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"To My Mother."

The following is not new and it has been many times published, but it will bear republication frequently. The lines were written by a convict in the Ohio penitentiary:

I've wander'd far from thee, mother,
Far from my happy home;
I'v left the land that gave my birth,
In other climes to roam;
And time, since then, has roll'd its years
And mark'd them on my brow;
Yet, I have often thought of thee—
I'm thinking of thee now.

I'm thinking on the day mother,

When, at thy tender side, You watched the dawning of my youth, And kiss'd me in your pride; Then brightly was my heart lit up
With hopes of future joy,
While your bright fancy honors wove
To deck thy darling boy.

I'm thinking of the day, mother, When, with such anxious care, You lifted up your heart to Heaven— Your hope, your trust was there: Fond memory brings thy parting words, While tears rolled down your cheek; Thy long, last, loving look told more Than ever words could speak.

I'm far away from thee, mother; No friend is near me now, To soothe me with a tender word Or cool my burning brow; The dearest ties affection wove Are all now torn from me;
They left me when the trouble came:
They did not love like thee.

I'm lonely and forsaken now, Unpitied and unblest;
Yet still I would not have thee know
How sorely I'm distressed.
I know you would not chide, mother, You would not give me blame; But soothe me with your tender words, And bid me hope again.

I would not have thee know, mother, How brightest hopes decay; The tempter with his baleful cup Has dash'd them all away; And shame has left its venom sting.
To rack with anguish wild—
Yet, still I would not have thee know
The sorrows of thy child.

Oh! I have wonder'd far, mother, Since I deserted thee,
And left thy trusting heart to break,
Beyond the deep blue sea.
Oh! mother, still I love thee well, And long to hear thee speak. And feel again thy balmy breath Upon my careworn cheek.

But, ah! there is a thought, mother, Prevades my beating breast,
That thy freed spirit may have flown
To its eternal rest;
And while I wipe the tear away,

There whispers in my ear A voice, that speaks of heaven and thee, And bids me seek thee there.

OBSERVATIONS.

Souvenir of the Exposition by "Cham": Small gentleman appears in huge hat, which engulfs him to his shoulders. His wife: "But that hat doesn't fit you, my love." He: "That s what I told the man, but he showed me his gold medal, the only once awarded for hate party what he had a warded to have a warded. once awarded for hats; and what else could !

A New York journal speaks of a man "who," it says, "stood by the cradle of the Republican party in its infancy." And he didn't smother it! Gods! what damnable neglect of Heaven-sent opportuni-Financier, who recently made a cool million in

stocks, riding with a friend, says to him with ill-concealed contempt, "Say, this carriage of yours isn't as new as it might be." Friend gently: "No, but (significantly) I've had it for a long time."— Six years ago there was but one Christian church in Japan. Now there are thirty-six. Then every Christian effort was frowned upon by the Government. To-day one hundred young men are studying for the ministry in the schools of the American board.

Even so distinguished an authority as Judge Nellson calls it—in Albany Law Journal—the Smithsonian Institute! thou, really, as to who Judge Nellson is, or for what he is so distinguished, those are matters that a constant press of job work has never afforded us time to look into.—Courier-Journal.

Also, the best assortment of Gilt and Fancy Dress Buttons; my stock of Ladies' and Gents Underwear is complete; a full line of Ladies' and Gents Handkerchiefs, in linen, silk and lace; a complete stock of Hosiery, at reduced prices; Kid Głoves in black, colored and opera shades; just received a full line of Corsets at prices to suit the times; another lot of those fine Shaker Flannels; large stock of Ladies' Silk and Lace Ties; I still have on hand some of those beautiful Oil Cretonnes, Hamburg Edgings, Insert ings, Laces and Trimmings of all kinds; Trimming Silks, in all shades; Fringes in all shades; Black Silk Velvets and English Crapes; a full line of Blankets, very cheap; Cassimeres and Jeans at all prices; Bleached and Unbleached Domestics, Pillow Casing, Sheetings, Night Gown Cotton, Canton Flannels, Drillings, &c. Spotted Tail, the celebrated Sloux, was in counspotted Tail, the celebrated Slotx, was in council with his braves the other week. During the session he told the Indians that no honest men were now to be found; that a perfectly honest person had growing from the paim of his hand a tuft of hair. The Indians looked incredulous, but Spotted Tail gravely assured them that such was the case; that from his own relim a tuft of hele once enterprise. that from his own palm a tuft of hair once sprung, but that he had wore it all off by shaking hands

Too Many Leaders and Too Little Courage.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]

It is an old saying that an army of I wish to call your attention to my stock of Shawls just received; call and get one of my \$1 Umbrellas, \$1 Shirts. sheep led by a lion is capable of doing more effective service than an army of lions led by a sheep. Perhaps an army of lions with no leader at all is worst of A complete stock of Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Clothing, at prices to suit the times. Give me a call. Respectfully, of the Democratic majority in the Opp. Charlotte Hotel, Tryon st., Charlotte, N. C. dec18 THE GREATEST BARGAINS gress ante-dates that of any of his colleagues. He is in the prime of a vigorous intellect and varied experience, which, whenever they have been tried, and hold it, except that, if St. Paul himself should come to life again and enter that bear garden as a representative at large from Paradise, he could not get a country complains.

Home for Christmas.

[Charleston News & Courier, 19th. The streets were enlivened yesterday

by the presence of several hundred colored people, all well dressed, able-bodied men. They arrived from Flori-Jones, da, on the steamer St. John's, and are Lenoir, on their way to their homes in North | Northampton, Carolina and Virginia, to spend their Christmas with their relatives and friends. Accompanying them are a Wilson, number of white men from Virginia, who came from the same place, and who have been engaged in turpentine farming, in Nassau County, Florida. The farms are run by John D. Jones and W. H. Jones & Co., of Virginia, who every year bring down from North Carolina and Virginia several hundred colored men, paying them from \$175 to \$200 a year, with provisions, &c. Work has been stopped on these farms until January 15th, and the hands are now on their way home with pockets full of money and light hearts. Most of them wore fancy colored ribbons on their hats, all were well dressed and orderly, and seemed contented. During the day they stood around on the sunny side of the streets, or went out to hunt for Christmas presents. The entire party left on the Northeastern Railroad train last night.

Signs of Prosperity Returning.

The increased prosperity of business affairs in New Orieans is shown by the constantly growing demand for tickets in the grand monthly drawings of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, which takes place invariably in New Orieans, at noen of the second Tuesday of every month. The fairness of these drawings has at length become a certainty in the public mind. Tickets only two dollars. Address M. A. Dauphin, P. O. Box 692, New Orleans, La.

The Board of the State Canvassers.

[Raleigh Observer, 18th.] The board met yesterday at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, in the Hall of

the House of Representatives for the purpose of proceeding with the count in the second district. Present-The Governor, Secretary of State, the Attorney-General, Senator Waddell and Senator Everett.

Mr. Kitchin was present, represented by Judge Fowle, Fab H. Busbee and R. H. Battle, of counsel; and O'Hara was also in the Hall with his counsel Messrs. Gilliam and Gattling. The Governor inquired if there were

any more injunctions. asked if any further returns had been sent up from Edgecombe. The Secretary of State replied that there had not been. affords. Then said, Mr. Gatling, we wish to make the following motion:
That the board adjourn to the 20th of

February, at which time they would have submitted to them full returns of the election held on the 5th of November, in the second congressional district. for a member to the 46th United States Congress.

Mr. Gatling said that his client had appealed to the courts for the enforcement of his rights and had done everything in his power to have the returns, the only true return, sent up promptly. O'Hara file and affidavit, which was read, setting forth:

That complete returns from Halifax and Edgecombe would show that he action may be taken upon it without was elected to the forty-six Congress; further belay. Democratic senators who that the returns from Caledonia town- a few weeks ago were doubtful I find ship were in the possession of one John | now warmly on our side; and I ascer-T. Brinkley, who he was informed tained last night that a Republican senavoided service of the mandamus by ator, who is even now counted against the sheriff and withheld these returns | reduction, is for it. Our friends are all from the county canvassing board.

That the county canvassers of both rejected by them on the 7th of November, and asked a delay in canvassing bacco bill was separated from the long which now had these matters under consideration.

He asked an adjournment until the appeal prayed by the canvassing boards from the order of Judge Seymour should be heard by the Supreme Court. Mr. Gatling then argued the power

any difficulty of fact. Mr. Battle said that he was prepared to controvert by affidavit if necessary he wont try to raise sheep;—not this side some of the facts stated in O'Hara's of the passage of a dog law, at any rate. affidavit; that he was informed Mr. You see, he has experience! He bought Brinkly was shingle getting in North-ampton county and had had no conver-sation with Mr. Kitchin since the while the negroes were at church, the decision by Judge Seymour, and was dogs made an evening call and slaughnot privy to any hiding out. This is not a question of fact but is a question of law.

Judge Fowle desired to submit a gentleman of a grave charge made against him, in the affidavit of O'Hara. here was no confederation on the part of Mr. Brinkley and Capt. Kitchin's friends, to keep out of the way, but a confederation of others to keep in the way, in order to submit to a speedy summons, and organize an immediate assemblage. The question is however purely a legal one.

Mr. Busbee feared that the learned counsel had forgot that the board was purely ministerial, and had almost vested it with judicial powers. If the adjournment asked for were granted, there was no end to the chain of contingencies that would have to happen before a result could be reached. The limit of adjournment when reached would leave you functus officio.

Mr. Gilliam. We lost many days in this matter through the patient con-sideration of Judge Seymour. As regards the power of adjournment it is sustained by the Supreme Courts of at all; and this seems to be the situation least six States. The Supreme Court has decided that the Board of Commispresent House of Representatives. Sioners of a county having failed to count the full returns, could be comoffers to lead, the rest straightway pro- pelled to reconvene and make the ceed to put him down. Thus, no sooner did Mr. Fernando Wood venture to this board should assertain who has criticise the President's message, which he did exceedingly well, than it began the majority of the votes of the electors to be bruited about that he was guilty of the district; and we only ask now of an indiscretion; and, even since, a that the board shall take further time reluctance to pass a very judicious resolution of his has shown itself. Now, by his right of Chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Wood is the official leader of the House. But he by no means holds this as his sole baton of was not served with the mandamns command. His term of service in Con- issued by Judge Seymour. It appears that certain returns have been withheld from this Board. The questions raised will be decided by the Supreme is a gentleman of character and dignity as well as of ability, and there is no reason why he should not take the lead and hold it, except that if St. Paul him elected, and we believe that no man is better assured of the fact than the gentleman who claims the commission.

The board then took a recess of fiffollowing from the Democrats, each teen minutes for consultation, at the one of whom expects to be President of expiration of which time, having the United States, and—worse still— each of whom is the happy possessor of a "theory," warranted to cure every financial ill, at least, of which the vote from the second district.

Mr. Everett explained his vote at some length.

The following is the official count:

Kitchin. O'Hara. Harris. Craven, 765 Edgecombe. 805 1802 930 Greene, 842 1348 1119 584 548 1164 702 926 757 Warren, 2244 637 312 1424

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9682 10,704 3948 Kitchin's maj. over O'Hara 1022. J, Williams Thorne received 584 votes, all in Warren. There were 28

votes scattering. Before adjourning, the board passed a resolution directing the secretary to write to the solicitors and request them to institute proceedings against the canvassing boards in the counties of Ashe, Madison and Burke, for failure to send abstracts of the votes at the election for members of the 46th Congress. No returns from the proper officers were received from these counties, and we learn that Ashe county sent in no returns of the Angust election.

Suspension of a Banking-House.

The board then adjourned sine die.

CINCINNATI, December 18.-Excitement was created in financial circles late this evening by the report that the banking-house of C. F. Adae & Co. had suspended. Their liabilities are stated at \$780,000, of which \$680,000 are in time certificates and the remainder due on call. The assets are stated at nominally \$400,000.

Mr. Eppenstein's Babies.

[From the Oil City Derrick.]

Yesterday a reporter called at the store of Mr. Abraham Eppenstein to make some inquiries about the health of the three cherubim that his wife had presented him the night before, "Well, how's everything?" asked the

reporter, smiling broadly. Vell, I feels pooty good all the vhile. Beesness was pickin up pooty kvick. I half der largest assortment of goods vat vas ever brought-... "The children-the babies?" inter-

rupted the reporter; "I want to know something about the babies." The count was then begun. When Craven county was called, Mr. Gatling I vish you vould said in your paper to "Vat babies? Oh! dose dree leetle morrow dot Mr. Eppenstein's babies are like his goods-der best the market

"Und see here," called the happy father after the vanishing reporter, "poot in a line at der bottom, und, said of you please, dot your popular mer-chant, Mr. Eppenstein, haf just return-ed from Ni Yoriek mit a large stock of goods, vich he is almost givin away on ockound of der hard times.

The Prospect of the Tobacco Tax Reduction.

Washington Special to Richmond Dispatch, 18th. After a careful investigation, it looks | FIVE HUNDRED to-day to me as if the Senate is in favor of reducing the tobacco tax if the committee will only report the bill, so that more hopeful to-day, and it is clear that the Lorillards believe the bill will pass these counties failed to obey the man- the Senate. Chairman Morrill to-day date of Judge Seymour to meet on Mon- again assured Senator Withers that the day the 16th and canvass the returns committee will report as speedily as the returns until all should be made revenue bill so that there could be no under the judgment of the Courts, reasonable pretext for delay in reporting it.

The Average Experience in Sheep Husbandry.

[Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic.] Wm. Grimes, Esq., is much please and discretion of the boards to adjourn | with his Norman-Percheon stud colt for more than twenty days, claiming that the time was merely directory and lin's Virginia stock farm. He thinks not mandatory, and that the board this class of stock the very best kind for should not fail of its duty on account of North Carolina work horses. Mr. Grimes has some thought of establishing a stock farm on his plantation. But tered all but 28 of the gentle bleaters! The experiment was then abandoned; the 28 survivors were allowed to run on the farm until one solitary mutton restatement for Mr. Kitchin to relieve a mained to tell the tale. He ought to have been made a present to the Legis-

lature. A Card.

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