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WASSON'S TRIAL.

The Court Martial Assembles and Judge Advocate Clous makes a Specification of Charges.

Two Iowa Witnesses are Called and Give the Defaulting Major an Excellent Character.

The court martial detailed to investigate the charges made against Major J. R. Wasson, Paymaster of the Department of Texas, assembled this morning in the Commandant's office at the military depot. General Small presided, and all the members of the court were present. Judge Advocate Captain Clous was present to conduct the case for the military authorities; the accused was undefended. Major Wasson sat in the corner and was busily engaged in writing out questions as to character. He is a fine athlete, of distinguished appearance, cultivating a moustache of considerable dimensions. The minutes of the last meeting of the court having been read the

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES,

in which the accused was charged with having embezzled sums of $4000, $2500, $3700, $300, $900 and $24,000 that he stated was lost upon the Texas Pacific railroad. He was also charged with conduct unbecoming of an officer and a gentleman. The $3000 item, it may be mentioned, was obtained by check, whereas the stub of the check book only shows $30. To all these charges he pleads guilty, except that of embezzling the money alleged to be lost on the Texas Pacific railroad, and in this point it is understood that he takes issue only for the protection of his bondsmen, because $20,000 of that money was found in his desk at Galvestos and recovered by the military authorities.

Two witnesses were called by the accused and mainly testified as to character.

Captain J. A. Donnegan, of Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, being sworn, said: I know the accused. His name is J. R. Wasson. I was personally acquainted with him before entering the military college and

KNEW HIM FROM A BOY

up. His character for honesty, integrity and veracity was good. His father in the time of the rebellion enlisted in my company, and the boy (Major Wasson) was called home to take charge of his father's store, the principal store in the village. He was afterwards our distributing agent of the money we sent home. His conduct during the time of distributing was good. He was entrusted with our money and it came out all right. I heard nothing detrimental to his character before April, 1862. I was first Second Lieutenant and then Captain Company B, of the Thirty-fourth Iowa volunteers. He entered the service after my promotion to the Captaincy. He enlisted in my company. He was a good soldier, willing, and never off duty to my knowledge. His personal deportment was good. He was about 17 years old when he entered the service. An order came to me to send one of my soldiers to West Point for a cadetship. I tried hard to get him to go. He answered that he had taken up the musket and did not intend to lay it down until the rebellion was put down. I laughed at him.

The evidence was then read to the witness, and approved.

The court here intimated to the accused that as he conducted his own defence, he would be allowed to appear in undress uniform. Major Wasson thanked the court for the privilege, and observed that the full dress uniform was inconvenient for his work.

M. W. Barkhurst, also of Polk county, being sworn deposed: I know the accused. He is Major Wasson. I have known him since 1854. During the greater part of the time I was

VERY INTIMATE WITH HIM.

My associations with him were such that I had good opportunity of knowing his character, as we both lived in the same small town for several years. His character was good, I might say the very best. I know of nothing prior to this affair inconsistent with the character I have given him. I enlisted in 1862 and served three years during the rebellion. A greater part of the time I was attached to the Department of the Gulf. After the first six months I was made Second Sergeant Company B, Thirty-fourth Iowa Volunteers. Wasson enlisted in the same company. He was a private; part of the time we were in the same mess, occupied the same bunk and slept under the same blanket. His habits and character were of the very best. He joined the company, I believe, in January, 1864, and left it when mustered out in September, 1865. He was at the siege and capture of Forts Gaines and Morgan. He was previously in General Bank's trip on the Red river. After the capture of Fort Morgan he went to Pensacola and was present at the siege and capture of Blakeley. He was then sent to Galveston, and thence to Houston, where he

MUSTERED OUT.

His age, I think, was about 17 years, but I am not positive.

The deposition having been read and approved, Major Wasson said he had other witnesses to call, but they were not ready. He expected some would arrive to-night. On motion the court adjourned to meet at 10 a. m., to-morrow, Thursday, morning.

OLD MEXICO.

Some Features of the Geological Formation, and a Few Notes Concerning Mining in the Northern Part of Nuevo Leon.

The following report by Mr. R. J. Bogusch, the German chemist and mining expert, in the employ of Mr. Gifford in his mining interests in Mexico, may prove of interest to those of our readers who have an eye toward mining in that portion of Mexico:

The mountains of this State can be considered as side spurrows of the Sierra Madre, most of them running in parallel direction to the Sierra Madre itself, i. e., northwest and southeast. The principal mountains in this section of the State are the following: The Lampazos, Villaldama, Candela, Bustamente and Ceralvo. These mountain ranges received their names from the towns situated in or by them. Besides, there are the mountains around Monterey, amongst which are the Sierra Madre itself, the Mitre and Saddle mountains. A singular and at the same time picturesque feature of most of these mountains is their sudden rise from the plain to a height of three and four thousand feet.

The formation of these mountains belong in the greater part to the primary, and some like the mountains of Candela, part of the Ceralvo, etc., to the primitive or crystaline formation. The primary formation here is represented especially by silurian and some carboniferous limerock, on places by clay, slate and grauwacke. Eruptive rock does not, or but very scarcely, traverse this formation here. The limerock formation is very strong, the stratas assuming the most different angles to the horizontal plan. So while we find, for instance, the main body of the Bustamente mountains horizontal stratified, part of that of the Sierra Madre at Monterey shows the due vertical and the Mitre mountain showing both formations.

Though the primary formation is represented but by few formation rocks, the primitive to the reverse is whenever it shows itself represented by most the rocks belonging to that formation.

Ores which are of technical value and especially found in the silurian limerock, are argentiferous lead ores, on places good iron ore, and on some, principally in the crystaline formation, silver and gold bearing copper ores. The lead ores, that is galena and lead carbonate, are in some mines strongly intermixed with zinc ores—in some cases with other silver-bearing material. The lead ores run from a couple of ounces to 75 ounces of silver to the ton, in some cases much higher. It is deposited in true fissure and in pocket veins, the latter, however, predominating. The vein matter of almost all these silver-bearing lead mines consists of different oxides of iron, calcspar and clay; the oxides of iron especially in their hydrated state. As a general thing, the outcrops of these ores are found here in the higher altitude of the mountains.

The principal mining districts, to my knowledge, in this section of the State are the districts of Minas Viejas, Vallecillo, Iguana, Candela, Ceralvo, Monterey and others. Mining was commenced here at an early date, on some places as far back as 200 and 300 years. Old trails, dumps, the artificial excavations of some mines as well as a large number of old smelters and stagnies, are plain evidence that mining at one time formed a very prominent feature of this State. Invasions of the Indians in former times, revolutions, and after the departure of the Spaniards from this country, lack of energy, has been the general cause of the abandoning of these mines.

As in every old mining country, and so here, of course there are mines and mines who do not deserve the name, simply being holes dug for prospecting purposes, which in many cases proved afterwards to be of no value, and still try to hold their names. But though in this State the mines may not all prove bonanzas, there are mines, which, when worked by our improved ways, experienced knowledge and energy, will in time well pay for the investment.

LOCAL PERSONALS.

Items Gleaned in the Hotel Corridors and from Various Other Sources.

A. G. Vogt, of the Boerne Advance, is a guest at the Central.

W. O. Tomkins, ex-Sheriff of La Salle county, is at the Central.

F. J. Freitag, a merchant of Castroville, is staying at the Central.

Mr. S. D. Cordova, merchant of Austin, is registered at the Hord.

Mr. E. F. Hollingsworth, manufacturer of Connecticut, is at the Hord.

On June 6th the child of John Smith, aged six months, died of cholera.

Mr. C. H. Johnson, commercial man of New York, is registered at the Hord.

F. Van Buren, stockman of Crockett county, has his headquarters at the Central.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, owner of several extensive sheepranches in Mexico, is at the Hord.

Mr. J. M. Brownsen, of Victoria, President of the National bank, San Antonio, is registered at the Maverick.

Mr. D. Kraus, of the firm of Stern & Kraus, large merchants of Montgomery, Alabama, stays at the Menger, and will be here a few days.

Colonel F. W. Shaeffer, from San Diego, Texas, a sheepman, is at the Menger, accompanied by Messrs. James O'Luby, and Felix B. del Barrio of the same place.

Captain George Littlefield, stockman of Gonzales, returned from his ranche in New Mexico, yesterday evening, and left this morning for his home in Gonzales.

Colonel W. B. Sayers and family, of Gonzales, stopped at the Menger last night, and went to Austin this morning. Mr. and Mrs. D. S. H. Darst, also of Gonzales accompanied them.

LIGHT SPARKS.

—The Medina park excursions will commence shortly.

—A. Morris advertises how you can save money.

—Joske & Sons have the uniform police (?) on exhibition.

—The new building of Joske & Sons is nearing completion.

—Elder Wilmeth will preach to-night at 8 o'clock at the Travis park.

—To-day the child of Pedro Solazer, 11 months old, died in the First ward.

—The Ancient Hibernians meet on Thursday, not on Tuesday, as stated yesterday.

—There will be an invitation hop and picnic at San Pedro springs Saturday night.

—The Rev. W. H. Dodson united Mr. Will Cayce to Miss Ida Cochran last night.

—Elder Pennington will preach this evening at 8 p. m. in the Tenth street church.

—Several new cars have been placed on the Avenue C section of the Street Car company.

—The Bexar Benevolent society meets tonigh to elect officers for the ensuing half year.

—Mr. Henry H. Hunt will be married on Saturday the 16th inst., to his fiancee, Miss Mamie Wursel.

—The Bexar County Wool Growers could not meet yesterday owing to their inability to get a Quorum.

—A train was fired into near Chappel hill on Monday, but no damage was done beyond the breakage of glass.

—A music teacher on Houston street is missing. It may be a small affair, but many are anxious to learn her whereabouts.

—A church ice-cream festival is upon the tapis for the early part of next week. The Light will keep the young folks posted.

—The National Tyrolean Concert company appear at Sommers & Peterson's saloon on the 16th instant, and will play there for a week

—Yesterday the new piece of grading at the Sunset was finished, and it is expected the shops will soon be moved to their new site.

—A meeting of the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent society will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the vestry rooms of Temple Beth El.

—The rehearsals for "Martha" are going on every night, and Professor Katzenberger hopes he will soon be able to produce the above opera.

—One of the bondsmen of Henry Goldwater surrendered him before United States Commissioner W. C. Robards, and he promptly gave new bond.

—Complaints of the postoffice are being made at the Maverick by travelers. No information they say can be got, and time is too precious to waste.

—In Justice Shields' court this morning Jas. Duggan sued Joseph Atkinson for an account of $37 50. The case was tried by jury and a verdict given for defendant.

—The rain deferred the sale of lots at the Hord hotel by Captain Hosack yesterday, and owing to the city tax sales being made will be deferred till further notice.

—The Boerne Polo club intend paying a visit to Austin, where they will play an exhibitional game. Should the trip pay, they intend making a tour round the country.

THE SECOND WARD SCHOOL

Keeps Up its Old Standard, and is Creditable to the Teachers.

Professor Rote made his annual visitation to the Second Ward school this morning. He appeared well pleased, and thought it would compare favorably with those of other wards.

Miss Hebgen superintended the teaching of the fifth and sixth grades, who showed a thorough knowledge of the subjects in which they had been taught, viz: reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and language lessons.

The reciting of Miss Birdie Cochran was much applauded, the piece recited being "He doeth his alms to be seen of men."

Willie Weber performed his part by reciting "The collier's dying child" in a very creditable manner.

In the sixth and seventh grades Miss Nicolls taught the same subjects with the exception of language lessons, and her pupils did remarkably well.

Miss Holmes' pupils in the sixth and seventh grades having the same studies, with the exception of language and geography, proved that they had been creditably taught.

The eighth grade, taught by Mrs. Merrick, showed considerable proficiency in reading, writing, arithmetic and science.

The maps, writings and drawings, taken as a whole, were good and indicative of improvement. The rooms, like those of the other wards, were decorated with flowers, and compete in beauty with any of them.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS BOILED DOWN.

A GOOD rain fell in Austin yesterday.

WACO is making an effort to establish a race track.

THE drouth in Virginia is reported worse than in Texas.

The Republican State convention of Ohio convened at Columbus yesterday.

LEON GIRAUD has received the contract for building the new market house at Laredo.

QUEEN VICTORIA is reported quite ill, and the doctors fear she will never entirely recover.

THOMAS MILLBURN, a lunatic, hung himself with a handkerchief in jail at Galveston Sunday night.

THE Fort Worth and Dallas racing associations are arranging a programme for the fall races.

THE Hill Investigation committee is still grinding away. The job promises to last all the summer.

THE Supreme lodge of A. O. U. W. convened at Buffalo, N. Y., yesterday. The attendance is very large.

PART of Barnum's circus burned at Chicago yesterday. Loss, $16,000; no insurance, but Barnum can stand it.

THE Sunset railway surveying corps are now making preliminary surveys in the neighborhood of San Saba.

THE City Tax Collector of Houston is stirring up some of the saloon keepers for selling under improper licenses.

HON. R. Q. MILLS, of Corsicana, has been selected as orator for graduation day at Annapolis Naval academy.

THE American Medical association began its 34th annual meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday. One thousand delegates are present.

LILLIE MARSH, one of the "fallen," age 16, tried to die yesterday at Waco by taking morphine. The good doctors saved her life.

THE County Attorney at Austin has ruled that persons indicted for gambling must answer in person, and not through an attorney.

ROME, June 5.—It is the intention of the Vatican to express its thanks to Great Britain for aid extended Catholic missionaries in Soudan.

THE North German Gazette denies that Bismarck consulted judicial authority in relation to Federal treaty, with a view of abolishing the Reichstag.

MOSCOW, June 5.—The Mayor of Moscow has gone to his estate in Tambow, or in other words, has been banished for having expressed himself in his speech to the Mayors of cities during the coronation festival, that the Czar would institute a constitutional regime.

—THE LIGHT is pleased to learn that Mrs. Emily Pierce, a special contributor to Frank Leslie's publications, who has been dangerously ill with Roman fever at Monterey, Mex., for the past six weeks, is now out of danger and improving rapidly. She is in the hands of friends and her every want has attention.

SIERRA LEONE, June 5.—King Koffee Kalkalli, author of the late war in Ashantee, has been forcibly restored to his throne. The British envoy has been sent to Comassie to endeavor to arrange a peaceable understanding of the difficulty. Five hundred persons have been roasted alive for witchcraft in the Shebarro district.

CINCINNATI, June 5.—In the International Typographical Union same time was spent over the credentials of the delegate from Boston. He was not admitted on account of informality. Officers read reports showing the union to be in a strong condition and $30,000 surplus in the treasury. Twenty-five new unions were added in the past year. There are now 175 unions in the International organization, represented by 85 delegates.

Real Estate Transfers.

Sarah J. Eager to C. C. Galloway, Jr., parcel of land in county of Bexar, lot number 37, original lot on tract number 5, range 2, and district number 6. Consideration $200.

Sarah J. Eager to L. B. Haywood, parcel of land in Bexar county, containing 9 46-100 acres of land, known as lot 9, of original lot number 5, range 2, district 6. Consideration $200.

Sarah J. Eager to R. S. Richardson, parcel of land in county of Bexar, containing 9 46-100 acres of land, known as lot number 7, of original lot number 5, range number 2, district number 6. Consideration $200.

Jacob E. Fisher to G. W. Polk, parcel of land in Bexar county, known as lot number 30, block number 2, fourth north range of San Pedro creek. Consideration $650.

Phil Adamitz to Thomas Pickscgill and Jane, his wife, lot number 8, in block number 58, fronting on north side of Sherman street, 50 varas, running back in a northerly direction (75) varas. Consideration $1475.

S. P. Hurd and Miss Ellen J. M. Hurd to C. E. Cupples, parcel of land in Bexar county, beginning at the northwest corner of Henry Haberman's lot, thence on the Calleson del Abeage street, north 87½ west 50 feet, thence on a parallel line with the said Haberman lot, 50 feet, thence on a parallel line with the Calleson Del Obraje, 50 feet to the said Haberman lot.

Pound Notice.

Taken up, and in City Pound on corner of East and West Houston street, on the first day of June, 1883, one (1) spotted cow branded NEP; one (1) white cow branded NEP; one (1) spotted heifer branded NEP; one (1) red heifer branded NEP; one (1) bay mare branded X2 on left shoulder, which will, if not redeemed before sale, be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at said pound, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., on the 20th day of June, 1883.

N. B.—Bids less than the amount fixed by ordinance will not be received for any animal put up at auction.

PHIL SHARDEIN, Marshal.