

FALSE GEORGIA DEITIES.

HUMAN LIFE SACRIFICED AT DEMAND OF IMPORTERS AND FINANCERS. A recent dispatch from Savannah, Ga. makes the following remarkable statement: A lamentable state of affairs exists in Liberty County, forty miles below this city. For a number of weeks past a white man known as Dupont Bell has proclaimed himself as the Messiah. His pretensions were readily accepted by the colored people, hundreds of whom deserted their little growing crops or left the plantations and impetuous flocks where they were employed to flock to the standard of the new Messiah, who announced that on August 16 they should ascend into Heaven.

Planters suffered considerably from the lack of labor, and a resort to Bell was sent to the Georgia House of Aylmer. The effect of his ravings still continues. A successor has appeared in Edward James, a colored man, who claims that Bell's spirit has passed into him. He preaches free love and appears before his followers as a wealthy man. He is followed by a large number of the colored people, who have followed him from Eden before the fall. His listeners, following his advice, throw their money away, holding that after August 16, if they do not go directly to heaven they will take possession of the property of the whites, who will then become colored folk. The blacks being changed into Caucasians by the miraculous power of the blood of Bell, who they apparently believe has been taken away for eradication. Recently David James, a brother of the preacher, and Carter a friend, were the only ones who refused to try to persuade Edward James to give up his calling. The followers of James mobbed the two and beat Carter terribly with their fists and clubs. Both were badly injured. Carter's skull was crushed and death is certain to ensue.

HUMAN SACRIFICE. The idea of human sacrifice has spread to an awful extent. The story of Abraham offering up Isaac is told by James with strong effect. On Sunday a girl 4 years old and a younger sister were left at home several miles from Walworthville, by their parents. On their return the children were missing. Suspicion fell on Laura Roberts the children's aunt. She was one of Bell's most devoted followers, and after his removal transferred her attachment to James. Like many others, she accepted all his words as of divine origin and, acting upon them, killed the children. The aunt's only reply to the parent's queries for a time was, "Ask the Lord." He has directed me, on Monday morning I was found floating in a railroad ditch. On the forehead a cross had been cut, and on the breast the same symbol was deeply cut. The throat was cut and the ears split. The woman was arrested, but refused to divulge what she had done with the other child. A warrant search was instituted, but without avail. The coroner's jury found the aunt guilty of murder.

THE AUTHORITIES INTERFERE. Upon notice Sheriff Smith, of Liberty County, started with a posse of well armed men to the camp-ground to make an effort to put a stop to the scandalous proceedings. A number of the leaders of the new sect were arrested, making fifteen in all that have been taken into custody. If the posse does not succeed a vigilance committee will be organized at once and bent upon requisition to rid the county of the nuisance. James was formerly a justice of the peace. He had in his office Toney Leconte, a colored constable. Toney had developed the mania and in posing as the Holy Ghost. "We are three ones," he announced at the meeting to a crowd of several hundred, and then explained that Bell was the Deity, who has gone back to Heaven to make arrangements for their reception. James is the Son and he is the Spirit. Toney and James require their followers to prostrate themselves before them. None are allowed to speak to them unless on their knees.

AT THE MEETING ON Sunday afternoon the wife of Charles Baker was badly injured. James pointed to her and exclaimed: "She has devils in her; pound them out." A dozen men seized the woman, threw her on a rough table and beat her with clubs. Her jaws were broken and her body badly bruised. On Monday James said he saw devils moving in Eugene Richards. The deceiver set upon Richards and beat him into insensibility. He received serious internal injuries and will probably die.

OTHER FALSE PROPHECIES. These blasphemous ravings are having an echo in nearly every quarter of the state. It really seems as if Georgia was about to be afflicted with an epidemic of false deities. In Camden county in the extreme Southeastern corner bordering on the Florida line, a white man appeared about eight weeks ago. He, strange to say, called himself Dupont, and in appearance is said to bear a striking resemblance to Dupont Bell. He rarely ever showed himself to the Whites, preferring the companionship of colored people. He claims to be the Messiah, and has many followers. He requires that they shall worship him on their knees, which they all do with much reverence. Over a month ago Dupont told his followers that he would ascend to Heaven on July 10. He would not inform them, however, as to the hour or the place of ascent. On the day mentioned he disappeared. The following day he returned and brought with him a man whom he introduced to the colored people as the Prophet Elijah. Dupont warned the people that they must sell all their property and use the money for the support of himself and friend. Since Dupont returned he and the false Elijah have been laboring very zealously together for the complete conversion of the entire country. And this they have almost succeeded in accomplishing. Only two or three churches remain. When all are converted Dupont and Elijah have arranged for an ascension into heaven with his followers.

In Cherokee County, in the North-western part of the state, a colored man known as the Prophet Elijah has been spreading his claims to divinity for several weeks. He professes to have supernatural powers, and has already secured a large following among the ignorant classes. Brunswick, however, promises to reach the climax of absurdities. In the promising town a ginger-cake colored woman is about to proclaim herself as the true redeemer of mankind. Her name is Maria Dempsey. She became possessed of a preaching fever two weeks ago, and persuaded members of a Methodist church to allow her the use of the pulpit. It was granted and the woman preached an enthusiastic sermon. Since then she has preached almost every day and night, arousing the colored people by her stirring words. She has acquired a reputation as a worker of miracles.

TRACK SUPERSTITIONS.

QUEER BELIEFS HELD BY THOSE WHO BET ON HORSE RACES. "How is it that gamblers, and especially gamblers on the turf, are so superstitious?" This question was asked of an old race-goer recently, but he denied altogether that they were superstitious. He said: "Backing horses in a race is all a game of chance. You may have the very best horse in the race and not win because he is not in the nick of the race. You may have a horse which is not in the nick, but through some mishap, such as the horse being pocketed, or slipping his bridle, he may be beaten. Now these mishaps make the chance in the game, and there are certain signs that all race-goers believe in that tell when to back a certain horse and when to let him alone. Why, I would no more think of backing a horse that these signs and omens said would not win than I would attempt to fly."

"How is it, then, that you don't always win? Are the signs sometimes wrong?" "Never. The signs are always right, but we don't always read them correctly, and even when we do we sometimes think we know best. Then we have to suffer for our conceit."

"I saw the winner in a dream." "Just tell me of some of the signs that you go by." "First of all, I never make a bet unless I have my mascot with me. It is a \$5 gold piece. If I should happen to lose a bet, I would just watch the race. Sometimes I have tried to win when I have not had gold piece with me, but I always lost, and so now I have given it up. I found that gold piece several years ago when coming through the gates of Jerome park. I only had a back ticket bill with me that day, and in the first race I placed it on a horse that won and paid \$56.75 for \$5. I concluded that the \$5 gold piece was meant to bring me good luck, and I determined to keep it. That day I won \$750, and every since I have never been without money."

"Monday is a bad day to lose on. If one starts the week badly then you may be sure it will end badly. If I lose on Monday I rarely make another bet until the next Monday comes around. Sometimes I have varied this rule and tried to win, but it is of no use."

"In racing my shoe this morning I laced it wrong. If I had left it laced wrong all would have been well and I should have won, but instead I unlaced it and refaced it. That is a sure sign of a bad day."

Some bettors believe in dreams. They will sometimes dream that a certain horse will win a race, and then back that horse when he next runs. An old turfman told this story about a dream he had. "It was twenty years before the Great American stakes was run at Gravesend I dreamed of the race. I saw quite distinctly a number of horses start, and one, a big chestnut, win. Who was it? I could not make out. I tried all day long to find out the name of this horse, but I was of no use. I had his picture stamped on my mind, and when I got to the track tried again to find out the name of this youngster, but it was no use. Just as the horses were going to the post I recognized my winner. It was a dark bay, with a white blaze on his face, and he was called St. Carlo, ridden by Garrison. I rushed to the ring and managed to put on some money. Well, you know St. Carlo won, and I won \$600. That's one reason why I believe in dreams."

Many believe that a hunchback is a sure sign of luck. In this connection, turfmen do not agree with actors. Many an actor has refused to play because he has seen a hunchback in the audience, and he believes it a sure sign of ill luck. Turfmen think differently. They say if you are in search of good luck, never look at a hunchback, but on touching the hump, no matter how lightly—the tips of the fingers will do. Some say that you must wash for luck at the same time that you touch the hunchback, and in order to work the charm the hunchback must be aware of your action.

Cross-eyed persons bring good and bad luck with them. If a man sees a cross-eyed woman he will have good luck, but this cross-eyed woman will bring bad luck to another woman. In the same way a cross-eyed man will bring good luck to a woman and bad luck to a man.

ALL A GAME OF CHANCE. All patrons of the race course are firm believers in the old superstition about seeing the new moon first. It is good luck to see it first over the right shoulder, bad luck to look at it over the left shoulder, but best luck of all to look at it fall in the face with money in your pocket. The money that you see while looking at the moon and it will double itself during the next twenty-four hours.

Every one of course, is familiar with the fatality said to surround the number 13. If there are 13 horses starting in a race, the number 13 has to be an extraordinary good one before the bettors will back it, and they claim that nine times out of ten something will happen to prevent his winning. Many believe that luck surrounds certain numbers. More favor the number 7 than any other.

Some persons who play the races never like to win the first race. They will make a small bet on some horses and expect to lose. After that they will play heavily and are most confident of winning. If they should win in the first race by any chance they will not bet any more, as they are certain they will lose.

Bettors on horse races are always on the lookout for some sign that will point to a certain horse in the race. Going down to the Donmouth park races on the Sandy Hook boat they are always on the lookout for a pilot boat and then when they see the big number on the sail they regard it as a good omen and plan according to what the number points to on the program. Others watch signs and listen for names. If they see a sign that bears the name of a horse or hear any one mention the name of a horse in some odd way they take it as a sure tip that the horse will win the next time he starts.

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OWARDLY JUGGLING WITH LAW.

The attempt of Appraiser Leach to break the force of the blow dealt to woolgrowers and dealer, by the recent constructive revision of the tariff in favor of free wool by the Customs Appraisers, is simply the most cowardly juggling with the law that has ever been seen in the history of business and the tranquility of our versatile tariff tinker, Appraiser Leach now denies that the Appraisers have opened the way for lessening the duty on fine wool, as he says they have decided that only such wools as are made in the usual course of manufacturing scoured wool into goods can be admitted at 10 per cent duty.

That this juggling explanation of Appraiser Leach is simply adding insult to injury, is fully explained and proved by the regular circular issued by Justice BAYARD & Co., leading wool dealers in the city, in which after quoting the Appraisers' decision justly Appraiser Leach gives it, saying: "This practically lets down the bars for the importation of scoured wool at ten cents per pound duty, that for the past few months has been excluded by Treasury rulings, except at sixty cents per pound duty. It is impossible to distinguish between the waste that is made accidentally in the course of manufacturing and the manufactured article made in regular course of manufacturing. It is a like construction in the past has admitted practically free an amount of fine wool equal to the entire crop of the State of Ohio."

Nobody will be deceived by this cowardly juggling with both business interests and the law. It is meant to furnish practically free wool to a large extent to our woolen manufacturers, while professing to maintain excessive tariff taxes to hold the votes of the wool growers and all sides well understood. It is a bold and lawless advance to a confessed necessity that of free wool, but free wool like every other need of industry or trade, must come by law and not by the ordered construction of political accidents. The action of the wool manufacturers on the tariff question during the last campaign was dishonest. They wanted free wool, they know that there is no labor to protect in growing wool; they know that they must have free wool, chemicals and dyes to run the trade for their own country for American capital and labor; but they decided to evade the law, and they have succeeded in helping them to victory, intending to cheat them afterwards, and the United States Customs Appraisers were assigned the task of knocking the wool growers out by constructive tariff revision. First the wool manufacturers were given a lawless increase of tariff taxes on worsted; now they have commanded a lawless reduction of the tariff taxes on fine wool. They profitably say: "We've paid for it," and they get it.

But what will Congress say to this cowardly juggling with both industry and law to fulfill a campaign contract? The House is in accord with party on general principle, that it will not be in accord with the omission of BAYARD & Co. Appraiser Leach's making and unmaking of tariff and pension laws in a look of contempt of Congress, and the re-issuing will come with unmistakable emphasis. Even in the severe stress of war times no such juggling with laws was ever attempted in obedience to political necessities, and the people will demand that the government shall bow to the lines in the ending revolutionary lawlessness in the administration of plainly written laws.—Times.

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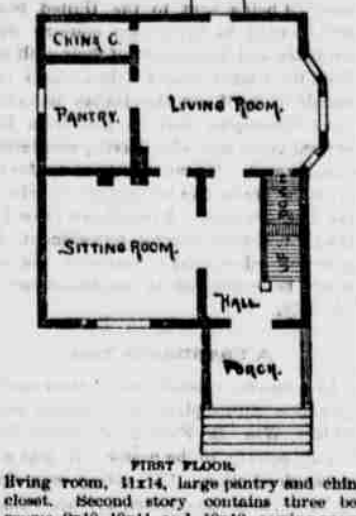
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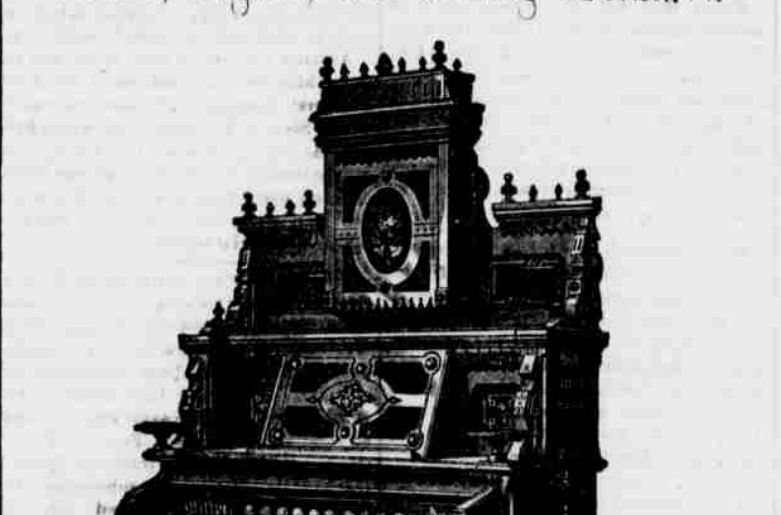


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