

# NYE'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND.

## Cæsar's Invasion as Viewed by the Humorist.

### INDUOED BY A BILIOUS ATTACK.

The Author Avoids Overpraise and Mawkish Sentiment—Early Britons Only Fit to Act as Ancestors—Ignoble Amusements of the Barefooted Nobility.

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#### CHAPTER I.

From the glad whinny of the first unicorn down to the tip end of the nineteenth century the history of Great Britain has been dear to her descendants in every land, 'neath every sky.

But to write a truthful and honest history of any country the historian should, that he may avoid overpraise and silly and mawkish sentiment, reside in a foreign country or be so situated that he may put on a false mustache and get away as soon as the advance copies have been sent to the printers.

The writer of these pages, though of British descent, will in what he may say guard carefully against permitting that fact to swerve him for one swift moment from the right.

England even before Christ, as now, was a sort of money center, and thither

with coarse and shameless glee would scamper the nobility.

(Excuse the rhythm into which I may now and then drop as the plot develops.—Author).

Cæsar later on made more invasions, one of them for the purpose of returning his team and flogging a Druid with whom he had disagreed religiously on a former trip. (He had also bought his team of the Druid).

The Druids were the sheriffs, priests, judges, chiefs of police, plumbers and



DRUID SACRIFICES.

justices of the peace. They practically ran the place, and no one could be a Druid who could not pass a civil service examination.

They believed in human sacrifice, and often of a bright spring morning could have been seen going out behind the bush to sacrifice some one who disagreed with them on some religious point or other.

The Druids largely lived in the woods in summer and in debt during the winter. They worshipped almost everything that had been left out overnight, and their motto was, "Never do anything unless you feel like it very much indeed."

Cæsar was a broad man from a religious point of view and favored bringing the Druids before the grand jury. For uttering such sentiments as these the Druids declared his life to be forfeit and set one of their number to settle also with him after morning services the question as to the matter of immersion and sound money.

Religious questions were even then as hotly discussed as in later times, and



ANCIENT SCARECROW.

Cæsar could not enjoy society very much for five or six days.

At Stonehenge there are still relics of a stone temple which the Druids used as a place of idolatrous worship and assassination. On gliblet day people came for many miles to see the exercises and carry home a few outlets of intimate friends.

After this Rome sent over various great federal appointees to soften and refine the people. Among them came General Agricola, with a new kind of seed corn and kindness in his heart.

He taught the barefooted Briton to go out to the pump every evening and bathe his chapped and soil kissed feet and wipe them on the grass before retiring, thus introducing one of the refinements of Rome in this cold and barbaric climate.

Along about the beginning of the Christian "Erie," says an elderly Englishman, the Queen Boadicea got so disgusted with the Romans, who carried on there in England just as they had been in the habit of doing at home—cutting up like a Halloween party in its junior year—that she got her Britons together, had a steel dress made to fight in comfortably and not tight under the arms.

Then she said, "Is there any one here who hath a culverin with him?" One was soon found and fired. This by the Romans was regarded as an opening of hostilities. Her fire was returned with great eagerness, and victory was won in the city of London over the Romans, who had taunted the queen several times with being seven years behind the beginning of the Christian era in the matter of clothes.

Boadicea won victories by the score, and it is said that under the besom of her wrath 70,000 Roman warriors kissed the dust. As she waved her scepter in token of victory the hatpin came out of her crown, and wildly throwing the "old hot thing" at the Roman general she missed him and unhorsed her own chaplain.

Disgusted with war and the cooking they were having at the time, she burst



DEATH OF BOADICEA.

into tears just on the eve of a general victory over the Romans and poisoned herself.

[N. B.—Many thanks are due to the author, Mr. A. Barber, for the use of his works entitled "Half Hours With Crowned Heads" and "Thoughts on Shaving Dead People on Whom One Has Never Called," cloth, gilt top.

I notice an error in the artist's work which will be apparent to any one of moderate intelligence and especially to the Englishman—viz, that the tin discovered by the Phenicians is in the form of cans, etc., formerly having contained tinned meats, fruits, etc. This book, I fear, will be sharply criticised in England if any inaccuracy be permitted to creep in, even through the illustrations. It is disagreeable to fall out thus early with one's artist, but the writer knows too well and the sting yet burns and rankles in his soul where pierced the poisoned dart of an English clergyman two years ago. The writer had spoken of Julius Cæsar's invasion of Britain for the purpose of replenishing the Roman stock of umbrellas, topcoats and "loydies," when the clergyman said, politely, but very firmly, that "England then had no topcoats or umbrellas." The writer would not have cared had there not been others present.—B. N.]

#### VIRGINIA VISITORS.

People Who Have Visited the County Seat During the Week.

Among the arrivals at the Madison house, this week, were:

W. A. Francis, Butte; C. D. Voris, Crawfordsville, Ind.; N. Shafer, Sheridan; C. D. Galvin, C. H. Locher, Chicago; J. C. Storrs, Boulder; W. Thomas, Easton; D. Beck, Junction; Phillip Pogg, Butte; R. E. Fitzgerald, Ennis; W. D. Flowers, Dr. G. L. Hagan, Bozeman; F. M. Field, Billings; E. M. Best, Shoreharrie, N. Y.; Geo. Fletcher, Boulder; Miss Julia Williams, Granite; J. P. O'Sullivan, Easton; J. W. Saunders, Ennis; W. O. Thompson, Bivens Gulch; C. W. Lane, Butte; Patrick Scott, Junction; H. O'Donnell, Eugene Valance, Easton; O. W. White, San Francisco; Alex. Metzler, York ranch; Chas. Metzler, Pullersprings; J. Z. Clem, R. J. Ogden, Sheridan; C. P. Newell, Twin Bridges; H. L. Fenner, Nevada; A. B. Davis, Home Park; Thos. Thexton, Ennis; E. T. Nichols, Sheridan; Floyd Closser, R. Carpenter, Butte; F. T. Counter, Twin Bridges; Dan Manning, Dickenson, N. D.; M. O'Donnell, Kennett; C. Rice, Jack Creek, Mrs. Clark, Milton Bean, W. M. Miller, Magdalene; Alex. Karteman, Elias Markey, Joshua Markey, Butte; W. M. Wheeler, T. Marcum, San Francisco; T. J. Farrel, Farrelton; R. T. Boatman, Pullersprings; W. Smith, Home Park; A. Buzzard, C. J. Wesley, J. St. Clair, Summit; J. C. Turner, Home Park; C. W. Kellogg, Bertha mine; E. N. Reed, Eugene Tracey, Sheridan; Dick Peterson, J. E. Wiley, Pullersprings; R. E. Fitzgerald, Ennis; Geo. P. Fisher, Geo. Farnsworth, Chicago; Terrace McDonald and wife, Ennis; H. J. Weeks, Idaho; A. Massingall, Summit.

#### A NOTED FACT.

For the meeting of the National Educational Association at Denver in 1895 the excellent service given by the Union Pacific was commented on by all those who had the pleasure of using that line. This year our educational friends meet in Buffalo, N. Y., July 3rd to 10th, and members of the association and others from points west of the Missouri River, should by all means use the Union Pacific, for it is a noted fact its service is superior to that of any other line in the west. For a number of years this line has run Chair Cars, Pullman Sleepers and Dining Cars through to Chicago from the Pacific coast and intermediate points, and they have recently put on Buffet Library and Smoking Cars between Salt Lake City and Chicago, which are not excelled by those in use on the New York and Chicago Limited trains. Confer with a Union Pacific Agent before you make your arrangements.

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#### DEATH OF W. H. COVELY.

He Was an Honest Man and Had Served His Country Well.

William H. Covely died at his home in this city Saturday evening after a lingering illness. Like the history and personal record of all the veterans of the late civil war, who have become residents of Madison county, that of Wm. Covely is a meritorious one and will invite the strictest search light in detail.

Deceased was born at Pottsville, Pa., and was nearly 51 years of age. He first enlisted and served 114 days in what was known as the "Emergency army," or "minute men," July 1863, when Gen. Lee made his famous raid into and invaded Pennsylvania. He experienced much active service in all of the fierce skirmishes following the battle of Gettysburg, but was not in that engagement.

In the second enlistment Covely was mustered in as sergeant of Co. E, 5th U. S. Cavalry, July 21, 1864, and served in that capacity three years, receiving an honorable discharge July 21, 1867. The operations of the 5th were greatly appreciated when with Sheridan, and under Grant's general orders, they were detailed to destroy the great store house of the Confederacy in Shennandoah valley—and thoroughly they did the work—not a vestige of Confederate forage was left. The cavaliers made a brilliant record under the command of Gen. Thomas in the Department of the Cumberland. They participated in the engagements of Cedar Creek, Fisher Hill, Mt. Jackson and many others.

Covely has been a member of Frank Blair Post, No. 6, since 1886 and was Officer of the Day for the present year.

He came to Summit in 1868 and engaged in mining, and subsequently was in the mercantile business.

In 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Mitte Carr, who died June 19, 1885. July 1, 1889 he married Miss Mattie Scott of Greenfield, Ind., who, with his daughter, Mrs. George Yarrington and Willie, a little son, survive him. A sister resides in Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

The funeral occurred Monday afternoon from the Masonic temple, under the auspices of Montana lodge No. 2, A. F. and A. M., Alder lodge No. 30, A. O. U. W., and Frank Blair Post, G. A. R., of which orders the deceased was a member. The burial service was that prescribed by the Masonic Monitor and was impressively conducted by Past Master J. M. Knight, pall bearers were C. H. Buford, C. W. Rank, P. McGovern, J. Albright, James Summers and Knute Ellingston, all members of the A. O. U. W. A firing squad from Co. D, under the command of Serg. Lew Romey, paid a tribute to the memory of an old soldier by firing a salute over the grave.

#### CHEAPNESS OF HORSES.

Bob Boatman's Story as to the Cause Thereof.

Bob Boatman, of Centennial Valley, was in the city this week, and notwithstanding the craze that seems to be prevalent about these "diggings" over these two-wheeled, pneumatic-tired, atmosphere-splitting arrangements, managed to dispose of several head of horses. Speaking of the low price of horses, Bob said it reminded him of the remark of a well-known Sheridan man in Butte a few days ago.

The Sheridanian got on board the South Butte trolley car, and being somewhat under the influence of blue rum and sugar, settled himself in a seat, glanced 'round, and delivered himself thusly: "Electricity runnin' the cars; the women riding bicycles, and jackasses runnin' the government. No wonder horses are cheap."

#### SANDERS' HALUCINATION.

Aspires to a Delegateship—The Campaign For "Sound Money."

When Col. Wilbur F. Sanders announced several days ago that he was a candidate for delegate to the Republican national convention at St. Louis, he said he would soon begin an organized campaign, and that the "sound money" men of the state would be invited to rally under his standard and assist him in the promulgation of sound money views throughout the state.

Colonel Sanders, according to the Helena papers, says the organization is in a fair way of success, and that in a day or two, or perhaps three, he will issue a call for a meeting to organize a club. The club will establish headquarters and provide a fund for the holding of meetings through the mining districts and for the dissemination of literature, such as Col. Sanders believed should constitute the financial reading matter of the people of the state.

And this is the man to whom the people of Montana once pinned their faith. How times "do" change.

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#### THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Mrs. J. J. Bowker is in Pony. Don't forget "The Yankee Detective" to-night.

Assessor Foreman returned from the Gaylord country Sunday.

Read "Bill Nye's Comic History of England," in this paper.

Miss Georgia Heikzeman has returned from a two week's sojourn with friends in Pony.

A daughter came to grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Vanderbeck, Saturday, May 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McKay left for Bivens gulch, Monday, to resume operations on their placer mine.

Senator Alex Metzler was in the city Wednesday on his way to Butte to attend the Republican state convention.

The Kings Daughters will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Thos. Duncan, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

George Leinenweber left for his home in Madison, Ind., Thursday morning on a visit. He expects to be away about a month.

Hugh O'Donnell, superintendent of the Easton mine left for Deer Lodge and other points Tuesday. Chas. Lane accompanied him.

R. A. Vickers has been appointed deputy assessor by Assessor Foreman and will look after the territory east of the Tobacco Root range.

Mrs. J. S. DeWitt and family returned to Virginia Sunday evening. They have been away about 10 months and have spent most of the time with friends in Sheridan, Wyo.

Miss Josephine McCloud, who has filled one of the responsible positions in the Virginia public schools for the past two years, will leave for Helena Saturday.

Maj. N. J. Isdell left for his home in Pony Sunday morning. The Major believes in the resources of Montana and endorses immigration accordingly. He has promised the MADISONIAN a series of articles on this subject.

Cliff Voris, of Crawfordsville, Ind., who has been in Sheridan for several weeks, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Voris is nephew and heir of the late David McCranor, and is here for the purpose of settling up the estate.

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The anniversary ball of Co. D, which occurred Tuesday evening, was, like all the affairs given under the auspices of this organization, highly enjoyable. The attendance was quite large. The grand march was led by Captain and Mrs. George Reif and it was getting up time for frugal folk when the home waltz was finished. Supper a la militaire means baked beans served on the spot, smoking hot, with accompaniments, and has to be partaken of to be enjoyed. The music was furnished by Messrs. Doneco, Berg and Gohn, and X. Kellogg officiated as master of ceremonies.

The public schools of Virginia will close for the term to-day. Prof. Hall will leave for Chicago Monday where he proposes to take up the study of law. He will not be a candidate for reelection and whatever he does or where he goes he will have the good wishes of a host of Virginia friends. The past he has filled so successfully for the past three years is a hard one. Everybody knows that next to the editor of the local newspaper, the pedagogue comes in for a larger amount of criticism than any member of the community. But strange to say he is one of the most popular young men in the city. He leaves the schools in excellent condition.

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CÆSAR CROSSING THE CHANNEL.

came the Phenicians and the Carthaginians for their tin.

These early Britons were suitable only to act as ancestors. Aside from that they had no good points. They dwelt in mud huts thatched with straw. They had no currency and no ventilation—no drafts, in other words. Their boats were made of wickerwork plastered with clay. Their swords were made of tin alloyed with copper, and after a brief skirmish the entire army had to fall back and straighten its blades.

They also had short spears made with a rawhide string attached, so that the deadly weapon could be jerked back again. To spear an enemy with one of these harpoons and then, after playing him for half an hour or so, to land him



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and finish him up with a tin sword constituted one of the most reliable boons peculiar to that strange people.

Cæsar first came to Great Britain on account of a bilious attack. On the way across the channel a violent storm came up. The great emperor and pantata believed he was drowning, so that in an instant's time everything throughout his whole lifetime recurred to him as he went down—especially his breakfast.

Purchasing a four-in-hand of docked unicorns and much improved in health, he returned to Rome.

Agriculture had a pretty hard start among these people, and where now the glorious fields of splendid pale and bilowy oatmeal may be seen, interspersed with every kind of domestic and imported fertilizer in cunning little hillocks just bursting forth into fragrance by the roadside, then the vast island was a quaking swamp or covered by imperious forests of gigantic trees, up which

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