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CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE

By Alfred Tenyson

THE charge which Tenyson has made the subject of his well known poem printed below was that of Balaklava. The charge took place Oct. 25, 1854. Through a misconception of orders Lord Lucan, a son-in-law of the English cavalry, ordered Lord Cardigan, with the Light Brigade, to charge the Russian artillery. With a battery in front and one on each side the Light Brigade bore its way past the guns in front and routed the enemy's cavalry. Of 600 horsemen engaged, 238 returned.

Half a league, half a league,
Half a league onward,
All in the valley of death
Rode the six hundred.
"Forward, the Light Brigade!"
Was there a man dismayed?
Not though the soldier knew
Some one had blundered;
Their battle-battle
Thro' the main battle
They were to die, and die they did,
Into the mouth of hell,
Rode the six hundred.

Can'ton to right of them,
Can'ton to left of them,
Can'ton in front of them,
Can'ton behind them,
Stomped at the shot and shell,
Boldly they rode and well,
Into the mouth of hell,
Rode the six hundred.

Flashed all their sabers bare,
Flashed as they turned in air,
Like lightning, like meteors,
Like a single brilliant star.

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Atlanta Constitution.

A few months ago some doubting correspondents hinted that the story of Nancy Hart was probably an exaggerated romance or a handed down tradition or maybe a myth. It is fortunate that the doubt was published, for it awakened and aroused the good old people of Elbert and Hart counties and brought to light facts and records concerning the old lady that might have passed into oblivion. That the story of her heroism is true is now established as clearly as it was when Hart county was cut off from Elbert and named for her, the only county in Georgia that was named for a woman. While this newspaper controversy was going on down in Georgia there was a great struggle in a little town in Virginia named Tom Lee, 63 feet high and large in proportion, operating the passenger department of the Lackawanna railroad. He is the great-grandfather of Nancy Hart, descended from her in a line line through honorable Virginia ancestors. He knew nothing of this controversy concerning his maternal ancestor and said recently when speaking of her that it was the sorrow of his life that he was not personally acquainted with her.


Tom Lee is a great favorite among the railroad officials. Very recently he wished to try the work and speed of a new monster locomotive and invited the president and superintendents of several railroads and forty-three editors and newspaper men to go with him on a special to Pocono mountains and back again. On the northern route the superintendents now have an indicator or Dutch clock in their private car that registers the speed. "What do you want?" said Tom Lee. "Well, about 70 miles," said the editor. The speed was then 55 miles an hour, but quickly the clock registered 56, 57, 58, 60, 65, 70, where it remained for several minutes while the engineer was holding her down to an even steady pace. A glass full of water on the floor was not so steady. "I would have given you 80 if you had asked for it." After a while they stopped at the Swiftwater house, where Washington and Lafayette played croquet after the war was over and where Joe Jefferson spent his summer holidays. Tom Lee said that his parents were Virginians and nearly related to the Harris, for whom Thomas Hart Benton was named.

For the sake of many children who have never heard the story, I will briefly relate the story of the old lady. She was a woman of about 60 years of age and was living in a small cabin on the edge of a swamp. She was a widow and had a young son named Elbert. She was a very brave and patriotic woman. She was a member of the Sons of Liberty and was very active in the revolutionary war. She was a very brave and patriotic woman. She was a member of the Sons of Liberty and was very active in the revolutionary war. She was a very brave and patriotic woman. She was a member of the Sons of Liberty and was very active in the revolutionary war.

GOVERNOR TAPP, THE VATICAN AND THE PHILIPPINES.

Chicago News.

Nothing hurts a self-made martyr like being ignored. There are times when it is better to be never than late. Much of the milk of human kindness tastes of the pangs of a will it's merely a dead give-away. Some men become sadder without becoming any wiser. Experience makes a man wiser and poorer simultaneously. Social training enables one to appear interested when he isn't. A man grows, a woman smiles—and the latter gains her point. Some men like to fish because it's the next thing to doing nothing. Even the woman of few words is continually warning them over. When the money of some people converses it uses a megaphone. Expect every man to do his duty—then expect to be disappointed. Any pretty woman's jaw is a thing of beauty—when it isn't working. The way of the transgressor is frequently paved with good bricks. It is one thing to do a good act and it is another to say nothing about it. The more a man is in a man is the oftener he shifts from one job to another. A successful business man is one who induces other people to buy what he doesn't want. One of the greatest pleasures in life is to be found in counting the money we expect to make. It isn't the little man has but rather a desire for more that puts him in the poverty-stricken class. When a girl of 20 marries a man of 70 there may be extenuating circumstances in the case of the bride. The wise small boy throws his mother's slippers after his big sister when she starts on her wedding tour. The wise man formerly built his house on a rock, but now he builds it on the sand and calls it a seaside hotel. Even the minister whose sermons are of the long-drawn-out variety is preferable to the sensational grandstand parson. The south's professed friendship for the north is apt to be questioned shortly after the first shipment of early watermelons. The average woman doesn't care any more for the privilege of voting than the average man does for privilege of putting a baby to sleep. Finer cotton goods. Walker Richardson, a former Southern man, but now engaged in the cotton business in New York, has given out an interview in Charlotte, on the cotton situation. Speaking of the product of Southern mills, Mr. Richardson says: "I think some of the mills had better improve the goods they are now turning out. Some of the yarns being sold are rotten, and when time comes to settle up these mills will likely be at a disadvantage. This, however, is due to the class of labor employed and to the bad management. "It would take several years for a Southern mill to make money on fine cloth, for it would require that time to get the operatives trained sufficiently to be able to make such goods. Up in New England mill operatives have been working on these goods for many years, and you might say that the required skill had become hereditary in some instances, but just put a Southern mill on fine goods with the present class of help it would be in a hole in a mighty short time." Discussing the merger scheme of Southern mills, Mr. Richardson expressed it as his opinion that this could not succeed. Among the objections urged are the questions of what to do with the mill officers, the deterioration in the value of stock, the fact that the mills can now get advances of about 75 per cent. on their yarns from commission houses and also the unwillingness of the stockholders to enter such a pool. He said that the question of individuality or personal interest and authority under a merger.



Headache

kills, not necessarily suddenly, but SURELY. It preys upon the intellectual powers more than we realize. It consumes the vitality faster than nature can replenish it, and we cannot tell just what moment a temporary or complete aberration of the mind will result. Headache and pain should be promptly removed—but properly. Many pain cures are more harmful than the pain. Beware. If you would be safe, take

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WEATHER PREDICTIONS.

The twelve days after Christmas indicate the weather for the following year. Each day in order shows the weather for one month.

Blow out a candle, and if the wick continues long to smolder, look for bad weather. If it goes out quickly, the weather will be fair.

When it begins to snow, notice the size of the flakes. If they are very fine, the storm will be a long one; if large, the storm will soon be over.

After the froge begins to dry in the Spring, if there are frozes in three times, you may be sure that afterwards you will have warm weather.

If it rains on the first dog-day, it will rain on each of the other thirty-nine.

If on the other hand, the first dog-day is dry, all the rest will be dry.

When you see a cloud in the sky that grows larger, it is going to storm. When you see a cloud growing smaller and melt away, it is going to be fair.

If the chickens come out while it rains, it is a sign that the storm is to be a long one. If they stay around the shed, the storm will be short.

As the old woman said, "I never knew it to begin in the mornin' and rain all in my life. But I've known it to begin at noon and rain all day long times."

If the castles of the Thanks giving chickens are lighter in color, there will be a good deal of snow in the winter following. If the color is dark, there will be little snow.

When a person kills a snake he does well to consider what he has done. If he hangs the snake up, it will rain; if he buries it, the weather will be fair.

When the cattle lie down as soon as they are turned out to pasture in the morning, it is because they feel a rheumatic twinge in their bones, and you can look for a rain soon.

When a night passes and no dew falls, it is a sign it is going to rain. This often loses much of its mystery when one remembers that dew has not fallen because the night was clouded.

If the melt of the hog killed in the Fall is sharp at the beginning, the Winter will be sharp at the beginning. If the melt is biggest at the rear, the Winter will be coldest in the latter part.

When you see the sun drawing water at night, know that it will rain on the morrow. The sun is said to be drawing water through rifts in distant clouds.

In winter when you see the wild geese flying south, expect cold weather. They fly south because the ponds to the north are frozen over. When the geese are seen flying north, warm weather is to be expected.

If the sun sets in a cloud, it will rain on the morrow. The person who takes this saying as literally true would do well to remember that unless the cloud that hides the sun from his sight is extremely large, a special shower of distance to the north or south would at the same moment see the sun set in clear sky.

A "SOUTHERN SECURITIES" COMPANY.

Baltimore Sun.

On the strength of the fact that the Louisville and Nashville Railway accepts a charter under the present Constitution of Kentucky, renouncing one granted in the fifties, the Courier-Journal suggests that there is to be a combination of the Louisville and Nashville and Southern Railway, the latter absorbing the former, or each absorbing the other on the "community of interest" plan. Whether this will be done, or how it will be done, depends, our contemporary guesses, upon the issue of the legal proceedings for the dissolution of the Southern and the Louisville and Nashville. This scheme for operating different and competing companies together is decided to be valid, then, it is alleged, a Southern Securities Company will be formed to hold and manage the Southern and the Louisville and Nashville. State laws forbid their consolidation, as State laws forbid the consolidation of the Northwestern railways. But a company holding both, if lawful, will effect all that is desired, which is the suppression of wasteful and gut-throat competition. It is not clear, however, how the Louisville and Nashville's accepting a modified charter will further Mr. Morgan's supposed scheme of a Southern Securities company. Something has been said about the Southern getting control of the rival by buying the common stock of the Louisville and Nashville at 150 is hardly a desirable asset, since the present net earnings can hardly be expected to continue after the boom is over. Just now the net earnings may justify such a price as \$150 per share, but that price is a poor basis for a permanent investment. It will be recalled that the proposal of the Louisville and Nashville to build into a territory already served by the Southern was soon followed by the coup in Wall street that put the control of the former into Mr. Morgan's hands. "Foes at any price" appears to be the motto of our present Napoleons of Finance. Still, peace bought at the rate of \$150 a share seems to lack the element of permanence.

The Folly of Texas and North Carolina in Seceding from the Kansas City Platform.

New York World.

The Democratic State conventions in North Carolina and in Texas have "re-affirmed allegiance to the Kansas City platform."

This is an act of amiable folly for which there is no excuse either in the precedents of the past or the obligations of the present time. Democratic ascendancy is so secure in those Southern States that seceding from the platform that the election of the party ticket would not be endangered by any platform that common sense could suggest or policy dictate. For this reason the Democrats of these States are all the more blameworthy for yielding to Mr. Bryan's egotistical insistence, instead of ignoring it, as the party has done this year in Indiana, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Georgia, Pennsylvania and other States.

The party in Texas and in North Carolina will be neither helped nor harmed by the seceding. The platform of the party ticket will stand to the "body of death," as Mr. Cleveland very accurately styled the Chicago-Kansas City platform. But in the doubtful and essential States, where the Democrats are trying to retrench, the seceding will be a campaign by abandoning true issues and false doctrines twice overwhelmingly condemned by people, these exhibitions of an obtuse and brainless Bourbonism will tend to make the Republican campaign-agnus.

The South, once had a courage of conviction and a genius for politics which are now sadly lacking in many of the States of that section.

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