OLD ZEB WHITE

He Tells a Story About a Cantankerous Man

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"Thar was sum purty bad men around yere jest arter the wah," said Zeb White, the possum hunter of Tennessee, as he got his pipe alight one evening on the doorsteps. "Mebbe the wust critter of the lot was named Tom Smith. He didn't hev no fam'ly, but jest sorter hung around at the co'ners. He was powerful on the brag, but he could fight fur all that, and bimeby everybody got skeered o' him. He went about with a chip on his shoulder and blood in his eye till sum men moved away to git cl'ar o' him. Fur sum reason he didn't bother me fur a long time, but one day when I went down to the co'ners to sell sum possum pelts Tom was onter sorts and opened on me. He looks at me a long time with a glare in his eye. Then he throws down his hat and jumps on it and yells:

"'Whoopee! Zeb White, behold the jumper from Jumpersville! I'll bet my rifle agin them possum pelts I kin outjump yo' by six inches. If yo' ar' a man with legs under yo' cum out and try on me!'

"I seed he was tryin' to pick a quarrel," said Zeb, "and so I talked soft to him and tried to git away.

"I was in mighty pore health," explained Zeb, "and no match fur sich a man, and so I had to crawfish. Everybody said I orter shoot him down, but I couldn't shed blood that way. It hurts me to this day to remember that I went home like a whipped cur, leavin' that critter crow over me, but my mind was made up to tackle him as soon as I felt like a man ag'in. When I got home I was cryin', and the old woman sez to me, sez she:

"'Zeb, has the wah broke out ag'in?'

"'No.'

"'Then what's the matter?'

"'I've bin bluffed.'

"'D'ye mean that Tom Smith has crowed over yo'?'

"'That's jest what he has, and I'm so pesky weak in the knees that I had to git away from him.'

"'Jest backed yo' down, did he?'

"'He did. It's the fust time in my life I ever crawfished fur any human critter.'

"'Reckon it is, Zeb. I knows how yo' feel. But yo' couldn't help it. If yo' tackled him he'd hev broke yo' in two. I'll go right at it and nurse yo' up, and in fo' weeks yo'll be fitten to whop Tom Smith till he can't hoot. If yo' hain't, I'll put on yo'r clothes and whop him myself.'

"I felt better arter that," said Zeb, "though I couldn't get over the hurt to my feelin's. One evenin', about two weeks arter[illegible] 'uss and when I was gittin' o[illegible] not [illegible] much better, I was[illegible] right yere when I cotched sight of a b'ar across the road by them rocks. Plenty of b'ars around yere them days, as nobody had been home to kill 'em off. About the time I cotched sight of the b'ar Tom Smith showed up. Tom saw me a-sittin' yere, and he stopped right by that tree and throwed down his hat and yelled, 'Zeb White, ar' that yo' a-sottin' thar?'

"'It ar'.'

"'Do yo' call yo'self a man?'

"'Not a well man. If yo'll gin me fo' weeks mo' I'll run yo' outer the kentry.'

"Waal," sighed the old man, "he talked that way till I got mad and riz up to go, but jest as I did so that b'ar waltzed across the road on his hind feet and fetched him a cuff which knocked him ten feet. Tom thought I'd got out thar without his seein' me, and he was tickled to death as he riz up and went fur the b'er. We heard him sayin':

"'Zeb White, I said yo' wasn't a man, but I take it all back. I didn't believe yo'd stand up to me, and my heart was nigh breakin'.'

"I reckon Tom must hev bin half drunk not to know a b'ar from a man, but he thought it was me fur shore, and he soon had a surprise party on hand. The b'ar didn't seem hankerin' arter meat, but he did want sum fun. The b'ar knocked him down and rolled him about a dozen times, and he got many a good lick in on the b'ar, but at length the fout was over, and Tom Smith was a whopped man. He hollered out that he'd got plenty, and I reckon it was the same with the b'ar, as he suddenly made off into the woods. When Tom got over bein' dazed he got up and said to me:

"'Zeb White, I'm a-beggin' of yo'r pardin. I thought yo' was a coward and dasn't stand up to me, but yo've whopped me in a fair fout!'"

"Was he badly used up?" I asked, as the story seemed to be finished.

"He hadn't skassly a bit o' clothin' left on him," replied Zeb, "and he was bruises and bites and claw marks from head to heel. I reckon he might hev got well from them, but his heart was broke. He knowed I was in poor health, and when he realized that he'd bin whopped by a sick man he took to his bed and died in two weeks. He sent fur me the day he died, and an hour befo' he breathed his last he reached fur my hand and whispered:

"'Zeb White, I can't make out how yo' did it, but yo' dun made me holler fur the first time in my life, and I'm prayin' fur death to cum. I've kinder thought yo' might hev had buzzsaws fastened to yo'r hands and feet, but that wouldn't be agin yo,' and I bear no grudge. Goodby, Zeb. I hope to meet yo' in the t'other land and hev another fout to see who ar' the best man!'"

NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of South Carolina,
County of Union.

Notic is hereby given that the General Election for United States Representative in Congress will be held at the voting precincts fixed by law in the county of Union on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1915, said being Tuesday following the first Monday as prescribed by the State Constitution.

The qualification for suffrage are as follows:

Resident in State for two years, in the county one year, in the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote, four months, and the payment six months before any election of any poll tax then due and payable; Provided, That ministers in charge of an organized church and teachers of public schools shall be entitled to vote after six months residence in the State, otherwise qualified.

Registration.---Payment of all taxes including poll tax, assessed and collectable during the previous year. The production of a certificate to collect such taxes shall be conclusive proof of the payment thereof.

Before the hour fixed for opening the polls managers and clerks must take and subscribe to the constitutional oath. The chairman of the board of managers can administer the oath to the other managers and to the clerk; a Notary Public must administer the oath to the chairman. The managers elect their chairman and clerk.

Polls at each voting place must be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and closed at 4 p. m., except in the city of Charleston, where they shall be opened at 7 p. m. and closed at 6 p. m.

The managers have the power to fill a vancacy; and if none of the managers attend the citizen can appoint from among the qualified voters, the managers, who after being sworn can conduct the election.

At the close of the election, the managers and clerk must proceed publicly to open the ballot boxes and count the ballots therein, and continue without adjournment until the same is completed, and make a statement of the result for each office, and sign same. Within three days thereafter, the chairman of the board, or some one designated by the board must deliver to the commissioner of election the poll list, the boxes containing the ballots and written statements of the result of the election.

Managers of Election---The following manages of election have been appointed to hold the election at the varlous precincts in the said county.

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Monarch Mills—John Brandon Miles Howell, Robert Fowler.

Bufffalo Mills—Trim Allen, Frank Bolton, Jud Wright.

Gibbs—Henry Smith, William Gibbs Samuel Summer.

Colerain—Holland West, Rence Honkins, Ben Walker, Jr.

West Springs—Boyd Lee, J. M. West, Boyd Lancaster.

Cross Keys—G. T. Hollis, Lyles Bobo, W. C. Wilburn.

Black Rock—J. W. Williams, W. A. Beaty, Arthur Lee.

Santuc—J. P. Thom[illegible] E. W. Jeter, W. L. Jones.

Carlisle—Richard Gist, J. W. Fleming, Ben Gregory.

Meadors—Jack Hughes, M. B. Meador, George Whitlock.

Lockhart Mills—J. M. Austin, W. Y. Meadors, Bonner Belue.

Adamsburg—Vernon Hughes, Wesley Gregory, Jess Hancock.

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The qualification for suffrage are as follows:

Resident in State for two years, in the County for one year, in the polling precinct in which the elector offers vote, four months, and the payment six months before any election of any poll tax then due and payable. Provided, That ministers in charge of any organized church and teachers of public schools shall be entitled to vote after six months' residence in the State, otherwise qualified.

Registration.—Payment of all taxes, including poll tax, assessed and collectible during the previous years. The production of a certificate or the receipt of the officer authorized to collect such taxes shall be conclusive proof of the payment thereof.

Before the hour fixed for opening the polls Managers nd Clerks must take and subscribe to the Constitutional oath. The Chairman of the Board of Managers can administer the oath to the other Managers and to the Clerk; a Notary Public must administer the oath to Chairman. The Managers elect their Chairman and Clerk.

Polls at each voting place must be opened at 7 o'clock a. m., and closed at 4 o'clock p.m., except in the City of Charleston, where they shall be opened at 7 a. m., and closed at 6 p. m.

The Managers have the power to fill a vacancy; and if none of the Managers attend, the citizens can appoint, from among the qualified voters, who, after being sworn, can conduct the election.

At the close of the election, the Managers and Clerks must proceed publicly to open the ballot boxes and count the ballots therein, and continue without adjournment until the same is completed, and make a staement of the result, and sign the same. Within three days thereafter, the Chairman of the Board, or some one designated by the Board, must deliver to the Commissioners of Election the poll list, the boxes containing the ballots and written statements of the result of the elecetion.

Managers of election.—The following Managers of Election have been appointed to hold the election at the various precincts in the said County.

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