

The Strange History of Alvin Harrison, Who was Disappointed in Love.

[Desmo (Kan.) Cor. of the Indianapolis Sentinel.]

The day last week, in this vicinity, an aged and eccentric man named Alvin Harrison.

He was about seventy-three years of age, and was a cousin of ex-President Harrison.

In 1840 he was a promising young lawyer of Ross county, Ohio, and stumped his State in the interest of his cousin, "Old Tippecanoe."

Several years thereafter he quit the practice of law and took up the study of medicine.

Later on he became engaged to a young lady, and at last the happy day was fixed for the celebration of this marriage.

But before the arrival of the wedding day, the young lady, with a stage driver, leaving Mr. Harrison to mourn her sudden and unexpected departure.

This incident so disgusted Mr. Harrison with the fickleness of human nature and with civilization in general that he turned his back upon the world, preferring a home in the trackless wilderness and barren prairies to the busy haunts of refined life.

Some fourteen years ago he built himself a log cabin on the average of three miles from town.

His nearest neighbor at that time was miles away. He lived all alone, and subsisted on a scanty and unwholesome diet of spoiled corn and potatoes.

The cabin was open and uncomfortable, while he was content with a simple pallet of straw.

He drove a team, poor, bony and dilapidated as himself, half-starved, and clothed in rags and string harness.

His intelligence of contentment, but went about scarcely clad in rags and patches of the coarsest fabrics; yet in the midst of filth and rags he was recognized as a man of average sense and educational culture, which always brought him respectful deference from all.

It is said that aside from his property here, which consists of 320 acres of good land, he owned a valuable property, he owned valuable property in Ohio.

Some years since his brother came to see him and endeavored to get him to abandon his isolated existence, but all in vain, for he remained alone until the last.

When it was found that he was sick, the kind neighbors flocked in and did all in their power to alleviate his suffering, but all of no avail.

After his death a box containing silver and notes, deeds, mortgages, etc., was found and is now in the hands of responsible parties.

Quite a number of standard works on medicine and law were also found. Among his effects was a letter purporting to be from his niece, directed to him at Iowa, and dated 1865.

In it several family names are mentioned, which may serve as a clue to the whereabouts of his relatives that are living.

The Mysterious Sixth Sense.

[Boston Transcript.]

It is often claimed that besides the five well-known senses of sight, taste, smell, hearing, and feeling, there is an unnam'd, unnamed, and undefined, which reveals to us the presence of persons or things whose proximity is not made known by any of the senses named.

How often we say "something tells us this or that, when we cannot define what that something is."

During the sailing vessel, loaded with miscellaneous supplies, went ashore near Hilton Head.

It was desirable to get her cargo out as soon as possible, and a party of blue-jackets were detailed to go on board and break her out.

The officer in charge was particularly to inquire whether there was any liquor on board, but was reassured on learning that what little there was was in a cask in the hold, and that beneath the rest of the cargo, and that his men would not come to it for two days at least.

Work began, and in two hours the blue-jackets, every man of them, were in a state of the most hopeless intoxication.

They were hoisted over the side, and taken back to the ship whence they came.

Investigation showed that Jack's sneezing instinct had led him straight to the cask. He had really and truly drunk through the cargo until he struck a cask of whiskey, knocked in its head, and imbibed its contents by the dipperful.

That it knocked him off his pins is not surprising, but how did he know it was on the ship? or knowing that, how did he know where to begin this mining operation? Something told him. What was it?

A New Year's Day Guide.

[Baltimore Sun.]

The man who has 250 calls to make should leave his house early.

He who omits allusion to the weather is not an accomplished caller.

Brides clad in their wedding robes will be the orange-blossom feature of the day.

Be sure and say something funny when you find you have got into the wrong drawing-room.

Don't try to outwit any one. It is a bad habit and very wearing to the ladies.

Have a good supply of five-cent cigars on hand with which to reward the lackman.

Friends calling together should avoid entering parlors with a simultaneous "wishyouhappynewyear."

Ladies don't care how many calls you have made or how many you have not to make. It's a good scheme to remember this.

Wear your frock coat, thin trousers, and leave your overcoat at home if you want to begin the new year with a cold in the head.

He who neglects the old ladies for the young ones will get left when the invitations for the next party are sent out.

It is a good idea to compliment the ladies on their appearance. The probabilities are they won't mind it. Make all kinds of resolutions for the new year, but don't look at them until Thursday or Friday. Never mind "see that my grave's kept green," but see that your driver keeps sober and saves you the cost of a new carriage.

Romance of a Still Hunt for Moonshiner.

[Cincinnati, Dec. 31.—] The returned revenue rangers who accompanied Capt. Davis on his still whiskey hunt through the counties of Kentucky infested by the illicit traders, give a remarkable account of their hardships and adventures.

They pronounce it the wildest and most inaccessible mountain district they have ever seen. Their path lay along the edge of frightful precipices, and when the late storm of snow and rain came upon them, every step of their way was beset with danger.

They were ten days on their perilous ride, and they concluded that nothing could be done against opposing odds, and they concluded to abandon their operations until milder weather. Game is very plentiful.

Every house has a loon, and the women spin, weave and make up wearing apparel for themselves and families. Stores are few and far between, and calico dresses and store clothes are unheard of.

Every body seems to have either cash or money, but all live in utter independence.

To all who are suffering from the errors and inflexions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of memory, etc., etc., etc., the great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America.

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THE PERILS OF WINTER.

An Engineer's Heroic Efforts to Avoid a Fatal Result.

[From the Jamestown Democrat.]

About Kinzua and northern Pennsylvania the snow-fall of last Thursday and Friday was much greater, even than in this locality, and the atmosphere exceedingly cold and forbidding.

The line of the extension of the Erie Railroad, Bradford branch, through the northern oil field, has been laid over Kinzua summit, and Friday morning a skillful engineer, fresh from New York, named Elias Brown, was sent forward to further sketch the course taken.

He started out bright and early, and proceeded with his allotted task with great energy, until, when on the very apex almost of Kinzua summit, he lost his way in the blinding snow storm and among the heavy growth of hemlock, through the woods, with feet wet and hands numbed with cold.

He finally decided that if he ever expected to gain see the human form divine he had better abandon his present project, and travel by steam and plan a way of keeping warm till help came.

He therefore beat a tract in the deep snow, steadily marching up and down the little run way hour after hour, through the afternoon and into the night, with unceasing yet weary step feeling all the while the discouraging sensation of feet freezing and the body growing numb with the intense cold.

He was not returning at noon to the camp of engineers who were behind him, little fear was apprehended for his welfare, but when night came, and it did not bring back the missing man, search was at once instituted, and a large number turned out to find his whereabouts. The hunt was kept up all night and Saturday morning, when one of the searching party ran across the almost exhausted and prostrate man, his way over the little roadway he had beaten down by continued walking.

He was immediately taken in and most tenderly cared for, and though his feet were badly frozen and his hands frost-bitten he will be all right again in a few days. He says he heard the whistle of the engine on the morning train as it pulled out of Bradford, but he was then too weak to attempt to walk home, even had he been able to find the way.

614 line into Resumption as Though it Had Not Been Declared by Law.

[From the New York Sun, 1st.]

When the treasury of the United States and its small-treasures open to-morrow morning they will, in accordance with the provisions of the resumption act, pay out the gold and green-back dollar without any discrimination for or against the last seven years.

Gold brokers, too, will be full of opportunities for speculation, and the speculators will have to turn their capital and ingenuity to new fields.

Down in the vaults of the sub-treasury and of the banks are millions of the glittering coins that have not seen daylight for many years.

Although presented by gold certificates they have always been ready money.

They will be brought to light to-morrow, and some of them started on ceaseless journeys. In the gold room of the Stock Exchange about \$1,000,000 of gold changed hands yesterday at 1-32 of 1-64 for each cent to settle outstanding gold accounts. But there was no excitement, and no effort was made to formally celebrate the last transaction and the closing of the room.

In the past week or two the clerks in the vaults of the sub-treasury and of the banks have issued the circulating currency, saving that on and after January 1, 1879, they would discontinue the keeping of special gold accounts, and that the balances of such accounts would be consolidated in the general account of the sub-treasury.

The noon clerks made up the gold accounts for the last time and wiped them from the books.

Visits to many of the banks, National, State, and Savings, and the private banking houses through the city, elicited that to the satisfaction of every one the financial world passed from the old state into the new without a jar or the least friction.

Statement by Secretary Sherman that He is Not a Candidate for Governor of Ohio.

[Correspondence Louisville Courier-Journal.]

WASHINGTON, December 30.—Secretary Sherman denies that he is going to resign from the cabinet when resumption is made.

He says he is not a candidate for Governor of Ohio, and that he thinks that Charles Foster will be the Republican candidate for Governor, as well as a candidate for Senator to succeed Thurman, if the latter is brought out.

The present contest for the Senator to make the race for Governor has not decreased since he declined to run, but is stronger than ever.

Senator Thurman does not relish the idea of making the race, as he believes that all his opponents in the Republican party, together with his friendly and unfriendly rivals in his own party, would spare many means to defeat his trial trip, as it is called, in running for Governor.

He believes that if he is nominated John Sherman will be put up against him, and thus secure the consent of the Secretary's New York friends to defeat him.

Thurman's friends say that his name was suggested by his enemies, and that papers friendly to him, not understanding the situation, have usually seconded the motion, but now, as it is getting better understood, they believe it can be settled without trouble.

Garfield and Foster are both much worried about the prospect that if his Senatorial ambition and the latter over the gubernatorial nomination.

In His Socking.

[Detroit Free-Press.]

They showed along on a window-sill in the postoffice to give Wicked Jack room to sit down, and then resumed their conversation about Santa Claus' gifts.

One boy got a knife, another a pair of skates, and the third stammered a little and stated that he received a diamond pin.

"And you traded it for a dog?" inquired one boy.

"Well, no, I gave it to the baby to play with, and he swallowed it."

"Diamonds is good enough for common boot blacks," observed Jack, as he cleaned his nails with a tooth pick, "but you order seen the gold watch I got!"

"I tell you the fourteen diamonds and twenty-one pearls in the cases made me scream right out when I hauled it from the stocking! I was so weak in the knees I could hardly get down."

"And is it up home?" inquired a boy with a frost-bitten ear.

"Up home! Do you think I'm 'lasses candy?" scornfully replied Jack, as he got down. "Not much! I rented it to the members of the Legislature at two dollars a day."

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Leave Charlotte, 3:45 a.m. 6:55 p.m. 10:10 p.m. Arrive Greensboro, 8:20 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:10 p.m. Arrive Goldsboro, 3:25 p.m. 9:30 a.m.

No. 2—Connects at Salisbury with W. N. C. R. R. for all points South and South-west; at Air-Line Junction with A. & C. L. R. R. for all points North, East and West; at Goldsboro with W. & R. R. for Wilmington. No. 4—Connects at Greensboro with R. & D. R. R. for all points North, East and West.

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DAY PASSENGER. GOING SOUTH, No. 3. Leave Charlotte, 11:27 a.m. Arrive Columbia, 4:15 p.m. Arrive Augusta, 8:30 p.m.

GOING NORTH, No. 4. Leave Augusta, 9:03 a.m. Arrive Columbia, 1:30 p.m. Arrive Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.

These trains run only at Port Mill, Rock Hill, Chester, Winnsboro, Ridgeway, Leesville, Batesburg, Ridge Springs, Johnson, Trenton and Graniteville. All other stations will be recognized as flag stations.

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