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JUDGE LUCAS' DEATH RECALLS WAR EVENT

DID BOOTH KILL LINCOLN TO AVENGE A FANCIED SLIGHT?

The Fairmont Times says: Referring to the death of Judge Daniel B. Lucas, the Baltimore Sun, in speaking of his service in the Confederate cause, alludes to the fact that in January, 1865, he left Richmond to go into Canada, where he might arrange to appear as counsel for his friend, John Yates Beall, who was then soon to be tried at Governor's Island as a Confederate spy, who had been arrested within the Federal lines. The Sun's account says he was not allowed to appear there for that purpose, but our impression at this time is that he did go to New York and conduct Beall's defense. But this fact is not material to the story that grew out of John Y. Beall's arrest, conviction and execution at Governor's Island. John Y. Beall and John Wilkes Booth were inseparable friends and companions at the Virginia University, where both were at the outbreak of the war. The attachment between them was no ordinary friendship. It was as close as the affection which linked the lives of Jonathan and David. or Damon and Pythias. Both were members of the same military company and both sought to enter the military service of Virginia when hostilities began. Edwin Booth, the brother and guardian of John Wilkes Booth, was a strong Unionist, and he exerted a powerful influence over his young brother and prevented him from going into the Confederate service. John Y. Beall followed the fortunes of his state. Early in the war he became noted for his daring exploits as a soldier and scout. His courage was invincible and wherever danger beckoned he followed. He seemed to bear a charmed life. He went in and out of the Federal lines as frequently as he desired and established and maintained a system of communication between the friends of the Confederate cause in the north and its armies that was most harrassing and injurious to the Federal troops. His success emboldened him to the point of rashness and in one of his numerous visits to friends in the Federal lines, almost at the close of the war, he was captured and arraigned for trial as a Confederate spy. He was duly convicted and sentenced to be hanged. Here history must stand aside for tradition if the remainder of the story is to be believed. It is said that when the proceedings of the trial had been endorsed, its findings approved and the day of the execution set, Beall's aged mother went to Washington and implored the President to intercede and save the life of her boy. With his heart full of sympathy and sorrow, Mr. Lincoln showed her the impossibility of granting her petition. He pointed out the necessary rigors of war, the long continued struggle in which thousands of lives had perished, a contest which had been prolonged by the acts of her son in defiance of the penalties always imposed on a convicted spy. The interview was almost as painful to the President as to the mother, but in the end he convinced her that under the rules of war her son had forfeited his life and it must be taken as a warning to others similarly engaged in military service.

Finding the President obdurate in the high sense of his duty to his country, the heart-broken mother then appealed for one act of clemency that would relieve her unfortunate son from the death of a common felon. She told the President that her son had been a courageous and honorable soldier and implored that he might die a soldier's death. That he should not die by the hangman's noose, but that he might be shot—a death befitting his deeds and courage in a cause he loved. It is said that the President yielded to the request and gave orders changing the mode of his execution to the war department, but that, as is now well known in many other cases, Secretary Stanton withheld the order, and John Y. Beall was hung in expiation of an offense which he and his friends believed was of the highest order of patriotic service. It is said that from the moment of the death of his friend by the ignominious method which he had reason to think the President would change, and believing the President had betrayed and deceived the mother by a promise he did not intend to fulfill, John Wilkes Booth became a changed man. He became moody and resentful, and said he lived only for revenge. Whether this be true or not, it is a singular coincidence that President Lincoln should have met his death by the hands of the one who next to his mother loved John Y. Beall the best. In support of this theory, it is alleged that the band of conspirators who assisted Booth was never aware that Lincoln's murder was contemplated. The most that they were led to expect was his abduction in the interest of the fast falling fortunes of the waning Confederacy. In opposition to the story, it is said that in Booth's diary kept by him after the dreadful deed, he had entered the statement that he was moved to its commission without malice, but wholly to help the people of the South in their efforts to free themselves from tyranny. However, it may be, there are those who still believe that there was more than a coincidence in the hanging of John Y. Beall and the assassination of the martyred President. The remains of President Lincoln lie in a grave at Springfield that was watered by a nation's tears. Over it is erected a monument telling the story of his grand character and great accomplishments for a people he loved. His virtues will remain an imperishable memory among the people of this nation so long as the Republic survives. The remains of John Y. Beall lie in a cemetery in Charles Town, marked by a simple marble shaft, on which is inscribed his name, and that he was a soldier who died for his country. The memory of his deeds of dauntless courage are now but a faded recollection in the minds of a generation that is fast passing away. But who is to say that in the fabric of the scheme of the things that were to be from the beginning the lives of President Lincoln and John Y. Beall were not interwoven, though its warp and woof may have been undiscernable to the human eye.

TAKE A VACATION.

Take a vacation. Get away from the hurly-burly rush of business cares and ease your mind, your soul and your body—slip the brakes of caution and forget everything save how to be a boy again. You ought to know that no work in the world will exhaust one so quick as the mental work that chafes, chafes away at the mind until final nervous exhaustion follows and—well, then its too late to take a vacation so far as any lasting good is concerned. Think it over a little bit, just for your own benefit. I knew a man whose heart was in the right place, whose love of home and wife and kiddies was above everything else in the world, but who, through his love for them and his pride in the success that had come through year after year, but kept at his work too long. His doctor told him one day that unless he released the tension on his mind and took a real vacation his life would pay the penalty. But for a while he couldn't see it and finally the man who stood as a model of all that was fine and true, who was to his loved ones the best and dearest daddy and the kindest husband in the world, quietly went to sleep one night and never awoke. He had put off his vacation too long and so the kind that lasts forever and ever and ever, came to him. Do you want this kind? Think it over.

ANNUAL REUNION

OF THE FIFTH WEST VIRGINIA INFINTRY AT CHARLESTON.

Editor Ceredo Advance:

The annual reunion of the 5th W. Va. Infantry, will be held at Charleston, Sept. 19, 1909. This being so close to the 45th anniversary of the great battle of Opequan, which was fought on Sept. 19, 1864, in which the 5th W. Va. had its full share, I feel tempted to hand you for publication a few facts that have not heretofore appeared in print, as hereinafter detailed.

This engagement had much to do with the overthrow and collapse of the Southern Confederacy. The great battle of Mission Ridge and Lookout Mountain, fought above the clouds, covering a period of two days and with a larger force on both sides than that of Sheridan, as per statistics on file at the war department, show a list of casualities on the Union side of about 5,000, while the list of killed and wounded in Sheridan's army at Opequan was in excess of 5,500.

The advance guard of the Union army came in collision with the outposts of the rebel army about four o'clock a. m., Monday, Sept. 19, 1864, and continued with almost unabated fury until nightfall. This conflict resulted in a sweeping victory for the Union cause.

The flower of Lee's army there, Stonewall's veterans, their leader then sleeping his last long sleep at Lexington, Va., now under General Early, their firm set batallions a tower of strength; Breckenridge and Fitzhugh Lee were there, too, to strike another blow for the "Lost Cause." Their strength has been estimated at from 35,000 to 40,000 men, with a full complement of artillery. The Sixth Army Corps, 12,000 strong, and the Nineteenth Army Corps, with 10,000 tried veterans, led the advance of the Union host. These two corps bore the burden and heat of the day from early dawn until 2 o'clock p. m. Victory and defeat alternated for these long ten hours between the embattled hosts.

Sheridan had in his rear 8,000 soldiers, 4 miles back of his line of battle, under Gen. Crook, known as the Army of West Virginia; as fine a body of soldiers as marched onto the battlefield. Far to the right and miles away near Martinsburg pike, and marching to the fray was the grandest fighting machine the world ever saw (Napoleon's Old Guard never equaled them)— ten thousand cavalrymen under Custer and Forbet and Merritt. Every man in that gallant host was superbly mounted. Every one of them could fire 17 times before reloading their pieces. A brace of five-shooting Colt's revolvers hung over their saddle pommels; a breech-loading, seven-firing carbine slung to their shoulders and a trusty sabre at their sides.

Major McKinley, afterwards President, swept down the road on his mettled steed, ordered Gen. Crook to close in with his eight thousand; another messenger was dispatched in hot haste to "hurry up that cavalry." And now General Crook's eight thousand are on full swing for the field of battle. Crossing the Opequan (a stream near the size of Twelve Pole) and mounting its precipitous heights, a magnificent, thrilling and awe-inspiring sight met my range of vision, such as I had never before witnessed. Probably more than one hundred cannons with their deafening reverberations timed the wild tumult. The very heavens seemed to be filled with bursting bombs. History records that men, women and children stood on the streets and side walks of Hagerstown, Md., 30 miles away, and listened with blanched faces and abated breath to the muffled rumble of the great conflict that was being waged on Virginia soil for the supremacy of the nation.

Far to the right and far to the left for a distance of five miles over the undulating fields and meadows 18 thousand reserves were coming into action. Custer with his squadron of cavalry with savage fury doubled up the lengthened rebel flanks; Crook with his eight thousand veterans moved straight for a long line of stone fence. Behind that stone fence the Johnnies were packed in like sardines. Over the top of the fence rested thousands of rifles and a long line of flame burst forth from their muzzles. Every piece of artillery behind that stone wall fell into the Union hands.

As the sun went down that day the rebel host rolled off to the south like a worn out storm.

The Fifth West Virginia formed a part of the Army of West Virginia.

Yours, G. F. J.,
Co. B. Fifth W. Va. Inf.

CITY COUNCIL.

The Council met last Monday night in regular session, with John L. Whitten, Mayor, Warren Whaley, Clerk, and Messrs. John C. Franklin, Geo. Miller, Rob't. Kiger, John Wells and G. W. M. Hooff, Councilmen.

The Mayor reported $60.85 collected on account of fines and costs during month of July.

The Clerk reported the usual salary orders drawn on the treasury, and Licenses issued.

The Treasurer reported a balance in the city's treasury of $6965.15.

The Marshal reported $167.48 collected on taxes year 1908.

Receipts for the above amounts by the Treasurer were filed with the Clerk.

Rob't Kiger, Committee appointed to sell old lumber at cemetery reported sale of same for the sum of $15 and filed the Treasurer's receipt for same.

U. G. Hanes gave bond in the sum of $500.00 to operate the Ohio River Ferry, with F. S. Hanes, J. H. Stone and E. P. Arrington as his surety.

W. B. Barnett, Assessor, filed a report with the Council showing the total value of property in the municipality of Point Pleasant for the year 1909 of $2,133,994.00 which was ordered filed.

Mason County Fair Company permitted to stretch banner across Main street advertising dates of the Fair.

The Sexton of Lone Oak Cemetery authorized to purchase barbed wire to be used on top of new fence recently constructed.

Matter of removing arc light on Ohio river bank near ferry landing referred to committee on lights.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify Barto Jones to relay brick pavement abutting on 1st street without delay.

Street Commissioner ordered to notify Gus Fry to at once repair and put in good condition the brick street on corner of Main and third streets.

The Council meets on the second Tuesday in August for the purpose of making estimates for probable expenditures during the coming year.

FINGER CUT OFF.

Master Kenneth Love, aged about six years, who lives with his grandfather, Mr. C. C. Love, at Flat Rock, had the misfortune to cut off the forefinger of his left hand with a hatchet, last week.

THANKS.

The Point Pleasant Register is forty-six years old and better than ever. Warren C. Whaley understands the newspaper business.—Ceredo Advance.

BIG TOMATOES.

Miss Emma Henshaw, of this city, visited her father, Mr. F. L. Henshaw, in Gallipolis, Sunday evening, returning Monday morning, bringing two tomatoes from her father's garden that balanced the scales at exactly eight pounds.

BASE BALL

POINT PLEASANT GIVES RUTLAND, OHIO, THE WORST OF IT IN CLOSE GAME.

The Rutland, O., ball club played the home team here last Sunday, and the game from start to finish was close and exciting. The visitors were presented with 000000000 goose eggs, while our boys scored 3. Rutland had the bases full several times but Harrison was steady and pulled out of the hole. The game was replete with fine playing and at no time did interest lag. The Rutland boys are good players, and although beaten in this game, they have a chance to redeem themselves, as we understand our boys will give them a return game on Labor Day on their own grounds. A large number of people were present, the announcement that the Rutland band would be here bringing out more than usual.

The line-up was as follows:

Point Pleasant—S. Burdett 3d b., Park r. f., Johnson c., Ingles 1st b., Smith c. f., Dashner l. f., Varian s. s., W. Burdett 2nd b., Harrison p.

Rutland—R. Pierce 3rd b., Hysell s. s., Fry c., Branagin 2nd b., Camp c. f., Myers p., Carter 1st b., Stone r. f., F. Pierce l. f.

If base ball players could only hear some of the remarks and suggestions made by fans that take so much interest in the plays, every game would be skeenteen innings and many would be called on account of darkness. No matter how the team pulls off the "trick" some of the fans could suggest a better, slicker and more appropriate way.

The Charleston and St. Albans teams play today, Wednesday, Dashner pitching for Charleston.

Millersport

vs.

Point Pleasant,

Sunday, August 8.

HIGH GLASS HORSES.

Mr. R. P. Liter took his racing stock to the Gallipolis track last week for work. The following will show that he has a high class of horses:

Happy J trotted a mile in 2:11; Happy F, 2:10¾; Martha McGregor, 2:20; Silver Jim, 2:24½; Blue Point paced in 2:17; Ruth 2:17; Violet, 2:19. It will be more interesting to know that Blue Point is just off the stud season and has had but little work, while Ruth is by the noted stallion, Red Will, and is in her four year old form, which is the year in which horsemen consider a horse unfit for racing. Young Jim is by Onward Silver, 2:5¾, who was sold to Russian parties for a great sum of money. He is also four years old and has been worked but little this season. Mr. Liter thinks in another year of training he will go in 2:10 or better.

Violet is by Red Will, out of the great brood mare, Lora. She is 3 years old and gives promise of developing into a very fast mare.

Happy J and happy F, alias "The Grey Ghosts," are too well known for comment.

SAD DROWNING.

Gordon Lupton Bean, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bean, of Gallipolis, was drowned in the Ohio river Saturday afternoon. The body was recovered early Monday morning. Just how the boy was drowned has not yet been ascertained, as there are many conflicting reports as to who his companions were. The coroner has withheld his report until the matter can be thoroughly investigated. The boy was very fond of the river spending much of his time there. It is a sad case, and the parents deserve the sympathy of everybody.

SURPRISE PARTY.

At the hospitable home of Mrs. H. J. Greer, at Flat Rock, Sunday, Aug. 1st, there was a happy gathering of relatives and friends, the occasion being the 60th birthday of this most estimable lady, the affair being a surprise and many valuable gifts being received. Those present were the surviving children of Mrs. Greer, John Stern and wife, Hugh Daugherty and wife, Lon Gill, wife and children, Wirt Greer and family, Chas. Love, wife and children, Clinton Greer, wife and children, John W. Greer, wife and family, William Crooks, wife and nephew, Chas. Barnett, of Muncie, Ind., Wm. Coleman and wife, Henry Carper, wife and grand-daughter, Mrs. John Chatten, Mrs. Bird Chatten and daughter, Vinton Rice and wife, Thos. Rice and wife, Mrs. Martha Stern and sister, Augusta, Oliver Kent, wife a d family, Hiram Stephenson, of Muncie, Ind., Mrs. Lelia Greer, John Greer, wife and family, Wm. Folden and wife, and Mr. Sayre, of Jackson county, Orin Pullin and wife.

CHARTER GRANTED

PROPOSED LINE TO RUN FROM POINT PLEASANT TO KANAWHA FALLS.

Charleston, W. Va., July 30.—An electric railroad from Kanawha Falls to Point Pleasant on the north side of the Kanawha river and running through Charleston has been started. Surveys are now well under way and a section about five miles long between Charleston and the new industrial city of Dunbar will be built as soon as surveys can be finished. The road, which the directors state will be built as soon as possible, is said to backed by unlimited capital and the incorporators are well known to be among the most successful and wealthy business men in the southern end of the state. Several northern capitalists are said to also be interested in the proposition. This was not denied by Hon. Fred Paul Grosscup, when asked in regard to outside capital being also concerned in the enterprise. The charter, which was issued several days ago but only released for publication yesterday afternoon at the Secretary of State's office, is issued to the Kanawha & Ohio Valley Traction Company.

The road which these gentlemen have planned to build will reach nearly 100,000 people in the Kanawha Valley and make the rich farming country along its route tributary to Charleston and Point Pleasant.

As soon as surveys are completed bids will be received for the construction work and the road pushed as rapidly as possible to completion.

"Yes, a number of gentlemen have made the start to build an electric road to be known as the Kanawha & Ohio Electric railroad. We have had two corps of engineers at work for some time under the direction of T. J. Carmack, making necessary surveys, maps and profilos, and we have nearly completed the same from Kanawha Falls to Charleston, and will begin at Charleston Monday and go noth-toward Point Pleasant. Work will begin as soon as the engineers' work is completed and right-of-way secured.

"They have, taking the syndicate as a whole, abundance of resources to carry out their plans, and everybody will move. An English syndicate is already planning to buid an electric railway from Huntington to Point Pleasant along the Ohio river.

Every business man and property holder can see what it will do for Point Pleasant.

BIG FIRE AT FAIRMONT.

Fairmont, W. Va., July 31.—Monongah, a mining town near here, was visited by a $100,000 fire this morning. Two blocks, twenty-one buildings burned to the ground. Several bnildings were dynamited to save the town. Very little insurance was carried by the property owners.