

TWO OLD COONS.

The Oldest Inhabitant—Aged One Hundred and Nine—A Queer Old Citizen of Troy—His Habits and Opinions.

[From the Troy Press.]

He is right here in Troy, and his name is John Henry Blackwell, and he has seen one hundred and nine summers (when August is out) and one hundred and eight winters. He was not born in the house in the hollow, beside a babbling, but nasty little brook, just off Lincoln avenue, under the hill. The house is an old style frame, with wooden shutters, and has stood where it now stands for forty-five years. Neither outside nor inside has ever been molested by a painter. The house is weather beaten like its owner (for Blackwell owns it), and looks as if the ups and downs of this world had had no effect upon it. John Henry lives all alone in the house. It cannot be called bachelor's hall, because John Henry is not a bachelor. He has been married, but it was so long ago that he has almost forgotten how it feels. His house is not a hill either. It is more like a den or hermitage. No one is ever invited into the place, and no one is ever allowed to look into it unless he does so stealthily. John keeps the doors and windows securely fastened, and at night he never uses a light unless he is looking for something that has been mislaid in the chasm of disorder that exists there; and he uses a tallow candle. He is very sociable. He has lived so long that he imagines the present generation is a pack of fools and he a wise man. The first statement may be all right, but there is room for debate on the latter.

John Henry is an Irishman, and has been in this country sixty years. He lived in New York fifteen years, and remembers the city when it was, he says, no bigger than Troy. He has lived in Troy forty-five years, and recollects Troy as a small country village. He lost his wife fifty years ago. He had three sons and one daughter, but they have all gone to the other world, and now the old man is alone. He has lived alone for twenty-five years, ever since his daughter died, who was sixty-five years old. He has no relatives now, having out lived the whole of them, grand-children and all.

About ninety years ago he learned the tailoring business, and has worked in different cities, but in the last thirty years he has lived in a mysterious way. He does not work, but goes away sometimes for weeks at a time, nobody knows where. He returns as mysteriously as he goes, and seems to have money. Of late years he has turned his attention somewhat to the study of medicine; and not only the study, but the practice. He imagines that he can cure any disease, and will always solicit a trial of his skill on any one he sees sick or suffering. Instances have been known where he has relieved pain and cured illness, but in more cases an opposite effect has followed.

Blackwell seems as vigorous as a man of fifty. In fact, he is the type of a very lively old man. He can walk a mile without a cane as fast as almost anyone seventy-five years younger. He never rides. He is a thorough pedestrian. He was never on a street car, and only once on a railroad; then he went to Albany on the cars, got lost there, and walked back. He thinks jackasses superior to horses for general use. The old man may not be aware of it, but jackasses are just as numerous as ever; they have two legs though, instead of four, and are balky. Blackwell will not ride behind a horse; it is against his principles; he believes in ancient, instead of modern civilization; the good old Oriental times are the times for him; he believes in an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. He is opposed to lawyers, and puts no faith in newspapers. Religiously speaking, John Henry Blackwell is a Protestant. He scarcely ever goes to church, however, but he evidently reads the Bible, as he is conversant with its passages. He has no fear of death, and acts as though he expects to live forever.

ANOTHER—HE IS ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, AND LIKELY TO LAST. [Media, Ohio, Letter 9th, to the Cincinnati Enquirer.] We have just had the rare privilege of grasping the hand of a man over a hundred and sixteen years old—Mr. Lomar Griffin, of Lodi, in this county who was born in 1759, before the birth of our nation's independence, and who, singular to say, has voted for every president except Washington, whom he objected to for some reason of his own, which he now declines to give. He still enjoys a major portion of his faculties, except hearing. He is rather deaf, but can hear if you speak above an ordinary tone. He is as active as most men of sixty-five. He lost his right arm forty years ago by the fall of a tree; but still works around his garden, reads the papers, and goes down the street. The old gentleman dislikes very much to be bothered with visitors, and is in no way particular about concealing his displeas-

ure, but rather seems to think he has rights all others should bow down to. But if he is in a loquacious mood, or if his wife (his second one) is present, and of whom he is rather afraid, he will talk to you, and get very much excited at times. He has rather a fondness for newspaper men, and to tell him you are one is the open sesame to his mouth. Harper Brothers made him the subject of an illustrated sketch several months ago, which pleased him very much. He bids fair to live several years longer, and would be an invaluable and novel feature of our Centennial Exhibition next year, to which we think he could easily be persuaded to go. Several of his sons live near him, the youngest of whom is seventy-eight. He has been visited by persons from all parts of the United States since the publishing of the sketch by Harpers.

Truly, Ohio can claim the oldest person in the world. We have in this county Capt. L. M. Bates and wife, whose aggregate height is fourteen feet and eight inches. They formally travelled with Barnum as the Kentucky Giant and Giantess. They have a splendid farm, and are now building a very fine residence on it near Leville. More anon.

A FINANCIAL TRAGEDY.

In keeping with the gigantic collapse of the Bank of California is the tragedy which our dispatches announce this morning. President Halston who yesterday, to speak paradoxically, committed suicide to save his life, was one of the representative men of the high pressure life of the Pacific coast. For many years he was cashier of the bank, while D. O. Mills, and old Buffalonian was its president. Assuming the presidency on Mill's retirement, about three years ago, he became one of the most conspicuous of California characters. As an entertainer he was simply regal, and no person of any distinction visited the coast without receiving magnificent hospitality at his hands. Financially, his position at the head of great banking monopoly of the state, made him the money deposit of California. His golden scepter dictated the destinies of the mining interests, and he was, on a grand scale, the Jim Fisk of the Pacific coast. It was but a step from his giddy eminence to suicide, and he has taken it.—Buffalo Courier.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A KENTUCKY BLASPHEMER.

A man named Louis Burke, who lived at Burkesville, in this county a few days ago indulged in a very blasphemous language because his corps had been destroyed by high water. He cursed God for having his crops destroyed last year by heat and drouth, and for destroying them this year by flood, and concluded his blasphemy of the Creator with the expression: "Good damn him!" His tongue clove to the roof of his hand mouth, and he died the next night, never uttering another word.—Virginia Paper.

Another Riot in Mississippi—Eight Negroes Killed.

Vicksburg, Aug. 26.—A special to the Herald from Macon, Miss., dated 24 inst., reports a riot at New Hope Church, in which eight negroes were killed and wounded. The riot was caused by a quarrel between a white man and a negro about drum beating.

A man can't say damn in the streets of San Francisco without danger of arrest and fine for "using vulgar language, one of the police justices in that city has paid many times his own salary into the city treasurer in the shape of fines imposed for this offence. But the amount of vulgar language and profanity heard in private has been largely increased by efforts to suppress it in public.

A Boston paper says "nickel counterfeitors found a magnificent field in the bob-tail horse cars in Chicago, taking a seat at the end of the car, they would take every nickel as it was passed up, exchange it for a counterfeit and put it in the box until the treasurer had more to send to the lead works than to the bank."

I would advise you to put your head into a die-tub, it's rather rod," said a joker to a sandy-haired girl. I would advise you to put yours into an oven (it is rather soft," said Nancy.

A newspaper biographer, trying to say his subject was hardly able to hear the demise of his wife, was made by the inexorable printer to say, Wear the chemise of his wife.

I must marry the flirt," said a disconsolate young man, "she whistles, and it'll never do to trifle with the affections of a girl that whistles.

At Columbus Ohio, James Dunn a Roman Catholic, and Robert Coulter a protestant had a heated religious discussion in which the latter shot Dunn fatally and escaped.

TRANSMISSION OF SOUND THROUGH FOG.—On December 9, a memorable fog settled down on London. I addressed a telegram to the Trinity House suggesting some gun-observations. With characteristic promptness came the reply that they would be made in the afternoon at Blackwall. I went to Greenwich in the hope of hearing the guns across the river; but the delay of the train by the fog rendered my arrival too late. Over the river the fog was very dense, and through it came various sounds of great distinctness. The signal bell of an unseen barge rang clearly out at intervals, and I could plainly hear the hammering at Cullett's Town, half a mile away, on the opposite side of the river. No deadening of the sound by the fog was apparent.

Through this fog and various local noises, Captain Atkins and Mr. Edwards heard the report of a 12-pounder cannonade with a 1-pounder charge distinctly better than the 18-pounder with a 2-pounder charge, and optically clear atmosphere, and all noise absent, on July 31.

Anxious to turn to the best account a phenomenon for which we had waited so long, I tried to grapple with the problem by experiments on a small scale. On the 10th I stationed my assistant with a whistle and an organ pipe on the walk below the Southeast end of the bridge dividing Hyde Park from Kensington Gardens. From the Eastern end of the Serpentine I heard distinctly both the whistle and the pipe, which produced three hundred and eighty waves a second. On changing places with my assistant, I heard for a time the distinct blast of the whistle only. The deeper notes of the organ-pipe at length reached me, rising sometimes to great distinctness, and sometimes falling to inaudibility. The whistle showed the same intermittence as to period, but in an opposite sense; for when the whistle was faint, the pipe was strong, and vice versa. To obtain the fundamental note of the pipe, it had to be blown gently, and on the whole the whistle proved the most efficient in piercing the fog.—Professor Tyndall.

FRENCH EXPERIMENTS WITH STEEL.

M. Ponsard's apparatus for producing steel direct from the iron ore, as described in *La Met allurgique*, appears to be characterized by great simplicity, and, if the accounts of its operation be reliable, by peculiar efficiency. It consists principally of an arrangement for transforming the fuel in a series of large chambers, and of an apparatus in brick, called the recuperator of heat, which receives the flames from the furnace, and restores the calorific in the form of hot hair. The compartments of the chamber serve successfully for the reduction of the ore, for the reactions which are effected, and, finally, for the fusion of the whole charge in such a manner that the separation of the component parts is effected by the difference of density. These various phases of the operation require very different temperatures, and the production of these is the special object of the apparatus. On the side of the furnace doors the temperature is only that of red heat, while beyond the heat is so great that the eye is unable to support the intensity of the glow; this extraordinary heat being estimated in fact at not less than 3,632 degrees Fahrenheit. The result obtained by means of this process is considered to demonstrate the possibility of producing steel direct from the ore, without any of the transformations necessary under existing systems.

A STRIKING SUN-DIAL.—A sun-dial that strikes the hours has been invented by Abbe Allegret. It is simply a modification of what is termed the solar counter, for registering the times which the sun shines or is obscured. To effect this there are two balls, one black and the other yellow, fixed at opposite ends of a lever sustained by a center pivot. When the sun shines the black ball absorbs more heat than the yellow one, and the vapor of a liquid contained in the former is elevated to a higher temperature than in the latter. As a result the vapor leaves the one ball, and being condensed in the other, this becomes the heavier, overbalances the equilibrium, and in doing so sets free a weight, giving motion to the requisite clock-work. In the sun-dial referred to a pair of these balls is fixed at every hour mark. When the shadow of the gnomon reaches any particular hour-mark one of the balls is shaded, a preponderance of liquid enters the ball, the lever tilts, the mechanism is set going, and a gong sounded as many times as the number of the hour to be indicated. Of course the sun must shine at the time of the hour-marks being passed by the shadow, or the time will not be struck.

BACTERIA AND PUTREFACTION.—Dr. Arnold Hiller, of Berlin, has made a series of elaborate experiments with the view of determining the relations of bacteria to putrefactive changes, and has come to the conclusion that the whole subject needs to be re-examined from the beginning. He has demonstrated that active putrefaction may take place in the absence of bacteria, and that bacteria may be present in abundance without giving rise to putrefaction. In short it seems quite possible that effect may have been mistaken for cause.

M. Schreitz states that borax enfeebls the spontaneous movements of all living vegetable tissues and kills Microscopic animalcules. In this country, the use of borax as a preservative of wood has been patented.

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W. A. ALBRIGHT, C. S. C. and Probate Judge. PROBATE COURT. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Alfred Rike and wife Susan, A. J. Foster, Julia A. Foster, George O. Rike and wife Mary, parties to the above action are non-residents of the State, it is therefore ordered that service of this notice upon them be had by a publication thereof for six successive weeks, in the ALAMANCE GLEANER, a newspaper published weekly at Graham, Alamance County, N. C. Done at office in Graham, this the 16th day June, 1875.

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