

**WAS LAW WEST OF THE PECOS.**

Unique Character Everything from Saloon Keeper to Judge.

If old Judge Roy Bean should come back to Langtry in the flesh he would not know the clean, modern little city as the same town in which he gave vent to the eccentricities that won him wide renown and placed Langtry on the map.

Much that was pure fiction has been written of Judge Roy Bean, but when all this has been sifted out enough remains to stamp the judge as one of the most picturesque characters the great southwest has ever produced.

Roy Bean was a Kentuckian. When he was about 15 years of age he embarked on a Mississippi river steamboat for New Orleans, but becoming involved in a fight on the boat he decided to go to Texas, at that time a wild, free land. So he went to San Antonio and conducted a dairy for some time. When the gold rush of 1849 and 1850 was attracting the venturesome to California Bean went with a party from Texas.

While in California Bean fell in with a Mexican who was preparing to elope with a girl. Bean decided that this elopement was not of the girl's wish, so he stole her himself. After keeping her several days Bean returned her to her family, but for his trouble became involved in a quarrel with a Mexican army officer and finally challenged him to fight a duel. The officer accepted the challenge, and, as the challenged party named lances as the weapons, Bean, who knew nothing of lances, refused to fight, whereupon they decided on pistols. This was Bean's weapon, as he showed by killing his man.

The Mexican authorities seized Bean for killing the man and sentenced him to be hanged, and to this day insist that they hanged him. Friends are said to have cut him down and revived him, hiding him until he was able to travel, when he returned to Texas.

The truth as to this hanging cannot be vouched for, as the judge would never talk about it. Certain it is that there was a livid scar around his neck and he carried his head in a peculiar manner as a result of a permanently stiff neck.

During the civil war he was a Confederate blockade runner. At the close of the war he began carrying freight by wagon from San Antonio to Ft. Stockton. With the beginning of construction of the G. H. and S. A. railway west from San Antonio, Bean fitted up a tent saloon and moved with the construction camps. When the Pecos river was reached a permanent camp was established at the mouth of the Pecos, where it empties into the Rio Grande. This town became the Vinaegaron of border history. Vinaegaron is the Mexican name of a venomous insect.

It was at Vinaegaron that Bean acquired the title of judge, he being appointed justice of the peace. Here it was that he handed down his famous decision affecting the Chinese. An American had shot and killed a Chinaman. He was hailed before the judge for trial and the courtroom was crowded with his friends, for he was popular. The judge after attending to the preliminaries announced: "Gents, I have looked carefully through my Blackstone, and through the statutes of the State of Texas, and I find no law against killing a Chinaman. The defendant is therefore acquitted."

Another case that brought the judge a great deal of notoriety was this: "A man with too much liquor aboard fell from a bridge and was killed. The judge, as coroner, viewed and searched the body and found a 'six-shooter' and about \$40 in money. As coroner he found that the man came to his death by falling from the bridge. As judge he announced: 'I find this man is carrying a concealed weapon against the statutes in such cases provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Texas, and I therefore fine him \$25 and costs.' Needless to say the fine and costs 'killed' that \$40."

"Uncle" Dick Freeman, now a merchant at Juno, Texas, was the deputy and received the six-shooter as his fee.

He next moved his saloon and court to what is now Langtry, Texas. Here he established his "Jersey Lily" saloon and constituted himself "Law West of the Pecos," and at that time his was the only law between the Pecos and El Paso.

An amusing case, showing Judge Bean's willingness to do what's right, as well as reap what he considered his just dues, came about in this wise: Two Mexican couples came to him to be married. The following is the judge's ceremony for the first couple:

"Gregorio, you want to marry this woman?"

"Si, senor."

"Juanita, you want to marry Gre-

**GAVE HUSBAND ROUGH ON RATS?**

Reported Confession of Negro Woman Charged with Murder.

Bennettsville, May 10.—Sudie John, the negro woman who has been in jail for several weeks, charged with the murder of her husband by poisoning him, is said to have made a confession in which she admits having given her husband a dose of "rough on rats." It will be remembered that her husband, Eph John, was taken ill after eating his dinner, which she had prepared, and which he had taken with him to work that day.

Dr. Crosland, at the time suspected "rough on rats" in the food, Eph's stomach was sent to a chemist and the result of the examination was made known a few days ago. Finding that poison had been so discovered, the woman, it is alleged, made a confession. The coroner's jury, which had adjourned pending a report of the chemist, reconvened today and returned a verdict in accordance with the foregoing.

**Lieutenant Killed by Aeroplane.**

San Antonio, May 10.—A bolt hole, an eighth of an inch in diameter, bored where it should not have been in the prong of the "seat fork" of the army's Curtis aeroplane, caused the death of Lieut. George E. M. Kelley, Thirtieth infantry, at 7:30 this morning upon the aviation field at the manoeuvre camp. Such is the verdict of a board of officers of the aero company which investigated the accident.

The board finds the accident was unavoidable, due probably to structural weakness of the aeroplane.

Lieut. Kelley had made a perfect flight and was landing when the shock of the contact with the ground broke the "finger" at the misplaced bolt hole and twisted the machine. One of the supporting wires caught on the engine and threw it wide open at a speed of 75 miles an hour. The aeroplane shot forward and headed directly for the tents of the Eleventh infantry. Lieut. Kelley saw the danger to the occupants of the tents, and sought to turn the machine. One of the planes struck an embankment and toppled the aeroplane over. Lieut. Kelley was thrown 20 feet from the wreck and landed on his head. His neck was broken and his skull fractured.

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"Si, senor."

"All right, according to the power in me vested by the State of Texas, I pronounce you man and wife. Five dollars apiece, please."

So they were married. But a few days later the same two couples came back and announced that they were convinced they had made a mistake as each man desired the other's wife, and they wanted the judge to fix them up. He could for \$10. This they were able to produce. So after asking the women if the exchange was agreeable to them, he said:

"Very well, you are divorced."

Then followed a repetition of the first wedding ceremony, not omitting the judge's usual fee in such cases. Some of the signs the judge had posted on his buildings were unique. These were so posted as to catch the eye of passengers on the trains. As all trains stopped at Langtry for water, it allowed time for a brief visit to Bean's, and many a thirsty pilgrim has quenched his thirst in the old "Jersey Lily." For even though court was in session in the barroom it would always postpone action until a customer was waited on.

One sign read: "Judge Roy Bean Notary Public," another "Justice of the Peace, Law West of the Pecos;" another "The Jersey Lily Saloon, Billiard Hall, Ice Cold Beer." The judge, when a customer complained that the beer had evidently not been on the ice, remarked, "Whoever heard tell of ice in the summer time." On another building was this: "Roy Bean's Opera House, Town Hall and Seat of Justice," and below it, "Judge Roy Bean, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Marries Couples, etc."

The judge died in bed, attended by one or two friends and several pets—an eagle, mountain lion and bear—March, 1902 aged 71 years.

A few years after Judge Bean's death Lillian Langtry passed through the town on one of her farewell tours. The train was held to allow her to visit the judge's place. She evinced much interest, and took a few poker chips and cards as mementos, as well as an old six-shooter that had belonged to Judge Bean. Before leaving she presented the Langtry school with \$50, to be used to repair the building.

Langtry now boasts a modern school building, good homes with flower gardens, a tennis club and a mothers' club, and above all law and order, so that the judge would not recognize his old town were he to return, except for his old building, which still stands and still bears some of the old signs.—Langtry, Texas, special to New York Sun.

**EHRHARDT FORGING AHEAD.**

Improvement on Every Hand Attest Progress of Town.

Ehrhardt, May 11.—In the year of 1897 the Green Pond and Ehrhardt Railroad was completed, giving to Ehrhardt the first and only railway service ever inaugurated in this territory, the village then being composed of one store and five dwellings.

Being at the end of the line, the railroad facilities extended to Ehrhardt were by no means all that could be desired, but in spite of this, and notwithstanding the fact that the place was "bottled up," great strides have been made along all lines.

The town presents to-day a far different appearance to what it did in years past. At present, besides a great number of stores, there are two banks, both doing a good business, and other signs of prosperity. The greater portion of the sidewalks on the main street is covered with cement pavement, and the streets are in good condition. Besides the dwellings there are three churches, Methodist, Baptist and Lutheran.

There are a number of dwellings now under construction, all of which will be modern and substantial structures.

Dr. J. H. Roberts, one of the oldest inhabitants of Ehrhardt, has about completed his ten-room house, Mr. H. A. Hughes has recently moved into his new residence, Mrs. P. P. Pate will soon have finished an attractive dwelling and the Lutheran parsonage is fast nearing completion. This parsonage will be as commodious and attractive as many found in cities. Artesian water is used almost exclusively, many of the stores and dwellings are fitted up with acetylene gas, and a few of the houses have sewerage connections.

Ehrhardt is in a healthy locality and is backed by a set of live and thrifty farmers, whose lands are fertile and rich, and whose abundant crops are the result of intelligent farming. A very large amount of cotton is marketed here, and the prices are invariably the top of the market.

A local telephone company has recently been organized and the material is now on hand for the construction of the exchange and the placing of the wires in the town and country. This company will have connection with the Bell Telephone system.

Mr. Charley Ehrhardt has about completed a fine automobile and general repair shop.

Regardless of apparent handicaps, and with only the thought of making the village a town and the town a city, the people of Ehrhardt have pulled, and pulled together and have labored incessantly and have succeeded far beyond the expectations of the most hopeful, and with the prospects of having a railroad built to Denmark, thereby giving Ehrhardt the benefit of excellent railway connections, everything looks bright, indeed.

This line is very badly heeded, as there is but one outlet by rail and the people of Ehrhardt can be depended upon to assist in any movement that is for the advancement of this rapidly growing town.

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**May Cut Rates.**

Washington, May 10.—The interstate commerce commission to-day made an important order in the case of the Atlantic Coast Line and its connections, in which they asked to be permitted to maintain lower class rates from New York city to Charleston than are maintained to intermediate points. The petition was granted.

Hearings on the application were had here on April 11 and 14. The commission in making its ruling to-day, says: "Class rates were made in competition with water carriers, who are at the point securing a very large percentage of the traffic between two points named."

The commission does not at this time express any opinion in relation to intermediate points. "It is ordered that the applications in so far as they relate to the class rates between New York or points taking New York rates to Charleston and the maintaining of higher class rates at intermediate points be granted. The commission does not approve any rate that may be established under authority of the order, all such rates being subject to complaint and modification."

**PRISONERS SENT TO COLUMBIA.**

Florence Sheriff Obeys Orders of Governor Blease.

Florence, May 10.—Alex Weldon and William Burroughs, the two negroes who have been in jail here for several weeks awaiting the action of the supreme court, they having through their attorney, W. F. Clayton, made an appeal, were, by orders of Gov. Blease, carried to Columbia, and are now safely within the walls of the State penitentiary. Sheriff Burch sent the men over by his deputy, E. C. Harrell, who, by the way, is a brother-in-law of the late Elihu Moyer, the man whom Weldon and Burroughs were convicted of murdering. That alone would seem to show to Gov. Blease that he was in error as to threats of violence to the prisoners, when the sheriff could afford to trust them in the hands of one who might be the only one who would desire to seek vengeance on these men, and he certainly did not have any such desire.

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**CIGAR MAKERS' STRIKE ENDS.**

Tampa Unionists Return to Benches at the Factories.

Tampa, May 12.—The strike of cigar makers, called on Wednesday as a protest against upholding of the jail sentences of union leaders convicted of conspiring to prevent men working, ended this morning. About 5,000 workers returned to their benches.

A movement was started to petition the State pardon board to free Jose De La Campa, Britt Russell and J. F. Bartlum, the convicted men.

The strikers were assured that the leaders would not be sent to jail within 30 days, thus giving them an opportunity of further appealing their case.

**DEMOCRATS STAND FIRM.**

And Pass the Bill for the Farmers Free List by Solid Majority.

Washington, May 8.—Nine hours of continuous hounding at the hands of the Republican minority of the house of representatives failed to make a single change in the first Democratic tariff bill, that placing on the free list agricultural implements, meats and many other articles. The bill passed the house to-night by a vote of 236 to 109, the Democrats voting solidly and mustering 24 Republicans with them. This came after the Democrats had voted down or ruled out of order more than 100 amendments and had demonstrated again that the Democratic majority was a compact and smoothly working machine for the enactment of legislation. James R. Mann, minority leader, threw amendment after amendment into the debate, ranging all the way from free rice to free lead and pig iron, but those that were not ruled out of order were cheerfully voted down by an almost solid Democratic vote.

An attempt by Mr. Mann to recommit the bill to the committee on ways and means was tabled by the house.

**HIS TWENTY-FIFTH CHILD.**

One Wife Gave Him Sixteen and His Second Wife Nine.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 9.—Mrs. Nathan Valone, of Pittston, to-day presented to her husband his twenty-fifth child, a fine girl weighing 15 pounds. Of the twenty-five twenty-two are alive and well and several of them are married. Valone is going to let Col. Roosevelt, of whom he is a great admirer, know about his great good fortune.

"I think he will be proud of me," commented Valone.

Valone was naturalized in 1884, and the same year was married. His first wife presented him with sixteen children, twelve boys and four girls, and all but two of them grew up. Ten years ago he married again, and his second wife has given him nine children.

Valone has prospered notwithstanding his large family, for he now owns a grocery store, shoe store, fruit store, his own home and several other houses.

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