

GHOST SHOWS WAY TO HIDDEN GOLD

Woman Sees Spirit of Aged Miner Walking in House Said to Be Haunted.

MANY ARE SCARED OFF

Investigation Reveals \$567 Hidden Behind Stone Pointed Out to Little Girl by Ghost Whose Footsteps Wakened Her.

Menfee, Mo.—Thirty-two years ago Silas Menfee, for whom this village was named, passed out of this earthly existence at the ripe old age of ninety-two years. He had led a miserly, hermit life, and it was generally supposed that he had a tidy sum of money hidden away somewhere, as he was always skeptical of banks. But a diligent search by his relatives after death revealed nothing of any value. So confident were his relatives that he had secreted money about the little cottage that they even tapped the walls and examined the legs of the chairs. Nothing ever came of the search, however, and the place was rented. Osborn Shropshire became the first tenant and prospered so well that he was accused of finding the hoarded wealth, but he swore up and down he hadn't and as none of the merchants about the village had ever seen any money that looked suspiciously old this notion was finally given up.

Hear Strange Noises.

About ten years after the death of Mr. Menfee, known as "Old Si," the Shropshire family began to be annoyed by strange noises. During the middle of the night there would be strange rattlings, unaccountable from any source. Again they would hear weird moanings as if they came from some one in distress under the hearth. They became so terrifying the family dug through the floor but of course found nothing. They finally moved away in terror and the report went out that the house was "haunted."

Two or three braver ones scouted the idea and moved in, but they never stayed long. In July a family driving



Pointed to a Stone in the Fireplace.

overland in a covered wagon from Ohio spotted the abandoned shack, as it is now, and got permission to make it their home. They of course didn't know anything of the house's history and no one hereabouts of the older ones who were familiar with it took the trouble to tell them.

It wasn't necessary, however, if the reports of the family—Robinson by name—can be verified. And it seems they are in a fair way to be. Two weeks after they had installed themselves in the old house, as the story goes, one of the Robinson children was awakened by heavy footsteps in the room and, looking up, saw an aged man with flowing white beard coming toward the pallet where she was sleeping with her mother. The child's screams awakened Mrs. Robinson, who says she saw the old man as "plain as could be." When she arose straight up in bed terrified the old man stood still and extended his arms, as if to say, "Be not afraid. I come to do no harm." Then he pointed to a stone in the fireplace. So doing he vanished into thin air.

Found the Gold.

Terrified beyond expression, Mrs. Robinson kept to her bed the rest of the night, but next morning she hastily summoned her husband, who had been sleeping in an adjoining room. They examined the stone to which the old man pointed and found, after a little digging, that it was loose. When they got it out of its place they found behind it a small crevice in which was \$567 in gold!

Related here are being reported to the American Research, which was an investigation.

RIVER TRAFFIC GETTING HEAVY FOR CLYDE LINE

Forced to Extend Docks at Sanford and Are Crowded Here

Traffic on the St. Johns river is heavier now than it has been for many years, according to river front men, and with a growing possibility of increasing freight "out" as well as "in" opportunity for more boats will be afforded in the very near future, in the opinion of many who have been noting the increasing traffic.

It is pointed out that rail freight rates are gradually forcing traffic to waterways, most of the big systems already having either actually secured ownership or a working agreement with the boat lines to raise their rates according so as to catch the high rate any way it goes. This naturally will open the way for independent boat lines, which are sure to come when the tonnage mounts to a sufficient volume.

The Sanford Herald points out the increase in the river freight to that point as follows:

"Sanford's waterways and lake front will be utilized in the years to come and the lake front aside from being the prettiest part of the city will also be the busiest. It is only a question of time until big warehouses and docks will be built along the water front, but that part reserved for a hotel site between Park avenue and Palmetto Avenue to be beautified by the city will be left open.

"The Clyde Line enlarged their warehouse here to double the capacity last year to take care of the big business that was worked up by the Central Florida Water Traffic League and now it is learned that the warehouse will be again doubled to take care of the constantly increasing river trade. This means much to this city and to every city within a radius of one hundred miles since all of these various sections are trucking their commodities to and from Sanford.

"The Atlantic Coast Line railway is now engaged in pulling up all the old and unsightly piling on the lake front where their landing docks were formerly located in the old days when there were but few shipments by railway and much of the freight was handled by water. These old piling were a menace to navigation and were most unsightly and at the request of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce the A. C. L. railway took them out and they deserve the thanks of the people of this city for so doing.

"Our lake front is one of our most valuable assets and we should make it such. When the splendid boat basin is constructed on the lake front and many other improvements are made, Sanford will then have taken advantage of the water front and

Putnam High to Play Daytona's High on Friday

With two good games under their belts the Putnam High lads will journey to Daytona Friday afternoon to try conclusions with the Daytona High school eleven, and expect to give the islanders a good drubbing.

The Putnam boys are still smarting under their defeat at the hands of the Ocala eleven, which they played under such a handicap. Four of the men in the line-up were ill, and others of the regular team were kept out of the game by illness. It is not known yet what ruling the state board of control will make on the game, which has been protested, but it is hoped that they order the game played over, and in that event it will be played in Palatka.

SPORT BRIEFS

New York—Gene Sarazen, American open golf champion, narrowly escaped injury last night when he made an unsuccessful effort to avoid running down Luke Robinson, an old resident of White Plains. The golfer ran his car onto the sidewalk trying to avoid Robinson, who was knocked down and suffered a fractured skull and several broken ribs. Sarazen was paroled on testimony of witnesses that the accident was unavoidable.

Clemson College—Clemson college will give 10 per cent of its share of the gate receipts a tthe annual game with the University of South Carolina at Columbia Thursday to the Near East relief, it has been announced.

St. Louis—Golf has become a commercial asset to salesmen and has taken the place of liquor, according to Vincent L. Price, president of a candy manufacturing company here, today.

St. Joseph, Mo.—E. J. Murphy, of the St. Joseph Country club, and Hubert Fogey, of the Moila club here, have been selected to oppose Walter Hagen and Joe Kirkwood, here November 1.

New York—Frank J. Marshall, New York, chess champion of the United States, and Edward Lasker, Chicago, winner of the recent masters' tournament, have signed an agreement to play a championship match of 18 games for \$5,000, play to begin in New York March 15 and to be continued in Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago and New Orleans.

Princeton, N. J.—The Princeton football squad is making the usual mid-season preparations for its first hard test of 1922, that being the coming battle with the University of Chicago, Saturday. The nine to nothing defeat of last year at the hands of Chicago still is smarting

there will be big steamers tying up at not only the Clyde Line docks, but at the Municipal docks that will be built by the city."

PALS WILL PLAY STETSON VARSITY HERE SATURDAY

High-Class Football Is Promised When Hatters Arrive

High-class football is promised lovers of the gridiron sport here Saturday afternoon with the Pals playing the Stetson varsity eleven on Pals field. It will be a game in which old stars will match their experience and cunning against the youth and vigor of the younger varsity men.

The Pals will boast one of the fastest backfields in the state in this game. Harold Callahan at quarter, Jerry Dulmage and Roland Vickery at halves and Crom Anderson at full, will make a backfield hard to beat. Trombly and Brannan will take care of the end positions, Kirby at center, Tenney and Dowda at tackles and several good men for guards, in addition to a field of high-class substitutes.

The Stetson eleven is coached this year by Pug Allen, and while it has not made any big noise this year, is said to be developing a very strong squad. The game will be called at 4 o'clock, and it is expected that a large crowd will be out.

the memories of the Tigers.

Toronto—Announcement is made that the Toronto International league ball, Juh has purchased Frank O'Rourke, infielder of the Boston Red Sox.

Atlanta, Ga.—Undaunted by crushing defeat administered by Navy last week, Georgia Tech's Golden Tornado is undergoing steam preparations for its game here with Notre Dame—the chief inter-sectional contest to be played in the south land Saturday.

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Buffalo Paper Is Threatened for Its Fight on Grafting

(By Associated Press)

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Mayor Schwab is expected to appear before the supreme court today and ask for an order requiring editors and reporters of the Evening News show cause why they refuse to appear before the mayor to disclose basis and sources of information for the series of articles disclosing alleged protected gambling and wide-open city. The News editorially disclaims being engaged in any political squabble or personal grudge fight against the mayor. No possible penalty, an editorial declares, can budge The News from adherence to the principle of protectin gits sources of confidential information.

FRENCH CLAIM BRITISH HAVE DEPRESSED FRANCES

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Oct. 25.—Buying of dollars by British banks with French francs in their possession is said by French financiers to be the principal cause of the present weakness of the franc. Dollars were used by Britain to pay the interest on their war debt to the United States.

CHARTER FRAMERS TO GET TO WORK WITHIN FEW DAYS

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a slightly different method, and the vanity of an individual appeased.

Atlanta affords almost an exact analogy of Palatka's case. About fifteen years ago that city voted upon and defeated the commission

form of government two to one. Since that time there has been considerable talk of charter revision with one or two spasmodic and abortive attempts. In the city elections of 1921 there was considerable talk of a new charter and the League of Women Voters sent a question relative to charter change to every candidate and received his written answer. Out of the eleven elected, nine answered the question favorably, and this turned political thought somewhat in the direction of a new charter.

Quoting from an article in The National Municipal Review, written by Eleanor Raul, of the Atlanta bar, one finds how the battle went thereafter. "At the first meeting of council in January, 1922," she writes, "Mr. Edward Watkins, a newly-elected councilman introduced a city manager charter which he had worked upon for several months. The council, for the purpose of defeating this charter, instructed the mayor to appoint a committee of citizens and councilmen to report on a proper charter for Atlanta. The mayor was most astute in the appointment of

the citizens of this commission, selecting some in whom every confidence as sound-thinking political-men and women, case choosing anyone of knowledge of the city government of much independence of of action. The committee, faith and without realizing import of what it did, acted as the mayor wished."

And then Atlanta voters no decision being reached in and on the final election the form lost out by 1,000 votes, 14,000 polled. "There were regularities on election day, Miss Raul, "and the city ruled that for many of the was no redress."

So, if Palatka's charter can perform its great task, creation to one man, rather the people, and can avoid sectional selfishness and it will, indeed, have done great service, and none will heartier support than this

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