In the most recent case, the accused pleaded guilty to manslaughter in killing his wife, and the Crown, accepting the plea, offered no evidence on the charge. In deciding the judge said:

"I have to inflict punishment such as a reasoned and instructed public opinion will believe fitting to the case, and I believe that nobody of instructed and reasoned men would believe that punishment in a sense of imprisonment is fitting to this case." He then ordered the prisoner to be bound over "to come up for judgment if called upon."

Commenting on the case the Manchester Guardian said:

"To allow the liberty of private vengeance is to dissolve society into its anarchic atoms and to negate the reasons of State which substituted the national and royal courts for the courts of local and personal prejudice."

Air Law For Central Powers To Be Drawn Up

Amsterdam, Feb. 1.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—At Budapest a "Central European Conference on Air Law" has been sitting for several weeks. Delegates are present from Germany, Austria Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria. A complete code of air law for the Central Powers is to be drawn up, to be confirmed into law later by the representative governments.

HISTORICAL EVENTS OF UNION COUNTY

Papers Read Before the Fair Forest Chapter, D. A. R.

JONESVILLE

(By Mrs. Estelle Littlejohn Haile).

Jonesville our wide awake, thriving little neighbor town, with its electric lights and paved streets, is located nine miles north of Union and twenty miles south of Spartanburg and about five miles from the nearest point of Paeolet river.

The town's earliest history is dated back about one hundred and fifty years, the early settlers came very sparingly for the first fifty to seventy-five years.

Although there was no Indian settlement in the immediate town, the Catawbas were on one side and the Cherokees on the other, close enough to visit the vicinity often.

The first house built there was fortified against the attacks of the Indians, by having an inlay of brick between weather-boarding and the ceiling, to ward off their shots which of course could not easily be penetrated. This house was called a block-house, it was built and owned by the clerk of the court, John Haile who at that time owned a vast amount of land in and around Jonesville, this house is now owned by the Long family.

The next pioneer settler was Chas. Jones, for whom the place took its name. Mr. Jones built a large two-story brick house one mile north of the Southern depot, which is still in a good state of preservation, he being first postmaster, kept the postoffice here at his home, it being known as The Way-side Inn. Thus he served the public with mail and something to eat, as well as being a school-master, holding the sessions at Gilead having a small log school-house in the church yard, this church Gilead is a mile east of Jonesville, this being a very important edifice, as it was the house of worship for denominations or a union church, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian, as well as Unitarian of which denomination Old Uncle Tommy Hutchinson preached for many years. The Rev. A. A. James preached there in the afternoon for the Presbyterian faith equally as long. One of Chas. Jones' daughters married

place a few yards in the rear of the church, she in making her will, deeded an acre near the church to the church to have plenty of space for all church purposes, which has grown now to be a well-filled cemetery, some being laid to rest there over a century ago. Chas. Jones had another daughter, who married Wm. T. Eison, a well known farmer and largest slave-owner in Union County, and who at present has many descendants to rise up and call her blessed.

Sergeant Jasper of Revolutionary fame has near relatives buried here. Also Thos. Bunker Fowler, the first man killed in Union District, during the struggle between the States was laid to rest in this cemetery, he being killed at Manasses July 21, in the twenty-seventh year of his age.

This well fortified first house was a by-stander when Gen. Morgan's army cleared the field in front of the house on their way to Cowpens, where they won their brilliant victory over Tarleton, to which the British historian, Stedman attributes the loss of America, so of course we liberty-loving Jonesvilleites hold this ground as sacred, having given Gen. Morgan's army a night's lodging just about a month before he met Bannastre Tarleton "Bloody Tarleton" the hated scourge of Carolina, who was a young tiger, swift, cruel and daring. No wonder Cornwallis entrusted to him the flower of his troops to dispose of the patriot band gathered at Cowpens.

But, of course here Morgan plucked out his plumes and destroyed his force. After clearing the field for the neighbor, they resumed their journey on foot, as it was not until 1858 that the building of the first railroad reached town. It was only a few miles from Jonesville, that on the Tommy Cohen place, now known as the Orr place, that the Dogwood Spring was found, so often referred to in Horse-Shoe Robinson, where Morgan's army camped for three weeks, got their water. Close by Colonel Wm. Washington, cousin of Gen. George met Gen. Tarleton, and cut off his fingers with his sword, just then a British officer galloped up and was about to shoot the Colonel when a negro servant, shot the man and broke his arm.

The next postmaster in Jonesville was B. D. Bearden, who moved it down to his store in 1858, which was the home place of Sheriff Johnson, who moved to Union, after his election to the sheriff's office, selling the place to Buck Hames, he transferring it to Bearden, who for a time dwelt, kept

store in connection with the postoffice

ness and the office up in town to the Bearden stand, which stood until 1895 when it was replaced with a modern store building, which was burned a few years later, soon the space was filled in with more modern stores.

Other ancient places are the Milligan Fowler place, J. G. Long and Daniel Wallace place, the latter being the early home of Judge W. H. Wallace, speaker of the famous Wallace House of 1876, which wrested the State from Radical rule, the place now being owned by N. B. Eison, one of the oldest citizens of the town.

Hezekiah Ward was one of the earliest emigrants, he built a store and dwelling in the block on the west side of the depot, on Main Street, which was burned after many years service, then being replaced by a modern wooden store building.

The first depot agent at this place was W. H. Long, who served this well-started little town for a long time, building a long double house with chimney at both ends, of which the sight spoke Revolutionary times, it being on top of noll by Everybody's Bank, but the site of the Bank was occupied by J. M. Ward's home, and soon after settling here was called to duty in the war between the States. He being wounded in the arm, was captured and taken prisoner, where he remained until the wound caused his death.

The pioneer settlers of Jonesville were slowly, but surely gathering as J. E. Lindsay and B. B. Foster were next to be considered on the map, their homes still standing as when built. So as the settler came they soon felt the necessity of more church and school facilities.

The First Baptist church was organized in the Masonic hall, soon the new building was under way, the ground being given by E. R. Wallace and his sister, Miss Mary, who afterwards became Mrs. Nott. The material being contributed by the members, also they cut and sawed the lumber, then put most of the church with their own hands. This being furnished, John G. Landrum preached the dedication sermon, B. B. Foster, John Pickings, J. H. Coleman, W. W. Bullington being the first deacons. It was a very neat but small structure, which lasted for service until 1917, when the brethren and pastor, L. M. Rice decided to honor the Lord with a more modern church, so tore away the old edifice, which had done so much good, and in which so many had

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