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## PRESIDENT POLK.

### HE SAYS HE WAS MISREPRESENTED.

Always fair and impartial it is the intention of the GOLD LEAF to misrepresent no one or knowingly do them an injustice. When we first read what President Polk was alleged to have said in his speech at Topeka, Kansas (as published in this paper last week), we did not believe he was correctly reported. We did not believe Col. Polk thoughtless enough to talk that way even if he felt it. But when he remained silent and did not deny the language reported to him, and after two men were credited with having been "interviewed" and added their testimony to the reports already sent out, it began to look like there was something in it, and so as a matter of news, and to show up the duplicity and rascality of the much-speaking Colonel if he has indeed been guilty of talking that way, we published the article. But he has broken the silence and denies that he was correctly reported. We publish what he says, as it originally appears in the Atlanta Constitution.

A special from Washington, dated September 22nd, says: President Polk, of the National Farmers' Alliance, has just returned from his western trip, and to the inquiry as to what foundation there was for the report in the press that he was threatened with violence while in Wichita, Kan., by the old soldiers, he says:

"There was no foundation for it whatever. I never was treated more kindly or courteously than by the people of Kansas, and especially by the old soldiers, during my whole trip. I was peculiarly gratified at my reception by the good people of Wichita, and the large number of old soldiers present. I spoke to an immense crowd in the opera house, and was never honored by more marked attention anywhere. At the request of some of my soldier friends, I referred to the charge that I had mistreated Union soldiers during the war. My language, as reported by the Wichita Beacon, was this: 'I am charged with mistreating Union prisoners during the war, and I want to say that in its conception, in its utterance and in its spirit, it is a malicious, premeditated and base lie, and I dare the man who said so to stand up in this audience and repeat it. I never captured but one Union prisoner in my life, and if he was here to-night he would bear testimony to the fact that I treated him as if he were my brother.'

"I never held a higher commission than third lieutenant during the war. I never was in command of any prisoner or prison—indeed, was never inside of a Confederate prison.

### THE SPEECH OF APOLOGY.

As to the dispatches charging that he apologized in his speeches for having gone into the Confederate service, and spoke approvingly of a strike among the cotton pickers of the South, Col. Polk said:

"It is totally and unqualifiedly false in every particular. I uttered no sentiment in Kansas or elsewhere, which, by any forced construction, could have been distorted into any such expression. It is a lie out of the whole cloth. I have never uttered a sentiment in a Northern State that I would not willingly repeat in any Southern State.

As to the strike of cotton pickers, I had heard nothing about it until my return to this office.

**MALARIA**—Literally means bad air. Poisonous germs arising from low, marshy land, or from decaying vegetable matter are breathed into the lungs, taken up by the blood, and unless the vital fluid is purified by the use of a good medicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla, the unfortunate victim is soon overpowered. Even in the more advanced cases, where the terrible fever prevails, this remedy has effected cures. Those who are exposed to malarial or other poisons should keep the blood pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

For Malaria, Liver Trouble, or Indigestion, use BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

## AN ACE OF SNOBS.

### HOW THE SOCIETY COLUMNS OF THE PAPERS ARE USED TO FURTHER THE SCHEMES OF AMBITIOUS PEOPLE.

We are in an age of snobs. Snobs here, snobs there, snobs yonder; kindred and conglutinous; dissimilar and sporadic; snubbery local; snobbery national!

Thousands, excluding the most sensible and really best people, are aggressively, pantingly and agonizingly seeking a station among the snobs, or what, in misnomer, is called "social position." These foolishly vain folks do not know what "society," of which they so familiarly chat, really means; ignorant as they are of an appreciable sense of helpful co-relations, intercommunicable commonalities of thought, and an intelligent interweaving of destinies for higher and nobler ends of life. To be invited to "The Tea," to be an indispensable at the soiree, to meet people who know certain other people; or to successfully run the gauntlet of being black-balled at "the Club," albeit, to have it known that you go with "the set" who are meaninglessly called "the best," any or all of these may constitute an entree.

None so thoroughly understand, and, with a quick pecuniary scent, so keenly apprehend the passion of silly men and sillier women for social prominence as the smart journalist. He knows that there are ravenous appetites for the pabulum served in the social columns; and he serves abundantly. He understands how coarse but ambitious folk in large cities, where individuality is absorbed in the mass of humanity, rely on journalism to thrust them to heights and levels socially conspicuous. Of course, to people of quiet, cultured elegance the method is offensively loud.

Nothing is more gratifying to Mrs. Would-be than to read in the society column that her daughter,

"Miss Emma, will not be at home during the summer months. She will be one of a very select party of young ladies who will make a continental tour. The party will visit the centres of art in Italy, lounge awhile in the German Forest; and, after a ramble among the Alps, will return to America in time for the social festivities of the autumn season."

In truth, Miss Emma never intended to go to Europe; she, in fact, has not money enough to pay steerage passage. Her old mamma, Madame Would-be, wrote the item concerning her daughter and sent it to the paper. The society editor gave it a few touches, and it appeared in the "social column." However, the object has been attained.

On a sultry day in July, when Miss Emma is found on a fifty-cent excursion, she shrewdly introduces into conversation an apology for her presence, with the statement that she has been bitterly disappointed; that just as she was ready to leave for Europe, even after her baggage had been sent to the steamer, "poor mamma," in descending the steps to kiss her a last good bye, accidentally stumbled and sprained her ankle; so painfully that she, Miss Emma, was compelled from a filial sense to abandon her trip, and remain, and nurse "Mamma." Possibly this lie may get into the columns of the same paper. By this ruse Miss Emma is taking initial steps in "society."

Society articles, or personal mention, is the work, usually, of the person most interested in being "boomed" socially. If the society editor is unacquainted with the person or persons sending an item concerning himself or themselves the method of determining the fitness for a place among those supposed to be entitled to extraordinary social consideration, is by noting the name of the street, and the number of the house where the person lives, or where the society event took place, and then calculating from the number of the house, its geographical site, and relation to certain quarters unmistakable. Should a fellow asking a niche in the wall with the society gods, send in the following notice concerning himself, a glance, and the waste paper basket would

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### ITEMS PICKED UP FROM EVERYWHERE SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

A large body of Pennsylvania Dutch have settled in Rockbridge county, Va.

The French General Boulanger committed suicide at the grave of his mistress.

Emerson Blaine, son of the Secretary of State, has been appointed agent of the Baltimore and Ohio road for Chicago and the Northwest.

Texas has some pretty big farms, but so has Louisiana. One of them is 100 miles long by 25 wide, containing 2,500 square miles or 1,600,000 acres.

A New York hotel-keeper is exhibiting a box of twenty-five cigars which have been sent him by a Havana maker as a sample of what the Prince of Wales smokes. They are seven inches long and cost \$1,800 a thousand.

George Holmes, of Cincinnati, is the owner of a peculiar diamond. In the morning it is a beautiful sky blue, at noon is perfectly white, and at 6 o'clock in the evening it begins to run black, and after sunset it is like a piece of coal.

A Colorado genius has invented a gallows that dispenses with the services of a hangman, and makes the man to be hanged his own executioner. By his own weight he springs the trap, which throws him three feet into the air.

The United States leads the world in the number and extent of its libraries. The public libraries of all Europe put together contain about 21,000,000 volumes; those of this country contain 50,000,000.

A sensation was made a short time ago by the discovery of the fact that Green B. Raum, Jr., son of the Commissioner of Pensions, procured promotions for employees for a consideration. His father has asked for the discharge of the man who made affidavit to the charges.

One great drawback to aluminum is that no method of soldering it has yet been found. A speaker at a meeting of the German Society of Mechanical Engineers said that the difficulties in working the metal were a greater obstacle than the question of price.

Miss Francis Willard is jubilant over the prospect of teaching the public school children of the United States the effect of alcoholic liquors and tobacco upon the human system. She says it is the grandest achievement yet effected by the temperance crusaders.

The Georgia Legislature has passed, by a decided vote, a bill fixing the State license to sell liquor at \$200. An amendment fixing the license at \$100 was voted down, as was also an amendment to exempt manufacturers of spirituous or malt liquors who sell in original packages of not less than ten gallons.

### SYMPATHY.

Sympathy does not lighten a burden of sorrow, but it does help the burdened one to bear his load. If therefore, you know of a sorrow which presses south of heart, give expression to your sympathy with him, even though you understand that he alone must struggle under the weight of his burden. In one sense your words cannot help him; in another sense they can. Speak them out, therefore, for what they may be worth. He will be grateful for them, and you will be the better for the speaking.

When the hair begins to come out in combing, it shows a weakness of the scalp that calls for immediate attention. The best preparation to arrest further loss of hair and restore the scalp to a healthy condition is Ayer's Hair Vigor.

Many persons are broken down from overwork or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

## THE OLD NORTH STATE.

### AS CULLED FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

There are 92 students at the Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Auditor Sanderlin's health has sufficiently improved to attend his office.

Mr. Robert W. Smallwood, a prominent farmer of Bertie, died on the 27th ult., in the 59th year of his age.

William Dixon and — White were killed in Person county on the 29th ult., and the house and their bodies burned.

To-day the Alliance mass meeting will be held at Raleigh at the auditorium. 2,500 Alliancemen are expected to be present.

The railroad commission has ordered a reduction in express charges, one feature of which will be very low rates on all fruits and vegetables.

Col. F. A. Olds has resigned as quartermaster general of the State Guard and Major Eugene G. Harrell was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The revenue collections for this district in September were \$88,000, \$58,000 of it having been from the sale of tobacco stamps at the Durham office.

It is claimed for Albert Johnson, of Raleigh, that he is the oldest locomotive engineer in point of service in the country. He had charge of an engine on the Richmond and Fredericksburg railroad away in 1836, in the days of straprails and snakeheads. He is still a railroad employe and can be seen in all kinds of weather in the yard at the Raleigh and Gaston depot.

### NAMING THE BABY.

INCIDENTAL TO NAMING CHILDREN, IT IS WORTH WHILE TO LOOK OUT FOR THE INITIALS.

"People might select names for their children with a better discretion if they were acquainted with the very expressive meanings borne by many of the personal designations in the language," said a linguistic professor to a writer for the Star "Some of them have rather funny significations. For example Julia means 'mossy-bearded,' Ursula is a female bear, Priscilla is 'a little ancient,' and Cecilia is 'dim-sighted.' Barbara signifies 'foreign,' Abel is 'vanity,' Bernard is 'a bear's heart,' and Caleb is 'a dog.' Daniel is 'judgment of God,' and Raphael is 'medicine of God.'

"Ever so many English names have very beautiful meanings. Beatrice is 'making happy,' Letitia is 'joy,' Mabel is 'my fair,' Salina is 'a nightingale,' Susan is 'a lily,' Sarah is 'a lady,' Rebecca is 'faithful' and Lydia is 'a well of water.' What is prettier than Margaret, which signifies 'a pearl,' or than Amelia for 'sincere,' or than Sophia for 'wisdom,' or than Katherine for 'pure,' or than Adelaide for 'a princess?' Bertha is 'bright,' Charlotte is 'all noble,' Cornelia is 'harmoni-us,' Caroline is 'noble spirited,' Harriet is a 'sweet perfume' and Jane is 'a willow.' Again, Henrietta is properly translated, 'a star,' Judith is 'praising,' Jennima is sweet song, Isabella is 'fair Bliza,' Agatha is 'good,' Felicia is 'happy,' Lucy is 'constant,' Muriel is 'myrrh' and even humble sounding Bridget is 'shining bright.'

"If these are good names for sisters, sweethearts, wives and mothers, equally appropriate for fathers, sons and brothers are Nicholas, which means 'victorious,' David for 'beloved,' Hugh for 'thought,' Horatio for 'worthy,' James for 'superior' Thomas for 'a lion,' and Edward for 'a truth-keeper.' Philip is 'warlike,' Eustace is 'firm,' Ralph is 'help,' Charles is 'a man,' Matthew is 'a gift,' Hubert is 'bright mind' and Hilary is 'cheerful.' William stands for 'helm of the wild,' Patrick for a 'nobelman,' Felix for 'happy,' Oliver for 'an olive,' and Isaac for 'laughter.'

"Incidental to naming children, it is worth while to look for the initials. I have known two men who were obliged to write themselves for short, 'A. S. S.' just because of their parents' carelessness." —Washington Star.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Having qualified as Executor upon the estate of the late W. H. Whitaker, I hereby notify all persons holding claims against said estate, to present them to me at Enfield, N. C., on or before the first day of October 1892, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and settle and save costs of suit. This 22nd day of September 1891. JNO. R. WHITAKER, Executor of W. H. Whitaker, dec'd. David Bell, Att'y. sep 24 6t.

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ANY ONE CAN APPLY IT.

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Mr. C. P. Knight, Baltimore, Md.:

Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter as to the merits of the Liquid Enamel Paint, it affords me pleasure to say it has given entire satisfaction, so much so it has converted the painter that applied it. In fact the opposition to it was so intense when I was about to buy, I should have likely bought lead and oil had I not have known you so many years and having great confidence in your integrity.

Yours truly,

H. R. COTTEN.

ARMSTRONG, CATOR & CO.,

WHOLESALE MILLINERS,

Baltimore, Md., 1884.

Mr. C. P. Knight, Sole Agent, N. J. E. Paint Co., Baltimore:

Dear Sir:—In January 1878, our store was painted with the Liquid Enamel Paint made by the New Jersey Enamel Paint Company. We used tins that generally show the effects of exposure, but the paint has retained its color, gloss and freshness. We shall take pleasure in using it in the future.

Yours truly,

ARMSTRONG, CATOR & CO.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 9, 1884.

Mr. C. P. Knight, Baltimore:

Dear Sir:—I take pleasure in stating that I have used, with much satisfaction, your Liquid Enamel Paint on our dwelling house in this town, and can confidently recommend it to all who would like to use a beautiful and durable paint for any purpose. Very respectfully,

E. B. MARTIN.

JOHN ROBINSON, J. A. LEAK,

President, Treasurer,

DIXIE AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL FAIR ASSOCIATION.

Washington, N. C., Nov. 21, 1879.

Certificate of merit awarded to C. P. Knight, Baltimore, for best prepared Paint, being the New Jersey Enamel Paint, exhibited at the Dixie Fair of November, 1879.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 16, 1889.

Mr. C. P. Knight, Baltimore:

Dear Sir:—We have used the Liquid Enamel paint made by the N. J. Enamel Paint Co., which I purchased through you, and we found it first class in every particular, and it justly deserves all that is claimed for it as to beauty, durability and economy.

Yours, etc., LEROY ROFFER & SON.

Woodworth, N. C., Oct. 21, 1877.

C. P. Knight, Esq.:

The paint, Liquid Enamel, rowled me promptly. I will state that it has given entire satisfaction to both myself and painter. I regard it as the best in use as to quality and economy and I can unhesitatingly recommend it as such.

Very respectfully,

B. H. REARD.

Baltimore, Dec. 18, 1889.

C. P. Knight, Esq., Baltimore:

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