

**A FRIGHT IN MIDAIR.**

**Going Up In a Balloon and Coming Down in a Parachute.**

I once went up in a balloon and came down in a parachute. Something went wrong, and all the money in the world doubled would not induce me to make the experiment again.

One grows strangely accustomed to dangers as an acrobat, and when it was suggested that I should earn \$25 in as many minutes by taking the place of a parachutist who had fallen ill at the last minute I jumped at the chance.

It was at a large country fair. The laughing crowd had probably never seen a balloon go up. As the great silk bag gradually swelled a silence fell upon the onlookers.

The sick parachutist's manager patted me on the back and said it was money easily earned. I agreed—then.

"Keep cool," he said, "and whatever you do, don't look down except to judge your distance from the earth. You see that tower. When you are that distance up pull the check string and shut your eyes."

A dull murmur rose as the ropes were cast off and I felt my feet leave the ground. The upward movement was gentle, and a great cheer came up to me until the band drowned it.

I hardly heard the cheering or the band. The involuntary murmur still rang in my ears. Perhaps my nerves were upset, possibly it was intuition, but from the moment I was drawn up from the ground I felt the conviction that grim trouble lay ahead.

Ignoring the oft repeated instructions, I looked down. How slowly the balloon went up! Could it be possible that I had not gone more than a hundred yards? The giant overhead became a living thing, intent on torturing the puny mortal who had trusted his life to it. I knew I dared not leap before I was high enough, for the parachute takes 100 feet sometimes to open.

I shut my eyes and tried to count to kill time, but the figures became jumbled, and I looked down again. A swallow skimmed past underneath. Far below there was a sea of upturned faces, and the music floated up distinctly. The balloon seemed to have stopped rising, and for an eternity I tried to gauge the height.

Again the band stopped, and I was in a silent world. The crowd of breathless specks far beneath was getting full value for its money. The only noise I heard was the beating of the blood through my head. I was afraid. It was the first real fear I had ever felt in my work.

When the supreme moment came I pulled the string without realizing what I was doing.

What years I lived in those next few seconds. An appalling nausea and consciousness when my feet touched a wild desire to live came with the first terrible rush, and my heart stood still as I looked eagerly aloft. The ropes of the parachute had twisted and I was falling to instant death.

Grasping the ropes in a clutch of steel, I shook them frantically. Half the huge parachute bellied out with a noise like a pistol shot, and the speed of the fall was lessened with a jar.

Again I shook the death trap. The ropes were sliding at a snail's pace, and bit by bit the parachute was opening. Still I fell far too fast. I could not breathe, and my hands seemed to be refusing to hold on.

Bang! The last fold had opened and I was saved. Dizzy and numb with fear, I held on tightly, wondering whether I should faint before I reached the ground. That, and that only, was my thought as I sailed through the space. I had almost lost the ground gently. And then I collapsed.—Buffalo Times.

**CUBAN CHARACTER.**

**Something Concerning Which Americans May Have Misconceptions.**

"Americans have gained a wrong impression of the Cuban character," said Max J. Baehr, United States consul at Cienfuegos, Cuba, to a Washington Post reporter. "It is a mistake to class Cubans with Central Americans as lovers of strife and as constantly prone to insurrection. I am well known, am stationed in the hotbed of recent revolutionary uprisings on the island, and the troubles have been due to the feeling on the part of the natives that they were not to receive their political rights and not an insurrectionary spirit.

On the whole, there is no better character to be found anywhere than that of the Cuban. The majority of the inhabitants of the country are really law-abiding, peace-loving people of sweet dispositions, and it is only in the cities that you find the elements that have been contaminated by the bad influence of the United States and have become bad citizens.

"The Cubans are a temperate people," continued Mr. Baehr. "They do not drink intoxicants, unless you call their coffee intoxicating, for they make that very strong, and drink it six, seven or eight times a day, although, of course, not large cups at a time.

"The Cubans appeared to be satisfied with the workings of the new election law created by Colonel Crowther. They realize that by it they will get their rights, and after the last election they acquiesced quietly and seemed satisfied. I think that was all that was necessary for them to become convinced that the law would bring honest results.

"Therefore I believe these interviews coming from Americans who have an imperfect knowledge of conditions, saying that there probably will be another insurrection in Cuba, are untrue and unjust. I shall not attempt to predict the outcome of the approaching election. Both parties have nominated able men for president and vice-president, and the election may be quite close. In either event I am confident the result will be accepted by the people in a law-abiding spirit. The present administration of the island has been exceedingly successful. Mr. Magoon has shown great shrewdness and tact and the people are convinced they will get their rights."

**CASH IN ADVANCE.**

In March, 1887, I became a part owner of The Herald and News and have been connected with the paper continuously since that time. I was with the paper a couple of years prior to that time when under other ownership. I have, therefore, been the editor for nearly twenty-five years. During that time my duties have also been to keep the books and subscription accounts.

I have always had great faith and confidence in the honesty of the people and their purpose to pay their debts. For that reason I have never believed I could conduct a strictly-cash-in-advance subscription.

For the past few months I have been giving a closer study to the situation than ever before.

When the postoffice department issued its order that a subscription to a semi-weekly more than nine months in arrears could not be accepted at the second-class rate we endeavored to comply with the order and had to cut off about 650 names. We first sent each subscriber at least two letters calling attention to the ruling besides mention of it was made in the paper. This fall we have sent another letter to these persons but we have received no response.

These 650 owed us over \$5,000. Many of them not only did not pay what they owed but went directly and subscribed for our contemporary and paid for it. We have no objection to that but we mention it as a reason for the shaking of our faith in the honesty of the people. It certainly was a striking evidence of ingratitude.

We still have a good many subscribers who are in arrears. Statements have been sent or will be sent in a few days to all of these.

During the 25 years of our connection with this newspaper we have lost in unpaid subscriptions at least \$20,000. We have no one to blame but ourself and the people would have thought more of us if we had made them pay it. We are not complaining but we propose to stop this leak or go out of the business.

After the first day of February The Herald and News will be run strictly on the cash in advance plan. A post card will be mailed you giving you thirty days notice so that you may have time to send in your renewal and to remind you if you should overlook it.

There are doubtless some errors in the credits. If you will call our attention to these we will gladly make the correction and in every case will give the subscriber the benefit of the doubt.

It takes too much of our time to send statements and to pay postage. We will keep no books except our receipt stubs and a cash book and the mailing galleys.

We shall hate to part with any subscribers but we cannot longer be annoyed with trying to collect these little amounts and then not get them.

The post office rule does not permit us to carry a delinquent longer than nine months and we had just as well put it on the cash basis.

We find that for an eleven months of this year only about 1000 have paid anything at all. Just about one half of the present list. We can not pay our debts and keep up this rate of collection of what is due us. And we do not want to offer compromise if we can help it.

Remember you have two months to put yourself financial. If you can't pay all of your back dues give us your

note and pay the advance subscription.

The rule we adopt will be followed strictly. No doubt some of those who have been indulged will show their appreciation by getting mad and taking the other paper as some have done. We will not raise any objection for we will have the satisfaction of knowing that you will no longer get a paper without paying for it.

Those who pay no heed to what they owe us will have their accounts turned over to a collection agency.

We have worked hard to serve the people of this community and we deserve what we have earned.

The Herald and News will continue to be an up-to-date paper and we hope all of our subscribers will appreciate the situation that it costs money to buy paper and pay printers and it is much easier for each one to pay us than it is for us to be continually hunting up these little amounts.

If any man's subscription is in arrears and he has a claim against us we will thank him to present his claim and if we owe it we will try to pay it.

Remember after February first The Herald and News is going to be cash in advance.

E. H. Aull, Editor.

**NOTICE!**

The County Board of Commissioners for Newberry county will receive applications for the appointment of a superintendent of the county poor house and farm for the year 1909, the same to be filed with the undersigned by 9 o'clock in the forenoon of December 5th next. The board reserves the right to reject all applications.

H. C. Holloway, Clerk.

Nov. 16, 1908.

**BLUE RIDGE SCHEDULES.**

**Eastbound.**

No. 18, leaves Anderson at 6.30 a. m., for connection at Belton with Southern for Greenville.

No. 12, from Walhalla. Leaves Anderson at 10.15 a. m., for connection at Belton with Southern Railway for Columbia and Greenville.

No. 20, leaves Anderson at 2.20 p. m., for connections at Belton with Southern Railway for Greenville.

No. 8, daily except Sunday, from Walhalla arrives Anderson 6.24 p. m., with connections at Seneca with Southern Railway from points south.

No. 10, from Walhalla, leaves Anderson at 4.57 p. m., for connections at Belton with Southern Railway for Greenville and Columbia.

**Westbound.**

No. 17, arrives at Anderson at 7.50 a. m., from Belton with connections from Greenville.

No. 9, arrives at Anderson at 12.24 p. m., from Belton with connections from Greenville and Columbia. Goes to Walhalla.

No. 19, arrives at Anderson at 3.40 p. m., from Belton with connections from Greenville.

No. 11, arrives at Anderson at 6.29 p. m., from Belton with connections from Greenville and Columbia. Goes to Walhalla.

No. 7, daily except Sunday, leaves Anderson at 9.20 a. m., for Walhalla, with connections at Seneca for local points south.

Nos. 17, 18, 19, and 20 are mixed trains between Anderson and Belton.

Nos. 7 and 8 are local freight trains, carrying passengers between Anderson and Walhalla and between Walhalla and Anderson.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEWBERRY. IN COMMON PLEAS COURT. Mary A. Spehl, Plaintiff, Against

Theodore H. Spehl, et. al., Defendants.

By virtue of an order of Court herein, I will sell at public auction at Newberry Court House, S. C., within the legal hours of sale, on salesday in January, 1909, to wit, on Monday, Jan. 4th, all that tract, parcel or lot of land lying and being situate in the county of Newberry and State aforesaid, about one and one-fourth miles east of the Town of Newberry, S. C., formerly known as the Home Place of Theodore Spehl, now deceased, containing five and two-thirds acres, more or less, and bounded by the continuation of Main street on the northwest, by the continuation of Boundary street on the southeast, by

street of the northeast, by lots of Nat Gist, R. C. Maybin and Mrs. Hattie Bradley on the southwest, being the greater portion of that tract of seven and one-half (7 1-2) acres conveyed by Frances E. Johnstone to Theodore Spehl, as shown by deed which is recorded in Deed Book No. 4, page 372.

Terms of sale: One half cash and one half on a credit of twelve months, with interest from the day of sale at

the rate of 8 per cent per annum, credit portion to be secured by note of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises sold, with an insurance policy of the dwelling assigned to the master; with leave to each purchaser to anticipate the credit portion in whole or in part; purchaser to pay for papers, recording of mortgage and for insurance policy.

The above five and two-thirds acres will be sold in two or more lots, plats of which will be exhibited on the day of sale.

H. H. Rikard, Master.

Master's Office, Dec. 9, 1908.

The News and Courier and The Herald and News.

Beginning with February 1, 1909, the combination price of The Herald and News with the Charleston Weekly News and Courier will be raised to two dollars and twenty-five cents a year. Two months remain in which new and old subscribers may take advantage of this splendid combination at the present price, two dollars. Send in your orders now. Think of it a little. For the small price of \$2.25 you get your own county paper twice a week and a twice a week newspaper that covers the news of the whole world both for one full year. Published every Wednesday and Saturday, each issue of The Weekly News and Courier contains all the news of importance, not only of the day of publication, but of all intervening days. The cream of the Associated Press News—the greatest news-gathering agency in the world—and all important happenings in South Carolina are given, as well as striking editorial articles and stories of one kind and another. It has departments for men, women and children. It is a clean newspaper, and it is a home newspaper.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEWBERRY. In Court of Common Pleas. P. N. Boozer, Plaintiff, Against

Grace Goodman, Ira Tribble and Sula Goodman, Defendants.

By an order of the Court herein I will sell to the highest bidder before the Court House at Newberry S. C., within the legal hours of sale, on Monday, salesday, January 12th, 1909, all that tract of land lying and being situate in Newberry County, State of South Carolina, containing one hundred and ten (110) acres, more less, and bounded by lands of A. A. Madden, Betty Goodwin, M. E. Moore and other lands of Mary E. Tribble.

Terms of Sale. One-third (1-3) cash and the balance on a credit of one and two years, the credit portion of the purchase money to be secured by a bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises sold. Purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all cash. Purchaser to pay for papers and recording same.

H. H. Rikard, Master.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEWBERRY. In Court of Common Pleas.

Laura C. Nichols as administratrix of Benjamin F. Nichols, deceased, and individually, Luke M. Nickols, W. Hampton and Willie E. Nichols, Plaintiffs, Against

Daisy P. Hawkins, Bessie D. Lake, The Prosperity Stock Company, The Bank of Prosperity, Geo. E. Hawkins and A. Hayne Hawkins, as partners, doing business under the firm name and style of Hawkins Brothers, Defendants.

By an order of the court herein I will sell to the highest bidder before the Court House at Newberry, S. C., within the legal hours, on salesday in January, 1909, same being 4th day of said month, the one-third (1-3) interest in all that tract of land lying and being situate in the County of Newberry, State aforesaid, containing six acres, more or less, better known as the mill tract, including the building, machinery and other mill fixtures thereon, said interest belonging to the estate of Benjamin F. Nichols, deceased, and bounded by the two hundred and twelve acre tract of the estate of B. F. Nichols, lands of N. E. Taylor, J. W. Boozer, and Wicker.

Terms of sale cash. Purchaser to pay for papers. H. H. Rikard, Master.

At the same time and place we will sell the other (2-3) two-thirds interest in said mill tract, building, machinery and mill fixtures above described. Terms of sale cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.

N. E. Taylor, Jas. W. Boozer.



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