

THE DUEL ON GOAT ISLAND.

An Affair of Honor That Happened Ten Miles Above Augusta.

Augusta Herald.

When gentlemen settled questions that concerned their honor or the honor of the woman they loved by meeting in some secluded spot, both equipped with pistols and a second and a physician the Sand Bar ferry duelling ground was in its palmiest days.

There have been interesting accounts of settlements of feuds written which concern the above field of honor. It has proved a gold mine for reporters. They have written and written again of the meetings on that stage of the duels.

Yet still there is a mine of interesting reminiscences left yet to be told through the medium of the pen or typewriter.

The day dawned, the rifle from the city to the duelling grounds as the sun was peeping up, the stepping off of the paces and—

But it's all in the line that we have heard of so many times, yet always new and so what the writer now proposes to relate about an affair of honor that did not occur at Sand Bar ferry, but at another duelling ground farther up the river.

What has been related to the writer concerns a duel between two very prominent people, two Carolinians, which occurred back in the duelling days.

About ten miles above Augusta, where the Savannah river grows shallow and washes the rocks, is a bank of sand called Goat Island.

About sixty years ago that bank of sand was the scene of a duel at an early hour on a certain morning. Two legal gentlemen were the principals in the affair, and both were gentlemen who were well known in national politics.

Brooks was 22 years of age, Wigfall was 23. They had indulged in a heated political argument. The challenge had been given.

Enough said. The challenge in those days was to be settled only on the field of honor.

On a fall morning of the year 1841, the two gentlemen could have been seen to enter carriages in the city of Augusta and drive rapidly towards the west.

In carriages were the seconds and a physician and three colored body servants of the duellists.

At 5:30 o'clock the two gentlemen who were to settle the dispute in the code, stepped to their places on Goat Island and awaited the word to fire.

John Laurens Manning, of Sumter county, South Carolina, was Wigfall's second and Brooks had Pierce Mason Butler as his best man in the affair.

The seconds took their places, the physician got ready to attend to the wounded, and as the sun began to blink in the east the word "fire" was given.

Two shots were exchanged. The result of the second shot was the wounding of Wigfall, shot through the thigh. Brooks also received a wound in the hip. Both sank to the ground and were soon unconscious from loss of blood.

The physician got to work on the duellists and the men were brought back to the city.

Arriving at Augusta Mr. Wigfall was taken to the residence of a friend, and Mr. Brooks was put to bed in Beard's hotel in Hamburg.

So much for the duel. From a manuscript of a South Carolina lady I find the following which tells of the life events of the two duellists of Goat Island:

Louis T. Wigfall married a brilliant belle of Providence, Rhode Island, and, after living in Edgefield a few years subsequent to this duel, removed to Marshall, Texas, which State he very soon represented in the United States Senate, where he achieved a national reputation as an orator and statesman.

The war, of course, found him devotedly and enthusiastically on the side of his native south. He became a hero in the memorable and initial siege of Fort Sumter, a brigadier general in the Confederate army, Senator from Texas in the Confederate Congress, and an intimate friend and adviser of Jefferson Davis. He died in Galveston, Texas, some ten or twelve years after the close of the war.

Preston S. Brooks married a daughter of Governor means, of South Carolina, and continued to live in Edgefield. He became so popular among the people of Edgefield and the neighboring districts that they sent him to represent them in Congress. Previous to this, however, he had led Co. D, of the Palmetto Regiment, throughout the Mexican war and had reached the highest rank as a wise and brave

soldier. While he was a member of the lower house of Congress, his cousin, Judge Andrew Pickens Butler, was South Carolina's Senator. In the Senate about this time—it is a matter of national history—the famous Massachusetts Senator, Charles Sumner, made a speech, reflecting in an insulting manner upon Senator Butler, who was a man many years his senior. This insult to his venerable kinsman so aroused the ire of the fiery Brooks that he publicly named Sumner in the Senate chamber. The matter became almost a national issue, and aroused in the northern mind much of that hatred of the South that led to the war. Preston S. Brooks, in his third term as Congressman, died in Washington in 1857.

Pierce M. Butler became governor of South Carolina, then United States commissioner to the Indians and subsequently the devoted and illustrious leader of the renowned Palmetto regiment in the Mexican war. He fell at the head of his regiment with a bullet through his brain, at the memorable siege of Churubusco.

John Laurens Manning married an aunt of the present General Wade Hampton. He was at the time the wealthiest and the handsomest man in South Carolina. He became governor of his State, as his father and grandfather had been before him, and he proved himself throughout all his years a hero and a patriot of the highest type.

A Good Word for School Teachers.

Among all the noble and magnificent benefactions credited to American men of wealth in recent years, we know of none more wisely and worthily bestowed than that of the late Lewis Elkin, of Philadelphia, who left the bulk of his fortune of \$2,000,000 in trust to create a fund for the benefit of disabled women teachers who have taught in the public schools of that city for twenty five years, and have no means of support. The fund will provide the beneficiaries with an annuity of about \$400 each. The bequest is noteworthy because it is almost without precedent. It is an example, however, which other men of large fortune might well follow. The average income of teachers in all our schools, public and private, from the lowest to the highest, is pitifully small, the average not exceeding \$400. Many of the professors in our high institutions of learning receive less than \$1,000 a year, and many others not over half that amount, or a sum less than that earned by some unskilled workingman. Considering the large expense involved in preparation for teaching, an expense growing larger every year, as the requirements and standards for admission to the profession are advanced, the salaries paid are meager and wholly inadequate. They are very numerous and swim about with great activity. Though they occasionally come out on the rocks to bathe in the sun, they seem to prefer the water, and whenever pulled out (with a stick of course), they wriggle back as soon as possible.

Waycross, Ga., Aug. 25.—Yesterday morning, just as Mrs. Hester, living out at Jamestown, arose from her slumbers, a monster snake and a large rat fell from the place of the house into her bed. The snake had a firm hold on the rat's nose but the rodent fought fiercely for his life. The reptile finally got its coils about the rat's body and crushed it to death. Mrs. Hester was considerably startled and let the snake make its escape.—Atlanta Constitution.

Waldron, Ind., Aug. 29.—Samuel Peak, a Rush County farmer, and his son, Edward, while ploughing in a field, captured a double-headed snake. The reptile is perfect in every way with the exception of the heads, which are joined fork-shaped. Each has two eyes and each it provided with a mouth.—Indianapolis News.

Egyptian Cotton.

Says an Atlanta dispatch: Capt. F. R. Wright, commissioner of agriculture, has written to W. R. Dorn, at Friendship, Ga., in reply to a letter asking for information regarding the cultivation of Egyptian cotton. Captain Wright has gone extensively into the propagation of Egyptian cotton in Georgia and the extent to which it has been cultivated in the United States. Captain Wright says that the plant has been successfully grown in different parts of the United States, and he believes it can be cultivated profitably in this State, although he would not advise the farmers to devote all their energies to the growing of it. He advises, rather, that they plant small areas of it until the nature of the plant is thoroughly established. Some interest has recently been aroused in the state over the growth of Egyptian cotton, and the department has made investigations looking to the cultivation of the plant. The United States department of agriculture has also taken an interest in the matter and is experimenting with the plant.

A good horse should have three properties of a man, three of a woman, three of a fox, three of a hare and three of an ass. Thus: Of a man boldness, pride, hardness; of a woman—a fair breast, fair hair, easy motion; of a fox—a fine tail, short ears, a good trot; of a hare—a great eye, a dry head, speed in running; of an ass—a big chin, flat legs, good hoofs. When you buy consider well these fifteen points.

Some Snake Stories.

FERNANDIA, Aug. 21.—One of the most thrilling affairs in the way of a snake experience happened to a young son of C. B. Royal, an employe of the Seaboard Air Line Railway at Yulee. The young fellow, who is only about 12 or 13 years old, was riding from Amelia Beach into Fernandina on his bicycle, when, near the residence of Jimmie Drummond, he ran over an immense rattlesnake, which was crossing the road. When the wheel came in contact with the snake he was thrown to the ground, and the snake immediately put himself in coil and struck at the boy, missing him with his fangs and striking the body of the bicycle, on which now can be seen their imprint. The body of the snake came in contact with the shoulder of the boy, who was almost paralyzed with fear. At about that time Drummond appeared on the scene and captured the snake, which was a tremendous one, being eight feet long and fully twelve inches in circumference.—Florida Times-Union Citizen.

Mrs. J. C. Hope was the other day sitting upstairs reading, directly under the cage of her canary, when she heard it scream in terror, and she sprang to her feet almost as badly frightened as the bird, for the mate to this pet mysteriously disappeared a short time ago. To her horror she saw a black snake coiled around the edge with his head thrust through the bars from the top. She jerked the cage door open and grabbed the snake by the neck and pushed its head up through the bars, where she took hold of it from the outside with the other hand and unwound its squirming body. It coiled around her wrist and arm, but she holding its neck with a vise-like grip, put its head on the floor and her heel upon its head, which she soon reduced to fragments. She then peeled the body off her hand as she would a husk of corn, and stood there and trembled for ten minutes before she realized that there was a dead snake in the house.—Law Journal.

Harry Jackson, one of a party who have just returned from a hunting and fishing trip to the country around the base of Mount Jefferson, gives a remarkable account of adventure in that almost unexplored region. One of the most wonderful finds of the party was a hot spring, or series of springs and pools, in which the water was so hot as to preclude all idea of bathing. Strange to say, these hot springs are inhabited by snakes of a pink color about two feet in length. They are very numerous and swim about with great activity. Though they occasionally come out on the rocks to bathe in the sun, they seem to prefer the water, and whenever pulled out (with a stick of course), they wriggle back as soon as possible.—Morning Oregonian.

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At Goodland the other day one of the McClure boys brought in from the prairie a big buffalo horn that he had found in his play. "It looks like a good place for a snake," said the younger brother, when the family in the parlor were inspecting the horn. "Oh, I guess not," responded the first boy. But a moment later, when he gave the horn a vigorous shake, out tumbled a rattlesnake big enough to have six rattles and a button.—Kansas City Journal.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 25.—The large ocean-going schooner Samuel I.

Beacham has just finished discharging a miscellaneous cargo consisting of cotton seed, hides, hair, &c., taken aboard at Brazos Santiago. A portion of her cargo, not down on either the manifest or passenger list, was an immense quantity of snakes of all sizes and varieties. The officers of the vessel are at loss to account for their presence, but as the cargo remained on shore some time before being loaded, it is supposed they got into the cotton seed aboard.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

BLOOMSBURG, August 26.—While Clark Kern, one of the party of berry pickers, was standing on a rock this afternoon, he was horrified to see a number of large snakes racing around the stone on which he was standing, as though engaged in a game of tag. His cries brought his companions, and they managed to kill five rattlesnakes measuring from four to six feet, four large copperheads and a number of young snakes.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

MR. EDITOR—Allow me to speak a few words in favor of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I suffered for three years with the bronchitis and could not sleep at nights. I tried several doctors and various patent medicines, but could get nothing to give me any relief until my wife got a bottle of this valuable medicine, which has completely relieved me.—W. S. BROCKMAN, Bagnell, Mo. This remedy is for sale by Orr-Gray & Co.

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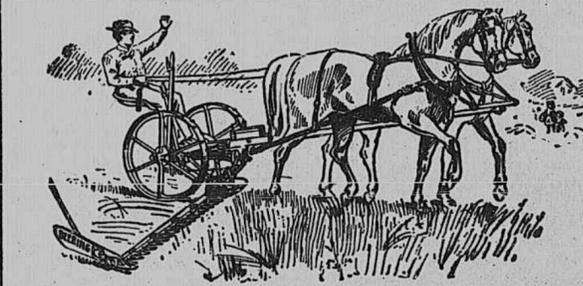
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