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## NOTICE.

### Hotel Property for Sale.

On account of failing health of myself and wife, I offer for sale my hotel property in the town of Boone, North Carolina, and will sell low for cash and make terms to suit the buyer, and will take real or personal property in exchange. Apply soon.  
W. L. PRYAN.

## Notice.

For sale, 900 acres of land, on Rich Mountain, Watauga County, on which is asbestos, and fine land for sheep ranch. Sales private. L. D. Lowe & J. T. Ferguson, Ex'trs. of Mrs. A. P. Calloway, decd. Banner Elk, Nov. 15 '90.

## NOTICE.

Parties putting papers in my hand for execution will please advance the fees with the papers and they will receive prompt attention, otherwise they will be returned not executed for the want of fees. D. F. BAIRD SHIFF.

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## Senator Hill Rejoices.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 9--Senator Hill said in an interview to-day:

"Every good democrat will heartily rejoice over the return of the democratic party to power in the nation. The victory is most overwhelming and gratifying. It is not only the personal triumph of ex-President Cleveland and a just tribute to him, but it is an endorsement of the democratic principles which he championed. The people were opposed to a force bill and desired tariff reform, and upon these two issues we have won the victory. Unquestionably the Federal election issue kept several Southern states with us which might otherwise have gone for the third party. I trust that our victory will carry with it the control of the United States Senate, which will enable us to place democratic legislation upon the Federal statute books. We shall then cease to be a mere opposition party, and can secure the remedial legislation which the people demand, and that opportunity will build up the democratic party and make it strong.

"I think the Democracy would prefer a vigorous and aggressive policy, and to that end the existing Federal election law should be repealed. It is a vexatious, arbitrary, and unnecessary measure capable of great injustice and abuse and in the hands of unprincipled officials may become an instrument of aggression. I am particularly gratified with the glorious result in New York State. The State organization of the party as well as the organizations in nine-tenths of the counties, were in the hands of friends, those who loyally supported my claims at Chicago—and I was extremely disirous that an excellent showing should be made, and I am more than satisfied."

Morganton Herald.—There never has been anything like it. The democrats have swept the deck. Cleveland has beaten Harrison nearly three to one in the electoral college. North Carolina has gone democratic by from forty to sixty thousand. Bower has beaten this Wilcox Patton opposition by 3,000 in the Congressional district. Patterson and Blalock are elected to the Senate. The democrats have a majority of nearly 100 in the national House of Representatives. The next United States Senate will be democratic. Both branches of the General Assembly in North Carolina are almost solidly democratic. If the republicans have carried anything it has not been heard from up to the hour of going to press. The third party was not in it anywhere. The death knell of hoodlumism has been sounded. The reign of plutocracy is over. The miserable traitors who tried to sell the electoral vote of N. C. have been buried under the ballots of an outraged people. The Macunes and Wilsons and Butlers have at

last been shown what the people think of their miserable actions. The country is safe for another four years. The news is good enough to go without comment.

## Brief in Ell-y at Clinton.

Wilmington Messenger.  
On Wednesday afternoon the democrats of Sampson county and the town of Clinton turned out and buried Marian Butler indignity. At 4 p. m., the court house bell summoned the people together and they gathered in large crowds at the court house square where arrangements had been made for the obsequies. After the large crowd had assembled, a brass band played a solemn dirge while the funeral procession made up of several hundred people, marched around the court house two or three times, headed by a great white banner, on which was inscribed in great black letters, "In Memory of Maryann Butler. He died young." The procession finally halted in front of the court house, where a very deep grave had been dug and which was remarkably short by way of indicating the brief career of the offensive deceased. The crowd next joined in singing a mournful song and then Tom Wash Crumpler, one of Sampson's thoroughbreds, delivered a unique funeral oration, in which, we are told, "he gave Butler the d-d." Tom Wash, who has a-veral brothers and uncles who had taken a large part in the campaign as Butler men and third partyites brought an in finite amount of humor to bear on the subject of his discourse, and we are told that his oration was a rare bit of wit and satire.

After the oration had been delivered, the grave was closed and a number of young men gravely laid upon the new made mound bunches of old dried leaves tied with dirty rags. The long meter doxology was then sung and a head board was put up with this inscription, "In memory of Maryann Butler. He died young." The crowd then dispersed amid yelling and laughing over the ridiculous spectacle they had participated in. It is said that Butler witnessed the whole affair from a neighboring office.

## What "SS" Means.

You often see it—"State of Pennsylvania, county of Philadelphia, ss." It is to be found at the beginning of acknowledgements and other legal documents, but not one in a dozen can tell you what that cabalistic "ss" is for. To be short and to the point, the abbreviation is a contraction of the Latin word "scilicet," which is also a contraction, having originally been written as "scilicetate," neither of which, you will note, has more than one "s." The word entire, or in its abbreviated state, is equivalent to the old English "to wit," still widely used, the design of both being simply to call particular attention to what follows.

## The Forgiving Proclamation.

President Harrison last Friday afternoon issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

The gifts of God to our people during the past year have been so abundant and so special that a spirit of devout thanksgiving awaits not the call but only the appointment of a day when it may have common expression. He has stayed pestilence at our doors, he has given us more love for the free civil institutions in the creation of which His directing providence was so conspicuous; He has awakened reverence for law; He has widened our philanthropy by a call to succor distress in other lands. He has blessed our schools and is leading forward a patriotic and God-fearing generation to events His great and benevolent designs for our country. He has given us great increase in material wealth and wide diffusion of contentment and comfort in the homes of our people. He has given his grace to the sorrowing, wherever I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, do call upon all our people to observe, as we have been wont, Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of this month of November, as a day of Thanksgiving to God for His mercies, and of supplication for His continuance of care and grace.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this the fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, and of the independence of the United States the one hundredth and seventeenth.

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

By order of the President,  
JNO. W. FOSTER, Sec.

## On the Best Authority.

Harpers.—A story is told of a trial for burglary in which one of the jurymen seemed to be so certain of the prisoner's innocence, and pleaded for him so eloquently and so convincingly, that the eleven others (who had no particular bias either way) allowed themselves to be argued into returning a verdict of "not guilty." A few days later fresh facts came to light which proved the accused man's innocence beyond a doubt, one of the wavering jurymen happening to meet with the man who had so powerfully influenced them all thanked him warmly for having saved them from the commission of a great injustice.

"And yet now I think of it," he added, "you could not have known then anything about these new facts, so how could you be so sure the man was innocent?"

"Well," replied the other, "my chief reason for thinking that he did not commit the crime was that I committed it myself."

Such authority was certainly not to be disputed.  
The Obedient pays for the Democrat one year.

## Fifty Thousand People Drowned.

Letters from China bring terrible accounts of the loss of life and property caused by the breaking of the banks of the Yellow River, which is aptly called "China's Sorrow." It is only three years since the whole basin of the river was flooded, and now comes a new flood, fully as disastrous as the other. It is estimated that the flooded district is 150 miles long by thirty miles wide, that over 50,000 people have been drowned, and that fully 1,000,000 will starve to death unless the Chinese Government furnishes them food from now until next spring.

These figures furnish some idea of the enormity of the calamity, in which, in single villages, the whole loss of life at Johnstown are surpassed. The work of strengthening the embankment of the river was poorly done three years ago, and the high water this season swept away the dikes as though they were made of straw. In several districts the water is fifteen feet deep, and whole families are perched on the roofs of their houses. Only the more substantial structures resist the action of the water, and the majority of the houses crumbled away and carrying the wretched people to death.

## No One is Without Influence.

Some people feel discouraged on the highway of life because they cannot be this or that great or eminent person. Why should they not be willing to be themselves? No person is without influence. Why not make the most of what you have? Since you cannot grasp what you wish, why let what you have slip through your fingers? No person in the world is exactly like you. You have your own faults, but you have also your excellencies, individual to yourself. Give them air. Because you are not a poet, should you not be a good merchant? Because you cannot go to college, should you therefore forswear the alphabet? Because you cannot build a palace, should you not rejoice in your own? Will not the sun also shine into your windows if you do not obstinately persist in shutting it out? If you cannot have a whole hot-house full of flowers, may you not have one sweet rose. Accept thankfully whatever blessings you have, and try to make the most of them.—Ex.

## Chicago 1851-1893.

The origination of the "World's Fair" City dates back to the year 1831, with a population of about a dozen families. In 1871 a cow kicked over a lamp, causing a terrible fire, amounting to \$200,000,000, burning 18,000 houses, and killing 200 people and rendering over 100,000 persons homeless. The fire covered 2,000 acres of ground. But time has made it one of the largest cities of our land, with a population over 1,000,000, and the finest test railroads in the world.

## A True Story.

"Papa, will you please give me fifty cents for a hat. Most of the academy girls have theirs."

"No, May, I can't spare the money."

The above request was persistently made by a sixteen-year-old maiden as she was preparing for school one fine spring morning. The refusal came from the parent in a curt, indifferent tone.

The disappointed girl went to school. The father started for his place of business. On his way thither he met a friend, and, being half fellow well met, he invited him into Mac's for a drink. As usual, there were others there, and the man who couldn't spare fifty cents for a hat, treated the crowd.

Just then the saloonkeepers daughter entered, and, going behind the bar, she said: "Papa, I want fifty cents for my new hat."

All right," said the dealer; and taking up the half dollar from the counter, he handed it over to the girl, who departed smiling.

May's father seemed dazed, walked out alone and said to himself: "I had to bring my fifty cents here for the rum-seller's daughter to buy a hat with, after refusing it to my own. I'll never drink another drop." And he kept his pledge.—Philadelphia Methodist.

Messenger.—We may not doubt that amid the wreck of hopes and the sweeping revolution that topples in ruin the Harrison gang of corruptionists, with Harrison at the head, there is one very resigned, if not altogether happy man. We can't doubt that James G. Blaine is rejoicing deep down in his boots that he was not chosen at Minneapolis to lead the radical gang and to face a second and almost overwhelming defeat at the hands of the great statesman, the man of destiny, the friend of the people. He is no doubt at heart at heart self-complacent and self-satisfied and views the overthrow of the republican Pharoah in the Red Sea of Reform with that resignation which becomes one who stands safely on the shore and seeing the tremendous wreck rejoices—"I am so glad I am not in it."

## McKinley's District.

ALLIANCE, O., Nov. 10—Probably one of the biggest surprises of Tuesday's balloting was the election of Dr. George P. Skirt, Democrat, in this (McKinley's) district. Complete returns wipe out the usual Republican majority of 2,500, and elect Skirt to Congress over Thos. R. Morgan, Sr., of this city, the Republican candidate, by a majority of 1,000.

Wilmington Star.—When a man rises up as self-constituted champion of the oppressed classes and paws the air and twists his hair all up and comes down hard on a sole-leather as Marion Butler did it does not necessarily follow that his heart is bleeding for the wrong he "deplores." He may be only doing his best to earn the money that some one has paid him.