

John Pelham

BY JAMES K. RANDALL, OF GEORGIA. [Maj. John Pelham was born in Person county, North Carolina. We make this statement on the authority of the late Dr. Thomas P. Atkinson, of Danville, Va., a gentleman of marked intelligence and a highest Christian character. Maj. Pelham was a brilliant and brave artillery officer, who won great distinction while almost a boy in years. He fell a martyr to the country he served and the cause he loved. Let us keep his memory green. The following lines are remarkably fine—among the best poems of the war.—STAR.]

With all its gorgeous cheer, In the bright April of historic life, Fell the great cannoneer.

The wondrous lulling of a hero's breath, His bleeding country weeps; Hushed in the alabaster arms of Death Our young Marcellus sleeps.

Nobler and grander than the Child of Rome, Curbing his chariot steeds; The knightly scene of a Southern home Dazzled the land with deeds.

Gentlest and bravest in the battle brunt, The champion of the truth, He bore his banner to the very front Of our immortal youth.

A clasp of sabres and Virginia snow, The fiery pang of shells; And there's a wail of immemorial woe In Alabama dells.

The pennon drops that led the sacred band Along the crimson field; The meteor blade sinks from the nerveless hand Over the spotless shield.

We gazed and gazed upon that beauteous face, While round the lips and eyes, Couched in their marble slumber, flashed the grace Of a divine surprise.

Oh, mother of a blessed soul on high, Thy tears may soon be shed; Think of thy boy with princes of the sky Among the Southern dead.

How must he smile on this dull world beneath, Feared with swift renown; He, with the martyr's amaranthine wreath, Twining the victor's crown.

Kelly's Star, March 17th, 1863.

The Detroit Episcopal Seandal.

A dispatch from Davenport, Iowa, states that Right Rev. William Stearns Perry, Bishop of Iowa, has published a card, in which he says: "In view of the serious charges published in the daily press affecting the character of Rev. Dr. McCoskrey, Bishop of Michigan, I would earnestly claim in behalf of this aged man—of nearly 75 years—that he should not be condemned, even in the popular mind, unheard, untried, and on testimony unauthenticated by any responsible name. The House of Bishops of the American Church has always shown its readiness, by prompt and severe measures, to prove the honor of its members and vindicate its purity. In the present instance I beg a suspension of judgment until the diocese has time to act."

A Detroit dispatch to the Chicago Times states that Mrs. Frank Bannister, the young woman with whom Bishop McCoskrey is alleged to have been on terms of criminal intimacy, emphatically denies the reports reflecting on her character. She declares that she never received but three or four letters from the Bishop, all of an innocent nature, and that all the letters on which it is alleged the Standing Committee based their demand for his resignation were forged. On Friday last Mrs. Bannister sent a dispatch to Bishop McCoskrey at New York, in which she says: "Return immediately and clear yourself and me from this vile charge. I demand it."

Bishop McCoskrey sends the following from New York to the Associated Press: "I give my unqualified denial to the articles which have appeared in different papers against me."

Sothorn's Latest.

Mr. E. A. Buck, editor of the Spirit of the Times, is the devoted friend and guardian spirit of the general Sothorn. Recently some miscreant stole a choice little clock from the editorial desk of Mr. Buck, who thereupon wrote his misfortune to Mr. Sothorn, with the hint that a new clock, which could be fastened to his desk, would be accepted, if offered. Thereupon "The Crushed" purchased and had packed and shipped to the Spirit editor the property clock used at the Opera House in the first scene of his play. It is an imposing affair, nine or ten feet in height, but only a shell of painted canvas on a frame of wood. Accompanying this opulent present is a letter, assuring the recipient that, though perhaps a little large for a desk ornament, this clock is absolutely reliable. "If you keep it ten years you will find that it has not varied a second."

The Photograph at the Capitol.

A large company of ladies and Senators gathered in the Senate committee-room of patents this morning to hear Edison, the inventor, explain and illustrate the principles of the photograph. He went through a number of illustrations, and the photograph mimicked sounds with wonderful accuracy, not only the singing and talking, but even the whispering. He frequently changed the tone of his voice very decidedly in one sentence, the photograph repeating the precise changes each time. Senator Ransom asked the Professor whether he could invent a machine that would automatically pick cotton. He replied he believed he could. He says he has 148 patents and 88 cavats.—Washington Star, 19th.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

Inactivity on the London Stock Exchange—The Situation in Bulgaria—A Terrible Revenge, &c.

London, April 24. Inactivity prevails on the Stock Exchange to such an extent as to amount almost to a suspension of business. Attention is chiefly directed to Russian securities, which have declined one-half per cent. Lord Beaconsfield, Prime Minister, and the Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, came to town from Hatfield to-day, where the former had been visiting the latter. Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy, Secretary of State for India, has also arrived in town.

The Times hopes that the present condition of Bulgaria may make Russia more ready to leave to Europe the task, the difficulty of which seems so far only to have been enhanced by the Russian conquest of the Turkish power. The situation in Bulgaria is regarded as very significant, and some papers believe it may accelerate the course of negotiations. It is manifest that the Bulgarians are taking terrible revenge for the Turkish outrages of 1876, and the whole country may fall again into a condition of anarchy, rapine and blood-thirsty reprisals. The Mussulmans are goaded to despair by the tyrannies of their former victims. The country is full of refugees from the scattered armies and disbanded garrisons of the Turks. These form the nucleus of insurrection, and they are joined by the inhabitants of Muscovy who are carried on a guerilla warfare against native Christians and the Russian troops. Thus, though peace is nominally established in the East, anarchy reigns in Bulgaria as it did before the war. The Bulgarians are not fighting for Turkey against Russia, but, as they say, are fighting only for their own lives and honor. The Russian troops are the only organized force in the country, and the risk of a repression of the disturbances falls on them.

Regarding the situation the Times, in a leading editorial, says: "While Europe is negotiating about securing the blessings of peace and freedom to Eastern lands, Christians and Mussulmans in Bulgaria are flying at each others' throats. The whole country south of the Balkans, notwithstanding the presence of the Russian army, is in the condition which shocked Europe and convulsed England two years ago. Russia, for the moment, seems as powerless as Turkey was, and it is time Europe should again attempt to do collectively what no single power can do alone."

Primary versus Scrub Race. [Petersburg Post.] The obvious difference between a "primary" and a "scrub race" is this: that one should be permitted to vote in a primary who has not paid his poll-tax, and is a pronounced conservative, whereas, in a "scrub race" the fences are all thrown down and white or black, tax-payers and non-tax-payers, can vote! We think the distinction is as broad as two barn doors. The fact is, a "scrub race" is an election, while a "primary" is simply a nomination; the one is plainly restricted to none but pronounced conservatives, while the other is no restriction at all, but left open to every horse and mule on the turf.

The Best Long Time Trotting Yet. SAN FRANCISCO, April 20. At the Bay-district tract, to-day, Controller was booked to trot twenty miles within an hour, to a wagon, for \$500 a side. The track was in fine condition. The odds in favor of the horse were about four to three. The horse trotted in fifty-eight minutes and fifty-seven seconds, coming in fresh and making the best time on record. The officers of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals were present, but found no ground for interference.

An Editor Defined. [By Josh Billings.] An editor is a male being whose business it is to navigate a newspaper. He writes out editorials, grinds out poetry, inserts deaths and weddings, sorts out manuscripts, keeps a waste basket, blows up the printer, steals mail, fights other people's battles, sells his paper for a dollar and fifty cents a year, takes white beans and apple sass for pay when he can get it, raises a large family, works nineteen hours out of twenty-four, knows no Sunday, gets abused by everybody, and once in a while is whipped by somebody, lives poor, dies middle-aged and often broken-hearted, leaves no money, is rewarded for a life of toil with a short but free obituary notice in the newspapers.

The Easterner's Dream. [Popular Science Monthly for May.] If death by drowning be inevitable, as in a shipwreck, the easiest way to die would be to suck water into the lungs by a powerful inspiration, as soon as one went beneath the surface. A person who had the courage to do this would probably become almost immediately unconscious, and as the fluid filled his lungs all feelings of chilliness and pain would cease, the indescribable semi-delirium that accompanies anesthesia would come on, with ringing in the ears and delirious visions of color and light, while he would seem to himself to be gently sinking to rest on the softest of beds and with the most delightful of dreams.

A Child Bride's Married Life. [Chicago's Married Life.] Married at thirteen; choked and kicked down stairs in three weeks after the orange blossoms had been written up; a three years' voyage on the matrimonial tide, in which there were more breakers than smooth seas, more clouds than sunshine; a shiver before the point of a pistol in the hands of a jealous husband, who added to the chill of the blood by threatening to dash a bottle of vitriol in the police court for safety! This is the summary of a history which was repeated in the West Side court yesterday before Justice Morrison, by Mrs. Stevens, a sixteen-year-old wife.

Lincoln and Schurz. During the war President Lincoln sent the following telegram to Gov. Johnson, of Tennessee: WASHINGTON, July 27, 1864. Gov. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.: Yours in relation to Gen. A. C. Gillen just received. I also received your report about Gen. Carl Schurz. I appreciate him certainly as high as you do, but you can never know until you have a trial how difficult it is to find a place for an officer of so high rank when there is no place seeking him. A. LINCOLN.

Miss Sherman's Great Labor. [Cleveland Correspondence N. Y. Graphic.] Miss Sherman is at home most of the time, and goes little into society here this season. The trossau is under way, in New York, it is said, and the care and responsibility of overseeing so important a portion of the great event is, in itself, sufficient to drive out all lighter cares and interests.

The annoyance occasioned by the continued crying of the baby, at once ceases when the cause is (as it should be) promptly removed by using Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup. Price 25 cents per bottle.

COMMERCIAL

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