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THE DANGEROUS GOAT BROUGHT INTO COURT

The "Billy" Was a Side Degree Not in Ritual of the Woodman of the World. Rev. J. L. Oates Had Ridden Him Safely.

Special to The State.

Yorkville, April 23.—The case of Samuel W. Mitchell, suing the Woodmen of the World for \$25,000 for alleged injuries while being initiated in the lodge of Hickory Grove, this county, a year ago, was resumed when court met this morning.

Sovereign Commander Root identified the certificate given to plaintiff in favor of his wife.

Mitchell again testified. He said he is still a member of camp and pays all dues. He was roughly handled at initiation; no one held him on the goat; didn't know how he got off. He was told to sit up, but said "How the devil can I sit up here?" Said he had typhoid fever in 1884 and Dr. Ward attended him. He hauled flour for Morehead on the afternoon before his initiation. He had asked Dr. Ward for a certificate as to his injury for his lawyer, but was refused. Said his credit is good at Hickory Grove.

The goat, mounted on two wheels with a handle at the back, and the seat covered with something like sheep skin, was brought into the court by defendants, who intended producing it before being subpoenaed. The three defendants were sworn and told to operate it as they had on plaintiff, Prof. Linley acting as a candidate. There was much merriment in the court room.

A PREACHER'S TESTIMONY.

Rev. J. L. Oates and a number of witnesses said there was a man on each side and one at the handle during initiation of plaintiff. He said it was a side degree and not in the regular work. He said Mitchell laughed and hollered while on the goat and said "Get up" to the goat. He was tilted forward over the goat's head, alighting on his feet, being supported by attendants. He got mad then and wanted to fight and said he was hurt, but remained until the close of meeting a half hour or so. The goat was bought by a private subscription of members.

Defendant's counsel proposed offering ritual in evidence but counsel on other side admitted there was no goat business in it.

Rev. Mr. Oates and others had ridden the goat the same as the plaintiff had done.

Dr. Ward testified that Mitchell had fever some years ago and bad effects had followed. He said Mitchell asked him last summer for a certificate as to injuries received, but he could not give it.

Mitchell on the stand denied Dr. Ward's statements in strong terms and the judge admonished him.

"I Stood in a Draught

with my coat off and caught this wretched cold," says the sufferer. He need not pay a heavy penalty if he follows his act of folly with an act of wisdom. Soak the feet in hot water with a few teaspoonfuls of Perry Davis' Painkiller in it. Take a teaspoonful of Painkiller in hot sweetened water at bed time and be thankful for so simple and speedy a way to break up a cold. There is but one Painkiller, Perry Davis'.

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Makes the food more delicious and wholesome
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Ex-Governor D. H. Chamberlain Praises Hampton.

In a letter to the Springfield Republican ex-Governor D. H. Chamberlain speaks very kindly of General Wade Hampton. He says:

I venture to say that South Carolina has never had a great orator or statesman who could have done what Hampton did; could have led the state so wisely and masterfully as Hampton did in the circumstances under which he did his most conspicuous and valuable work.

I am not saying that what Hampton did was the wisest thing that could have been done. I am only expressing my conviction that as the leader of his people in a great, vital political and social struggle he played a high part, a part which no other citizen of the state was probably equal to; a part which in my judgment no other citizen of the state at any period of her history could probably have played so well. His mastery of men, of self-willed, even reckless, men was absolute, his power of directing and controlling the forces with which he had to deal and to reach the results he aimed at, was truly wonderful. In the height of surrounding excitement he could be serene and collected; in moments when it was easy to be unrestrained he could be moderate. Whoever else lost his balance, Hampton never did.

Back of all this courage and poise and self-control and supporting them all, there was beyond doubt a firm conviction that his cause was the cause of justice of peace and of civilization. No man who knew Hampton or is familiar with his career can doubt his profound devotion to public welfare. One may question the wisdom of his policy, may think another and different policy might have brought better results, but no one who is well informed can question Hampton's fidelity to his own best judgment. He steadily followed the right as he saw it, and he was as sure to follow it in days of defeat as in days of victory. He felt the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, as well as the applause and cheers of his fellow citizens, but through it all he bore himself, so far as I can see, without mistake or fault, from the point of view he took.

Over his open grave nothing could persuade me to utter dispraise or blame, if I could see the gravest mistake in his career, for I feel sure he was true at all times to what he regarded as his duty. There is no higher praise, no greater success than this. To meet a great crisis successfully, to win the plaudits of a whole people, to see much of the applause changed to detraction, and through it all to keep steadily on the lofty and true path of honor and patriotism, even to the end, is a record which entitles Hampton to a place second to no one in the hearts of his people and the records of his state.

STATE PENSIONS.

Much Delay on Part of County Boards With Reports.

While the law provides that the pension money shall be distributed on the first Monday of April of each year, owing to the part of certain county pension board and their failure to make reports to the state board on the first Monday of March, as required by the rules of the state boards, the state board has been unable to examine new applications and dispose of them until today their second meeting. The reports from some counties have been received since the first of April, and straggling applications from counties have been coming in up to the present, some in fact were received by the board to day.

The members composing the state board are anxious to disburse this fund at the earliest date possible, and any delay in disbursing the same cannot properly be charged to them. It is a fact, that if the board had held their meetings the 5th day of April, for instance, which was beyond the date the last regular list was received and disapproved all those applications that were not in due form several hundred deserving people, who as it is will receive pensions, would have been left off the list entirely; but the board having returned them for corrections, the delay caused has resulted in their being on.

The state pension board would like the various county papers to publish this statement.

Signed—

J. P. Derham,
Compt. Gen. and Chairman,
G. H. McMaster,
W. D. Starling,
W. H. Harden,
Dr. P. E. Griffin,
State Pension Board.

For Stomach Troubles.

"I have taken a great many different medicines for stomach trouble and constipation," says Mr. S. G. Gerber, Dunkerton, Iowa, "but never had as good results from any as from Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets." For sale by J. F. Mackey & Co.

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The Kings Mountain Military Academy is to be incorporated. Col. W. G. Stephenson, the principal, and a few of our well-awake business men and public spirited citizens that have interested themselves in the excellent school he has been building up during the last two years have applied to the Secretary of the State for a charter for \$12,300. The idea is to gradually increase the usefulness of this high class institution, in which every citizen of Yorkville takes a just pride.—Yorkville Freeman.

When you lack energy, do not rely on your food, feel dull and stupid, after eating, all you need is a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will make you feel like a new man and give you an appetite like a bear. For sale by J. F. Mackey & Co.

