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REMINISCENCES OF MARK TWAIN

Old Comrades Relate Stories About Humorist's Early Days.

HIS WIT KEEN TO THE LAST.

Asked Friend to Visit Him Before They Got Too Old to Hear Each Other Swear—When He Was Taken For Buffalo Bill—One of His Last Beautiful Thoughts.

San Francisco's old timers and others have been recalling the days, fifty years ago, when the late Samuel L. Clemens, the great humorist, was plain Sam Clemens and the name Mark Twain had little significance for anybody except steamboat men on the Mississippi river.

"Back in the old days," mused Joseph T. Goodman, the pioneer editor of the west, who gave to Mr. Clemens his first job as a writer, "Sam was the best company, the drollest entertainer and the most interesting fellow imaginable. His humor was always creeping out and stayed with him to the last.

"A few weeks ago I received a letter from him couched in characteristic terms. He wrote, 'Come on and visit me once more before we get so old we can't hear each other swear.'

"It was my privilege to read many of his works in manuscript before they were sent to the publishers. I recollect his giving me the manuscript of 'Roughing It' to read one afternoon when I was visiting him in the early seventies. He made a great hit with 'Innocents Abroad,' and he was afraid he would not sustain his newly acquired reputation. When I began to read Sam sat down at his desk and wrote nervously.

"For an hour I read along intently, hardly noticing that Sam was beginning to fret and shift about uneasily. At last he could not stand it any longer, and, jumping up, he exclaimed: 'D— you, you have been reading that stuff an hour and you haven't cracked a smile yet. I don't believe I'm keeping up my lick.'"

His First Newspaper Work.

"Mark Twain lacked only seven months and nine days of fourscore years of age," said Judge C. C. Goodwin, a veteran editor of Salt Lake City, in commenting on the death of the humorist. Judge Goodwin was one of the brilliant company who gathered at the Comstock lode in the old days.

"I know he said that he was only seventy-four," continued the judge, "but when we were in Virginia City, Nev., Mark was older than I was, and I am seventy-eight. Here is the record of it." He opened a book of biographies by Amelia J. Carver, published in 1889. There it was: "Samuel L. Clemens, born Nov. 30, 1830."

"I did not go on the Virginia City Enterprise until Clemens left it," said Judge Goodwin, "but I never ceased to hear from him. He first wrote a burlesque Fourth of July oration, which was published in an Aurora (Nev.) paper. As I remember it, it began:

"'I was sired by the great American eagle and borne by a Continental dam.' This pleased Joseph T. Goodman, editor of the Virginia City Enterprise. He wrote to Clemens, telling him that if he were not making more than the Enterprise was paying he would be welcomed to the staff of the paper. One day a man came into the editorial sanctum. He wore a dilapidated hat, jeans, a hickory shirt and carried a roll of blankets. That was Mark Twain's entrance into literature. Except for his experience on the Enterprise it is doubtful if he would ever have been known as a genius."

A Child's Tribute.

Dan Beard, the artist and naturalist, who lives only a half mile from Stormfield, Mark Twain's home at Redding, Conn., where he died, told a recent experience the humorist had confided to him. He was walking up Fifth avenue, in New York, when a little girl about ten years old slipped her hand in his and started to match his stride.

"I'm awful glad to see you," she said.

"Are you?" said he. "That's very nice."

"Yes," she answered. "I knew you right away." They continued to the next corner chatting, he proud that he could be so well known that a little girl like this could pick him out. Suddenly a horrible thought struck him, and he stopped. "Who am I?" he asked, turning around. "Why," answered his companion, "Buffalo Bill, of course."

A Visit to Wall Street.

A white haired man gnawing pensively at a large, black cigar passed slowly along Wall street in New York one day several years ago. Everything about him marked him as one who did not belong to any branch of the family of clerks, office boys, brokers and financiers who hurried past him. As he came in front of the subtreasury building he stopped and gazed silently at the big bronze statue of Washington on the treasury steps.

"George," he drawled, slowly taking off his black slouch hat, "George, times have changed since you were here."

It was Mark Twain. To him the ways of Wall street were ever written in an unknown tongue. On this particular occasion he had just passed through a stormy session in a banker's office, in the course of which his knowledge of things financial had been sorely tested. An investment in which he saw nothing but rosy prospects had been painted in its true colors by men whose advice he felt to be more trustworthy than his own in such matters.

This sort of thing happened over and over again. Twain was forever thinking up new schemes for investing his earnings, schemes which fell through when the humorist brought them to Wall street. Once he came to the office of a banker with a bundle of excelsior under his arm and a spiral hatpin in his pocket and, finding that the banker was in Europe, spent the entire morning demonstrating to the office force the advantage of the spiral pin over other kinds.

He used the excelsior as a head of hair, plunging the corkscrew shaped pin into it and showing that it "stayed put"—that it didn't fall out like ordinary hatpins. The office force was convulsed. It did not know whether to take him in earnest or not. Yet he seemed to be in deadly earnest. He thought that pin would be a great thing if it could be placed on the market. The manager of the office, who to this day is not sure whether Twain was joking or not, believes that he wanted the banking house to float bonds on the strength of the spiral hatpin. Wall street, in fact, understood Mark Twain about as well as he understood Wall street.

A Joke at His Expense.

Probably the best joke that ever happened at Mark Twain's expense occurred a few years ago when he passed through Monroe county, Mo., on his way from Hannibal to Columbia. He was on a Missouri, Kansas and Texas local passenger train, and the trip across the country was a triumph, hundreds of people gathering at the different stations to see and shake hands with him. At Paris there were 2,000.

A week prior there had occurred at Paris, Mo., the county seat, the only lynching in the history of the county. A man named Witherup had killed a boy named Grow, cut his body up, placed it in a sack and hauled it to the river three miles distant. The friends of the boy's family organized a mob, which the citizens and the officers alike considered a joke, and after watching it parley around until midnight without doing anything all the spectators save the more curious and a few small boys, street gamins, went to bed. At 1 o'clock the mob overpowered the sheriff and broke into the jail. The prisoner was dragged from his cell, and as the tall and gaunt form was passed by strong arms out into the moonlight the boys who were perched on top of a coal shed near the jail door cried out: "Here he comes! Here he comes!"

This was answered by men on the outskirts of the crowd with the shout: "Get a rope! Get a rope!" And the murderer was finally taken to a bridge near town and hanged.

When Mark's train slipped into Paris some of these same gamins were perched on box cars on the side track. The crowd thought the distinguished vistor would appear on the steps between the chair car and the smoker and surged that way. He did not appear, however, and disappointment was keen until some one at the rear of the train caught sight of him coming out and shouted: "Here he comes! Here he comes!" Immediately above the confusion and noise arose the shout of one of the gamins: "'Get a rope! Get a rope!"

His Serious Jests.

Spontaneity, playful extravagance, the ignoring of the conventional and the staid, even at the risk of shocking limited and literal beings, were characteristics of Mark Twain. His scrawl on a card to a sick man on whom he called, "God and I are sorry that you are so ill," was an expression that came to him without the slightest hesitancy over its incongruity.

His calm remark that he thought that the report was somewhat exaggerated when it was bruited that he was dead is on a par with his philosophical outlook on the game of destiny.

"I hear," he wrote to the press last Christmas eve, "that the newspapers say I am dying. I would not do such a thing at my time of life. I am behaving as well as I can. Merry Christmas to everybody!"

One of the last of those beautiful and reverent thoughts which Mr. Clemens so often uttered was spoken only a few days before his last departure for Bermuda. He and Mr. Frederick A. Duneka were playing billiards late in the night in one of the great rooms in Stormfield.

"The shades were drawn aside," said Mr. Duneka, "and from the windows we could look out into the clear night. I remarked that the moonlight was heavenly.

"'One of my ideas of heaven,' said Mr. Clemens slowly, 'is a place full of friends.'"

Electric Lights on Rolling Chairs.

The latest fad on the board walk at Atlantic City, N. J., is a rolling chair brilliantly lighted by electricity. It is a private chair, and installed beneath the seat are eight dry batteries in connection with four incandescent lights projecting from the roof. It is arranged for a gentleman who does not wish to forego his favorite newspaper or magazine when riding on the board walk at night.

One Room Homes For the Poor.

Single room dwellings for the use of the poor are being experimented with by the city of Newcastle, England.

SPORTING NEWS

Crowley Wins First Place in Track Meet, New Orleans Second—Buckley of Crowley Scores Highest Number of Points—Shreveport Did Well.

The High School Meet which took place at Baton Rouge last Friday and Saturday was highly successful. There were pupils from all over the State and the rivalry was intense. Over six hundrel children participated. Crowley captured first place with 30 points, New Orleans second with 22, Amite third with 18, and Winnfield fourth with 16. Shreveport made 8 points. A large Louisiana banner of old gold and purple, donated by the Y. M. C. A. of the Louisiana State University, will be awarded to Crowley as the winner of the meet.

In addition to capturing the meet, Crowley also furnished the athlete who made the highest number of points, Forest Buckley, who made a total of 16. Close behinw him came Tom Huffman of Winnfield, who scored 15 points, and A. Sanders of Amite who rolled up 14 points.

In the track events New Orleans captured the mile relay race, and along with it the cup awarded to the winning team in this contest. The cup was won last year by Baton Rouge. This school was not represented in this race this year. Crowley was second in the race and Amite third. The time was 4 minutes, 6 1-2 seconds.

The athletic events of the day started out with a base ball game between Evergreen and Winnfield. The game was a hot and prtty one throughout, the final score being 1 to 0 in Evergreen's favor.

In the tennis contests Bastrop was victorious.

Shreveport was very successful and won in the following events: Exhibit of work in history, Shreveport first, Baton Rouge second, Alexandria third. Prize, set of Woodrow Wilson's History of the United States. Ernest Sipe of Shreveport won the mile race in 5 minutes, 19 seconds, Huges of of Washington was second and Brown of Minden was third. Culberson of Shreveport won the 120 yard hurdles in 17 4-5 seconds. Forest Buckley of Crowley was second and S. Morris of New Orleans third.

This makes the third mile race that Ernest Sipe has won in less than two months, a record to be proud of when one thinks of how many contestants there were in the meets. He has proven that he is one of the best runners in Louisiana. He won the mile race over at Princess Park, also the one over at the North Louisiana High School meet at Minden. J. Culberson has also shown that he is some kind of a hurdle runner, as he has won over all contestants in the last races he has run, at Princess Park, Minden and Baton Rouge.

Minden also did well in the meet, Tom Dutton won second place in the hammer throw and third place in the shot put. Leland Longino was third in the 50 yard dash and Herbert Brown was third in half mile race, Brown was also third in mile race.

THE DAY OF SMALL FARMS.

New Orleans States: In Georgia, we are told, the great plantations have disappeared in a number of counties, because this is a day of small farms, and where a planter in ante-bellum times cultivated a vast country estate with hundreds of slaves the land is now occupied by dozens of busy farmers. From Cordele, Ga., comes the news that one of the largest and most notable plantations in the South will soon be only a memory, because it is to be turned into 1200 small farms.

It is known as the Hugenin plantation consisting of 12,000 acres of land, located across the Flint river, in Sumpter county, about eight miles from Cordele. This great estate, which during the civil war was called the "Egypt of the Confederacy," because many of the supplies used by the soldiers were raised by the slaves of the Hugenin family, is to be divided into small farms of 100 acres each for the purpose of selling them to the farmers of northern Georgia, who have for years been living on poor lands.

It will be a great day for Louisiana when she follows the example of Georgia and divides her vast sugar estates into small farms to be settled by thrifty farmers from the West and other sections, because it will mark the beginning of a new era of marvelous progress and prosperity for the State which will develop many manufacturing enterprises to supply the needs of a largely increased population.

FISH HATCHERIES.

Mr. A. L. Ponder is stumping the State in favor of a law establishing fish hatcheries throughout the State. We have already a number of laws that have hatched innumerable small fry fish, like the Game Commission, wardens and others, and nothing but harm has been the result, as yet. However, there can be no harm in talking, as the people take the whole business as an amusing joke, and we don't think our friend Ponder takes anything seriously but the salary attached thereto.—Mansfield Enterprise.

The salary attached thereto is the serious part of the Ponder hatcheries. How much would Mr. Ponder talk of the hatcheries without the salary attached thereto?

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Vital statistics of Shreveport for the week ending April 30, 1910.

Marriages: Charley Criss and Willie A. Biril; Joe Blackshear and Rebecca Reed; Sam Ward and Martha Robinson.

Births: Oscar J. Dunn and wife, girl. Black: Anderson Galligar and wife, boy. P. E. Morehead and wife, girl; Sam Moseley and wife, girl.

Deaths: John Hobson, 45 years; John Frater, 78 years; Georgy H. Cruse, 18 years; Henry J. Walls, 41 years. Black: Rosa Johnson, 40 years; Martha A. Allen, 39 years; Eliza Mathews, 16 years; Wm. A. Davis, 1 year. Non-residents: John Wright, 50 years; W. T. Poole, 56 years; Mary Sanders, 35 years; William Luck, 68 years. Black: Victoria Beard, 20 years; Keno Long, 76 years; H. Frank, 27 years; Lizzie Wiggins, 17 years; Eleanor Cade, 23 years; John Harrell, 40 years.

Of above 9 died at Charity Hospital.

A. S. REISOR,
D. B. SEAY, Sec. Health Officer.

CHARLES WHEELER IMPROVING.

It is pleasing to note that Charles Wheeler, bookkeeper of the Glen Lumber Company, is improving and convalescing rapidly. His recovery seems providential. It will be recalled that he was assaulted by a negro who attempted to murder him. He received three wounds from the negro's pistol, each being serious. The negro escaped. The negro resented his being driven from the company's ground for bringing whiskey into thec ompany's camp. The Glen Lumber Company is situated near Jefferson, Texas.

SUPPOSE?

Atlanta Constitution: The goat Mr. Bryan captured in South America is a poor substitute for the trick mule he gave away. And suppose it should get hungry, and devour a barrel of his speeches, or one of his new platforms?

RIVER AND WEATHER.

This morning opened cloudy.

River: Denison 0.3, a fall of 0.2; Arthur City 7.0; Lewis eFrry 6.5, a fall of 0.5; White Cliffs 2.5, a fall of 0.3; Fulton 8.5, a fall of 0.4; Ringo Crossing 0.4, a fall of 0.1; Finley 1.0; Spring Bank 7.7, a fall of 0.8; Shreveport 3.9, a fall of 0.5.

Weather forecast for Shreveport and vicinity: Probably local showers tonight or Wednesday; colder.

PEARY TO GET MEDAL.

London, May 2.—Commander Robert E. Peary came here today to receive the gold medal from the Royal Geographical Society and to deliver his lecture on his trip to the north pole. He will receive the medal on Monday. The explorer expects to be in Europe several weeks.

With the commander are Mrs. Peary and Capt. Robert Bartlett of the arctic steamer Roosevelt. The party was met by Major Leonard Dryan, the president, and Secretary Keltie of the Royal Geographical Society, Commander Edward Simpson, naval attache at London, and a committee of the Pilgrims Society.

THE HOME OVER THERE

Ruston Leader: "Oh think of the home over there," is the sweet refrain of a popular hynm. We do not want to throw any cold water oon the honest efforts of the pious poet, but we do wish he had directed his energies to the improvement of the home down here. When a man or woman thinks of the home over there so much that the home below the clouds gets little attention, we think that kind of piety is not practical. Think of the home that you occupy, and try to make it better, happier and purer. The home over there is in beteed hands, and won't need your exclusive attention until you get there.

THE POSTOFFICE.

The postoffice will not be moved tonight as scheduled, nor can any date be fixed for the removal to the Slattery building, but the transfer from the present building to Slattery's will be effected during this week.

DISTRICT COURT.

The session of the District Court, Judge Murff, was limited this morning. At the session this evening the cases fixed for trial are for larceny.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Mrs. Pauline McFee to C. E. Byrd, lot 14 and west half of lot 13 in Land subdivision; $850.

Mrs. Jennie Neeland to Geo. L. Harris, lot 5 blovk 16 Parkview; $2500.

Heirs of Mary J. Lawrence by sheriff to Dr. Paul Lawrence, lot 6 in Block 18 Shreveport; $1200.

Ed. E. Lemmond to D. P. Eubank and Sam W. Mason, 70 acres in north half of section 8, 19, 16; $1500.

J. S. Williams to P. L. Blackman, 3-4 interest in northwest quarter of northeast quarter section 23, 17, 14; 1-3 interest in lots 2, 19, 20, 24 E. M. Smith subdivision; $1000.

W. J. Hutchinson Jr., to J. G. Hester, part of lots 5 and 6 block B, Texarkana annex; $1000.

Louisiana Real Estate and Development Co. to Harry Kaplan, lot 24 Patzman subdivision; lot 4 block 11 Currie subdivision; west half of lot 5 Boisseau subdivision; $3500.

STATE TAX SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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Fairfield Heights. State 25c, parish 55c, interest 8c, cost $3.75; total $4.63.

Sanderson, J. D.—10 acres, east half of east half of southeast quarter of the northwest quarter section 17, 19, 16. State 50c, parish $1.10, interest 16c, cost $3.75; total $5.51.

Schluter, L. S.—30 acres, lot 3 block A, lot 7 block B, lot 2 block C, lot 4 block D, lot 1 block E, lot 2 block F, sections 3 and 10, 19, 16. State $1.50, parish $3.30, interest 48c, cost $4.75; total $10.03.

Schanks, Wm. P. and W. H. Whited—Lot 184 Bowman Lane. State 20c, parish 44c, interest 7c, cost $3.75; total $4.46.

Shelby, Manny—Lot 4 square Chapman subdivision. State 60c, parish $1.32, school 12c, interest 20c, cost $3.75; total $5.99.

Singleton, J. M.—30 acres, lot 1 block A, lot 5 block B, lot 1 block C, lot 1 block D, lot 2 block E, lot 1 block F, sections 3 and 10, 19, 16. State $1.50, parish $3.30, interest 48c, cost $4.75; total $10.03.

Smith, E. K.—One acre square in the northeast corner of southwest quarter of southwest quarter section 1 from C. L. O. & P. L. Co.; 5 acres, east half of north 10 acres of south 13 acres of west half of southeast quarter of northeast quarter section 3, 20, 16. State $1.00, parish $2.20, interest 32c, cost $3.75; total $7.27.

Smith, Wl. W. est.—8 acres, 1-2 interest in 16 acres in Silver Lake tract. State $4.20, parish $9.24, interest $1.35, cost $4.75; total $19.54.

Stanton, M. A.—Lot 1 block C, Oil City annex. State 75c, parish $1.65, interest 24c, cost $4.75; total $7.39.

Swanson, W. C. est.—20 acres, lot 3, being fractional south half of northwest quarter section 8, 20, 15. State $2.50, parish $5.50, interest 80c, cost $3.75; total $12.55.

Terrell, J. E. and Harry Preans—One acre, lot 36 of west half of northeast quarter section 5, 19, 16. State 10c, parish 22c, interest 3c, cost $4.75; total $5.10.

Thompson, Alonzo—Lot 4 E. M. Smith subdivision. State 25c, parish 55c, school 5c, interest 9c, cost $4.75; total $5.69.

Tucker, J. O.—Beginning at north side of Park street to south line off Park street 60 feet, thence 100 feet K. C. S. R. R., north 60 feet, out of 100 feet reserved K. C. S. R. R. State 10c, parish 22c, interest 3c, cost $4.75; total $5.10.

Tullis, Mrs. Nannie—30 acres, lot 8 block A, lot 7 block C, lot 7 block D, lot 3 block E, lot 6 block F, section 10, 19, 16. State $1.50, parish $3.30, interest 48c, cost $3.75; total $10.03.

Watson, A. M.—41.65 acres in fractional southwest quarter of southeast quarter and fractional south half of southwest quarter section 12, 20, 16. State $30.75, parish $67.65, interest $9.84, cost $4.75; total $112.99.

Wiess, Marx—20 acres in center of north half of northeast quarter section 17, 18, 14. State 50c, parish $1.10, interest 16c, cost $3.75; total $5.51.

Wilson, Geo. F.—Lot 133 Bowman Lane. State 20c, parish 41c, school 4c, interest 7c, cost $4.75; total $5.50.

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J. P. FLOURNOY,
Sheriff and ex-Officio Tax Collector.
April 28, 1910.

NOTICE.

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In conformity with section 63, Act No. 85 of 1888, and the laws in such cases, as provided, notice is hereby given to all parties holding mortgages upon real estate located in the Parish of Caddo and State of Louisiana, on which taxes for the year 1909 have not been paid, that I will begin the sale of same at the court house door on

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1910,

at 11 a.m., that a number of pieces of property so delinquent are now being advertised in this newspaper in conformity with the law, preparatory to such sale. The attention of mortgage creditors is especially called to those advertisements of tax sales, and they are warned to take such steps prior to the sale as may be necessary to protect their rights.

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