

LAVENDER
Each little flower has its own life
To tell of happy hours
We lay aside the lavender
A tattered book, a curl of hair,
A bunch of faded flowers.

When Death has led with subtle hand
Our darling to the silent land
While we sit bereft,
But time goes on, and we rise,
Our dead being buried from our eyes.
We gather what is left.

he looks they loved, the songs they sang
The little lives whose music rang
So cheerily of old:
The pictures we have watched them paint,
The little lives whose music rang
That fell from fingers cold.

We smooth and fold with reverent care
The robes that once were used to wear
And pain of parting, need to wear
As o'er the relics of our dear
With bitter man of tears, we spread,
Pale purple lavender.

On checks once white with care,
To look at treasures put away
Depositing on that fair of days
A subtle scent is there.

Dew wet and fresh we gather them,
These fragrant flowers—now every stem
In bloom of all its bloom.
Tears wet and sweet we spread them here,
To lend our relics sacred,
Their beautiful perfume.

That scent above a book and late,
One curl and flower, with color mute
But eloquent appeal,
It wins from us a deeper sob
For our lost dead—a slumber thro'ed
Then we are wont to feel.

It whispers of the long ago,
His love, his aching woe,
And buried sorrows stir
And tears like rain are washed of old
Roll down our cheeks as we behold
Our faded lavender.

STATE NEWS
Diphtheria is prevailing in many portions of Stokes county.

A man in Stokes county was shot over four hundred squirrels since the buds came out in the Spring.

Sheriff McMillan, of Robeson county lodged 9 Republican voters in the Penitentiary a few days ago.

The receipts of the Raleigh City Treasurer for the month of September, were \$4,805.58.

The Cape Fear Building Company has under way a number of new freight cars for the C. C. Railway.

The Baptist State Convention meets in Shelby this year on the 10th of November.

Monroe's new brick hotel has been completed, and will be kept by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Walker.

The revival in the Methodist Church of Monroe, says the Enquirer, resulted in the conversion of about 50 persons. On Sunday the 26th, 35 or 40 joined themselves with the church.

A little child of Mr. Connel Helms, of Union county, was so badly burned on the 26th ult., by its clothes catching fire from the fire place, that it died on the 28th inst. So says the Monroe Enquirer.

A car load of cotton on the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, was destroyed by fire on Monday last, between Garysburg and Seaboard. It was caused by a spark of fire from the locomotive notwithstanding the cotton was in a box car. The company will make good all losses.—Roanoke News.

Goldboro Messenger: We learn that Mr. Thomas Warters was killed in Lenoir county, by a negro man, on Saturday night last. We have not learned full particulars, only learn that Warters had gone to convince himself of a report that a company of negroes were drilling, and on his way to the old fields where the drilling was said to be, he was knocked in the head by a negro. Warters is a Republican, but had voted for Loftin, Ind., against King in the last election, and this fact had arrayed the negroes against him.

Beecher as a Circus Clown.
[N. Y. Letter to the St. Louis Republican.]
A gentleman just down from the Twin Mountain House gave a tremendous account of Beecher in his big given invitation, just as the imitator Charley Beckus does. He did a drunken man, and from description it must have been the old "Pete Jenkins" act. His performance was greeted with roars of laughter, but he makes a mistake in not taking his money at the door and having a ticket wagon. The tent cost six or eight hundred dollars, and he had a large number of people present. He explained the subject of the collection, to pay for the tent. It was no tent, no circus, for he went round him with the tent, and out of 4,000 people only \$120 was squeezed. This is very discouraging, although of a piece with the \$100,000 gift that haunts \$50,000 short and won't pull up. Beecher will find it better to travel on a surety bond, than the tenting season with such a man as Lew. Leuk, or John Nathans, or old Robinson.

Butler Sticks
[Philadelphia Times.]
For about the twentieth time General Butler has been informed by the Republican press that his absence from the party is preferable to his company, and for the twentieth time the General has coolly refused to go. They tell him the exact location of the door, and expatiate upon the loveliness of the landscape outside and the fulness of the atmosphere within, but he does not budge. Like the cat which the rat found inside his hole, the General tells these editors to put him out—if they did, Butler's presence in office in his advocacy of more currency, which is looked upon by some of his former colleagues as even a more serious sin than the sixty-one votes he cast for Jefferson Davis in the Charleston convention.

Hon. Fernando Wood requests the Herald to deny the statements of the New York Expansionists that he is "raising money for" the Democratic cause in Ohio. He has neither raised nor given a dollar "to assist the election of Allen." The Herald well says: "It is a strange condition of affairs to see a Democratic leader in New York denying with emphasis, and as though it were a serious imputation upon him, that he had given one dollar to assist the election of a Democratic leader in Ohio."

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