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POETRY.

The Station Agent's Story.

Take a seat in the shade, here, lady, It's tiresome, I know, to wait, But when the train reaches Verona It's always sure to be late; 'Specially when anyone's waitin', Been gatherin' flowers, I see?

Ah, well! they're better company

Than a rough old fellow, like me, You noticed the graves 'neath the willows, Down there where the blossoms

grew? Well, yes, there's a story about them, Almost too strange to be true; Tis a stranger, sweeter story, Than was ever written in books: And God made the ending perfect-There, now I see by your looks,

I will have to tell the story: Let me see; 'twas eight years ago One blusterin' night in winter As the freight came round the curve

They beheld a man on the track, Bravin' the storm before him; but Not heedin' the foe at his back.

And, ere a hand could grasp the bell

Or a finger reach the rod, On we p from the cruel snow-plow .adsent he man's soul to its God! They laid him out here in the freight

And I stayed with him that night, He'd one of the pleasantest faces.

There was only a worn out letter; I know it by heart-it said: "Dear John; baby May grows finely, I send you this curl from her head. We will meet at Brackenboro,' The grandfather's sad and lone, But I read him your kind words, say

When we've a home of our own;

He shall sing the songs of old England Beneath our own willow tree.' That was all there was of it, lady, And 'twas signed just "Alice Leigh." So we made a grave in the morning And buried the man out there

With only a stranger's prayer.

But when be'd slept in his lonely Out there, nigh on to a year, Ray's freight run into a washout By the culvert, away down there; There were or y two passengers that

A sweet, little English woman, And a baby with golden hair.

On her breast lay the hughing baby, With its rosy finger tips With a frozen smile on her lips. We laid them out here in the freight-

house. I stayed that night with the dead; I shall never forget the letter We found in her purse; it said:

Dear Alice: praise God I've got here-I'll soon have a home for you now, But you must come with the baby, As soon as you can anyhow. Comfort the grandfather, and tell him That by and by he shall come And sing the songs of old England,

For, close by the door of our cottage I'll set out a willow tree. For his sake and the sake of old Eng- ton on a special train and was admit-

Lovingly yours, John Leigh."

The tears filled my eyes as I read it; But I whispered-"God is just!" For I knew the true heart yonder-Them only a handful of dust-Had drawn this sweet, little woman Right here, and God's merciful love, Had taken her from the sorrow, To the glad reunion above!

So, close by the grave of the other, We laid her away to rest; The golden haired, English mother With the baby upon her breast. I planted those trees above them, For I knew their story, you see; And, I thought their rest would

sweeter Five years rolled along, and lady, My story may now seem to you,

Like a wonderful piece of fiction; But I tell you it is true. As true as-that God is above us! One summer day, bot and clear, As the train rolled into the station

And stopped to change engines here; ceived in Washington. Among a company of Mormons Came a tremblin', white haired man, He ask'd me with voice very eager, "Will you tell me, sir, if you can, Of a place called Brackenboro'? And how far have I got to go?"

"It's the next station north;" I an swered; "Only thirteen miles below."

His face lit up for a moment, With a look of joy complete; Then he threw up his hands toward

And dropped down, dead at my feet! "Old Hugh Leigh is dead," said a her mother and friends. Mormon. And sights o' trouble he's be'n. Nothin' would do when we started,

But that he must come with us then. To find Alice, John and the baby; And his heart was well nigh broke

With waitin' and watchin' in England, For letters they never wrote." So we buried him there with the

others Beneath the willow tree. 'Twas God's way of ending the story-More perfect than man's could be.

WHSON, . Friday, July 8, 1881. President Garfield Shot Down Last Saturday Morning by h Murderous Assassin.

> THE ARREST OF THE CRIM-INAL.

Charles J. Guiteau, the Assass n,

Intense Excitement and Indigmation.

The President's Condition.

plete and exhaustive account publicity about the 17th or 18th of July. lished in the New York Hereld of Sunday, and gives a correct account of the

As President James A. Garfield, ac When the air was just thick with companied by Sect'y Blaine, was entering the depot of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad at Washington Saturday morning to take the train for Long Branch, he was shot twice by a scoundrel named Charles Jules Guiteau, who had been lying in wait for him. This occurred at 9:20 a. m. The first ball from the as assin's revely r s ruck the President ner the ef shoulder and bassed out by the shoulthe second bullet. Postmaster General James and others of his party who had preceded him ru he I to his assistance. The assassin was instantly overpowered and arrested. The President wss carried to a room on the floor above, medical aid was summoned, and stimulants administered. The great, strong man thus basely stricken down soon rallied from the shock and was at once borne in an ambulance to the White House, where efforts were made to ascertain the nature of the Alone, unmourned, in a stranger's wounds. The gravest fears were entertained. The patient remained conscious, conversed cheerfully and hopefully, but his pulse was high, he was 11 ce. Morphine wa: hypodemerically injected and he became easier, obtaining some sleep. The danger from Dead, when we found them there- shock and from internal bleeding having been, in the estimation of his physichus last evening, tided over, it was hoped the remaining danger from in flamation would be surmounted .-Still warm, and the fair, young mother Nothing occurred up to the hour of going to press to destroy this hope .-

> were favorable. The most intense excitement prevailed through the length and breadth of the country on the news becoming

To Mrs. Garfield, convalescing at Long Branch and awaiting her hus-'Neath the willows beside our home: band's return from the national capitol, the news come with terrible shock. She instantly proceeded to Washingted to her husband's bedside, bearing up under her weight of sorrow with true womanly fortitude. The sympathy of the world goes out to her.

Vice President Arthur, who arrived yesterday morning in this city by boat from Albany, in company with ex-

ered from various cities of the Union, As though drawn by an invisible pow made before being placed in his cell fearing, it appeared, that, should the 'Neath their own loved willow tree. ment and low habits. He was a per- was surging toward the room where at the jail soon. The jailers state that the building would be attacked by a

Washington, July 2, 1881. The Presidential party was to leave Washington this morning on the lim- fence. The scene beggars description. Attorney General the officer in Charge with medical and surgical treatment ited express for an extended journey A beautiful summer morn, warm and of the jail declined to give any further at the depot, if was decided to remove through New England. The party tranquil as the face of nature in early information, nor would be state in the wounded President to the manwas to comprise the President and spring, encouraged the brightest what cell the prisoner was confined .- sion. Carefully the mattress on which Mrs. Garfield, who was to meet him thoughts and happiest feelings in the This officer was an attendant at the he lay was taken up and borne down in New York, their two elder sons, hearts of the company that was to old city jail at the time of the assassi- the long flight of stairs to the police Harry and James, Miss Mollie Gar- Journey with the President. Now nation of President Lincoln. field, their daughter, who is now with their countenances were black with

where they were to spend Sunday. On had singled him out as its victim it Monday morning they were to go to could not be more impossible. Secre- To THE WHITE HOUSE:-Williamstown, Mass., to attend the tary Lincoln realized in an instant his commencement exercises of Williams position. The son of an assassinated College, of which the President is a President and the Secretary of War of graduate. They were to remain there another victim by the assassin's hand, until Thursday noon and then take the he quickly gave the order for the cars for St. Albans, Vt., spending Fri- troops stationed at the arsenal to hold day at that place. From there they themselves for immediate orders .-

THE PRESIDENT SHOT DOWN.

This was the programme marked out for a pleasant vacation, and the last of the party to complete it had not arrived when the twenty minutes past nine a. m. train, prace ling the limited precinct, who first tried to arrest the express, departed from the depot. A assassin, makes the following statefew moments later the President's mont of the shooting:carriage drove in front of the depot, "Guiteau arrived at the depot about and the President and his only com- half an hour ahead of the Presidential panion, Secretary Blaine, alighted and party, and moved about and acted both entered the depot by the main quite r stl ss. The officers attention entrance on B street. There was a was attracted by his movements, but slight pause on the steps, and a mo- he did not watch the assassin particument later the President and Secretary larly until he heard him ask a hackthe back over the left kickey. The of State, side by side, were walking man at the Sixth street depot if he President turned at the first shot and across the ladies' reception room, in could drive him off in a hurry if rewhich there was not at the time half quired. "I thought," said Kearney dozen persons. One of these was a "that that was a peculiar thing, but man of short stature, a wicked ex- before I could follow it up closer I saw pression in his face, who moved about the President's party driving down nervously until the two statesmen had Sixth street to the depot and I had to half crossed the reception room, a dis- go and look after them. They drove ance of not more than ten feet from to the B street entrance. Secretary the door. A report as of a big fire Blaine was with the President, and eracker challenged the attention of the the two entered the depot together .policemen at the main door, who The President walked up to me and thought some boy had fired it in hon- asked how much time he had before shortly after the arrest. The envelor of the President's departure. In the train left. It was twenty minutes one was unsealed and addressed: stantly another report was heard and afternine o'clock, I saw by looking at "Please deliver at onces to General President Garfield lay prostrate upon my watch, and I told the President Sherman (or his first assistant in the floor of the reception room wound- that he had ten minutes. Just as he charge of the War Department)":-ed in the right arm and in the side thanked me I heard a pistol shot, and To GENERAL SHERMAN :just above the hip. The mysterious turning, I saw the man that I had nervous individual was Charles Guit- been watching, previously standing suffering some pain and internal hemorrhage was believed to be taking cago, about thirty years of age, who the main entrance to the waiting room, had been imploring the President to levelling his pistol across his arm. He give him a Consulate in France. His fired a second shot before I could speak exected condition had changed in the to him, and darted between myself presence of his intended victim, and and the President and Secretary he stood as firm and as calm as a stat. Blaine into the street. The President ue, the "English buil dog" pistol still recled and fell just in front of me. As drawn and in his right hand. Secreta he fell he said something I could not ry Blaine had in turning the corner of exactly understand, and Secretary the seat near the main entrance to the Blaine, with a terrified look, pushed hall of the depot gone just a little toward him, exclaiming, "My God, ahead of the President. The first shot he has been murdered. What is the At eleven p. m. the President was not being noticed by the President or meaning of this?" cheerful, pulse 124, temperature 99, his companion, the second and the "In God's name, man," I shouted, respiration 20. All the symptoms fatal one found Mr. Blaine on the sill "what did you shoot the President of the door, who instantly called for for?" help. It is believed that the second shot was intended for Secretary Blaine. Gniteau wanted to be Consul at Paris. Last fall he bored Blaine with simpleminded letters proposing to take the stump in Maine, and was not regarded as a useful man in the campaign. He has been stopping at the Riggs House, and has shown no peculiarities during his stay to lead to the belief that he is of unsound mind. Secretary Blaine's orivate secretary says from what he knows of the persistent appeals of Guiteau that he must have intended

blood fell from the wounds, stood Hirth murderers were hanged. sorrow. "President Garfield assassi-From New York they were to go di- nated," exclaimed Secretary Hunt .-

to shoot Blaine. The second shot gave

THE WHSON ADVANCE. The President Shot. were to go to the White Mountains, The same was done by the Secretary out a tea. I presume the President Treasury Builing, as the President Garfild created in staying at Maplewood or Bethlehem of the Navy, who directed that the was a Christian, and that he will be drove on the 4th of March, surrounded citement, and a feeling of universal and remaining over Sunday. On marines should be held for similar or happier in Paradise than here. It will by the Cleveland Horse Troops, to horror was expressed for the atroclous Monday they were to go to the top of ders. Meanwhile word was sent to be no werse for Mrs. Garfield, dear day drove the ambulance surrounded act. The greatest sympa Mount Washington, and on Tucsday Surgeon General Barnes, Drs. Norris, Soul, to part with har husband this by the mounted police. Arrived at pressed for the President. Mayor to Portland, Me .; from thence to Au- Lincoln and Woodward requiring way than by natural death. He is lia- the manslen, the President was car- Kramer called a meeting of citizens gusta, where they were to be the guests their immediate presence at the depot. ble to go at any time, any way. I had ried up stairs to the large chamber in this evening to take suitable action in had secured a revenue cutter, and the the pavements it was not long before death was a political necessity. I am soon surrounded by physicians and party were to take a trip along the every part of Washington was in- a lawyer, a theologian and a politician, agonized friends. The regular troops Maine coast, Visiting Mount Desert for ned of what had happened, and the I am a stalwart of the stalwarts. I shortly after arrived and all the gateand other places of interest. They fact became generally known. Then was with General Grant and the rest ways leading to the President's were then to return to Bangor, Me., a crowd soon assembled, and in less of our men in New York during the grounds were closed. Armed sentries and from there to Boston. The Legis- than ten minutes Sixth street and B canvass. I have some papers for the took their places at the main gateway lature of New Hampshire, having by street were packed with people, and press, which I shall leave with Byron and only those having passes were resolution invited the President to the news of the horrible afiair flew Andrews and his company, journal- permitted to enter. make them a visit, the party was to go from month to mouth and spread over lists, at No. 1,420 New York avenue, It was now half-past ten. A feverish to Concord. From there they were to the city like wildfire. An attempt where all the reporters can see them- excitement added to the intense heat We publish to-day a full account of go to New Concord, Mass., then begin was made to rush into the building and I am going to the jail. the dastardly attack made on the the homeward trip, going to New cries were raised to lynch the assassin, President's life last Saturday morning. York by way of Hartford and New but a strong force of policemen, sum-Our report is condensed from the com- Haven, expecting to get back to this moned by telephone, had arrived that the President's assassination was inquiries were addressed to anybody be interesting, therefore, to recite the promptly on the scene and preserved premeditated, and that he went to supposed to have superior facilities in scenes attending that event. order. In the meantime the Presistairs and the physicians summoned.

POLICEMAN KEARNEY'S STORY. Policeman Kearney, of the Island

GUITEAU IN JAIL.

When the prisoner arrived there he Chief of Police. I don't know the was telegraphed to the Secretary of and wore a drab hat pulled down over my knowledge, and hereby return it his eyes, giving him the appearance to the keeping of the above named of an ugly character. It may be parties as testimony in the case. worthy of note to state that some two or three weeks ago Guiteau went to the jail for the purpose of visiting it, but was refused admittance on the ground that it was not "visitors' day." He at that time mentioned his name interview with Guiteau. The officer as Guiteau, and said that he came refused admittance to the building, from Chicago. When brought to the Semator Conkling, was shocked on GREAT EXCITEMENT AT THE DEPOT. jail to-day he was admitted by the were acting under instructions rehearing the news. A telegram from Colonel Jameson, who was to have officer who had previously refused to ceived from Attorney General Me-Secretary Blaine summoned him to had charge of the President's party, allow him to enter, and a mutual re- Veagh, the purport of which were Washington, whither he departed at was the first to communicate the sad cognition took place, Guiteau saying, that no one should be allowed to see news to the Cabinet officers. From "You are the man who wouldn't let the prisoner. At first, judeed, the The story of the assassin's life, which the scene to the rear of the train was a me go through the jail some time officers emphatically denied that the is given in our columns as it was gath- distance of perhaps two hundred feet. ago." The only other remark he man had been conveyed to the jail, speaks of a man of erratic temperas er the presidential party in a second was that Gen. Sherman would arrive fact be made known that he was there, them in their affliction. sistent office seeker, and his crimes the prostrate form of the President lay. they have seen him around the jail mob. Information had reached them may have been the result of malice Five members of the Cabinet were several times recently, and that on that such a movement was contemplafrom disappointment or of sheer in- then present, Messrs, Blaine, Windom, one occasion he appeared to be under ted. A large guard, composed of reg-Lincoln, Hunt and James. In a few the influence of liquor. On one of his ulars from the barracks, and a metro-Despatches of con lolence from for- minutes Attorney General MeVeagh, visits, subsequent to the one mention- politan police force, are at the jail, to and abhorrence at the act are univereign governments were hourly re- who was at his office when the deed ed, these officers say that Guitzau be in readiness to repel an attack. was done, had arrived. The Presis succeeded in reaching the rotunda of dent's son Harry, scarcely realizing the building where he was noticed what had happened, for but little examing the scaffold from which the

THE MURDERER'S FORETHOUGHT.

JULY 2, 1881.

The President's tragic death was a sands of brave boys went down with- the same route, in the rear of the! The news of the assassination of make over human nature,

package of papers is in the hands of tes that this sad news was on the wing dience and actors alike until the clos

A LETTER TO GENERAL SHERMAN. This letter was found on the street

I have just shot the President. I shot him several times, as I wished death was a political necessity. I am a lawyer, theologian and politician; 'I am a stalwart of the stalwarts. I was with General Grant and the rest of our men in New York during the canvass. I am going to the jail. Please order out your troops and take possession of the jail at once. Very respectfully. CHARLES GUITEAU.

On receiving the above General Sherman gave it the following in-

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,) Washington, D. C., July 2, 1881

Twining, United States Engineers, and proffering the sympathy of the Charles Guiteau on being arrested Commissioner of the District of Co-Board to President Garfield's family was hurried off to the District Jail. lumbia, and Major William G. Brock, and to the country. The resolution

W. T. SHERMAN, General.

THE PRISONER ISOLATED. The District Jail was visited by the press reporter shortly after eleven o'clock fer the purpose of obtaining an stating as the reason therefor that they

It was evident that whatever was to be done must be done quickly, and ready to fight or die in his father's de- Pursuant to his orders from the as it would be impossible to proceed ambulance now awaiting his coming. It was a pitiable sight to see the somewhat shabby looking ambulance which contained the prostrate form of the surrounded by mounted police. When sad necessity, but it unites the republication over the same pavement searcely and ing bulletins every half hour. There are time in learning to the same pavement searcely and is a universal expression of sorrow when she got make the little is a thinney dream and it matters little in the little i ridden along to it to and from his in- and indignation. small value. During the war thou-

of the day. "Will he die" "Is he Long Branch for the purpose of shoot- getting news from the White House. It was on the evening of Fri the enfeabled and saddened condition | House grounds, and the square oppo- Mrs. Lincoln, with Miss Mary Harris

SOUTHERN SYMPATHY RALEIGH, N.C., July 2, 1881.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 2, 1881. There is considerable excitement here over the news of the attempted assasination of President Garfield. and great anxiety is manifested to hear from Washington and New outlook for the country, and for the closed as quickly as possible, less bright with Arthur than with Garfield in the Presidential chair; but there is no anticipation of any serious trouble in any event. Much sympafly is expressed for President Garfield and his family. At the Board of trade This letter * * * was handed me a resolution was adopted expressing. this minute by Major William J. abhorrence of the attempted murder,

> CHARLESTON, S. C., July 2, 1881. The news of the assassination of President Garfield excited universal grief and horror in Charleston. The sorrow felt by the community is seen on the faces of all classes. Hope is everywhere expressed that he will oon recover. The Chamber of Com. merce held a large meeting at two o'clock. Addresses were made declaring sentiments of sorrow, condemning the act of the assassin as the deepest President will soon be restored to the people of the United States, to whom he is so dear, without regard to political opinions, and declaring to the President and his family the sympaty of the people of Charleston with

NASHVILLE, TENN., July 2, 1881. The community was shocked at the news of the attempted assassination of the President and popular indignation sal. Great anxiety is felt to here tidings of the wounded Preident's condition; expressions of sympathy; and hope for his ultimate recovery are heard overywhere, Crowds are fail, notifie diash and gathered about the newspaper offices and inquiries for news are dispatched from all parts of the State.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 2, 1881. The most intense excitement prevai s throughout this city at the attempted assassination of President Garfield. All business is suspended and groups of men are assembled on every street dumfounded, anxiously Usually the greatest boasters and rectly to Invington, on the Hudson, "Impossible." No, if a meteoric stone the prisoner's pocket at headquarters: President driving rapidly along Pennsylvania avenue to the White House, Around the newspaper offices about pay a larger tribute to the Baltimore and South streets the side- shallow brooks, and yet a one remembered in what excellent walks and streets are blocked by selves with less noise. spirits, General Garfield had ridden crowds of men. The papers are issue. A Cincinnati girl spent

of Secretary Blaine. The Secretary With the messengers trooping over no ill-will toward the President. His the south side, and the bedside was reference to the calamity. WILMINGTON, N. C., July 2, 1681 The news of the shooting of President Gartield was received here with a universal expression of horror and regret. The act is severely denound

and the President's early recovery le earnestly hoped for by all classes. Assassination of Lincoln.

The shooting of President Carfeldan badly wounded?" "What do the naturally recalls the assassination of On his way to jail the prisoner said doctors say?" and a hundred similar President Abraham Lincoln. It will dent had been carried to a room up ing him there, and was deterred by The sidewalks fronting the White April 14, 1865, that President and of Mrs. Garfield, which appealed so site were packed with people peering and Major Rathbun, of Albany, so strongly to his sense of humanity that through the iron railion at the house a in-law of Senator Harris, visited Ford's he came back without carrying out his hundred yards distant, as though Theatre, at Washington, for the pure intention. Those by whom Guiteau something could be discovered in the pose of witnessing "The American"

has been examined since the shooting atmosphere that would tell them just Cousin," which was running at the say that he shows no symptoms of in- the condition of the Presiden's theatre. The fact that this disting sanity, and it is understood that the wounds. At eleven o'clock Dr. guished party was to be present at the letter "To the White House," is the Barnes, the Surgeon General, sent performance had been duly announced only document in the collection which over the wires from the White House in all the local papers, and the theatre supports the theory of insanity. By- a statement that the wound in the was densely crowded. The presidenron Andrews, who is the Washington loin would probably prove fatal, that party occupied a box on the seecorrespondent of the Chicago Inter-though nothing could be decided until ond tier. The scene was a brilliant Ocean, says that while it is true a consultation. It was not five minus one and all went merrily with the suthe police, accompanied by a note ad- and the eager crowd whispered it and of the third act, when the sharp report dressed to himself (Andrews), he has sent it to every part of the city. The of a nistol was heard, and an instan no porsonal acquaintance with Gui- possibility of the President's dying afterward a man was seen to spring teau, and never heard of his existence was realized now for the first time, from the President's box to the stage until this morning. From what he There had been hope that Providence where striking a tragic attitude and has gat sered from the police Andrews which prepends the aims of assassins brandishing a long dagger in his right believes that Guiteau's home is in had turned the bullet in a harmless hand, he cried out, "Sie semper tyeures and direction, but too soon was it suspect air" and then, aimid the bewilderted that the lower wound was of a ment of the audience, rushed through nature from which the President the opposite side of the stage and made of could scarcely recover and that death his escape from the rear of the theatre. was only a question of a few hours. The screams of Mrs. Lincoln told the andience but too plainly that the Pres-

ident had been shot. All present r There is great indignation here at to their feet and the excitement was the attempted assassination of the of the wildest possible description. A President. A public meeting of the rush was made to the President's box citizens has been called to denounce where, on a hasty examination, being made, it was found be was shot through the head. The President was quickly removed to a private hot opposite the theatre where, on further examination, his wound was pronounced to be mortal. This travic currence immediately put a stop to York. The impression is that the the performance and the theatre was South especially, would be very much assassin, in his hurried flight, dropped his hat and a spur on the stage. hat was identified as belonging to J? Wilkes Byoth, a prominent neto the spur was recognized as one tained by him at a stable on that day, One or two of the actors and members of the orchestra declared that the sassin was no other than Wilker Booth, and the evidence almost mentarily accumulating fixed him vond a doubt as the author of the bloody tragedy. Almost before the audience had left the theatre it known that the assassin, after

Pungeni Paragruphs,

Literature is the immortality of The purest treasure mortal thies af-

out, made his escape on horseback.

ford is spotless reputation. A man must become wise at his own expenses tagotasstone it saw od finit Every man has just or much sanity has crime, expressing the wish that the as he wants understanding all added at wai Moderation is the silicen string cut ning through all virtues and and toda ", flid In these days we fight for ideas, and

newspapers are our fortresses, all lo lett To select well among old things is almost equal to inventing new ones. Ill hubits gather by unseen degrees as brooks make rivers, and rives run det of the 8th of June that I hame of

Be brief: for it is with words as with sunbeains, the more they are condened the deeper they burn, There is no serrow I have thought great, and try to teach it, and yet to

The good things of life are not to be had singly, but come to us with a mixture; like a schoolboy's holiday, with a task affixed to the tall of it. Love is the investment of all, save conscience and the sentiment of della These are the trowner houses of Me the great market wherein the

are always rising more older