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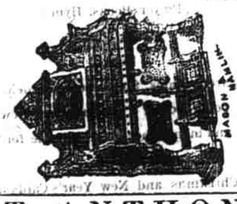

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He's a prude who mutters his words, I say,
And a fool who measures his wine,
And a child who reckons the loss of a day
When another day will shine.
The years go on
Though tears flow on
And mingle with the sea—
And though this love
Inconstant prove
Why shouldst thou troubled be?

If a star doth fall from a starry sky—
Or a flower doth droop and fade—
Or a swallow away to the south doth fly—
Or a moonbeam hide in shade,
We onward pass
Nor cry "alas!"
Though fickle and false they be;
And though this love
Inconstant prove,
Another shall come to thee.

MICA IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Something About the Operation of the Mines in Mitchell county.

Memphis Appeal.

Bakersville, the county seat of Mitchell county, North Carolina, is quite an elevated place, physically and morally, being three thousand feet above the sea level, surrounded by the grandest peaks of the Apalachian range, and having a prohibitory liquor law. It is not often that we hear of Tennesseans emigrating to North Carolina, but here is a population of five hundred souls, the greatest number of whom are natives of the former State. The place has a new appearance, as it should have, every house except one having been built since the late war

Half the wonders of the celebrated mica mines have never been told. The Clarissa, the principal mine, is now being worked by a force of forty or fifty hands, two hundred and sixty feet under the surface of the ground, and the supply of mica still appears to be inexhaustible. There are evidences, too, that this mine was worked ages ago. Upon the sides of the deep shafts, now caved in, are the stumps of what were huge forest trees, which seem to have died from sheer old age. Mining instruments, too, have been found unlike any met with elsewhere. A party of distinguished scientists visited this mine some years since, and after an examination of all the evidences of its antiquity, came to the conclusion that it must have been worked by a pre-historic race several thousands years ago. The interior of the mine has a very novel and striking appearance. The light from the lamps shining on the exposed blocks of mica gives them the appearance of mirrors, of various shapes and sizes, set in the solid granite walls. The blocks of mica when first removed from the mine present some interesting phenomena. Pictures of flowers and vines, in the most fantastic shapes and gorgeous colors, arrange themselves over its surface. Breathe upon them, and they will disappear, being superseded by beautiful circles representing in their coloring every shade of the rainbow. These phenomena are doubtless to be attributed to the action of gasses confined in the mica in coming in contract with other gasses. Mica has never been used to any considerable extent except in ornamenting stoves, and the amount now consumed in this way is truly surprising. In 1870 six hundred pounds supplied the market, but for the present year thirty thousand pounds have been shipped from the mines and adjoining counties of Yancy. Its market prices varies even more than that of cotton. It is cut for use at the mines, the larger patterns readily selling for three dollars, while the smaller sizes find slow sale at twenty-five cents per pound.

Red and black garnets are frequently found in these mines, and rich beryls of immense size have been unearthed in their dark chambers. Mr. J. G. Heap, of Bakersville, has one of these red garnets, which weighes more than a pound, and Captain J. L. Robinson, of the same place, is the ower of a beryl measuring twenty one inches in circumference and weighing sixty pounds. A columbite of rare beauty, said to be the finest ever found on the continent, was shivered to atoms some years ago near one of these mines by a sledge-hammer in the hands of a curious ignoramus, who, not content with its exquisitely crystalized sides, like the little child with its toy, desired to see how it was made. A distinguished mineralogist, who was afterward shown one of these atoms, estimated, from the description given him of the original appearance of the stone, that it would have sold for thousands of dollars.

Death of the Count Joannes.

Baltimore Sun.

George Jones, who called himself "the Count Joannes" by virtue of some parchment which he possessed, under the supposition that it conferred upon him the title of "Count of the Holy Roman Empire," died at the West End Hotel in New York on Tuesday afternoon. Count Joannes was one the most notorious characters in the country. He was English by birth, born in 1810, came to this country and embraced the profession of actor. It is said that he was a favorite at the old Bowery Theatre under the management of Thomas Hamblin. He made money in some way—both his late wife and his daughter, Miss Avonia Jones, well known upon the stage, were capital actresses and public favorites—and went to Europe, where he acquired his title in some way or another. From that day up to the day of his death, "George the Count Joannes" strutted upon an ideal stage all his own. He was an amusing but comparatively harmless egotist of the idiotic type, and a tremendous bore, especially when he turned lawyer and became "counselor of the Supreme Court." The bar of Boston, where he resided at one time, had him prosecuted and convicted as a "common barrator," whereupon he shook the dust of that sacred city from his shoes forever and took up his residence in New York, in which city, he was tolerated for amusement's sake. George used frequently to take trips across the ocean, and whenever he came to Paris the "American colony" there delighted to make up a purse and pay his expenses back to New York, thinking they got off cheaply enough by so doing. The Count Joannes has furnished much more amusement to the world than many better actors have done. He was the butt of many cruel practical jokes which he did not deserve, bearing no malice himself, and having a kindly nature in his small way. It is to be hoped that after life's fitful fever he sleeps well.

A Parrot Scattering Passengers.

Pittsburg Leader.

At the McHenry House, Meadville, there is a parrot which is a source of great annoyance to train men. When it sees a freight train coming it will yell at the top of its voice, "Switch off! Switch off!" The enunciation is so distinct that it not unfrequently happens that the train will be switched to avoid a supposed danger. The same bird, when it sees a passenger train, will yell, "All aboard!" and thereby cause a scattering among passengers, who, after waiting in the cars for ten or fifteen minutes, will discover that they have been sold.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

Chairman Cameron Issues His Call for the National Republican Convention.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—Chairman Cameron, of the national Republican committee, issued to-day the following call:

A national convention of the Republican party will meet at Chicago on Wednesday, the 2nd day of June next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates to be supported for President and Vice President at the next election. Republicans and all who will co-operate with them in supporting the nominees of the party, are invited to choose two delegates from each congressional district, four at large from each State, two from each Territory, and two from the District of Columbia, to represent them in the convention.

J. D. CAMERON, Chairman.
THOS. B. KEOGH, Secretary.

The formal call thus made will clear up some confusion which has hitherto prevailed as to the date fixed for the convention—a confusion which has led to conflicting announcements in the newspapers. Chairman Cameron also gives notice of the appointment of Hon. C. J. Filley, of Missouri; Hon. John C. New, of Indiana, and Hon. Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, to be members of the sub-committee of the national committee appointed by that body to take charge of the convention hall. The resolution authorizing the appointment of this sub-committee provides that the chairman and secretary of the national committee shall also be of its membership.

Special to Baltimore Sun.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—The call for the meeting of the national Republican convention goes out to-night. Pennsylvania has already led off with the call for the State convention to select delegates to the national convention, and the other States will soon follow. The meeting of the Pennsylvania State convention at so early a day as has been determined upon is regarded here, as elsewhere, as a triumph of the Cameron and Grant interest, although intelligence comes here from Pennsylvania that the anti-Cameron element will make a tremendous fight for the control of the delegation. It is considered settled, of course, that the New York delegation will be fixed to suit Senator Conkling. As he and Don Cameron will work together, they calculate that with the Southern delegations, all or nearly all of which they expect to secure, and New York and Pennsylvania, they will hold the convention in a firm grip. Then if circumstances so interfere that the nomination of Grant should not be considered advisable they would have it in their power to dictate the nomination of any other man. But Gen. Grant's friends here are, since they have seen him, more confident than ever that there is no contingency which can prevent his nomination.

AWAY UP IN MAINE.

Running Newspaper Comments on the Situation.

Cincinnati *Enquirer*, dem: Mr. Tilden—Respected Sir: If you will call on Gov. Garcelon he may be able to tell you how to avoid trouble in future.

New York *Sun*, Ind.: The breezes from the Northwest have not yet brought to our ears the clash of resounding arms. What is more, they are not going to bring it.

LaCrosse *Democrat*, Greenback: Wanted—75,000 men, immediately, to put down the Radical rebellion in Maine. Who will volunteer? Let every patriot show his colors.

Chicago *Tribune*, Rep.: It is rumored that, as Gov. Garcelon has some difficulty about getting muskets in Maine, Mr. Barksdale, of Mississippi, has kindly offered the governor the use of his shotgun.

Louisville *Courier-Journal*, Dem.: The Maine rebels will have to learn the wholesome lesson of submission to the lawfully constituted authority in their State. Governor Garcelon is governor until Wednesday, January 7. If they enter into armed rebellion, Garcelon will be perfectly justified in blowing them up with a fine quality of gunpowder. The Republican rebels must seek the adjustment of their wrongs at the proper time and place. In this case the Maine Legislature, which will soon assemble, is the judge of the elections and qualifications of its members. The Maine rebels must be obedient to the laws.

Baltimore *Gazette*, Dem.: Governor Garcelon and his Democratic associates are all right up to the present time, as no one has been able to show that they have gone one hair's breadth beyond the constitution and the law in their action upon the Maine election returns. They have simply done their duty, nothing more nor less, and could not have pursued any other course without a positive violation of their oaths of office. Yet notwithstanding this condition of things, the stalwarts cry out faud, fraud, the pot still keeps on calling the kettle black, and a few Republican fools are trying to get up a small sized rebellion against the constituted authorities of Maine for doing the same thing on a small scale, admitting these facts to be true, that they did three years ago in the most gigantic manner. Such is life!

St. Louis *Republican*, Dem.: The Republicans of Maine are endeavoring to create the impression abroad that they are a majority in the State—that they are, in fact, the people of Maine, and the alleged "fraud" of Gov. Gorcelon and the council is a blow at the right of the people to rule. The facts may as well be stated. The Republicans are not in a majority; if they were their candidate for governor would have been elected and the election would not have devolved upon the legislature. They claim that a majority of the Republican candidates for the legislature were chosen on the face of the returns—and this is true; but they were in a minority on the vote for governor, the combined votes for the Democratic and Greenbacker candidates outnumbered them, and it is a clear case of false pretences for them to claim to be the people of the State. If they should rise in rebellion the act would not be a revolt of the people against their rulers; it would be a revolt of a minority against the constitution and laws of the State.

The Ute Question.

Washington Special to Baltimore Sun.

There was an impression to-day that the news from the Indian country was serious, as Secretary Schurz just took his telegrams to the War Department, and, after a consultation with Gen. Sherman, they both went to the White House and had an interview with the President. The Secretary telegraphed this afternoon countermanding the order to bring the Southern Ute chiefs to Washington. The news to-day certainly looks as if any hope of the murderers being voluntarily surrendered may as well be abandoned.

Christmas Greeting!

THE HOLIDAYS ARE NEAR AT HAND!

And both the young and old are looking forward in bright expectancy, and with joyful hopes that some kind remembrance may be left as a token of friendship from some relative or friend. We trust that none will be disappointed, and that old Santa Claus will distribute his favors not only with a liberal hand, but will not show any partiality in his disbursements. We are glad to see this time-honored custom increasing in favor with the people. We hope it will continue to grow, and this joy-giving time will be looked upon as one of the happiest and brightest days in the year. Let us all extend a willing hand and assist those who desire to carry out their part, but who, owing to numerous obligations and limited incomes, are deprived from contributing what they would be most willing to do if circumstances did not prevent. Let not selfishness but liberality predominate. Be willing to divide a part of your own good fortune with those who are not so fortunate, and note the change your kindness produces. The gladness that speaks from the heart will be sufficient evidence of the joy within. There is not one of us who cannot contribute something. The gift may be humble; that matters not; it will be acceptable. We trust that not only our old friends but also our young friends will, while their hearts are joyous and glad, not forget to add their mite to the happiness and pleasure of those who have not been so fortunate. We have made a specialty in the selection of

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