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BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Dr. Hunter McGuire resides in Richmond, Va. Six copies of his address on Stonewall Jackson were sent me and have been disposed of. So many more calls have reached me and continue to reach me for copies that I must request correspondents to write to R. E. Lee camp confederate veterans, Richmond, Va., or to Dr. McGuire, who, no doubt, will gladly send copies. Inclose stamp, of course. A confederate veterans' camp cannot circulate better literature and no doubt will be pleased to do it. It is an honor to want it and an honor to send it. Like mercy, "it blesses him who gives and him who dost receive."

And now there seems to be another war impending and somehow I can't keep from ruminating about it. It is a blessed thing to help the starving Cubans. I recall the time when hundreds of our people were starving no help came from the north. When the fowl invaders took every cow and calf and horse and mule and hog and chicken and all the corn and wheat and burned down the towns and left desolation behind them, and, like Weyler, said that the quickest way to end a war was to make it horrible.

The deadly parallel is always unwelcome, but we can't help drawing it sometimes. The Cubans are trying to do what we tried to do—to dissolve a union—and the people of these United States seem to think they are right. And they are, if they can succeed. If they fall, why, of course, they are guilty of treason and ought to be hung—goverment is a curious paradox.

But everybody who can help ought to help and do it quickly. We old men remember well when the first train load of corn came to Georgia from Missouri—a gift from the good people of that state, and how the hungry gathered at the depots along the lines to get a share. I remember when a check for $3,000 was sent to me unsolicited by the good people of Liberty, in Clay county, and I indorsed it to Governor Jenkins and that, too, was invested in corn for the starving. I remember when bread, cornbread, was all we asked for or hoped for and we sent a boat 200 miles down the river and got 200 bushels for a hundred dollar a bushel and my share was five bushels and I dident dare to keep it in town, but kept it hid out at Rowland Bryant's, six miles in the country and he brought us in a little meal once a week and we were thankful.

Anything is better than war and my fear is that the jingoes will precipitate one without just cause. I see that the talk now is about enforcing the Monroe doctrine and ordering Spain to take hands off of Cuba. If the Monroe doctrine applies to Cuba now it did seventy-five years ago when Mr. Monroe enunciated it. Spain has owned it ever since Columbus discovered it 400 years ago and it is absurd to apply the doctrine to it now. Let us go on and relieve the distress of those miserable people. Spain says we may and humanity says we must.

What a blessed thing is peace—peace at home and abroad. While working in my garden today I felt conscious of its blessings and thankful, for I knew that Aunt Ann would have turnip greens and boiled ham for dinner and eggbread and rice and potatoes and buttermilk and some kind of a dessert, and I knew that my wife and daughters and two or three grandchildren would be there. I realized that we were at peace with our neighbors, white and black, and that the town was at peace, no quarrels or fights, and there was peace all over the county and the people generally were contented and reasonably happy. I remembered that for years we had not locked our doors by day or by night, nor our chicken house nor barn. We have even torn away our front fence; any body can walk through our grove and lawn who wishes to. We have good schools and nice churches near at hand and our wives and daughters can go to meeting on Sunday and to the missionary on Monday and the aid society on Tuesday and the literary club on Wednesday and the Daughters of the Revolution on Thursday and the Daughters of the Confederacy on Friday and the park committe on Saturday, besides the Epworth League and the Old Maids' Club and the musicale and some other entertainments thrown in. Then there are various reception days and calling days and home talent shows and bazars and so the women folks of this town don't have to stay at home any hardly if they don't want to. I noticed yesterday that the buttons on an old friend's coat were grinning and new ones were needed mighty bad. Some little children are lonesome, but the sideshows must go on, or society will suffer.

I was planting beans while ruminating, and a dear little grandchild was keeping me company and talking all the time, and before I noticed what she was doing she had dropped theem by handfuls all along the row, and I had to get down on my marrow bones and pick them all up—bless her little heart! She thought she was helping me. She fell down the steps yesterday and the red blood streamed from her nose and hurt me more than it did her, for she seldom cries about anything. Her mother is going visiting this afternoon and says I may have both of the children. They are mighty good to me, these mothers, and I had rather listen to the talk of the little innocents than the finest political speech that a candidate for governor can make. I am tired of politics. Let the boys orate and expatiate, if they want to. I am glad that Colonel Candler has the good sense to decline and keep out of the unseemingly muddle. It is undignified. Heard a man cry "three cheers for Atkinson," and another feller said: "He's done had 'em and is a-settin' in one of 'em now. What does he want with another cheer? Wait till he gets out of that one." If Watson declines, I don't see why the pops 'don't nominate Atkinson. He ran on their platform a few years ago and I reckon is on it yet. I'm sorry for Colonel Berner. Hobbys were scarce and he had to ride on that same old, broken down horse—denunciation of the railroads. Nothing in Georgia has ever sufiered like the railroads have from the lawyers. Lawyers wrecked them and fattened on them, and divided out the spoils. Not very long ago the Southwestern wreck was cleaned up and $175,000 of it went to the lawyers. The railroads are just now getting on their legs again and the lawyers are snuffing the air and sailing around like buzzards looking for a carcass. Whenever you see a man making a specialty of abusing railroads, you may set it down that he is either after a fee or an office.

Well, I have five more rabbit feet now, all the way from Texas, and some of them are done up in blue ribbon and marked for Colonel Candler—but he will not need them in this race.

BILL ARP.

They Took to the Woods.

ATLANTA, GA., March 28.—The inhabitants of Fairburn, a town near here, to-night participated in a demonstration, which ended in forty-five of the most prominent young men of the town enlisting in a military company and espousing the cause of free Cuba.

The excitement was originated by Mr. L. R. Golightly, one of the wealthiest citizens in this section, and Messrs. B. E. L. Hobgood, B. J. Jones and L. S. Malone. These gentlemen formed a drum and fife corps and marched up and down the public square and playing stirring music and calling upon the young men to show their mettle. They are all Confederate veterans, and their actions influenced the young men to organize into a band to assist in the work of freeing Cuba.

The colored population speedily discovered what was afoot, and, becoming convinced that they were about to be drafted into active service, with one accord they began a stampede in the direction of the swamps, and at a late hour to-night not a single colored man could be discovered in town. They will probably remain in hiding until they are assured that they will not be subjected to conscription.

News from Pine Stump.

Uncle Hughey Stone is not wearing any suspenders now. He had to take his old ones for backbands while plowing last week.

While the singing school was in progress last Saturday Tom Duncan's mule poked its head in at the window and grabbed the championship banner in its mouth, jerking it outside and ate it up almost entirely before anything could be done. The class, which had won the banner at a recent vocal contest, has the deep sympathy of the entire community.

Bob Stallins gave a wood chopping last week. The crowd cut down one tree and the wind blew down two more. They also caught two rabbits and a skunk. The dinner was greatly enjoyed.

Squire Spud Hooper is circulating a subscription list trying to raise money enough to support his family while he makes the race for governor.

News from Greater Billville.

Bobtown has been incorporated and The Bobtown Bugle will blow for it next week. Shake, Bob!

If the Spaniards should invade Billville while our navy is abroad there wouldn't be rope enough in town to lynch them.

The candidates are in our midst shaking hands and paying off our mortgages.

An elevator is the latest addition to the town hall. The mayor is running it himself and is making a fortune by carrying passengers to the roof at 10 cents a ride.

Our undertakers are now offering first-class funerals on the installment plan. This is very convenient, as you can bury your friends at $3 per month.

We fought for the confederacy, but if the United States has trouble with Spain we are willing to help fight, for $3 a day and rations.

A Matter of Business.

"I see," said the citizen to the rural school commissioner, "that you have given the Blue Creek school to Professor Muttonhead. How did his examination pan out in grammar?"

"Putty short."

"All right in figgers, I guess?"

"Not much."

"How about history?"

"Never had heerd o' sich a thing."

"Knows how to manage the kids, I reckin?"

"Dunno 'bout that."

"Why did he give him the school, then?"

"Wal, he promised to make the scholars clear two acres o' my ground thar 'longside the skule house while they air taking recress, an' said he wouldn't mind choppin' a leetle cord wood occasionally hisself."

Supt. Mebane Favors Change in School Law.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction, Prof. C. H. Mebane, favors the changing of the school law, so as to increase the membership of the school committees in the townships from five to six. The committees, as at present constituted, contain five members. Supt. Mebane favors the appointment of six committeemen, giving the races equal representation.

Mr. Mebane says the county supervisor should preside at the committee meetings when the apportionment of the school fund is made. Mr. Mebane says in many counties the colored population is represented by one committeeman, and where such conditions prevail that one member controls the colored schools of the county.

The Rev. W. H. Weaver, pastor of the U. B. Church, Dillsburg, Pa., recognizes the value of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and does not hesitate to tell others about it. "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," he says, "and find an excellent medicine for colds, coughs and hoarseness." So does everyone who gives it a trial. Sold by M. L. Marsh & Co.

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DR. ALLEN TALKS OF WORK IN CHINA

The Famous Missionary Delivers an Interesting Discourse in Atlanta.

Atlanta Journal, March 28th.

Rev. Dr. Young J. Allen delivered an interesting discourse on mission work in China yesterday at Trinity church.

It was not so much a review of missionary work as a statement of the great changes which are being wrought in the Chinese civilization by the leavening influence of Christianity and the new ideas which of late are being introduced from this country and Europe.

Dr. Allen was introduced in very complimentary terms by Dr. J. W. Roberts, the pastor of Trinity church, who referred to him as greater than a president or a crowned head, and said that he was laying broad and deep the foundations of a future civilization in China.

The speaker began his discourse in a very striking way. Reading from the Acts the passage where the Apostle Paul had a vision in which a man of Macedonia stood and said, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," he said that was the beginning of Christianity in Europe.

"About the same time," he said, "the emperor of China had a vision, in which it was revealed to him that a Savior had appeared in the west. The emperor sent a commission of wise men to the west, along the road which, if followed straight would have led through Asia Minor to Antioch, which was the headquarters for Paul's missionary journeys. The commissioners took the wrong road where it forked southward, and instead of going to Antioch their course deflected into India, where they met a sage whom they supposed to be the Savior. Instead it was a Buddhist philosopher, from whom they learned that religion. So it came that China learned Buddhism instead of Christianity, and there was the point of departure between the civilizations of the east and the west. Europe learned from Christianity light, life and liberty, and started on the path of upward progress to a higher civilization. China was benumbed and shackled by superstition, which has clung to her people to this day.

Dr. Allen said there had been a great change since the Japan-China war. The work of writing a history of that war in Chinese had fallen to his lot, and in going to the bottom of the origin of it and the causes that effected the result, he was obliged to make an analysis of the Chinese civilization. This he outlined briefly to the audience.

The Chinese, he said, are bound and helpless. They are the most helpless of civilized people. They are bound in many ways. One of these is their idea that they are the superior nation. They have been unwilling to look beyond their own horizon, or to learn anything from other nations. They are highly educated people in their way, in the learning of the Chinese classics and think there is no people that can compare with them. The result is that they for ages refused to admit outsiders at all. Until recently there were no missionaries in some of the interior provinces. They have their own ideas about nature and would not learn anything of natural philosophy from other nations.

It needed some manifestation of the power and wealth of other civilizations to open their eyes, and this came in the war. Then they began to see that there was a civilization superior to their own. Their educated men had traveled abroad and had written back to the emperor but the letters had been suppressed and the people knew nothing of their contents.

In the meantime the Chinese who come to this country and go back are doing much to open the eyes of their people at home. They may be poor and humble, but they have eyes to see and ears to hear, and when they go back they tell what they have seen of the civilization of the west.

Dr. Allen said that the Chinese have the rudiments of everything, but these ideas are undeveloped. "The Chinese," said he, "are like a winter scene. The buds and the roots of life are there, but it is all frozen up. By and by, when the life-giving sun shines on that scene, the buds will swell and break forth into flower and fruit. Now the grass is brown and appears to be dead, but after the sun has warmed it, the hill sides will take on a beautiful verdure. That is the condition of the Chinese. They are in darkness and all frozen up. When they have been enlighted by the knowledge of God and warmed by His love, these rudiments they have will begin to develop."

The speaker showed how the dominion of man over nature, which is so striking a feature of our civilization, is promised in the first chapter of Genesis, whereas the idea was rejected by Confucius. There was a great point of difference between the civilization of China and that of the western nations. He also showed that they had no adequate idea of God, though the name of God appears in their books. They look forward to an almost endless series of transmigrations by which the soul is at last carried to Nirvana, a place of rest from the distresses of this life.

Dr. Allen said that three years ago the emperor of China ordered that new subjects should be given in the civil service examinations. These subjects were foreign relations, nature studies or science, and several other things of that kind. When the examiners propounded these subjects the candidates could not take them, and there was great murmuring at first. The examiners told them they would have to get the foreign books and read up. They did and the supply of books at the mission station under Dr. Allen's charge was bought out by the people of Hoonan, a province where missionaries were not allowed. It has been the most backward and conservative of all the provinces. In three years, as the result of these new studies, an electric light plant has been set up at the place where the examinations take place. But this is only one evidence of the change that is coming as the result of the introduction of new ideas. It has caused unrest, and Dr. Allen said there was danger of a revolution in Hoonan, where the people are disposed to set up an independent republic, modeled after the government of the United States.

Dr. Allen said it was the dynamic force of new ideas that was rending the Chinese empire asunder and making a partition of it by European powers possible. In the partition, where each of the great powers seek a sphere of action, England is exerting her influence for the freedom of trade.

United After Thirty-five Years.

A little more than thirty-five years ago a family consisting of three persons, a widow and her two sons, resided in Worth county, Ga. The widow's name was Rogers, and her two sons were Calvin and Wiley, aged respectively twelve and thirteen years. Some time during the year of 1863 Mrs. Rogers had occasion to visit Macon and died there. When the war ended the two brothers had lost track of each other. Wiley himself was so young that he soon forgot he even had a brother. In course of time he faced the world on his own account, married, and, after living in several places, finally drifted, at the age of thirty-eight years, to Worth county, settling on a farm near Sylvester. Meanwhile J. Calvin Rogers had become a man of family, and at the age of forty-seven years was a prosperous farmer and highly respected citizen of his native county, living in the eastern section, not far from the line of Dougherty. It was not long before parties began to notice a remarkable resemblance between J. C. and W. Rogers. At first neither of them paid much attention to the remarks of friends on the subject, attributing the resemblance to a mere coincidence, but the eldest of the brothers resolved to investigate and satisfy himself. The result is that the two brothers are reunited after a separation of thirty-five years.

Wants Congressional Fusion.

Salisbury Sun, 22nd.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says in this morning's paper:

"A Populist said to-day (yesterday) that Senator Butler wants Congressional fusion, but does not want it nearly as bad as National Democratic Chairman Jones does."

It will be observed by this that some of the Populist people as well as many of the Democratic people construed National Chairman Jones' letter to indicate his desire for Democratic-Populist fusion. However, it is to be observed again, and with a considerable degree of satisfaction, that the Democratic Executive Committee have disclaimed this idea of the address, as has already been stated in these columns.

Hon. Theo. F. Klutz's inverview, published in the Sun, is conclusive that the address was not understood to mean fusion. Mr. Klutz is one of the State Executive Committee, was present at the committee's meeting February 22nd and should know, if anybody does, the feeling and opinion that prevailed among the committee at that time.

The Democrats of the State, it is quite evident, do not want fusion of any kind.

Mill Hands Coming South.

There arrived in New York Wednesday, on a Fall River steamer, five families on their way to Charleston, for transfer to other cotton mill points in South Carolina. The pioneers in this new Southern movement tell the New York Mail and Express that others are to follow shortly, as a result of Southern advertisements in Eastern papers. This indicates, that paper thinks, the determination of the manufacturers in the South to secure a larger percentage of New England skilled labor as a basis for the training and direction of the colored worker. In addition, on Saturday a dispatch from Rome, Ga., reported that five new mills are in course of erection near that city, the total capacity of which will be 30,000 spindles, with a main production of common prints and sheeting for Oriental markets. As the Mail and Express has contended for the past two years, "the sooner the New England cotton mill capital seeks and finds investment in the South, the better for that capital."

The Mail and Express may be considerably mistaken in its explanation of the mission of these New England workers, but it is sound on the conclusion which, it says, it reached two years ago.

Forty Years in China.

Probably the best-known white person in the Chinese Empire is Dr. Young J. Allen, who reached San Francisco recently. Dr. Allen has been engaged in missionary work at Shanghai for the past 40 years, and during the greater part of that time has devoted his efforts to the dissemination of knowledge in printed form among the Chinese.

The mission with which he is identified was established 50 years ago, and he is now on his way to attend the semi-centennial of that event, which is to be held at Baltimore during the month of May. After that he expects to return to China to resume his literary labors among the Chinese.

The patriarch of Methodist missions is one of the best Chinese scholars in the Empire, and all of his literay efforts are in the Chinese tongue. During all his years of work among the Chinese he has written something over 150 volumes, most of which have found their way to every corner of the earth where Chinese are now living.

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Wherever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by M. L. Marsh & Co.

Blackboards in Schools.

Black is known to be severe upon the eyes. It tends to dilate the pupil, which, on leaving the black surface, has to contract rapidly, thus throwing considerable work on the muscles of the iris. It is suggested that blackboards be abandoned for schools, that a light-colored board be substituted therefor, and that colored chalks be used instead of the usual white crayons.

BE SWEATED GOLD

Abe Boyle, A Former Klondike Miner, Absorbed the Precious Metal in Yukon River.

A dispatch from St. Joseph, Mo., says: Abe Boyle went to Alaska in the summer of 1896, and was one of the first to set out for Klondike diggings. His claim was one of the few from which the nuggets and coarse gold had to a considerable extent been carried lower down the creek, while the washing from above left the gravel heavily impregnated with what is known as "flour gold." This is the finest form taken on by the yellow metal, which in that shape manifests its presence in the sands of all the Rocky mountain plateaus, and even in the waters of the Pacificic ocean, into which it is carried by the streams heading westward from the great continental divide. There is no known method of saving flour gold, which will escape over the quicksilver plates of a stamp mill in spite of all efforts to capture it.

Boyle, during the summer of 1897, was much of the time immersed to the waist in the waters of the Yukon. Being in the water constantly, his body seems to have accomplished what no invedtion of man has yet done, for through the pores of the skin there was absorbed an incredible quanity of flour gold.

He was seized with he thought was rheumatism, but kept on with his work until his limbs because unmanageable. It was as if ossification, if not petrification, had set in. This condition gradually spread upward, and he lost his appetite, and eventually became insane. There being no physician in the camp capable of handling the case, he was sent back to the States in charge of a friend, who kept him for several months at his old home in Lander, Wyo. His conditiou did not improve, and he was floally taken to Laramie, Wyo., where Dr. William H. Harris, one of the most noted practitioners in the West, thought he had located the source of his trouble, and resolved upon an experiment to test the correctness of his theory.

In a Turkish bathhouse Boyle was submitted for a week to a treatment in which the medicine administered consisted largely of mercury. Then he was given a thorough Turkish bath. His chair in the sweating room was placed in a shallow basin of zinc, so that the perspiration that poured down from his body would all be retained. He was afterward rushed through the remaining features of the bath and put to bed When he awoke he was found to have entirely recovered from the hitherto unaccountable stiffness of his limbs, his flesh being soft and pliable as an infant's though his mind was still affected.

The next thing done was to examine the contents of the zinc basin in the sweating room. An assay of its contents showed that the mercury, administered in the form of pills, had passed off through the open pores of the skin, carrying with it the flour gold with which Boyle's body had been saturated. An assay by Superintendent M. A. Grant, of the Keystone mine, showed that the value of the flour gold drawn from Boyle's body by means of mercury approximated $270.

The effects of the statement upon the mind were something the phosician did not care to experiment with, so Boyle was sent to Asylum No. 2 in St. Joseph. He is now apparently in the best of health, physicaily, and Superintendent Woodson believes he will soon regain his reason.

Fire That has been Burning for 75 years.

Shelby Star.

Daniel Root, of No. 1 township, is a very eccentric old gentleman, but withal a clever man. He has peculiarities and some of them would make interesting reading. He is an old man, about 80, and has owned a white horse all his life—not the same horse, but always a white one. He is now living in the house in which he was born and the fire in the fire-place has been burning for seventy-five years. No matches or kerosene oil have ever been used in this house. Mr. Root is hale and hearty, and a thrifty farmer. He has always raised his supplies and never did buy any bacon, corn, wheat, etc., and all of the clothing worn by the family, is home-spun. Hard times don't affect him in the least—he don't buy, and seldom sells anything. He is independent of his surroundings and neither the oil trusts, stock gamblers or even the railroads disturb his peaceful slumbers.

Mormonism in North Carolina.

It is as this paper said last Sunday—the success of the Mormon missionaries is exaggerated. In almost every community there are a small number of ignorant people always ready to run after something new. This handful are now with the Mormons. Next year they would just as readily take up with the Mohammedans, the next with the Budhists, or any other crowd preaching something new. They join all the Protestant churches by turns, and stay nowhere.

The Presbyterian reported a Mormon church near Cameron of forty members and said:

"If, in this Scotch Presbyterian section where parents will deny themselves the last of comforts for the education of their children, the Mormons can find their dupes—what success must they meet with among our quarter of a million white people who are unable to read and in those sections where illiteracy is the rule and not the exception."

The Sanford Express has been investigaing this statement and finds that the Mormon church near Cameron "has only about eighteen or nineteen members, only two of which left the Presbyterian church. The people who belong to this church are the most ignorant class in the community and their parents didn't deny themselves the least of comforts for their education."

The Monroe Journal was not far wrong when it said that the class that becomes converted to Mormonism is quite useless for propaganda purposes and is not worth losing sleep over." Half of them expect the Mormon elders to support them and most of the others expect to find some way to have a plurality of wives to support them in their idleness and wickedness.

Spain's Appalling Debt.

LONDON, March 27.—"The Economist" to-day presents a summary of the Spanish finances. The three Cuban loans aggregate £80,936,000, and the floating debt is £14,000,000, with a monthly war expense of £1,600,000. Appalling as is this exhibit, the Madrid government seems to be always able to squeeze more millions out of a bankrupt nation; it has arranged a fresh loan from the Bank of Spain.

It is undoubedly true that millions can still be raised in Spain for war with America. It is the last resource of a desperate, resentful, proud-spirited patriotism. Neither a Carsist movement nor a military absolutism under Weyler is possible so long as Sagasta is willing to take the gambler's last chance, such as sending a torpedo flotilla and fighting ships with guns for bombarding the American seaboard cities, even if Cuba be lost, after all.

The carriage of a buzz-saw doesn't move very fast, but if a man stays on it long enough he will presently be sawn asunder. The process of gradual bodily decline and loss of energy which leads finally to consumption is not always very rapid, but if it isn't stopped it will presently begin to saw its way into the most vital part of the body, the lungs. There would be very little consumption if every family would keep Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in the house, and use it whenever feeling "out of sorts." It keeps the entire body in such a high condition of health and forcefulness that wasting diseases have no chance to get a foot-hold. A teaspoonful or two before meals, in a little water, gives the digestive organism power to assimilate the blood-making, nerve-toning, strength-building properties of the food.

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