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Rev. H. Stubenvoll, of Elkhorn, Wis., is pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Church of that place. Rev. Stubenvoll is the possessor of two bibles presented to him by Emperor William of Germany. Upon the fly leaf of one of the bibles the Emperor has written in his own handwriting a text.

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THE CARDIFF GIANT.

FAMOUS HOAX RECALLED BY THE DEATH OF ITS MAKER.

Twelve Feet High and Apparently the Petrified Body of a Man—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Emerson and Others Believed It Genuine.

The Cardiff Giant, the most famous hoax of the nineteenth century, is recalled by the recent death at Birmingham, England, of George Hull, who gave the thing prominence and gained notoriety for himself by means of it.

The whole country was duped. Oliver Wendell Holmes and Ralph Waldo Emerson believed in the thing. Judge William C. Ruger said: "No one can look upon that calm, grand smile of unguessed sweetness and strength without being convinced that the giant once lived and had a being."

Cardiff, where the giant was found, is in Onondaga County, New York State, a few miles from Syracuse. Near by is a depression in the earth known as Onondaga Hollow. In this hollow are to be found petrified fish and reptiles. Geologists say this hollow once formed the bed of an ocean.

It was here, on the Newell farm, that the giant was ostensibly discovered on Oct. 16, 1830, while William Newell, nicknamed "Stub" Newell, and his men were digging a well. To attest the authenticity of the find at the time, Newell, Gideon Emmons, Henry Nichols, John Parker and Smith A. Woodman solemnly made affidavit to the circumstances in order to be able to meet any possible charge of fraud.

The news of the discovery of the giant spread across the country in an incredibly short time, and soon vehicles of all sorts were headed for the pit, loaded with people curious to look upon the face of this wonder, this prehistoric giant. With admirable promptitude, Newell erected a tent over the pit and charged an admission fee of 50 cents. In this way he made over \$7,000 in a few weeks. He sold a three-quarter interest to some Syracuse men, one of whom was Dr. Westcott, father of the author of "David Harum." It is said that Newell got \$30,000 for this three-quarter interest.

It was not long before the giant began to attract the attention of scientific men. One of the first to view the giant was Prof. Hall, the New York State geologist, who proclaimed it to be the petrified body of a man. The newspapers and magazines of the country went into a lathered discussion of the subject. Heated arguments between scientists were published, some declaring that the giant was a petrification, others denying this, but asserting it to be an imposture of great antiquity. Among those who held to the latter theory were a committee from the Geological Society, of Boston, composed of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Prof. Jackson and others. Judge Ruger gave the delightful testimonial already quoted. Power, the sculptor, whose statue, The Greek Slave, is known all over the world, declared that no chisel could have carved such a man.

Families Quarreled Over It. It is said that in central New York families were virtually disrupted by the aggressiveness of the discussion over the genuineness of the giant. It is a doubtful truth that the four or five men who became the owners and exhibitors of the giant were as badly deceived as the public, the originator of the humbug having in that way made a master stroke. One of these was Dr. Amos Westcott, the father of the author of "David Harum." Dr. Westcott was a gentleman of the highest respectability in Syracuse, and when the giant was finally shown to be a fraud, his health gave way and he died shortly after. It is said, of a broken heart. He felt the world would never believe him innocent of an intention to hoodwink it.

At the time the giant flourished P. T. Barnum had a museum in New York, and he recognized the worth of the giant for his show. He offered \$30,000 for it for three months. This offer was rejected, but Barnum was not to be defeated thus easily. There was a chemist in Syracuse named Otto, who knew something about modeling. Barnum commissioned him to make a plaster giant as near like the original as possible. Otto produced a duplicate giant, made of plaster on a wire model and weighted with lead to give the weight of the original. This imitation Barnum exhibited in his museum, and many who saw it wondered how such a composition could deceive the learned men even for a moment.

Meanwhile the original giant was shown in different cities, causing no end of wonderment. On one day in Syracuse 4,000 people paid 50 cents apiece to see it. The Mayor and the public officials of Rochester made an official journey to Syracuse to see it. Trains on the New York Central road stopped ten minutes at Syracuse to afford passengers an opportunity to run across the street and see it. Eventually the fraud was discovered and then Hull made a confession that he was the originator of the gigantic "hoax."

The idea of the Cardiff Giant Hull got from an argument he had with a Methodist minister, in which the minister claimed the earth was at one time peopled with giants, as the Bible says. His resourceful mind grasped the idea of a great and grand sell, and he at once set to work to materialize it. After a long search for the proper kind of a stone he at last found one to answer his purpose at Fort Dodge, Iowa, in a gypsum bed. After many difficulties in transporting the very heavy stone over forty-five miles and across the Des Moines river to a railroad, he finally succeeded in having it secretly hauled in an out-of-the-way place in Chicago. He then secured G. Fabrizio, an Italian sculptor, to carve a gigantic figure of a man apparently in the throes of extreme pain. The marks of the chisel were removed and the

figure treated with a wire brush and acid to give it an old appearance. He then securely packed it and shipped it marked "machinery," to Union, N. Y., in the fall of 1830. From there it was taken by wagon in the night to Cardiff, near Syracuse, where "Stub" Newell, a cousin of Hull, had a farm. They had fixed it up between them to bury it, which they did, and planted a crop of grain over the spot. The next year Newell had some neighbors dig a well on the spot, and they discovered the giant. Then the fun commenced.

NEWSPAPER GROWTH.

Marvelous Development of the American Press. Bennett, Greeley, Prentiss and Raymond—the grand "we" of the old school—were in a small company when they virtually ruled public opinion, says the St. Louis Republic. There were only 254 daily papers in existence in 1830. To-day there are 2,226. In 1830 the combined circulation of the papers was 758,454, while in 1900 it was 102,156. The aggregate number of copies issued during the year 1830 was 426,409,978, while in 1900 it was 8,168,248,749. It must be admitted that this growth in circulation has followed a change in the so-called mission of the newspaper. A half century ago no statesman felt secure unless he had the editorial support of the papers. The press did not then, as now, express and lead public opinion, but formed it. To-day the highest calling of the newspaper is to truthfully furnish the news. No daily can make editorial expression the leading feature and survive. Railroad, telegraph and cable have made the communication so easy that the desire of the people for the latest news has made the circulation of the better papers increase by leaps and bounds.

With the betterment of transportation facilities the weekly press has failed to keep pace with the daily. From 1830 to 1880 the increase in the daily was 25.9 per cent; while in the same period the weekly circulation dropped from 21.7 per cent in 1830 to 14.7 per cent in the last decade. There was \$192,443,708 invested in newspapers and periodicals in 1900. They had 27,579 salaried employees, who received \$27,013,791, and 94,004 wage earners, who receive \$50,333,051. Material cost \$50,214,904, and the money value of products was \$222,985,593. There is no way of promoting the actual value of the product in promoting advancement and saving the cost of mistakes which ignorance makes at every turn.

LAUGH AT THE "TOMMIES."

Boer Prisoners Played a Clever Joke on Their British Guards. When the 5,000 Boer prisoners were confined on the islands of the Great Sound, Bermuda, there was a constant rivalry between the wits of the burghers and those of their guards every whit as keen as that displayed by the contending generals on the far-off African battlefields. Now it was a "take-off" on the Tommies, now a laugh on the British burghers, and things had about split even until the eventful night when not only the whole English camp but the English fleet as well fell victims to the plotting Boers.

A British sentry was stationed on a promontory overlooking the sound, when something suspicious caught his eye on the calm surface of the water between himself and a battleship lying at anchor. Not wishing to arouse the whole camp on a false alarm, he watched the object for some minutes. Suddenly his heart jumped into his mouth. The object was not only moving slowly through the water, but it had taken the shape of a man on a raft. Was it a prisoner escaping? "Guard turn out! Sound the alarm! Searchlight! Searchlight!" he shouted. The English camp was astir in a moment. The alarm was sounded and the armed Britons came flocking from every quarter. Signals were made to the battleship, and in a few moments she was a scene of commotion. Her great searchlight was turned on the ocean and lighted up the promontory with the brightness of noonday. Boats filled with armed soldiers shot out after the escaping Boer. Then the searchlight fell upon the raft, as it did as a roar from 5,000 Boers told the British that they had been taken in as British soldiers had never been taken in before.

The supposed prisoner escaping, says the Detroit News-Tribune, was a dummy dressed up in burgher's clothes and tied to a raft.

Did Pelee Rob Oil Wells? Speaking of the decrease or almost total disappearance of the gas pressure which was so long one of the great peculiarities of the Beaumont field, there is a novel theory advanced. Some men who study such things say that just about the time of the eruption of Mont Pelee and the destruction of St. Pierre the gas pressure began to lessen and in a short while almost entirely disappeared.

The theory is that the gas which was under the ground at Beaumont extended laterally under the earth all the way down through the Caribbean Sea and when it accumulated in large quantities under Mont Pelee the explosion came and the supply was exhausted there. In support of this wonderful theory attention is called to the fact that the famous oil pool in the Gulf of Mexico, south of Beaumont many miles, and which has been the wonder of mariners for years and years, is on a direct line between Beaumont and Mont Pelee. So the people who deal in syndicates and monopolies and antiques, says the New Orleans Picayune, find comfort in believing that the eruption of the volcano is what has caused all the damage at Beaumont.

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