

# THE SKY PILOT

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"Ain't you goin' to stick to your deal?"

I believe in standin' up for local trades and manufacturers. There were nods of approval on all sides, and Williams was forced to accept, for Bill began arranging with the Hill brothers and Hill to make an early start on Monday. It was a great triumph, but Bill displayed no sign of elation. He was rather full of sympathy for Williams and eager to help on the lumber business as a local "institutionsun."

## CHAPTER XX.

### HOW BILL FAVORED "HOME GROWN INDUSTRIES."

THE building of the Swan Creek church made a sensation, and all the more that Bronco Bill was in command. "When I put up money I stay with the game," he announced; and stay he did, to the great benefit of the work and to the delight of the Pilot, who was wearing his life out trying to do several men's work. It was Bill that organized the gangs for hauling stone for the foundation and logs for the walls. It was Bill that assigned the various jobs to those volunteering service. To Robbie Muir and two stalwart Gleanery men from the Ottawa lumber region, who knew all about the broad-axe, gave the heavy down of the logs that formed the walls. And when they had done, Bill declared they were "better 'an a sawmill." It was Bill, too, that did the financing, and his passage with Williams, the storekeeper from "the other side" who dealt in lumber and building material, was such as established forever Bill's reputation in finance.

With the Pilot's plans in his hands he went to Williams, asking a time when the store was full of men after their mail matter. "What do you think of them plans?" he asked innocently. Williams was voluble with opinions and criticism and suggestions, all of which were gratefully, even humbly, received.

"Kind of hard to figure out just how much lumber 'll go into the shack," said Bill. "Ye see, the logs makes a difference." To Williams the thing was simplicity itself, and after some figuring, he handed Bill a complete statement of the amount of lumber of all kinds that would be required.

"Now, what would that there come to?" Williams named his figure, and then Bill entered upon negotiations.

"I ain't no man to beat down prices. No, sir; I say give a man his figger. Of course, this here ain't my funeral; besides, being a gospel shop, the price naturally would be different." To this the boys all assented and Williams looked uncomfortable.

"In fact," and Bill adopted his public tone, to Bill's admiration and joy, "this here's a public institution" (this was Williams' own thunder, "condoctoria" to the good of the community") (Bill whistled his thick and squinted half way across the store to signify his entire approval, and I cherish the opinion) (delighted chuckle from Bill) "that public men are interested in this concern."

"That's so! Right you are!" chorused the boys bravely. Williams agreed, but declared he had thought of all this in making his calculation. But seeing it was a church, and the first church and their own church, he would make a cut, which he did after more figuring. Bill gravely took the slip of paper and put it into his pocket without a word. By the end of the week, having in the meantime ridden into town and interviewed the best there, Bill sauntered into the store and took up his position remote from Williams.

"You'll be wanting that sheeting, won't you, next week, Bill?" said Williams. "What sheetin' 's that?" "Why, for the church. Ain't the logs up?" "That's so. I was just goin' to see the boys here about gettin' it hauled," said Bill. "Hauled?" said Williams, in amazed indignation. "Ain't you goin' to stick to your deal?" "I generally make it my custom to stick to my deals," said Bill, looking straight at Williams.

"Why, what about your deal with me last Monday night?" said Williams angrily. "Let's see! Last Monday night?" said Bill, apparently thinking back. "Can't say as I remember any pertlecker deal. Any of you fellows remember?"

"No one could recall any deal. No one could remember getting any paper from me, I suppose?" said Williams sarcastically.

"[Piper] Why, I believe I've got that there paper on me, I suppose at this present moment," said Bill, diving into his pocket and drawing out Williams' estimate. He spent a few moments in careful scrutiny.

"Here ain't no deal on to this as I can see," said Bill, gravely passing the paper to the boys, who each scrutinized it and passed it on, with a shake of the head or a remark as to the absence of any sign of a deal. Williams changed his tone. For his part, he was indifferent in the matter.

"Of course I believe in supportin' home grown industries, and if you can touch my figger I'd be uncommonly glad to give you the contract."

But Bill's figure, which was quite 50 per cent lower than Williams' best offer, was rejected as quite impossible. "Thought I'd make you the offer," said Bill carelessly, "seein' as you're institootin' the trade and the boys here 'll all be buildin' more or less, and

## AMONG OUR FRIENDS.

Mrs. O. G. Sandberg and three children of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Nelson.

Mrs. Guy S. Garrett and children leave in a few days on a visit to relatives in Virginia.

Mr. M. A. Leaman and children of Cross Hill spent Monday in the city.

Dr. G. C. Albright and Dr. C. A. Elliott returned Friday from the meeting of the State Dental Association at White Stone Springs.

Mrs. R. C. Watts and Misses Augusta, Courtenay and Elizabeth Watts will arrive in the city today from Cheraw to visit Maj. W. A. Watts.

Misses Marguerite and Ruth Adams of Charleston, are visiting Miss Helen Crisp.

Messrs. Lan Ropp, Charley Peden and H. Y. Simmons, of Gray Court, were in town Saturday.

Among other citizens of the county noted at the campaign Saturday, were J. H. Abercrombie, of Alsea; J. T. A. Ballow, of Lisbon; J. P. Dillard, of Tylerville; J. S. Simmons and Tommie Wood, of Brewerton; Dr. A. C. Fuller and Karl Fuller, of Trinity; Frank Tumbler, of Tumbling Shoals; J. C. McDaniel, of Simpson.

Mr. D. A. Davis returned Saturday from a delightful stay at Tate Springs.

Editor W. J. Dandy of the Gazette is attending Court this week as a petit juror.

Mr. Abner Babb is in the city this week from Babbtown.

Mr. W. C. P. Robertson took a little vacation last week spending the time pleasantly at Gray Court and Wares Shoals.

Mr. J. E. Gelder of New York visited his sister, Mrs. E. P. Minter, several days the past week.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Pinsof of Cross Hill were in the city Monday.

Mr. Will Algary of Algary, Greenwood county, was in the city last Wednesday.

Miss Una Burnett of Albany, Ga., is visiting Misses Annie and Lizzie Richey.

Mr. George P. Copeland of Clinton stopped over in Lur in Saturday, returning from a visit to his son, Mr. J. W. Copeland at Alka Lithia, N. C.

Mr. R. A. Cooper, who is making an energetic campaign for Solicitor, attended the State campaign meeting at Greenwood Friday and at Newberry Monday.

Mr. J. R. Burton was in town Monday from Waterloo township. He declined to run for county commissioner this year.

Mr. J. S. Machen visited at Princeton Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Machen of Princeton, after attending the sessions of the Summer School, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Simpson of Cross Hill were in the city Monday.

Mr. C. W. Taylor spent Sunday at Princeton.

Miss Carrie Bess Vance is visiting in Greenville.

Little Miss Mary Taylor has returned from a month's visit at Princeton.

Dr. W. H. Washington has returned from a pleasant visit to his old home in Virginia.

**Death of Mrs. J. B. Hudgens.** Mrs. Onie E. Hudgens, widow of the late J. B. Hudgens, died at the home of her son, Mr. W. K. Hudgens, at Pelzer, Saturday evening last at six o'clock. She was the mother of Mr. John N. Hudgens and Miss Rosa Hudgens of this city, who have the sympathy of all who know them. She was born near Chestnut Ridge and was 77 years old. The burial took place Sunday at Towaville, Anderson county, the resting place of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudgens moved from this county in 1872. Eleven children, sixty-two grand and eleven great-grandchildren survive.

**Mr. J. D. Witherspoon Claims Georgia Bride.**

Mr. J. D. Witherspoon, of White Plains, near Mountville, and Miss Maude Gaines, of Gainesville, Ga., were married in Augusta, Tuesday evening, July 19.

After a visit of several weeks at some of the mountain resorts, Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon will be at home at the elegant country home at White Plains which was built before the war by Col. John D. Williams, grand-father of Mr. Witherspoon, who was a large slave owner and one of the most prominent men in upper South Carolina in his day.

Mr. Witherspoon is a son of Dr. J. H. Witherspoon of Yorkville. He is a successful young planter and is a popular gentleman throughout this section.

**Miss Holroyd and Mr. McCord Wed.** Mr. L. A. McCord and Miss Cora Holroyd have been receiving the congratulations of their hosts of friends since Monday morning when it was announced that they had been married Sunday evening.

The ceremony which took place at the residence of Col. and Mrs. T. B. Crews, where Miss Holroyd has long made her home, was performed by Rev. W. B. Duncan of the First Methodist Church.

Mr. McCord is well and popularly known to a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout this section. Mrs. McCord, who has resided in Laurens for several years is a fine young woman, a talented and accomplished artist.

They are at home at present with Col. and Mrs. Crews.

# The Last Call

This is Positively the Last Week Goods will be sold at COST

Remember that Saturday Aug. 30th is the Last DAY

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CYCLONE OF BARGAINS IN SUMMER GOODS

Especially in Low Cut Shoes and Shirts

Everything going at COST

No goods charged or sent out on approval

R. E. Copeland

Special Judge F. B. Gary convened the Court of General Sessions Monday morning. Solicitor Sease, Stonographer Motte, Clerk Bolt, and the other attaches of the court were at their respective posts. The following cases were disposed of Monday: State vs. M. W. Hudgens, Arthur Fowler, Sam Elliott and Alonzo Parker, not prosed. State vs. Fred Elledge and James Walker, larceny, pleaded guilty. State vs. Joe Harris, larceny of live stock, guilty. State vs. Eugene Davenport, murder. Guilty, recommendation to mercy. Tuesday morning was consumed in the trial of Plek Johnson, a young negro of the city, charged with breaking into J. O. C. Fleming & Company's store last winter and stealing about \$25.00 worth of goods. Guilty. At noon the case of the State vs. Lonnie and Broadus Lollis, brothers, young white men of Dial Township, charged with arson, was begun. The trial of Will Motte for murder is set for tomorrow. Sentence has not been passed on any of those convicted.

**NO REASON FOR IT.** When Citizens Show the Way.

There can be no just reason why any reader of this will continue to suffer the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the dangers of diabetes or any kidney ills which relief is so near at hand and the most positive proof given that they can be cured. Read what a Laurens citizen says:

Leo Bishop, proprietor of general store, on Mills street, Factory Hill, says: "I can from experience recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. My back and kidneys have given me great trouble for a long time, not only causing me untold misery, but costing me a great many dollars. There was a dull, tooth-ache-like pain constantly arising from the small of my back and after setting for a bit I could scarcely get up. Sharp shooting pains sometimes ran down one knee and then another, and I never knew when it was going to strike me. The secretions from the kidneys were too frequent in action and disturbed my rest at night, so that I would arise in the morning feeling worse than I did the night before. I tried numerous remedies but did not get any positive relief from anything until I learned about Doan's Kidney Pills and procured them at the Palmetto Drug Co.'s store. The next day after using them I felt better, and I continued them until all the kidney secretions became all right and my back disappeared. I got a god night's rest, and the aching in my back disappeared."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cts. Foster-Barnum Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's and take no other.

**Profession or Trade.** Whether the practice of pharmacy be classed as a profession or trade, it is undoubtedly true that the public—being without special knowledge to guide themselves in determining the purity of drugs and medicines—places a reliance upon the skill and integrity of their druggist akin to the confidence which they repose in their physician.

When purchasing medicine, the public expects the best; quality is the first requisite; hence, every drug sold by us for the alleviation of disease is sold on Honor.

We have an ambition to be successful but above and beyond that we want to be known as the "Dependable Drug Store"

If anything, regardless of price or quality, bought here at anytime proves other than as represented bring it back—let us of it—pleasantly if you can—if you can't do it pleasantly, do it anyway old way—just so you let us know. We want to correct it. Just now we want to call your attention to the fact that it is time to plant

**Turnip Seed.** We have just received a large supply of the new fresh crop, of all the best varieties, and if you buy of us you will get seed that you can depend upon.

**Laurens Drug Co.** Phone 75. Our Messenger boy is at your service.

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Or if you have anything that needs to be altered, repaired or reset bring it to us. We'll do the work well and charge you but a moderate price.

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**INDIGESTION** "I was troubled with stomach trouble. Theodor's Black-Draught did me more good in one week than all the doctors' medicine I took in a year."—MRS. SARAH E. SHIRFIELD, Elmville, Ind.

Theodor's Black-Draught quickly invigorates the action of the stomach and cures even chronic cases of indigestion. If you will take a small dose of Theodor's Black-Draught once a day, you will keep your stomach and liver in perfect condition.

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All druggists sell 25-cent packages. Theodor's Black-Draught is the best medicine I have ever used."—MRS. A. M. GRANT, Sueda Ferry, N. C.

**CONSTIPATION** Notice. On Saturday, August 21st, at 11 o'clock a. m., contract will be let for re-building Main St. bridge over Ream Creek. Also at 3 o'clock p. m., contract for building bridge at Crumlie's old mill. Contractor to give bond in double the sum bid. Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

H. B. HUMBERT, Supervisor, L. C. July 19, 1904.

**Notice.** On the 4th of August next at 11 o'clock a. m., I will let to the lowest responsible bidder the contract to re-build bridge over Ream Creek. Contractor to give bond in double the amount of bid on the spot. Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

H. B. HUMBERT, Supervisor, L. C. July 19, 1904.

**Stockholders' Meeting.** The Annual Meeting of the Stock holders of the Peoples' Loan and Exchange Bank of Laurens, S. C., is hereby called to be held at the office of the Bank at 11 o'clock a. m., August 22nd, 1904. J. W. TODD, Cashier.

**WORKING NIGHT AND DAY.** The busiest and most successful thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. These pills change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold at The Laurens and Palmetto Drug Co's.