

### THIRTY-ONE YEARS ON GANG.

Interesting History of a Richmond County, Georgia, Mule.

To the convicts and guards at the Richmond county stockade, there is no animal that approaches anywhere near to old "Rock" in their affections. Rock is a mule thirty-five years of age, and thirty-one years of his long life has been spent with the convicts of Richmond county.

When a four-year-old and one of the smoothest mules ever seen in this city, he was carried to the county farm and has remained there ever since, although for the past ten months he has done nothing except eat, drink and sleep. Superintendent Stringer thinks too much of Rock to make him work now, and the mule has a most interesting history.

The late Captain George Dixon, superintendent of the stockade, had a great affection for Rock and when, twenty-one years ago, Rock had a case of glanders and was ordered by a veterinary to be killed, Captain Dixon took him out from the camp and, two miles away in the woods, tied him. Food and water was carried Rock three times a day for four weeks, and at the end of that time he was well again, and was taken back to the camp. He was a popular favorite from that time and as his years increased he became even more popular.

He has had several remarkable accidents during his career as a "County Mule." He fell on one occasion and broke his tail, and it is crooked now, while on another occasion he fell through a rotten bridge and was injured, although he recovered fully from it.

Rock is now fat and is enjoying life much better than his contemporaries on the gang, who have to draw loads of gravel and pull road machines six days in the week, while Rock is calmly munching his hay and oats and reflecting over his accomplishments in the long ago.—Augusta Chronicle.

### Timber King of Two Million Acres.

A plain, quiet, sixty-year-old citizen, of Minneapolis, is reputed to be richer in timber lands than Frederick Weyerhaeuser, who is reputed to be "richer than Rockefeller." This latest initiate into the Richer-Than-Club is Thomas Barlow Walker.

In his own three-ply name he holds seven hundred and fifty thousand acres of the finest sugar pine and yellow pine on the upper Sierra Nevada mountains, in northern California, and his holdings in Minnesota make upward of a million acres. Mr. Walker in truth, his friends say, is the real timber king, but he objects to this title and insists that he is simply a Minneapolis citizen.

He began life in the town of Xenia, Ohio, and thence by the process of berry-picking, selling newspapers, clerking, going on the road as a traveling salesman for Berea grindstones, and taking a college course at Baldwin university, in Ohio, he at last arrived at his real job in life, says Hampton's Magazine for January.

At nineteen he started on his first lumber enterprise. He went to Paris, Illinois, and without capital, without friends, and without credit he contracted to furnish the Terre Haute and St. Louis Railroad Company with cross-ties and other lumber. He managed to build up a good business, and would have made a big success of it had it not been for the failure of the railroad company eighteen months later. Not discouraged by this, he went to teaching school until something better could be found. The something better was a surveyor's job with the St. Paul and Pacific railroad, and he worked most of the time at surveying until after his marriage, in 1863, to Miss Harriet G. Hulet, the daughter of his former employer.

Mr. Walker's settling in Minneapolis was a mere accident. Some one suggested that he might find employment in the "new town," ten miles north of St. Paul, and, more for curiosity than anything else, he took the boat that was starting there and within an hour after reaching Minneapolis he was being aided in his search for employment by James J. Hill, who was then a wharf clerk. He decided to make that city his permanent home. He was among the pioneers who saw the vast possibilities in timber land investment in the northwest and now he owns more trees than Theodore Roosevelt could shake a big stick at.

His five sons are running the Walker business now, while the father goes in for such un-American things as rest, picture-collecting, and pottery connoisseurship.

### Famous Church Case Settled.

Nashville, Tenn., April 3.—The Cumberland Presbyterian church in Tennessee this afternoon won the noted church case with which the Tennessee supreme court has been wrestling for two years. The supreme court holds that the steps ought to be taken by a portion of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in uniting with the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., are not effective, that the Cumberland Presbyterian church still exists and its members still retain its creed, doctrines, etc. It held that the unionists allied themselves with a different church and doctrine.

The Cumberland are given the church property and Unionists will not have right or title to it.

### Hardly a Sanctified Odor.

Ambassador Lloyd Griscom, at a dinner that he gave to a party of Philadelphians visiting Rome, praised the well-known American veneration for antiquity.

"It is seldom enough," said Mr. Griscom, "that we find an American phlegmatic before the treasures of Rome's past. I have only found one such person."

"He is a Southerner, and I gave a day to showing him about. The first church we visited was, I think, the Ara Coeli, on the Capitoline Hill. 'This church, Calhoun,' said I, 'is 800 years old.'" "Humph," said he, "it smells a lot older!"

### DEATH UNDER WHEELS.

Traveling Man Commits Suicide in Spectacular Manner.

[Columbia State, Sunday April 4.] Much sorrow was caused in this city yesterday by the announcement that Mr. J. W. Livingston had been killed at Batesburg by being run over by a train. Mr. Livingston is a cousin of Mr. J. F. Livingston, of the Atlantic Coast Line and son-in-law of Capt. Edmund Bacon. Having been a traveling man for several years, he has friends in all parts of the State.

The deceased was a son of the late J. W. Livingston, of Seneca. Mrs. John C. Carey, formerly of Lockhart, but now of Greenville, is a sister, and Messrs. W. E. Livingston, of Seneca, and J. F. Livingston, of Cordele, Ga., are brothers.

The inquest was held at Batesburg last night. A number of friends and relatives from Columbia left here in automobiles to attend the inquest. The following special from Batesburg was received last night:

"J. W. Livingston, of Columbia, was killed one-half mile south of Batesburg this morning by Southern Railway train No. 8, which was coming into Batesburg on time and was in full view of the passengers waiting at the depot when the accident occurred.

"Mr. Livingston was unconscious and made no statement before death about one hour later. He was brought into town and Dr. W. P. Timmerman was called, but could not revive the injured man. Train was in charge of Conductor James Weaver and Engineer Alexander.

"No solution has been found. Engineer Alexander stated that Mr. Livingston was walking in the track, meeting the train. The signals were made, but instead of getting off the track the deceased stopped and just before the engine struck him turned around as if to meet the shock. His legs and one arm were broken and probably internal injuries were sustained.

"The deceased once lived at Seneca, but lately, it is understood, he has been living in Columbia. He comes of a well known family, and his wife, who was a Columbia lady, is connected with a prominent family. The local authorities have the matter in charge and everything possible is being done to clear up the mystery—which probably will never be done. An inquest will be held this evening as soon as the coroner can arrive to take charge of the remains.

"The deceased is a stranger in this section, having never been seen here before to-day."

### Policeman Kills Negro.

The inquest over the body of John Walker, the negro who was killed last night by Constable "Bun" Dunaway, was held this afternoon, the jury returning a verdict that "the deceased came to his death by a gunshot wound at the hands of Bud Dunaway." Dunaway was committed to jail, later securing bond.

The details of the shooting are very interesting: The negroes have been behaving badly in the neighborhood of the Taylor Manufacturing Company and Dunaway and two deputized constables went there last night to round up the whole lot of them. At the first dash three of the party surrendered and some ran. John Walker made a defiant stand, and cut at Constable Dunaway with a knife. It is claimed by Dunaway that his clothing was cut in several places. Coroner Walker stated that he found the cut places on the clothing to be as described.

The negro's knife was taken away and it was found that he had also a brick in a crocus sack. After being marched out of the shack, the negro made a grab for an axe and as he did so the officer fired.

There was but one shot, and it had almost immediately fatal effect, for the ball entered about the middle part of the back and a little to the left of the spinal column. Coroner Walker had no autopsy last night, but he thinks the ball went through the heart.

The deceased negro was employed at the Taylor Manufacturing Company, and the officers say that while he was a good workman he had a reputation for fighting.—Columbia special to News and Courier.

### Aged Negro Burned.

Laurens, S. C., April 3.—News has just reached the city of a horrible occurrence on the Wadsworth place, some seven or eight miles southeast of here. An old negro woman, seventy-five years of age, was burned to death while burning up trash and stubble in a field. The old woman, Robertson by name, was alone in the field and her clothing caught fire; she tried to run home, but fell on the way. It is said that one of her legs was burned completely off, and the entire body fearfully charred.

### INSANE ASYLUM BURNS.

Six Hundred Lives Imperilled at Woodward, Oklahoma.

Woodward, Okla., April 4.—Six hundred insane persons were in danger of death to-day when flames starting from a prairie fire destroyed several buildings of the State Asylum at Fort Supply.

The fire broke out in the laundry building shortly after the inmates had returned to their quarters from the noon meal. The asylum fire department was ordered out and every effort was made to conceal from the patients the fact that the building was burning. A woman, seeing the fire, however, excitedly gave the alarm. Attendants then rushed among their charges and narrowly averted a panic. The fire spread from the laundry to the pharmacy supply building and threatened the asylum itself. The inmates yielded to the entreaties of the attendants and kept good order when the danger was the greatest.

By hard work, the firemen saved the various ward buildings. There was no loss of life. The stables, laundry, pharmacy and employees' quarters were destroyed. The loss is \$75,000.

### FOUR CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Arrested in Connection With Disappearance at McRae, Ga.

McRae, Ga., April 3.—Four men are under arrest here as a result of the disappearance of Austin Morrison, a former county official, who has been missing a number of days. It is charged that Morrison was murdered and his body hidden in the woods, in a grave hastily dug, after a poker game. When last seen Morrison had several hundred dollars in his pocket. A suit of bloody clothing, said to have been worn by one of the men under arrest, is in the possession of county officers. The men under arrest are Clayton Browning and his son, Claude, Tobe Kinchen, former marshal at Helena, Morrison's home, and Henry Smith, of Alamo, Ga.

### SULLY TOURING THE SOUTH.

Perfecting Plans for Handling and Marketing Cotton.

Atlanta, April 1.—Daniel J. Sully, once known as the "Cotton King," is in Atlanta beginning a tour of the South, which, he says, is for the purpose of perfecting plans which contemplate the conservative revolutionizing of the manner in which cotton is handled and marketed.

"My plan when worked out," he added, "will substitute for the present unsuccessful and sometimes extortionate middle man a factor, whose role will be very much that of an agent who stands between and represents both the seller and the investor in bonds and securities. And we will go before the farmer with such evidence that he cannot doubt in which direction his interests lie."

### Labor Troubles in Chicago.

Chicago, April 3.—Violent demonstrations which required the presence of the police to quell marked two of the labor disturbances prevalent here to-day. The most serious trouble occurred in the down town district, when a force of striking "white wings" attacked the street sweepers who had taken their places. Bricks were thrown through windows and broom handles were wielded by the infuriated strikers. Several were injured.

The second riot grew out of the tile layers' strike. Employees of Dawson Bros., tile flooring company, were besieged by a force of union pickets. J. C. Sawson, the head of the firm, with a drawn revolver, kept the pickets from entering the building until the police arrived.

### Negro Tiger Makes Escape.

Mullins, April 3.—Officers this afternoon made a successful raid on a negro, John Collins. After searching his place the liquor was found and Collins placed under arrest. He made a dash to a cluster of bushes and succeeded in getting away. The deputies returned to Mullins, but later went back and continued their search, finally locating Collins in a negro house covered up in bed. Deputy Jas. Norton pulled him out and started to town, when the negro whipped out a .44 Colts, threw it in the deputy's face and commanded him to get back in his buggy and get down the road. There was nothing to do but to comply. Mr. Norton came back to town and soon a posse of citizens was organized and in pursuit of the negro. They searched the woods until after dark and returned home.

Collins is a notorious character. He is the same negro who was shot recently by his wife and had to be carried to the hospital in Sumter for treatment. In addition to being a familiar figure in the municipal court he is reputed to be an all-round crook, gambler, blind tiger and thief and generally regarded as a bad negro. The citizens here are incensed over the occurrence of the day and hope that he will be caught and given a just sentence. Other towns are asked to be on the lookout for him. His home is supposed to be Darlington or Sumter.

### Swept Over Niagara.

This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings—growing ripples and faster current—nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies—dropsy, diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see backache fly and all your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only 50c. at Peoples Drug Co., Bamberg, S. C.

### Charged With Child Murder.

Greenville, April 2.—A warrant was sworn out to-day for Mrs. Palmer Corn and Tom Childs, charging them with the murder of Bonnie Louise Corn, the 2-year-old daughter of the former. The warrant was sworn out by Palmer Corn, husband of the woman. Corn alleges that his wife deserted him and is living with Childs and that Childs had been heard to say that he intended to make away with the child.

The man alleges that the little girl can not be located and that she is dead. Corn lives in North Carolina now and his wife and child are in the upper section of this county.

### TRAIN KILLS MURDERER.

Negro Struck by Locomotive After Crime of Revenge.

Augusta, Ga., April 4.—During last night Will Frederick, colored, cut Frank Dougherty, colored, killing him. At daybreak, Frederick, trying to make his escape, was struck by a railroad train and killed. The body was brought back to the city and the coroner held inquests over the bodies practically at the same time. Witnesses to the cutting unquestionably put the stabbing crime on Frederick. A year ago Dougherty cut Frederick severely and the Saturday night stabbing was Frederick's revenge for the 1908 assault upon him.

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