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Poetry. A Reading Lesson.

BY JOSEPHINE POLLARD. They sat in a dusky corner, Turning the leaves of a book,

She was a modest maiden, And he was a timid youth;

His tresses with hers so blending They turned to a lighter shade;

As the one that leaped— By the twilight screened— Well over the printed page.

Not needed they for a moment In each other's face to look;

For the secret guessed, Was at once confessed, And each heart was an open book.

For the ADVANCE. GRAND MASS MEETING FOR MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GUILFORD COURT HOUSE

GREENSBORO, N. C., April 6th 1880. Several weeks ago a meeting was held in this place for the purpose of taking steps preliminary to the celebration of the Battle of Guilford Court House.

At that meeting a committee was appointed to make preparations for holding a grand mass meeting at Greensboro, April 6, and the committee was instructed to invite prominent citizens of the State and of other States to attend.

Since that time the committee have done everything necessary to make the meeting of to-day a grand success. Visitors began to arrive last night, and this morning the streets presents a very animated appearance.

Eleven o'clock found a large and intelligent audience assembled in the Beahm Hall to listen to patriotic speeches and to take part in the proceedings of the occasion.

The meeting was then addressed by several other gentlemen and the evening passed very pleasantly till 10 1/2 o'clock when the house adjourned.

This has been a day long to be remembered by the people of Greensboro, and one of pleasant memories to the many visitors in attendance.

One of the pleasantest and most encouraging features connected with it was the hearty cordiality with which the republicans, of whom there are many and influential men in this city, and the democrats joined together in their efforts to make the celebration a success.

We think these anniversaries are destined to perform a noble work in drawing together the people of all sections and of all political opinions to participate in the commemoration of the deeds of heroism performed by our ancestors, and then a spirit of unity will be fostered to the benefit of the whole country.

Our Washington Letter. Special Correspondent to the ADVANCE. WASHINGTON, D. C. April 12, '80.

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I hear Blaine mentioned oftener and more favorably than any other as the best man for the Republicans to nominate, and I really think that, notwithstanding his "bloody shirt" proclivities the Democrats also are more inclined towards him than to any other candidate of his party.

The fact of Vorhees and McDonald having a few days since perfected an organization to manufacture a boom here for Hendricks, is scarcely any reason why any one should allow himself to anticipate that gentleman's nomination. The Germans still hopefully cling to Bayard, though many are seeing the error of their way and are declaring themselves for other candidates.

Tilden as far as being a candidate is concerned, has long since ceased to be an object of gossiping discussion. The simple fact that a majority of the votes cast at the recent Fair of the Washington Light Infantry, for the gold-headed cane to be presented to the most popular candidate for the next presidency of the United States, were cast in favor of Samuel J. Randall, may not appear to many as being possessed of any particular amount of significance, but to the more observant this may seem insignificant as it may appear to some, is beginning to show in which direction the Democratic political wind is blowing.

No one with the smallest share of perception can fail to observe that Randall himself is exerting every muscle to insure his nomination, and it is now generally conceded that Tilden is not working for himself, as it has been thought, but that at Cincinnati, those delegates instructed for "old Cranmercy" will be there instructed anew for Sam Randall, and, as money has always made the mare go, its not going back on its time honored principles at this late date, and fail (not to make a mare go)—but to decide who is to be the Democratic nominee for the Presidency.

As a natural consequence such an act as this from Tilden, seems to be somewhat bearing on the preposterous but it is more easily accounted for when we take into consideration that it would probably result in landing Tilden into Randall's Cabinet after he is elected through the agency of the former "old bar". Stranger things have happened, and to day Sam Randall stands ten times a better chance for the nomination and subsequent election by his party than did Hayes four years ago, by the Republicans.

memorating the Battle of Guilford Court House, which was said he, the turning point in the struggle of Independence. He thought we had, as a people, been too careless of perpetuating the achievements of our heroic ancestors. The grave of Caswell, our first governor is unmarked, and almost unknown in the woods near Kinston in Lenoir county, while Gaston Bragg, Ruffin and Graham have no appropriate monument to mark their resting place. They have left such an impress of their mighty mind upon our laws and institutions that time will not be able to efface it.

A memorial chapel should be erected and set apart for a public history where all the records and papers relating to the history of the Revolution and the State could be deposited, or it might be dedicated to some other charitable purpose. A history of the battle with the principle action in it, and the consequences which followed it should be written by a competent hand and preserved in a durable pen. In this way should we strive to keep alive pride of country and devotion to liberty. In order to do this it is necessary to recur often to first principles. North Carolina cannot afford to let the deeds of her mighty men fade from the memory of her children.

We fear we have done Col. Kenan an injustice in attempting to give the above imperfect synopsis of his excellent speech. The Attorney General was followed by Hon. F. C. Robbins, of Davidson, Hon. L. J. Young, of Raleigh, and Prof. Humphrey, of Greensboro. Each of these gentlemen advocated the Centennial celebration in glowing speeches full of the old time patriotic fervor.

Letters were read from President Hayes, Secretary Evarts, Speaker Randall, Senators Ransom, Conkling and Edmunds, Governor's Hancock and Hendricks and many other distinguished gentlemen, expressing sympathy with the movement and regret at not being able to attend. For A. M. Seales were informing the committee that he had introduced a bill in the House of Representatives asking an appropriation of \$5000 in aid of the proposed celebration.

On motion of L. M. Scott, Esq., the meeting adjourned to meet this evening at 8 o'clock.

8 o'clock P. M., house called to order by Col. James F. Morehead.

Committee on organization reported and report was adopted. The report provided that committee of arrangements be made permanent, recommended the appointments of various committees and officers.

Judge R. P. Dick was introduced and addressed the meeting at some length. His speech was one of the finest it has ever been our pleasure to listen to. Filled as it was with appropriate classical and historical allusions, it was creditable alike to the head and heart of that most excellent judge and christian gentleman.

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Here and there your correspondent finds a man who still adheres to Seymour and indeed, I think were it absolutely certain that Seymour would accept, the popular sentiment would be in his favor, but this uncertainty is becoming monotonous, and the man who dabbles in politics is the man who wants to know what's ahead, and naturally enough, this class has given up all hopes of Seymour's becoming a candidate and have flocked with a wonderful rapidity to Randall's standard. But a few days more will elapse when the disc of politics will be covered by an enormous spot, and that spot will be, can be, nothing else than the Randall Boom!

MARDLOW.

BEST'S PLEDGES. WHAT THE OWNER OF THE RAILROAD IS GOING TO DO.

Speech Before the Legislature After the Passage of the Bill—Fair Promise—A Man Who Made Himself.

By invitation Mr. W. J. Best addressed the Legislature at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and the following is his speech as reported by the Raleigh News:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the General Assembly: I sincerely thank you for the opportunity of meeting you at the beginning of my connection with the Western North Carolina Railroad.

It has been my good fortune for several years past to be intimately acquainted with not a few of the representative men of North Carolina—men whom the State has delighted to honor. It has also been my pleasure to enjoy their friendship and regard.

To my acquaintance with these gentlemen is partly due my presence here at this time.

A good deal has been said in reference to William J. Best and the gentlemen associated with him in the proposition to purchase the State's interest in the Western North Carolina Railroad which you have recently considered and ratified.

The question was put to me several days ago whether in my opinion, it would not be well for me to show myself to those of you whom I had not the opportunity of meeting previously.

To many of you I believe I am something of a surprise. Certainly, I have become a surprise to myself, and for this reason among others, that I have just read a description of myself in one of the Raleigh papers to the effect that I am "a little, stout, round-headed Irishman, with a wooden leg."

(Laughter) In other places, equally exaggerated ideas have obtained as to my personal appearance, and, still more, concerning my plans and purposes. In my own behalf, I wish to say that I am a plain, straightforward man of business, accustomed to deal with large interests upon business principles.

Never had I had recourse to improper influences to accomplish the end I desired.

For months past you know the fact that I was in negotiation for the purchase of one of the principal railroads of the State. Some of your newspapers and public men have called me hard names, but a much larger number have spoken of me in the most kind manner. It is always pleasant to a man of my temperament to hear himself well spoken of.

On the other hand, it is very unpleasant to be abused without cause. But this is passed, and has left in mind no ill-feeling or desire for revenge. As my plans unfold themselves, not in mere rhetoric, but in actual demonstrations of what I came here to do, I think no one who opposed the sale will have occasion to regret the day that the Legislature approved the act to place the control of this road in my hands.

(Applause) It would not gentlemen, be proper for me, a comparative stranger to many of you, to discuss the propositions to amend this measure. It seems, however, that I should tell you that at no period in the past three years—during which I have had my eye fixed firmly upon this road—has it ever entered my mind not to finish this railroad. I feel sure of your cordial, hearty co-operation. It is not pleasant to me to speak in this way of myself, and yet, I do not well see how I could avoid doing so.

Never before, gentlemen, in the history of North Carolina, have four men been so thoroughly discussed as William R. Grace, James D. Fish, J. Nelson Tarpton and myself. Every influence was brought to bear, every machinery that could be thought of, was put in motion to discover something in us that was vulnerable. Gentlemen, you know the result. Certainly, we have no reason to be ashamed of the record. When I was asked by one of the executive officers of the State for references in New York, my reply was prompt. "I shall give you no references. Should I furnish any they would be to his friends, a man does not refer to his enemy. Go where you please, inquire of whom you please, I shall be satisfied."

Thus far I have kept my name unsullied. Is it, therefore, likely I would come here and do anything dishonest, play you any trick, thereby wearing my usefulness forever. My ambition is, honestly to carry out our contract, and, I trust, before many months have elapsed to have the pleasure of inviting you, or your successors, to accompany me over the road to Pigeon River and Paint Rock.

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Hereafter, when they see the work in process of accomplishment, I wish them to reflect whether or not they did me justice in their discussion of the subject. I thank those gentlemen who took me large upon trust and firmly supported measure for the sale of this road to me and my associates. I feel as if they had pledged themselves as sure for the faithful performance of our contract. I say to these gentlemen, in all sincerity, that I shall redeem the bond, if I live.

From this time onward, the completion of this road shall be the great object of my life, and I do not doubt that I shall succeed. (Applause.) I realize gentlemen, that I have taken upon me a work of such magnitude as would appal most men. For twenty-five years it has taxed the energies of North Carolina. It has commanded the best thoughts and energies of such eminent statesmen as Caldwell, Morehead and Graham. If after the failure of these great men, it should fall to my lot to finish this great highway of commerce, I have the abiding faith that the sentiment of the Old North State will accord to me all the honor to which my labors will entitle me, even though I come to you a carpenter-bag Irishman. As to the methods I shall pursue in carrying on this work, it is unnecessary for me to take up your valuable time. Accents speak louder than words. In a short time, I shall give you an earnest of what I propose to do and the object I wish to accomplish. This much I wish you to bear in mind, that I have come here to make money and am going to make all I can, honestly. But for every dollar I shall realize from this enterprise North Carolinians will secure one hundred dollars. We must bring the funds here to build the road. Once invested, the money certainly cannot be taken away.

Gentlemen, it is not always wise for a man situated as I find myself at this moment to say much of himself. But it is proper I should tell you something of myself in order that you may be able to judge whether or not I am likely to carry through this grand work.

Less than twenty years ago I came to New York, a poor Irish youth, without friends. In that city of great men I worked, I am proud to say, as a porter at one dollar per day; but in that city, and within a stone-throw of the scenes of my early struggle, I have since been able to command hundreds of dollars for only a few hours labor. Whatever of reputation I possess, whatever money I have made, has been purchased by sacrifices of personal comfort and a laborious attention to business that would appal you. What I have done I believe I can do again; and all I ever hope to be "I shall owe to my own head and hands, under Almighty God. The building of the Western North Carolina Railroad is the most stupendous undertaking of my life. Relatively, I have accomplished as great things as that upon which I have now embarked. That I shall successfully perform the present task, I do not doubt; and in building this railroad I feel sure of your cordial, hearty co-operation. It is not pleasant to me to speak in this way of myself, and yet, I do not well see how I could avoid doing so.

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