

HOW GEN. HAMPTON SCORED SHERMAN.

A Personal Letter from the Great Cavalry Leader in Reference to the "Murdering" of Confederate Prisoners.

A correspondent of the Bamberg Herald contributes the following letter from Gen. Wade Hampton to Gen. Sherman while the latter was camped in the vicinity of Rivers' Bridge in Bamberg county, which is of interest to the present generation:

Headquarters—In the field, Feb. 27th, 1865.

Maj. Gen. W. T. Sherman, U. S. Army.

General: Your communication of the 24th inst. reached me to-day. In it you state that it has been officially reported that your foraging parties are "murdered" after capture. You go on to say that you have "ordered a similar number of prisoners in our hands to be disposed of in like manner," that is to say you have ordered a number of Confederate soldiers to be "murdered." You characterize your order in proper terms, for the public voice, even in your own country, where it seldom dares to express itself in vindication of truth or honor or justice, will surely agree with you in pronouncing you guilty of murder if your order is carried out. Before dismissing this portion of your letter I beg to assure you that for every soldier of mine "murdered" by you, I shall have executed at once two of yours, giving in all cases preference to all officers who may be in my hands.

In reference to the statement you make in regard to the death of your foragers, I have only to say I know nothing of it. That no orders given by me authorize the killing of prisoners after capture, and that I do not believe any of my men killed any of yours, except under circumstances in which it was perfectly legitimate and proper that they should kill them. It is a part of the system of the thieves whom you designate as your foragers to fire the dwellings of those citizens whom they have robbed. To check this inhuman system, which is justly execrated by every civilized nation, I have directed my men to shoot down all of your men who are caught burning houses. This order shall remain in force so long as you disgrace the profession of arms by allowing your men to destroy private dwellings.

You say I cannot of course question your rights to forage on the country. "It is a right as old as history." I do not, sir, question this right. But there is a right older than this, and one more inalienable—the right that every man has to defend his home, and to protect those dependent upon him, and from my heart I wish that every old man and boy in my country who can fire a gun would shoot down, as he would a wild beast, the men who are destroying their land, burning their homes and insulting their women.

You are particular in defining and claiming "war rights." May I ask if you enumerate among these the right to fire upon a defenceless city without notice, to burn that city to the ground after it had been surrendered by the inhabitants who claimed, though in vain, that protection which is always accorded in civilized warfare to non-combatants, to fire the houses of citizens after robbing them, and to perpetuate even darker crimes than these, crimes too black to be mentioned.

You have permitted, if you have not ordered, the commission of these offences against humanity and the rules of war. You fired into the city of Columbia without a word of warning after its surrender by the mayor, who demanded protection to private property. You laid the whole city in ashes, leaving amidst its ruins thousands of old men and helpless women and children, who are likely to perish of starvation and exposure. Your line of march can be traced by the lurid light of burning houses, and in more than one household there is now an agony far more bitter than that of death. The Indian scalped his victim regardless of age or sex, but with all his barbarity he always respected the persons of his female captives. Your soldiers, more savage

than the Indian, insult those whose natural protectors are absent.

In conclusion, I have only to request that whenever you have any of my men "murdered" or "disposed of" for the terms appear to be synonymous with you, you will let me hear of it, that I may know what action to take in the matter. In the meantime I shall hold fifty-six of your men as hostages for those whom you have ordered to be executed. I am yours &c., Wade Hampton, Lieutenant General.

Mr. Sherwood not a Candidate.

Mr. Editor: After seeing names of the political aspirants in your last issue, I was taken violently ill, and after casting up quite a lot of political filth, I've decided to thank my good friends for their faith and confidence in my ability to discharge the duties of county commissioner of Dillon County. While I am satisfied my friends are sincere in what they think, I must confess they are mistaken in my capability or else they are not familiar with the law governing the same. If they will turn to the last statutes, chapter xx Act 1., section 753 to 819, and see the duties and requirements governing the Supervisor and board of commissioners they would reconsider their actions, I am sure they (my friends) would withdraw my name. I know they would not have me work for the budy county at the salary, while there are quite a lot of men whom I fear would take the job at much less salary, say eight dollars a month and board. Therefore I must decline to stand for the position. While I very much dislike to have my friends think I am not willing to help start off the affairs of the County, I assure them I would be willing to aid them in any way possible. In my judgment any competent man would be cheap at any reasonable price, besides they should have a board of the best men in the county to assist. If I remember correctly the bill says four commissioners at \$50. Any thinking man will see at a glance that they cannot be bad at the price. Some may serve for the love of the County, but no one will give a \$2,000 bond for a \$50 job; the Supervisor has to give a bond of \$5,000. The average citizen is ignorant of the law governing the several affairs of the county. I deem it advisable for all candidates to procure the code of laws of 1902 and the acts since, to date read carefully all law pertaining to his respective office. It would be cheaper to see some well informed lawyer, have him explain the duties and requirements full. I may be in error somewhat in reference to the law as doubtless there has been various changes in the last few years as I have not examined the acts for the past five years. It seems to me if there ever was a time for the people to be careful in the course pursued it is at hand. There is nothing like starting the machinery in first class running order and it is going to take the very best men of the County. I say again, be careful what we do, besides we need the co-operation of every citizen in the county. I look upon the County Supervisor as chief engineer of the whole machinery, besides he should have the best of help in all departments down to the man who holds the light and handles things.

Thanking my good friends once more for their faith and confidence I must respectfully decline to stand for Supervisor of Dillon County.

T. C. Sherwood.

The governor has resfued a pardon to Dick Johnson who is serving a five-year term in the state reformatory from this county, on the charge of larceny.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Senator:

The many friends of T. A. Dillon hereby announce him a candidate for the State Senate, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party.

The many friends of E. L. Moore announce him as a candidate for the State Senate subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

The many friends of Dr. Wade Stackhouse announce him as a candidate for the State Senate, subject to the rules governing the democratic primary.

House of Representatives.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the house of representatives of Dillon County subject to the rules of the democratic primary. Preston. L. Bethea.

For Clerk of Court.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of Dillon county and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic primary and to support the nominees thereof. Jack R. Watson.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court for Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party M. Manning.

The many friends of John C. Bethea hereby announce him a candidate for Clerk of Court of Dillon County subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic Primary.

For Sheriff.

The many friends of J. Dudley Haselden hereby announce him as candidate for the office of Sheriff of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Dillon county, and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic party and to support the nominees thereof. R. H. Webster.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. S. F. Stephens.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primaries. F. M. Page.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. Joe M. Bass.

Long before the county of Dillon was a reality, I was solicited to stand as a candidate for Sheriff of our new county, and now I hereby announce myself as the peoples candidate for Sheriff. Thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office and every section of the county, I flatter myself that I am fully qualified to discharge the duties of the office to the satisfaction of all the people. Thanking you in advance for your support and kind deeds in my behalf I am yours to serve, John B. Hamer.

For Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Dillon county, pledging myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic primary and to support the nominees thereof. S. D. Jordan

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Dillon County, to be voted on in the primary election and having confidence in my ability, I promise, if elected, to discharge all the duties of the office in a faithful, honest and honorable manner. Respectfully, E. C. Allen

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. W. McInness.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. Rufus Edwards.

For Supervisor

The many friends of T. C. Sherwood, having the utmost confidence in his honesty and in his ability to administer the affairs of Dillon county, hereby announce him a candidate for Supervisor and pledge their undivided support.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. J. W. Rowland

The friends of T. J. Walker having utmost confidence in his honesty, practical experience and systematic knowledge of bridge and road building, ask the raters of Dillon County to give him their undired support for the office of Supervisor of Dillon County subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary S. W. Jackson.

Superintendent of Education.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Education of Dillon county, and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic party and to support the nominees thereof. Joe P. Lane.

For Auditor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Auditor of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. C. G. Bruce.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Auditor of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. E. R. Ellerbe

At the solicitation of many friends throughout the county of Dillon I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Auditor, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. H. McRae.

The candidacy of Mr. F. T. McLellan for Auditor of Dillon county is hereby announced.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. J. Frank Bethea.

For Probate Judge.

The many friends of W. H. Breeden hereby announce him a candidate for the office of Probate Judge for Dillon county, subject to rules governing democratic primaries.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Probate Judge of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. R. A. Brunson, Sr.

It affords the friends of Elihu Muldrow great pleasure to announce him for the office of Probate Judge. He agrees to abide by the rules of the Democratic Primary. If elected to the position he will make the people a good and faithful servant. Let us vote for Mr. Muldrow for Probate Judge.

At the solicitation of many friends I have decided to offer myself for the office of Probate Judge of Dillon county. I feel that I am well qualified to fill the place as I have been engaged in book work nearly all of my life. If elected I shall do my best to fill the place with credit to myself and honor to the new county. A. K. Parham.

For Coroner.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. T. T. Moody.

Resolutions of Respect.

The womans F. M. S. of the Methodist church, Dillon, S. C. Wishing to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Ann Conner a member of the society, offer the following resolutions.

Whereas, God in his allwise providence has called our friend to her home on high. We resolve.

That we write her name as one whose bright and genial nature will linger with us as a pleasant memory in our her hearts, while we testify to her patient and cheerful acceptance of all Gods dealings.

That the loving sympathy of this society be extended to the relatives, and friends, where her last days were spent and where she was indeed a sweet spirit of cheer, and helpfulness, showing forth daily the love of Christ in her heart.

That these resolutions be printed and a copy be sent the family, and a page of our record be dedicated to her memory.

Mrs. J. P. Ewing
Mrs. J. A. Nettles.

Wedding at Fork.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 9th., there was a pretty home wedding at Fork when Miss Eunice Johnson became the bride of Mr. J. T. Carmichael. The ceremony was performed at the residence of bride's mother, Mrs. W. F. Johnson and the attendants were Miss Dora Page with Mr. S. V. Lane; Miss Ethel Rogers with Mr. L. L. Carmichael; Miss Frosty Carmichael with Mr. Clifford Rogers. The flower girls were little Misses Rosalee and Nina Carmichael. The home was handsomely decorated for the occasion, the color scheme of white, pink and green being carried out in an artistic manner.

The young couple have host and friends in their respective communities who wish them unbounded happiness through life's journey.

Thieves Enter Store.

A thief or thieves entered the Stubbs Co's. store Monday and carried away merchandise to the amount of about \$60. The entrance was effected by removing the glass from the transom over the rear door. The articles stolen were clothing, shoes and underwear. It was impossible to ascertain the exact amount of goods stolen but Mr. Stubbs does not think the loss will exceed \$60. There is absolutely no clue to the robbers. After helping themselves the robbers left the store through a side door. This is the second time The Stubbs Co's. store has been entered in the last two years. Two years ago robbers entered and carried away about \$800 of merchandise which was later found in the basement at the Palmetto Warehouse where the robbers had hidden it until they could find an opportunity to spirit it away.

Queer Case of Death.

Juliette, Ga., Feb. 5.—While out hunting several days ago, Gilbert Alexander and Grady Tingle, two white boys, discovered a dead negro standing on his head in a ditch near the Forsyth waterworks. The negro looked to be about 70 years old, and there were no marks or scratches on his person to cause suspicion that he had been murdered.

He had been seen on the streets of Forsyth several days before he came to his death in the ditch. Those who investigated his death believe that in trying to get a drink of water out of the ditch he fell in the ditch on his head and was unable to get out.

There is an epidemic of grip and pneumonia throughout the country and the doctors are kept busy administering to the sick. The sudden changes in the weather, no doubt, are responsible for so much sickness.

DIED.

On yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock Leaholme, the 2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jordan, after a brief illness with pneumonia. The interment will be made at Mt. Holly this morning at 10 o'clock.

THE NAUGHTY STORK.

Put Up a Job on Husband With Wife's Assistance.

A fine domestic scandal has been unearthed at Los Angeles, Cal., by the refusal of Dr. Armstrong Pratt to sign birth certificates for the quadruplets supposed to have been born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson, of that place, and the health department of Los Angeles is making an investigation into the case.

Dr. Pratt has declared that in his opinion none of the infants were born at the Wilson residence and that all had been born previous to the day they were supposed to have been. He declares that Mrs. Wilson confessed to him that the babies had been taken to the house by a woman who had assisted her in perpetrating the hoax and that one of the infants was six weeks old, another a week old, and the other two were about 24 hours old when he first saw them.

The woman, according to Dr. Pratt, not only admitted that the quadruplets were not genuine, but two sets of triplets, which arrived at the Wilson home in past years, and which brought a letter of recommendation and a signed photograph from President Roosevelt were made up of infant waifs picked up at various institutions. According to the woman her husband wanted a large family, and that her only genuine child was an infant born 25 years ago and which died while a baby. After its death Mrs. Wilson said she longed for children of her own, and at last hit upon the idea of having the make-believe appearances of the stork.

HOPPLES TO BE ELIMINATED.

Beginning with the season of 1915, no hopples shall be used on pacing horses, and up to that time the device is to be gradually eliminated. This decision was adopted by the twenty-fifth Congress of the National Trotting Association Tuesday.

"Hopples," says a new rule, "shall not be used in races or performances against time on two-year-olds or under in 1910, or three-year-olds or under in 1911, or four-year-olds or under in 1912, or five-year-olds or under in 1913, or six-year-olds or under in 1914, after which time hoppies shall be barred."

Section 1 of Rule 4 was amended as follows:

"In all purses five entries are required, and two to start unless otherwise specified. And also decided that if only one of the horses entered for a purse shall appear on the course he shall be entitled to his own entrance money received from the other entries for said purse."

A Substantial Family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Carmichael, of the Kentyre neighborhood, had planned to celebrate their golden wedding—the 50th. anniversary of their married life—on Feb. 2, but the illness of Mrs. Carmichael prevented this pleasant affair from culminating. The couple have passed their three-score and ten, 50 years of which they have lived together happily.

Mr. Carmichael is one of Dillon county's most prosperous farmers and substantial citizens and lives on nis excellent farm at the home where he was born.

Mrs. Carmichael was before her marriage Miss Amanda Carmichael, one of seven sisters, all of whom are still living. Three of the ladies who were bridesmaids at her wedding are still living also.

This most highly respected couple have raised a large and creditable family of children, there being four daughters and three sons.

Mrs. Carmichael's friends will be glad to know that she is improving and hope to see her out again soon.