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REMINISCENCES.

Personal Recollections of a Trip to Texas in Pioneer Days, and Some Incidents in Cow Boy Life in the West.

(By L. N. Perkins.)

After Mr. Adams' departure for Kansas City, my friend York and I had a very quiet time with our three hundred head of cattle. We corraled them at night and herded them of days. It took us both to get them out of a morning on the grass, and to corral them at night, but after they were out on the prairie one of us could keep them in place. Our nearest neighbor was an Indian family about two miles away. They were called Indians but were mostly Caucasion. They had a grown daughter who had been educated in the States who was a beautiful girl, and just been married to a man whose home was Kansas. The family was very kind to us, which we appreciated highly. It was three or four miles to Chetopa in Kansas, where we went when in need of supplies.

The Coyotes were plentiful, and impudent of nights. We rarely saw or heard one in the day time, but at night they would set a howl that would almost deafen you, and we had to keep our provision hoisted up so high they could not reach them or sacked up and put them under our beds to keep them from stealing them. One night we happened to have same bread left and I put it in a poke under my head. Some time in the night I was awaked by something pulling at the poke. I made a grab for him but before I could get my pistol, which I kept in easy reach, he made a disappointed howl and was gone.

In about ten days from the time Mr. Adams left us a couple of men drove up to our shack one evening to look at our cattle. They were from Kansas City, and had been told about the cattle and came to buy them. We entertained them that night and sold them the cattle for about nine dollars per head, but we had to take care of them until they could go back to Kansas City and send an outfit to keep and care for the cattle during the winter. In about a week's time one of the men came back prepared to care for them, so we rolled up our blankets, packed our grips and started for Kansas City. Our route was what was known as the Old Military Road. leading from Baxter's Springs to Fort Scott and near the line between Kansas and Mo. on to the city.

It was now November. We had been on the drive and camping for about four months. The nights were cool; the days windy and dusty. At night one could not tell by the color whether we were negroes or white men. It took four days to make the trip thru to the city, where we found both of the Messrs Adam and Hatcher well and happy. They had their cattle sold and had the money, and were preparing to start back to the Lone Star State. There were several stock men from Texas in the city at that season, and all of them were making preparations to return except Mr. Adams, who had some business in another town in Mo. and expected to remain for a few days. I had sold my horse, saddle and bridle and bridle. Soon after I reached the city and was ready to start to Va.. Mr. Adams offered me wages if I would stay and help him a few days, which I did. My friend York got into some troule about the second day after we reached the city he owned a good horse which he had rode from Texas worth $75. and was intending to ride him back to Texas. He kept his horse in a livery stable, not far from our boarding house, and as is natural, he would go home every day to see how his horse was faring. There was a saloon near the stable and, as he had been accustomed to loafing around the saloons at Fort Worth and thought he knew something of the ways of the world, he went into the saloon and soon formed an acquaintance of the 'nicest' gentleman who seemed to take great interest in him. The day in question I was returning to my boarding house about noon. I met up with York, who was very much intoxicated, and the first word he spoke was: "Perk, Ive lost my horse." "Lost your horse!" said I. "When or how? Did he die?" Then he told me that the "nice gentleman." that he had met the day before met him at the same place again and was very glad to see him and soon they were enjoying a social chat, when another man came up to them and was introduced to Mr. York, from Texas. Soon this last man showed them a peculiar looking puzzle box for them to look at, and asked them to examine and see if they could open it?. York was interested and soon learned to open it. Then, about that time a third man came up and they showed him the box and asked him to open it. He took the box and tried but could not open it. Then he became furious and said nobody could open such a thing as that. They were not talking to York but he became very much interested and said he could open it for he had done so a short time before. The man told him he would bet him fifty dollars he couldn't do it. York took the bet and put his hand in his pocket to get out the money, but remembered he had left his money in the boarding house. So he told the man he did not have the money with him, but that he had a good horse in the stable he would put up against his fifty dollars. He told him all right and to bring him out. So he brought out his horse and the other produced the money, York's friend holding the stakes. They handed him the box and, to his great surprise and chagrin, he could not open it and they led away his herse. Very soon we found Mr. Adams and he went to the chief of police who knew these men as a bunch of crooks, and they made an effort, to arrest the man, but were too late. They heard of him two miles from the city and still going. That was the last Mr. York ever heard of his horse, but he had learned by experience what I learned from observation while in the army "never" to bet on another man's trick."

(Concluded next week.)

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE,

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J A Yates, deceased late the county of Watauga, N C. this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said estate of said deeeased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Vilas, North Carolina, on or before the 25th day of Feb., 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate wfll please make immediate payment.

T F YATES, Administrator of J A Yates, deceased.

Your Attention!

On Tuesday evening, April 12th, at 8 o'clock, p. m., a play entitled "The Deacon" will be given by the faculty and students of the Appalachian Training School. This play fs a good one, and you cannot afford to miss it. Admission 35c. and 25c. Children under six years of age, admitted free. Come, bring your family and enjoy the eve.

DELEGATES APPOINTED FOR U. S. GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.

Following are extracts taken from a letter received by C. D. Taylor, Chairman Watauga Road Commission from J. A. Rountree Director General, U. S. Good Roads Association:

"The Ninth Annual Convention of the U. S. Good Roads Association and the U. S. Good Roads Show will convene in Greensboro, April 18--23. This meeting is of the greatest importance to the cause of good roads thruout the United States. Steps will be taken to urge Congress to make an annual appropriation of one hundred million dollars for the next five years, to aid the States in building good roads, also to adopt a system of National Highways throughout the United States.

"The citizens of Greensboro are making preparations to extend to the members and delegates a most cordial welcome and royal entertainment.

"Now in the name of the Executive Officers of this Association we extend to you and the other members of your County Commission a most cordial invitation to attend this Convention and participate in the same, also to appoint 25 or more delegates, to represent your County at this meeting.

"We shall thank you to make appointments at once, notify them of their appointment and send us a list of the same. We shall also be glad to have you give publicity of your appointments.

"Reduced rates on all of the railroads have been secured Instruct your delegates to ask for rates and a Convention Receipt for their money. Upon their arrival in Greensboro they should call at the Farmer's Warehouse, corner North Greene and Bellemeade streets, headquarters of the Association, and of the U. S. Good Roads Show, secure badges programs and invitations to the various entertainments and receptions."

In accordance with the above request I hereby appoint the following delegates to represent Watauga county at said meeting:

The Board of County Commissioners. F. A. Linney, G. P. Hagaman, B. B. Dougherty, R. C. Rivers, Geo. M. Sudderth, T. H. Coffey, L. A. Greene, N. L. Mast, John Mast, Smith Hagaman, Jno. Ward, Newton Howell, Roy M. Brown, John H. Bingham, W. R. Gragg.

C. D. TAYLOR.
Chm. Watauga Road Com.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Under the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed by M. C. Oliver and wife, Emma Olliver, to the undersigned on the 29th of Dec., 1915, to secure the payment of three notes in the sum of $742.50. $278.10 and $100.00, respectively, which deed of trust is registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga county, N. C. in Book S of mortgages. page 376, I will, on the 2nd day of May 1921, between the hours af 10, a. m., and 4, p. m., at the court house door, in the town of Boone, N. C., offer for sale all the right, title and interest of the said M. C. Oliver in that certain tract of land in Watauga county, N. C., and known as the Geo. Grimsley, W. A. Grimsley and Ann Grimsley lands, adjoining the lands of C. D. Taylor, L. J. Michael, Mills tracts and others, being the lands now occupied by the said M. C. Oliver and wife, Emma Oliver, containing 30 acres more or less, to satisfy said notes, interest and cost of sale. This the 26th day of March, 1921.

C. D. TAYLOR, Trustee.

IN MEMORY,

Mr. Isaac Lundy was born in Surry county, N. C.. May 17th 1847, and died at his home in Ashe county, March 5, 1921, after a lingering illness of four months. He had the best of medical aid and all that loving hands could do, but all to no avail. He professed faith in Christ a number of years ago, and joined the Methodist' church at Thomas' Chapel. He was a good neighbor, and of a cheerful nature, always found pleasure in visiting the sick, and anyone in distress. He was a true citizen, and was loved by all who knew him.

Uncle Ike, as he was known by those who knew him best, suffered much bodily pain, but during his last days looked to the Lord for help.

At the first of his illness he clung fondly to this life, but the day before his death he expressed a regret to leave his wife so lonely, but was submissive to God's will. During his illness he often prayed for his children and his friends who were with him.

He leaves to mourn his death a wife, two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Ham Wilson and Mrs. Charley Wilson, of Washington; Daniel Lundy, of Shouns, Tenn., and Charley Lundy, of California, and a large number of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. L. A. Wilson. The body was laid to rest in the Thomas grave yard in the presence of a large number of friends.

Mr. Lundy will be sadly missed, but while our loss is his eternal gain, we bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

A FRIEND.

Notice of Administration.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of M. A. Johnson, deceased, late of Watauga county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of March 1922, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement and payment. This 10th day of March, 1921.

E. S. Coffey, Administrator.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE.

Sallie Earp, et al, vs. Rebecca Earp and Coy Earp.

Under and by virtue of an order of the court made in the above entitled action for partitioning the proceeds of said sale; in which I, the undersigned, was appointed commissioner to make said sale, and will expose to sale at the court door in Boone N. C. on Monday, the 2nd day of May, 1921, the same being the first Monday in May, to the highest bidder the following described tract or parcel of land in Watauga township, Watauga county, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of T. H. Taylor; I. C. Earp, Sen. Richard Walls and others and bounded as follows: Beginning on a small tame cherry tree and running west about 18 poles to a small chestnut, T. H. Taylor's corner; thence S. 16d. W. 22 poles to a chestnut oak on top of a rock; thence S. 27d. W. with I. C. Earp's line, crossing the public road and a branch 86 poles to a small white oak on the top of a grave yard hill; thence S. 76d. E. 9 1-2 poles to a stake; thence S. 63d. E. with the top of the ridge, passing by the grave yard 16 poles to a large chestnut at the corner of the grave yard; Thence S. 75d. E. 10 poles to a chestnut on top of the grave yard ridge; thence S. 81d E. to the public road; thence with said road to Isaac N. Minton's beginning corner; thence a north course with said Minton's line to the beginning, and containing 50 acres more or less. The one-half acre containing the Baird's Creek school house is hereby exempted from the above boundary. Terms of sale as follows: One third cash, one third on six months and one third on twelve months time. This March 31, 1921.

R. A. ADAMS, Commissioner.

FOR SALE. One six room house, and lot, in East Boone. House nicely painted inside. Also about 40 acres of rich land heavily timbered, about two miles from Boone. Price reasonable. W. L. Trivett. Boone, N. C.

CHEESE ITEMS.

About twenty, most of them young men, have just completed a very successful Short Course at the Walnut Grove School House near the Cove Creek Chees Factory in cheese making and family management. The work consisted of theory and laboratory practice, including three days each week of the four weeks course at the Cove Creek Cheese Factory. The farmers of this section have asked for a Short Course to be conducted next winter at the Walnut Grove School. This course will in addition to teaching cheesemaking, probably include poultry, swine, feeds and feeding of farm animals, and horticulture. This Short Course will be conducted by the various specialists of the N. C. Experiment Station.

Mr. Clyde Perry, manager of the Beaver Dam Cheese Factory probably holds the milk record of any patron selling milk to local factories last year. From 8 young Holstein cows he sold $547.80 of milk. He also filled a forty ton silo last Fall from less than three acres.

Cheese prices are very high considering prices for farm products. Watauga factories have been receiving 26½ cents per lb. This price for cheese easily enables the factories to pay 20c per gallon for milk.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Fork Cheese Co., was employed as cheese maker for the ensuing year, and a wood shed was ordered constructed. The date of opening the factory was set for April 15th.

F. R. F.

MORTGAGE SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of the power of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to the undersigned mortgagees by John Davis and wife, Martha Davis, on March 5, 1919, to secure the payment of a note for $625.00, and interest on the same from March 5, 1919, no part of which has been paid, we will expose for sale for cash at the court house door in the town of Boone, Watauga county, N. C., on Monday, the 2nd day of May, 1921, the following described tract or parcel of land (the same being conotained in said mortgage), a certain piece or tract of land lying and being in Watauga county, State aforesaid, in Watauga township, and described and defined as follows, to wit: Beginning on three maples at a rock where the old Mas spruce pine corner stands; runs N. 87 degrees W. 10 polts to a spruce pine on the bank of the Watauga river; thence S. 86d. W. up the said river 63 poles to a birch stump, Mrs. Mattie Phipps' old corner; thence S. 18d. E. with her line 40 poles to a dog wood in the said line; thence with her line to a small chestnut on top of the ridge; thence with same line and top of the ridge to a stake in S. W. Young's line; thence with said line to a chestnut in J. D. Coffey and Luther Woody corner; thene S. 13d. W. 15 poles to a stake; thence S. 23d. E. 6 poles to the fork of a branch; thence N. 40d. E. 12 poles to a spruce pine in the fork of the branch; thence N. 11d. E. 32 poles to a high rock and poplar, thence N. 28d. E. 14 poles to a stake; thence N. 70d. E. 17 poles to a stake; thence N. 13 poles to a chestnut in W. B. Caloway's line; thence S. 82d. E. 10 poles to a chestnut; thence N. 32d. W. 32 poles to a rock in L. F. Woody's line; thence N. 30d. E. with the road 28 poles to a spruce pine; thence N. 19d. W. 30 poles to a chestnut; thence N. 39d. E. 17 poles to a stake in the road; thence N. 20d. W. 22 poles to a stake in Brickell's line; thence N. 17d. E. 12 poles to the beginning, containing 70 acres more or less.

Said sale will be made to pay of said [illegible] on the same [illegible] of said [illegible] will be made to the purchaser on payment of the purchase price. This March 31, 1921.

J. C. TOLLY.
M. J. TOLLY, Mortgagees.

Good Farm For Sale.

105 acres near Rutherwood, six miles east of Boone. Half cleared, balance in good timber. Good six-room dwelling; outhouses; well-watered; good orchard. An ideal place. State Highway through center. For partticulars see

R. L. Bingham,
3-24 4tp. Boone, N. C.

NOTICE OF TOWN ELECTION.

North Carolina, Watauga County,

Notice is hereby given that there will be held a town election in the town of of Boone, N. C., on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1921, at the usual voting place in said town, for the purpose of electing a board of town commissioners and a mayor. J. D. Councill is appointed Registrar, and M. P. Critcher and L. L. Critcher judges to hold the said election. This 7th day of March, 1921.

J. M. MORETZ, Mayor.
I. G. GREER,
M. B. BLACKBURN,
F. A LINNEY, Town Coms.

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