STORIES TOLD OF BELLE BOYD

larger edifice

front room.

many

cussed.

Ho if she had been noticed about the

time the council was to assemble steal-ing noiselessly through the hains and up the stairway of the larger house it

would have awakened no suspicion.

and made her way to that spacious

She applied her ear to the hole and found to her satisfaction that she could

hear distinctly every word that was uttered in the room below. And though

she could not see them, she was suf-ficiently familiar, with their was to distinguish the utterances of each in-dividual, and thus the conference was

much more intelligible to her than it

Hour after hour she lay there pros-

points of importance were dis-

She dared not move a limb,

and

well

Mid-

wrote

tratecupon the floor of the closet; for

she hardly dared to breath, lest her

knew what would be the result if she

were. For herself she cared less than

for the inevitable loss of the assist-

ance which she hoped to render that

night came and found them still debat-

ing; another hour past and at last they

As they passed out into the hall, she

stole to the head of the back stairs. The

coast was clear. They had not thought

it necessary to post a guard anywhere

Silently she crept to the back door

ows, and gliding swiftly along she was

soon out of the building and had reach-

down in the cypher with which she had

been furnished, every word of the dis-

work remained to be done. Ashby must be informed of the intentions of

"Halt! Who goes there?" Ho

manded.

cussion which her memory supplied. But the most difficult part of her

she

arose and separated until morning.

would have been to a stranger.

the conference was a long one

presence be detected; and she

very night to the Confederacy.

near to the council chamber.

carefully shaded candle,

Chapters From the Life of Confederate Spy.

HER DARING MIDNIGHT RIDE FROM PORT ROYAL AFTER LEARNING UNION PLANS.

From the Greensboro Telegram. Belle Bbyd's name is to the south what that of Charlotte Cushman's is to the north. Both were . brave . women and served the cause which they espoused with intrepid_courage. But it is of the former that the present article has to deal.

This writer knew and admired Belle Boyd for a number of years; and reading an account of her death in an old newspaper (which occurred a few months ago) it called up to memory the following incident:

This writer met her at one of those sleepy southern towns so common in southern Louisiana, where she had gone to rest for a month after a hard, of the hall, keeping well in the shadwinter's work on the lecture platform.

She was then a striking looking wo- ed the cottage and her own room in man, somewhere in the 50s. She had a safety. And here by the light of strong personality and graceful, winning ways that won her many friends, and no doubt were the secret of many of her successes in outwitting the "Yankees" during the dark days of the war.

One day we were strolling along the his enemy. She dared not trust a soul, village road enjoying the fragrant, so alone she made her way to the staspicy air from the pines, and admiring ble where her own saddle horse stood, the cozy homes on either side, when she stopped to admire an especially pretty place; at the first glance, the the stable yard, muffling his footfalls pretty place; at the first glance, the the stable yard, muffling his footfalls house, standing a short distance from by guiding him along the grassy edges the road, and the grounds in front of the carriage way. Once out of the seemed nothing more than a veritable hed of roses; there were roses of all less need of caution; speed was more kinds and descriptions, and being a essential. For the sound of hoofs along reat lover of flowers, she proposed the highway need not excite suspicion, that we stop and ask for a bouquet. I acquiesced, and opening the gate, rather by the stars than by roads,

we walked up the path, but before we straight towards the point at which reached the steps of the veranda, an Ashby had had his headquarters where old man appeared from around the she last communicated with him. side of the house and greeted us with true southern hospitality. We made met with a difficulty she could not sur-known our request, and he smillingly mount. Straight in her way stood a turned to a bush of beautiful roses and sentinel in the well known blue. began snipping them off with a pair of pocket acissors. He was very talkative, and finding we were strangers in the town, gave us information regard. Shields," she answered boldiy. all the interesting points of the neighborhood, and at last told us he with no moon. She had in her posses-had fought in the Confederate army slon a pass which she had that very ouring the war.

This writer then told him that if he were an old soldier, he would no doubt turning south after being exchanged. be pleased to know that my companion was the Confederate spy, Belle Boyd. When I mentioned that name he dropped his flowers and scissors, after he saw the document was drawn sprang forward and grasped both her in his and looked searchingly per and glanced at it; his eyes accusin her face. His was radiant with de- tomed to the darkness, could discern light.

Miss Belie! Miss Belle!" ha cried; "yes it is, yes it is, it makes me young appended. He therefore handed it back, again just to loo'; at you. You must and lowered the weapon with which he come to the house and see my wife; I reckon I have talked about you to her more or less all my life."

· THE ASHEVILLE DAILY CITIZEN.

12-CENT COTTON But in all probability she was unob-served as she left her own apartment Many Growers Will Not Sell

They'd have the sweetest cadence yet, if we could only bring

SONGS WE TRY TO SING.

songs we try to sing.

That flutter into being with the sigh-

vanish with a phrase-The songs that end in shadowed glints

chords of richest harmony-the

that sure and softly blend

The half-sung songs-the songs that come as sometimes comes a dream

And beckon us to struggle on, yet fade

The words that give a cheering to the

The songs we try to sing! The sweet cest carols ever sung-

What marvel-melodies would seem to

ye, sweeter than any song of any fashioning

we try to sing.

THREE KISSES.

Post Wheeler in New York Press. When first I kissed you 'twas full on

your mouth, Red as a blackbird's cherry. You recall Twas spring, the soft air smelling of

the South; The whole world gay, and you gay

most of all. Yon laughed-that low, sweet, tender, birdlike trill

Which made the very bobolink be still.

When next I kissed you 'twas upon the cheek,

Molded just round enough. 'Twas autumn then

And you were graver grown, and did not speak. But seemed in wonder at the ways of

men And yet you smiled. So dear a smile it

11.38 That it seemed sudden summer over us.

When last I kissed you, dearest Heart

of Gold, My lips just brushed your forehead. You were sad,

And it was winter. All the world was old.

But at the touch my love swelled flerce and glads For then I felt you tremble, and saw

full Two great, slow tears. Ah, that wa

THE FOOTBALL MAN.





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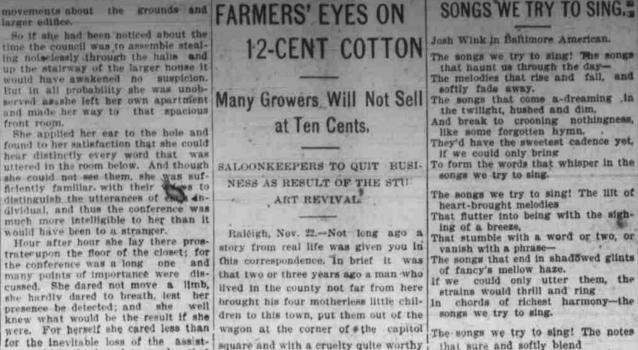
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With words that quit the melody be fore we reach the end.

> Which lures us out upon the way with imgers white, that gleam

songs we try to sing.

The little boy became sick and the poor people who had first taken him in took They lilt and laugh along the lightest were unable to properly care for him if they could but complete themselves. and that if he could be placed in the

charge of good people they would be glad. In the hospital was a man from the country. When he was convalescent he saw the little boy in the children's ward, in one of the Cameron me-morial cots, and they learned to love each other very dearly. This man and his wife adopted the boy. A year ago the latter had hip trouble and for 11 months has been in the hospital, again in one of the memorial cots. Two or three times a week and always on Sun-

kind-hearted people. 'A childless couple

took a little boy, and this adoption was

brought about in a dramatic way, too.

days his fond foster-father and mothgo to see him there. grounds of her aunt's home she had But here comes another chapter in the romance. Last Sunday the real father, who was guilty of such heartless abandonment, went to see the boy.

The latter did not know him, having been a wee thing when deserted and has another name, given him by his foster parents. All this proves that If truth be not stranger than fiction it is qually as strange.

But suddenly it seemed as if she had John W. Hinsdale of counsel for the state in the \$10,000,000 tax assessment case against the railways, says the de next hearing is postponed from the 26th of this month to the 30th. This will terminate the hearing of the railways' side unless they are given time to rebut The night was a clear starlight one the evidence which the state will present. He says it is the desire of the state to get in as much of its testimony during December as possible. It is by day procured from the Federal comno means improbable that there may mander for a Confederate soldier rethen be a postponement until after the This she determined to make use of,

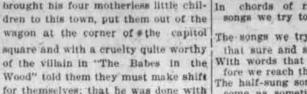
legislature adjourns, Several Raleigh people attended the trusting that the sentry would not reception at Henderson this evening. deem a close examination necessary. given by Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Cooper to up in due form. The man took the patheir son. Mr. Sydney Cooper, and his bride, who was Miss Mary Louise Jackson of Atjanta. that it was on a printed form, and he

The Raleigh amateurs are rehearsing 'Esmeralda," which is to be played December 11, in aid of a charity.

It was stated today by Rev. Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Raleigh Chris-Onward she galloped only to be tian Advocate, that as one direct result brought to a standstill by the outer of the revival work of Rev. George Stu Then he told her what regiment he chain; for there were two lines of art here several saloonkeepers will so out of that business January 1.



with dashing form and air, ever linger there! Are all the dreamy lyrics in the songs



brought his four motherless little children to this town, put them out of the wagon at the corner of #the capitol

them. The second chapter in this tragedy in real life was brighter, for the 'mitherless bairns" were adopted by

before they bring

the steps of the veranda, at the same time shouting, "wife, wife! where are you?

"Wife" had appeared by the time we were seated on the veranda, and when lold the name of my companion she came up and kissed her; then pushing her gently down in her chair again, called to the servant to bring her some strawberries.

This writer was a minor factor for the rest of the visit, but was perfectly contented to remain so; sitting for the greater part of the time, with mouth de open from sheer amazement, listening to the stories the old veteran taid, and some of the thrilling advenes my companion related, that had befallen her.

Back they went over those dark days of the war and lived once more in those thrilling times. Ashby's name was frequantly mentioned, Miss Boyd having taken many a desperate chance to give him information of the enemy's move-ments. Her eyes sparkled with the excit - ent of her former exploits, as she talked; but at last with a merry laugh. arned and said:

Well, we have fought all our bat-over, and now it is time to go."

We left with our arms full of flowe ... the old couple accompanying us to the gate, after having received my companion's promise that eahe would come ag in

This is only one incident of many to show how she was remembered by the men in the Confederate army, A point in view of her bold daring

will be shown in the following narra-11-1-1-1

She had just been released from confinemen at Baltimore and been allowed to critich to her family residence at Port R al, with strict orders to the commun er of the Federal troops stationedere, that she must not be allowed to go outside of the Federal

When she arrived she found that ed to call home. Her aunt's family were

living in a small house in the court yard, and here she took up her abode. She soon made friends with the officers, and picked up all the information

in regard to their plans she could, without exciting their suspicions. She soon became acquainted with the fact that the forces were to be removed from to their objective point she could not obtain; at last she learned that a councli of war was to be held on a certain night, the next morning the troops would probably be on the move, and the Confederates must know their intentions; and she fully made up her mind to be an auditor at their delibera-

Clastin It would seem enough that such a determination was more easily formed than executed. She knew the connell would be held in the apartment formerly used as a drawing room, in her old home; directly over this was a bed-

room now empty. Through the floor of the closet opening into this chamber, a heart disease, while in the act of stephole had been bored to serve some long hole had been bored to serve some long ping upon the platform to deliver a forgotten purpose. This she determined lecture. With her death one more link to make her post of observation, and a of the old Confederate army was des-better one she could not have had. troved but her menter army was des-Although General Shields had appro-

priated the manufon for himself, and federate soldier. forced the family to live in the cot-tage, still he never questioned their Greensboro, N. C.

But he proved no more suspicious than his comrade and sne passed him

had at first barred her way.

saw that the familiar signature was

with as little delay. And now she taxed her horse's speed to the utmost. Across fields, through groves, along the highway. Faster, still faster, until she was 15 mlies from the starting point.

She drew rein before a large dwelling of plain but substantial aspect. This was her destination; for here, she had good reasons to feel sure, the daring and dashing Ashby had for some time had his headquarters; and he would find sure means of transmitting any information of importance to his chief, the famous "Stonewall' Jackson, Briefly she told him of that night's council of war; of the plans discussed, those regarded with favor, and of the route

and destination decided upon "And here," she concluded, "In the

whole thing written out in the cypher agreed upon." He thanked her warme ly and tried to make her rest. But her night a work was not yet done. She must be back at Port Royal before daylight, for if she were not, if she ever were captured by the Federals again, they would be sure to hang her for a spy. And as she was well aware any spy. suspicions of this night's work would not only result in her own apprehension, but in such a change of the enemy's plans, as to make the information

she had brought practically uscless. So back she started on her long lonelyeride. She eluded the first line of sentries, and hoped to get safely by the second, as the pass she carried would

hardly account for her speedy return. The hight was rapidly drawing to a clase and she knew if unhindeged, she could reach the shelter of herown chamber before the drums sounded the She hoped to dash unquesreveille. tioned by the sentry, whom by his pos-ture she judged was sleeping at his post. But alas for her calculations he awike as she approached and chal-

General shields had his headquarters that any in fight used her horse BATTLESHIPS ADDED TO NORTH

"Hait!" he cried, but she dashed on, and an abrupt turn in the road was an effectual shield to her. She was too well acquainted with the rules of war to fear he would ever betray her; he could not do so without confessing he had slept at his post-a capital offense for a soldier.

At last she reached her aunt's home Port Royal, but definite information as Unsaddling her horse and providing for his comfort, she entered the cottage and gained her own chamber just

as the day was beginning to dawn. And thanks to her courage the Confederates received the information that put them in readiness to meet the Federals the next day with all due prepar-

This adventure is only one of many which this brave woman undertook to aid the Confederate army.

After the war was ended for a num-er of years she traveled through the States giving lectures on her past life; and while touring through the state of Wisconsin she died very suddenly of troyed but her memory will live for-ever green in the heart of every Con-

EDNA BELL CASE.

There is a movement on the part of a clinton Scollard in December Smar number of the members of the Press Set. club which was formed here this week

to give it the name of the "Ananias club

Much sympathy & expressed for Atorney General Walser, by reason of the serious illness of all his three children, one having fever, another pneumonia and the third having been sick ix months or more.

In the course of a chat today with Business Manager F. B. Arendell of the penitentiary, who has just returned from an inspection tour of the great state farms on the Roanoke river, he said: "We will get at least 300 bales more of cotton than we expected, Last year, on more than twice the present acreage, we made 2200 bales; this year we will get 1500. The yield per acre is,

as you see, much larger this year. On the Caledonia farm No. 2 we made this season 410 bales on 440 acres. We also made on this farm 7000 bushels of peanuts and twice as much corn as can be nsumed there."

The state charters the Paragon drug store at Asheville, capital \$15,000, inease to \$25,000 authorized; Edward Hopkins and L. B. Wheeler sharehold-A charter is also granted the Raligh Land and Trust company: capital \$10,000, increase to \$50,000 authorized; shareholders J. B. Batchelor, Harry Loeb and Charles R. Reid.

Ten cents having been paid for cotton here, it poured in today. There were at least 200 wagons on the streets. There is a lot of cotton in the county. The mills are buying in a small way. The farmers do not want to sell at less than 10 cents, and many will not do so even at that figure. They have their eye on 12 cents. A lot of them stored otton today. Many would not allow their cotton bales to be cut for sampling today.



ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

Many there be that golfing go Upon the links to have their swing. Yelad in garments gay that glow As doth the sun when westering; Still some there be to baseball cling, And tennis claims its little clan; But if you want to see "the thing," Behold the lusty football-man!

Forsooth, he lets his hair to grow As doth the festive sprout in Spring; And should both eyes be black as wee Tis pride he feels therein-no sting! His followers make the welkin ring rôm far Beersheba unto Dan: And if you'd gaze upon a king, lehold the lusty football-man!

In midnight dreams he "tackles low;" "A touchdown!" you will hear him BING:

Although there ne'er was such a "show."

He's every girl "upon the string." When he goes forth his foes to fling, The head-guard, nose-guard; shin-

guard plan Makes him a sight for marveling-Behold the lusty football-man!

ENVOY.

Prince, all the other games are slow, And fall beneath the public ban; There's only one game now-and so Behold the lusty football-man!



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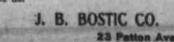
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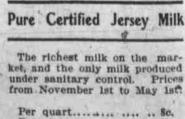
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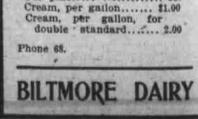


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been added to that squadron. Rear Admiral Barker inaugurated the system when he was commander of the Asiatic squadron, after Admiral Dewey left, of assigning the numerous gunboats under his command to warships, giving the latter the title of "mother In reality the officer in charge of each of the warships was made com-mander of the gunboat fleet attached

warship. The battleship Kear to his surge lakes charge of the torpedo boats Dupont, Porter and Erickson, the Masanchusetts of the Rodgers and Foote, and the Alabama of the Cushing and Winslow.

ACTIVE CAMPAIGN.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 23 .- The Union League club of this city has already entered upon an active campaign for the mayorality. Decided opposition is felt to the nomination of Mr. Coler. Winggood's Drug Store.

Washington, Nov. 23 .- The three battleships that have been added to the North Atlantic squadron have been made "mother ships" by having asigned to their care and supervision the different torpedo boats that have