

ANTEDATES COLUMBUS.

OLD COIN FOUND IN A ROCK.

It Bears Date 1243, and a Curious Story is Told of It.

Buffalo Express.

A remarkable coin has been brought to light in a remarkable manner. It was taken from a resting place, where it must have been lodged for centuries. It bears on its face the proofs of its antiquity. The find is an extraordinary one. The story of the discovery, as told by the owner of the coin, is also extraordinary.

James B. Wooster, whose place of business is at 178 Seneca street, has just returned from a visit to relatives in Seio, Harrison county, O., bringing the coin with him. Recently, when some laborers were harrowing a field near the town of Seio, their implement struck a large stone, the force of the blow splitting the rock. A piece was wedged in the harrow, and was removed with considerable difficulty. A laborer noticed a bright object incased in the rock. He picked up the stone, and with his knife picked out what proved to be a silver coin. Scraping off the dirt and polishing the surface with his handkerchief, he saw the piece was foreign, and put it in his pocket.

Upon returning to the house the man showed the coin to Mr. Wooster and his cousin. They examined it carefully, and easily made out the date and the King's name in whose reign it had been coined. The piece is silver and about one sixteenth of an inch less in diameter than a dime. It is also a little thinner. On the front of the coin is a head in relief, and underneath is the date 1218. Surrounding the head in Roman letters are the words "Ferdin VII." and "Del Gratia." The date side of the coin is by far better preserved than the other side. The date can be seen indistinctly with the naked eye, but with a magnifying-glass the number stands forth clearly, with no chance for a mistake.

The reverse side of the coin bears in the centre a shield divided into four parts, each one of the two opposite divisions containing an upright lion, and the other two a figure that resembles most a Roman lyre. Above the shield is a crown, and on the sides two columns with a snake entwining. There is evidence of lettering around these symbols, but with the most powerful magnifying-glass that could be obtained only four letters, which apparently completed the end of a word, could be deciphered. These are "span." This side of the coin is worn quite smooth. The edge of the piece is unmillled and without indentations of any kind. There are three black marks on the coin which resemble rust spots eaten into the surface.

A careful search was made in ancient histories for such a potentate as Ferdinand VII., but no such name could be found. There is a Ferdinand VII., of Spain, who was born in 1784, but the date on the coin and the fact that it was securely imbedded in rock would put aside the theory that the name might have been abbreviated. It takes rock at least two centuries to harden, and consequently the coin must have been dropped in the sand, which ultimately turned to stone, long before Ferdinand VII., King of Spain, was issuing money. The coat-of-arms on the coin does not correspond with Spanish arms, moreover, although the pillar and serpent are similar to the representations of the Pillars of Hercules, Capes Gibraltar, and Centa, found on Spanish milled dollars and pieces of eight. But most conclusively of all, the plain date on the coin and its stony prison stand as proof of its antiquity.

Some wandering explorer of the Columbian age, or possibly even earlier, must have been strolling over the country that is now Ohio with some loose change and a hole in his pocket. The fair condition of the piece would signify that it had not been in circulation long, and hence comes the deduction that at least as early as the beginning of the fourteenth century the United States was visited by a more or less civilized being, of whose visit history has no record.

Mr. Wooster is looking for an expert in antique coins to ascertain the identity of this interesting relic and its value. Three men were present when the coin was found, and are ready to make affidavits to the manner of its discovery.

Hot Weather Hints.

In taking long rides on warm days it is better to ride before noon and after 4 o'clock in the afternoon. When seized with a feeling of exhaustion, fatigue, headache or faintness, the rider should dismount at once and lie down in a cool and shady place. Riders who are subject to such seizures should carry a small quantity of aromatic spirits of ammonia. A teaspoonful in a little cold water will do wonders. The ride, however, should be discontinued at once. The back of the head should be protected from the warm sun, a helmet being much better than a light cap. There should be no tight collar about the throat and the front of the shirt should be open if possible.

THE WORLD'S NECESSITIES

Should be Considered by The Young Man Choosing a Career.

Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., in an article on "Selecting a Career," addressed to young men, in August Ladies' Home Journal, says: "In the life of each one of us, when we reach a certain stage in our history, there comes a moment that is the thrilling counterpart of that, a moment when we become strangely conscious of resource, and when the fibres of body, mind and spirit knit themselves into a kind of rigid consciousness of power, and when that power is felt with bewildering distinctness in its relations to the times in which we are living and to the years that we are facing. And the same overwhelming question comes to us as came to Jesus when He heard God's voice; as came to Moses when he beheld the burning bush; as came to Paul amid the dazzling light by Damascus: 'What am I going to do with it all? I can make myself great by means of it, or I can make the world great by means of it—now which?' It is a big question, and you cannot answer a big question in a small way. It strikes to the very root of the whole business of life, and you cannot possibly grasp the root by chewing the twigs on the branches. It is one of those crises in a man's life that for success or failure reaches clear out to the end of the years. The entire genius of the whole Christian business lies right in there.

"It is a matter of throwing one's self for all he is worth into the scale of the world's necessities, and the process of choosing a career is simply the way in which one meets the question as to the particular channel along which the world's necessities can best be reached and supplied by his own personal resources."

Vicarious Punishment in India

London Mail.

A student of life and manners in the Punjab has been struck by the large proportion of very old men in the Indian jails. In the prison at Mooltan there were last year seventeen life prisoners, whose total ages were found to amount to more than 1,100 years, two of them being patriarchs of upward of 80 years.

This remarkable fact is attributed partly to the great improvement in the economy of the Indian jails since the exposure of their mismanagement some years ago, but more directly to the prevalent practice, when a crime has been committed, of handing over the least useful member of the family as a sort of vicarious offering to justice.

On this point the Inspector-General of Indian Prisons observed that the confinement which conviction entails is of course, less irksome to the aged than to the young.

"Moreover," he continues, "the people know that a specially comfortable place in the shape of good food, ample clothing, a special dietary, the lightest of work, and a society not entirely ungenial await the old man in our jails.

"A case has been cited in which a man had been strangled. The person to whom the crime, by his own confession, was brought home was a feeble old fellow who had been paralyzed in both arms for twenty years, and could not have committed the crime. But, as his family all said he did it, and he himself said he did, and as there were plenty of 'eye-witnesses,' the old man went cheerfully to the jail, and lies there still."

Profitable Publicity.

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When times are good, advertising pays, because, although there be much advertising, there is much buying.

When times are bad, advertising pays, because although there may be little buying, there is little advertising, and the man who advertises is more conspicuous, and stands more in a class by himself, and draws from those who don't advertise the business that might be theirs if they did advertise.

Dull time advertising, sometimes pays better than good advertising because some people are buying all the time, and they are more likely to buy of the man who advertises, than of the man who doesn't.

Times may be dull now. Times ought to be dull now. Times can't be good all the time. It is largely because the local merchant assists in making them dull by thinking they are dull.

Not a Word.

Selected. The preciousness of silence receives a new illustration in a court-room incident reported by the Helena Independent.

Four years ago, more or less, two men were convicted of horse-stealing in the District Court of Choteau County. They deserved a sentence of ten years' imprisonment, but Judge Du Bose, for some reason, let them off with three years.

Then the worst man of the two, supposing, no doubt, that the sentence once pronounced was past revision, addressed the court.

"I just want to say," he told Judge Du Bose, "that when I get out you will be the first man I'll come here to kill."

"Oh, well," said the judge, "in that case I'll make it ten years. Then you won't trouble me so soon."

Having said this, he turned to the other man.

"Is there anything you would like to say?" he asked.

"Not a blessed word," answered the prisoner.

The man who said nothing is now out of prison, while his partner is still behind the bars.

Virginia Eloquence.

Selected.

Here is the opening paragraph of a speech delivered at St. Louis, by a man from Culpepper Court House:

"Oh, my suffering friends! Oh, my agricultural brothers in distress! Break not. The time is coming; the break of day can not be far off. Oh, my fellow patriots, every time I think of the great and certain-to-win silver cause, what are my feelings? Every time I think of our approaching victory sensations of unutterable joy caper over me like goats on a stable roof."

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Table with columns: TRAINS GOING SOUTH, Dated April No. 23, No. 35, No. 41, 20, 46, Daily, Daily, Daily, A. M., P. M., A. M., Ar. Weldon 11 55, 9 44, Ar. Rocky Mt. 1 00, 10 39, Ar. Tarboro, Lv. Tarboro, 12 20

Table with columns: TRAINS GOING NORTH, Lv. Weldon 2 03, 11 03, Lv. Rocky Mt. 1 05, 10 20, 6 00, Lv. Wilson 2 03, 11 03, Lv. Selma 2 53, Lv. Fayetteville 30, 12 53, Ar. Florence 7 20, 3 00

Table with columns: TRAINS GOING SOUTH, Lv. Weldon 2 13, 7 35, Lv. Goldsboro 3 10, 9 35, Lv. Magnolia 4 16, 8 29, Ar. Wilmington 5 45, 10 00

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Train on Scotland Neck Branch road leaves Weldon 3:55 p. m., Halifax 4:13 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:05 p. m. Greenville 6:47 p. m., Kinston 7:45 p. m. Returning leaves Kinston 7:20 a. m., Greenville 8:22 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:00 a. m., Weldon 11:20 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:00 a. m., arrives at Parrale 8:50 a. m., returning leaves Parrale 6:10 p. m., arrives Washington 7:35 p. m. Daily except Sunday. Connects with trains on Albemarle and Raleigh Railroad and Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, via Albemarle & Raleigh road Daily except Sunday, 4:40 p. m., Sunday 3:00 p. m., arrive Wilmington, 7:18 p. m., 4:20 p. m., Plymouth 8:30 p. m., 5:20 p. m. Returning leaves Plymouth, Daily except Sunday, 6:00, a. m. Williamston 7:30 a. m., 9:58 a. m. Arrive Tarboro 10:40 a. m., 11:20 a. m.

Trains on Southern Division, Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Fayetteville 5:30 p. m., arrive Rowland 7:11 a. m. Returning leave Rowland 7:35 a. m., arrive at Fayetteville 9:19 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Midland, N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, daily except Sunday 6:00 a. m., arrive Smithfield 7:30 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield 8:00 a. m., arrive Goldsboro 9:30 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 6:20 p. m., arrives Nashville 7:15 p. m., Spring Hope 7:40 p. m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8:00 a. m., Nashville 8:35 a. m. Rocky Mount 9:15 a. m., daily, except Sunday.

Train on Clinton branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily except Sunday at 6:20 p. m., and 11:15 a. m. Returning leaves Clinton at 8:20 a. m., and 3:10 p. m. connecting at Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday at 6:20 p. m., and 11:15 a. m. Returning leaves Clinton at 8:20 a. m., and 3:10 p. m., connect at Warsaw with Nos. 41, 40, 23 and 78.

Trains No. 57 South bound and 14 North will stop only at Rocky Mt., Wilson, Goldsboro and Magnolia.

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2 10 8 40 Lv Norfolk Ar. 6 00 10 5 2 25 9 00 Pinner's Point 5 35 9 30 2 50 9 29 Drivers 5 11 9 84 3 05 9 44 Suffolk 4 57 8 51 3 43 10 18 Gates 4 23 8 31 4 02 10 38 Tunis 4 05 8 15 4 30 11 00 Aholsey 3 45 9 33 4 45 11 14 Aulander 3 31 7 58 5 25 11 57 Hobgood 2 54 7 19 5 50 12 20 Ar. Tarboro. 2 35 6 55

Ar. Lv. 5 57 1 25 Rocky Mount. 2 05 6 30 P. M. P. M. P. M. P. M.

No. 23 carries pullman parlor car Norfolk to Rocky Mount and connects with A. C. L. Train 23 for all points south.

No. 103 connects at Hobgood for all eastern Carolina points, also at Rocky Mount with A. C. L. train 27 for all points south.

No. 78 carries pullman parlor car Rocky Mount to Norfolk and connects for all points north.

For all information schedules call on or address G. M. SERPELL, J. R. LENLY, Gen'l Manager Sup't Trains. T. M. EMMERSON, Gen'l Passenger Agent

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