

COURT NEWS AS A JUSTICE.

An Unconscionable Prisoner who Resisted Escape.

At the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday I met a tall, sombrero-crowned man with a nose that would blister the paper on the wall, a smile like an open skylight and an expression of countenance that would dispense a compulsion.

"Well, I'll be a judge," said the man, in his wild Western way, as he shook me warmly by the hand.

"And for Heaven's sake how did you happen to get here?" I replied, as I recognized my old friend, once the Sheriff of Tom Green County, Texas.

We hadn't met since 1874, when Bragg was Sheriff and I was County Judge in the newly-organized County of Tom Green, in the State of Texas.

The first person who appeared before me in my official capacity was a man by the name of Jefferson Wilkes. He was of the tramp tribe, limped from the effects of a sculp wound on the ankle, and had his mouth drawn all to one side, as if he had been accidentally bit by a spent train sandwich.

The man had on the previous evening in the principal street of the town fired off his pistol with murderous intent at a reputable citizen named Wilkinson. The bullet had missed his mark, but had broken a large plate glass window in the front of the most popular saloon of the town.

The people were indignant, and some of the prominent citizens insisted upon an example being made of this man Wilkes, who was a stranger. They hired a lawyer to assist the County Attorney in prosecuting him, and so that the most extreme punishment under the law might be visited on Wilkes the charge of shooting at Wilkinson was abandoned, and he was arraigned for breaking the plate glass window, which was the pride of the town.

Mr. Jefferson Wilkes had no defense, and I sentenced him to six months in the county jail. The devil of it was that, being only a recently organized County, we had not had time to build a jail. After sentence, Mr. Wilkes was turned over to the Sheriff, who did not know where in the world to do with him.

"Here, here," said the Sheriff to me, "what have you done and done? I've got no jail to put this man in. What am I going to do with him?"

My reply was, "That is none of my business. The law says the man shall be incarcerated in the county jail for six months, and the law also implies that the Sheriff shall be custodian of the prisoner during that term. Now you may do what you please."

After some discussion between the Sheriff and myself and the other county officials, we suggested to the prisoner that he would stay within the jail walls for six months, and that we would adjournly waive the matter of putting him in jail. He said that he was a citizen of the United States; that he knew his rights under the Constitution, and that he would be dogged if he would do anything of the kind. He continued:

"It is your duty—not only your duty but your privilege—to entertain, feed and care for me during these six months, and now what are you going to do about it?"

The first day the Sheriff had to sit with the prisoner under a tree, guarding him with a shotgun, because the Sheriff's wife would not allow such a disreputable person as the prisoner to come inside the door.

The next day Baldwin Bragg, the Sheriff, came to me and said: "What kind of a Judge are you, anyhow? Do you know no law? What's the matter of your sending a man to jail when there ain't no jail? Why, man, dear, it will cost me over ten dollars a week to keep this scoundrel in the hotel at San Jose and it will cost another twenty dollars a week to hire a man with a gun to watch him. Now see if you can't use your blooming influence to induce this ruffian to escape. You fix it and I'll wink at his departure."

I called around to see Mr. Jefferson Wilkes, the prisoner. "See here, Wilkes," I said, "this is a pretty tight place you got into and I am sorry for you, but I could not do anything else than give you six months. The law allows me no discretion in the matter, but I like you, for you are apparently a whole-souled fellow, and I want to tell you how I think you can get out of this snafu."

"Well, how?"

"Come here," and I took him up into an alley and said confidentially, "This is how—escape!"

"But I don't want to escape. I want to live with you, and maybe die with you. I don't want to work. You gave me six months and you have to support me for that time, and keep me at the hotel or the jail, or somewhere; but you haven't got no jail, so I am rather of the opinion that I have got a soft little snafu."

"We saw that this offer wouldn't work, so after some consultation I again approached the prisoner and told him, with a view to induce him to leave the County, that we had just received a message from his wife at Galveston that she had heard of his trouble and that she would be out to see him on the next stage. This had no effect upon the hardened criminal. All he said was, "Which wife do you refer to?"

Then the Sheriff proposed to Wilkes that if he would allow us to kill him, that there was \$150 reward for him dead or alive in the next county, we would give the reward and \$100 extra to his heirs and assigns. He said that six months' good living in this County was better than \$250 to a dead man anywhere, and he was not going to leave. There was a town meeting to consider the matter, and one-third the inhabitants of the County were in attendance. It was proposed by the Chairman of the County Commissioners that \$200 be appropriated out of the county funds to buy a mule for Jefferson Wilkes, and that \$50 extra for expenses be also appropriated and turned over to said Wilkes, conditional that said Wilkes on said mule should leave said County of Tom Green and never thereafter appear in said County."

Wilkes accepted this proposition and Jefferson Wilkes, escorted by several hundred of the gaudy citizens of San Jose, passed out of the town forever, on board a stage with a Napoleonic nose and burrs in his hair.—J. Armore Knox, in New York World.

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Curiosities of Plant Life.

Most plants derive their nutriment from the ground by means of their roots, but there are those which feed on insects, and are very curiously adapted for this purpose. Especially to be noted of this class are the pitcher plants, of which there is quite a variety. One of the most beautiful grows on the Sierra Nevada Mountains, in Northern California, higher up than the top of Mount Washington. It is called *Darlingtonia Californica*. It has no leaves, but from the root there grow two kinds of pitchers, some of them small, others large, veined and beautifully colored, having a curved roof and two long flaring wings. Each of these pitchers is twisted about half a turn. The colors are brilliant reds, yellows and greens, richer and mellower than most plants of this sort. The flower grows on a stem four or five feet in height, and resembles a red and yellow-striped tulip hanging downward. Both flower and pitcher are arranged as a trap to entice and catch the unwary insect.

In North Carolina there is a pitcher plant that has some ordinary leaves, while others are so folded and fastened together as to form a long tube, very small at the base, bulging out in the middle, then drawn in at the top, which is open. Above there is quite a wide, veined and curved leaf, which is upright and partially covers the pitcher. Along the edge of that portion of the leaf which projects outside of the stem there are honey drops to allure the insect to the top, where it tumbles down into the tube, which is covered with delicate hairs pointing downward, so that once in there is no getting out. Some of these plants have clear spots at the upper end which let in the light.

In Borneo there are giant pitcher plants (*Sarracenia*). One species has brightly colored, bottle shaped leaves which stand upright on the ground, and one leaf holds about two quarts of pure water, which is distilled from the plant itself. Others creep along on the ground and cling to the rocks. Their leaves are in the form of the water flask with a lid. Others are epiphytal. Of these the best and most distinct is *N. Veitchii*, which bears from thirty to forty pitchers, some of which are red, others green blotched with red, while some are pure green. *N. Lowii* in shape resembles an old fashioned wine flagon; it is epiphytal, growing on Casuarina trees at an elevation 5,000 to 6,000 feet on Kina Balu mountain. Not all of the pitcher plants can be classed, however, among the traps.

Bladder-worts are among the insect-catchers. They grow mostly in water, but some are epiphytal. The curious little cups or bladders were formerly supposed to be useful for floating the plant, but closer observation has shown them to be for traps. When an insect comes in contact with the mouth of the bladder, a trap door suddenly opens, the victim is drawn in and absorbed. There is a quantity of little four-rayed stars inside the stomach, which are the organs of digestion.

The sun-dew is another of the insect-catchers. Some have long, narrow leaves; others round ones. These sparkle in the sunshine as though covered with rain drops or dew. It is a sweet, sticky substance by which insects are caught. Through a magnifying glass the leaf will be seen to be fringed around the edge and covered on the upper surface with what have been called tentacles, because they seem like the arms of certain sea animals, with which they capture their prey. The leaf sags a little in the middle, and when an insect is glued fast to the sticky drop every tentacle begins to curve over and fasten him more strongly. The movement is very slow—so slow that it takes frequently several hours for it to be complete. What is very remarkable about it, is if a fly alights on the side of the leaf, or anywhere away from the centre, the tentacle it touches bends over, carrying its prey with it to the centre of the leaf, and then all of the tentacles move toward the middle and clasp it. The leaf then pours over it a liquid acid which dissolves what is good for food, thus acting as it does the gastric juice in our stomachs. One full meal will last the plant nearly a week. It must have the right kind of food, however. Dr. Darwin fed a sun-dew on cheese, which made it turn yellow and sickly, and it finally died with dyspepsia. When a few drops of milk were poured on a leaf, it curved up around the edges, making the form more cup-like, while the tentacles bent over to absorb it. Another remarkable thing has been noted, and that is that if a piece of fat is placed on the leaf and the other on some moss, beside the piece on leaf will remain fresh until digested, while that on the moss becomes fly-trap.

Venus Fly-trap is of quite different construction from those described. The leaves grow out from the centre of the plant and are in three divisions. On the tip of each grows the trap, which is made similar to the valves a clam shell. They are hinged at the back and edged all around with sharp spines. On the inner side are three long hairs which are very sensitive, so that the instant they are touched the valves close, and the spines are locked together and the insect is entrapped. If the spines caught is the right sort for food, the spines remain clasped until it is digested; if not good, they speedily open and drop it out.

In view of the wonderful operations of the vegetable traps specified, it would seem as though they were possessed of intelligence.—Transcript.

Disqualified Voters.

At the last session of the legislature an act was passed providing for a mode of ascertaining the names of registered voters convicted of disqualifying crimes. The clerk of the court is required, on or before the fifth day of October, 1890, to furnish the supervisor of registration with a complete list of all male persons convicted of treason, murder, robbery or dueling, from the 20th day of April, 1883, and of all persons convicted of treason, murder, burglary, larceny, perjury, forgery, or any other infamous crime or dueling, since the first day of January, 1883. All such reports must be accompanied by the certificate of the clerk. So is every trial justice required to make out under his hand and seal a certified list of all male persons convicted before him, or such of his predecessors whose trial docket is in his possession, of petit larceny, and such report must be submitted to the supervisors of registration on or before the fifth day of October. In case any trial justice goes out of office, he shall furnish such list immediately upon retiring, up to the date of going out of office.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Legislative Panacea.

Every little while the "crabbi" of all descriptions, from Maine to Texas and California appear to conspire to address Congress, each on his own favorite hobby, and the aggregate is somewhat bewildering to people of the ordinary kind. Just now we are suffering from a deluge of this kind. The Farmers' Alliance of Minnesota demands the abolition of the Supreme Court of the United States, because some of its recent decisions do not please the farmers. From several other States come demands for a law prohibiting all foreclosures of mortgages by creditors. While a band of wise men in Kansas, who appear to see some good in the creditor and do not care really to ruin him, ask for a law providing that when mortgage debts fall due, the value of the property shall be ascertained by Federal official, and the whole debt, so far as warranted by the value of the property, be advanced from the Federal treasury to pay the debt, the debtor in the meantime being allowed twenty years to repay the advance, which in the meantime shall bear only one per cent. interest.

The foes of the Chinese have also joined the army of petitioners, and have actually, within the last few days, secured the passage of a bill by the House of Representatives which nominally provides for an enumeration of the Chinese within our boundaries, and then goes on to provide further that all who are not so counted and do not receive official certificates of the fact shall be imprisoned and expelled and excluded from the country. The provisions of this bill constitute a gross breach of good faith under the terms of our present treaty, and the protest offered by Mr. Foster, counsel for the Chinese Legation, is based on familiar principles of common sense and justice. It is astonishing that such a bill should have passed the House, and we cannot believe that it will ever pass the Senate and secure the President's signature.—New York Examiner.

A Mermaid at Last.

JACKSONVILLE, April 19.—W. W. Stanton, mate of the schooner, Addie Schaefer, now lying at the Market House dock, while fishing for bass three hundred miles off St. Augustine, drew in his line and found entangled therein the strangest fish, if it is a fish, that has ever been caught. This strange creature is about six feet long, pure white and scaleless. The head and face are wonderfully human in shape and features. The shoulders are well outlined, and very much resemble those of a woman, and the bosom is well defined, and shows considerable development, while the hips and abdomen continue the human appearance. There are four flippers, two of which are placed at the lower termination of the body, and give one the impression that nature made an effort to supply the strange creature with lower limbs. Mr. Stanton confesses to quite a fight on first sight of his queer prize, which, on being drawn on board, gave utterance to a low, moaning cry, which might easily have been mistaken for the sobbing of a baby.

It is extremely unfortunate that Mr. Stanton did not succeed in keeping the creature alive, which he thought might have been done, as the strange object lived two days after being taken. The schooner has been through all day by curious visitors, who express much wonder and astonishment at the strange object. Mr. Stanton, after visiting several ports and showing his queer creature, will donate it to the Smithsonian Institution. The fish or mermaid is in a large six-foot glass jar in alcohol.—New York Star.

A Card from Capt. Tillman.

To THE PUBLIC: Invitations to speak are beginning to come in. I desire to say that all such letters should be addressed to Capt. G. W. Shell, Laurens, S. C., chairman of the campaign committee.

The reasons are obvious. To canvass the State throughly will require much travel, and cannot well be done under three months; and to save both expense and labor, there must be some systematic arrangement by which we are directed to be sold. Sale will begin at 10 a. m., at R. W. SIMPSON, Excutor.

NOTICE.

SEALED bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Clemson College until September 1st, 1890, for the purpose of sawing the trees through into lumber at so much per thousand feet. Lumber to be delivered and stacked near the sites selected for the buildings.

A student bond will be required, and the Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Bids will be received until the 17th day of May, and the contracts will be awarded on the 20th.

For further information apply to P. H. Eason, Secretary and Treasurer, Pendleton, S. C., to whom all bids should be addressed. R. W. SIMPSON, President.

April 14, 1890

—A gentleman who has just returned from South Africa says that it is one of the best countries in the world for profitable real estate investments. "South Africa," he says, "already has beautiful and thriving towns, and it is destined to be the seat of a great and progressive English speaking race. When I was there some years ago I was surprised at the extensive improvements, at the energy of the people and the natural resources of the land. It is the place of places to put away a few thousand dollars to let them grow."

—The immigration of colored people from North and South Carolina to the Valley of the Mississippi has been suddenly checked. Most of these people had come to work on the rich river plantations between Vicksburg and Greenville. They had never seen a flood before, and when the high water came and the levees broke, and they were compelled to seek refuge on them or any high pieces of land they could find, they were naturally panic stricken at this difference between their new and their old homes. The news of their destitute condition has reached the Carolinas, and in consequence the immigration fever has quickly abated.

—One of the most flourishing industries of Birmingham and other English centers of labor is the manufacture of idols. This is an example of commercial enterprise that quite puts the proverbial Yankee in the shade. The Englishman sells idols to the heathen, and then calls on the rest of the world for funds with which to send out missionaries to convert the heathen from the error of his ways. The heathen men and women, the English manufacturers and the missionaries, play well into each other's hands.—New York Star.

—In the north the habit of chewing tobacco is dying out. This is no gain, as it is said that the cigar habit is taking its place. During the past ten years the sale of chewing tobacco has fallen off fifty per cent, while the sale of cigars is constantly on the increase. So much has been said against tobacco chewers that the youngsters of the present generation have turned to cigars. Occasionally the evil habit of cigars is shown in the newspapers, but when anything is cheap and popular it is hard to put it down.

LAW CARD.

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Feb 27, 1890

—A Californian raised thirty tons of cabbage on five acres of land this season.

—The time required for a journey around the earth by a man walking day and night without resting, would be 429 days; an express train, 40 days; sound, at a medium temperature, 32 hours; a cannon ball, 2 1/2 hours; light, a little more than one tenth of a second; and electricity, passing over a copper wire, a little less than one-tenth of a second.

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—A police officer found the body of a man swinging by the neck in O'Fallon park this morning. It was a flower and a hat of the man of Bork, an old engineer, who had been out of work for about five months. He was a member of Lincoln Lodge, Knights of Honor, in which his life was insured for \$8,000. It transpired at the inquest that Bork had committed suicide in order that his children might receive the \$8,000 insurance on his life. He was afraid that if he lived much longer he would be obliged to keep up with his assessments. He, therefore, to save his children from starvation, committed suicide.

RICHMOND, Va., April 16.—At Slatersville, New Kent County, W. Ball was killed by his son-in-law, B. T. Barham. The news, though at first thought to be a family controversy, last September Barham was forced at the pistol's mouth to marry Ball's daughter, the father accompanying the party to Washington City, where the ceremony took place. Barham refused to live with his wife after marriage and went South. He returned to the county a few days ago and the fatal meeting is said to have been the first with his father in law since his return. Ball was commissioner of revenue of the county, while the father of Barham is commissioner in chancery.

ANNUAL MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Anderson Building and Loan Association will be held in the Court House in the City of Anderson, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Thursday, the 10th day of July, 1890, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. J. D. MAXWELL, Sec. and Treas.

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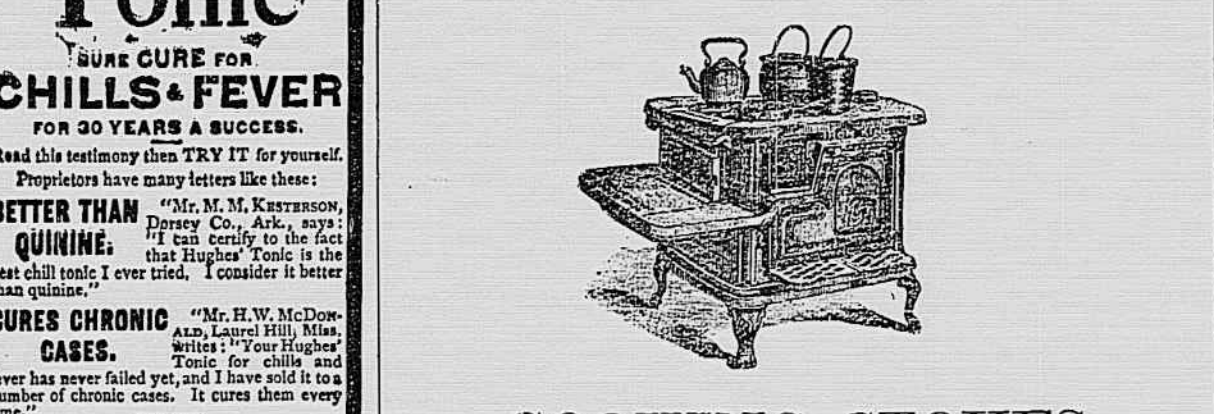
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Office of Supervisor of Registration, Anderson, S. C., Feb. 4, 1890.

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