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We present herewith a likeness of the Democratic candidate for the Vice Presidency, with peculiar pleasure. THE OBSERVER having been the first newspaper in the Southeastern portion of the United States to advocate the nomination of Mr. English, feels not a little proud that the Cincinnati convention ratified its choice.

Not Dance?

Not dance? Just take her hand in yours
In an easy, friendly way,
And glide along, with noiseless feet,
At the closing hour of day.
Just let a soft tress of her hair
Blow lightly o'er your cheek,
With the words you cannot speak.
Not dance? Why every hour is worth
Its weight in solid gold.
Each moment freighted with the joy
Of a happiness untold!
Why speak of dancing as a sin,
Because of Herod's daughter?
In fabled days the sirens sang
Deep down below the water,
And drew men to an ocean grave
By the beauty of their lays.
Yet no one tells us not to sing
Some heavenly hymn of praise,
For God above has made us all
To share all pleasures sweet,
Whether it be by tuneful words
Or the movement of our feet!

OBSERVATIONS.

"I should like to see somebody abduct me," said Mrs. Smith at the breakfast table the other morning. "H'm! so should I, my dear; so should I," said Mr. Smith, with exceeding earnestness.

A New York Chinaman was asked his age, for the census. He thought it was the draft, and, wishing exemption, he replied, "90 years oldee, allee timee."

"Where do your paragraphers go to when they die?" asks the Houston *News*, and the Philadelphia *Chronicle-Herald* replies: "If it isn't from the humorous to the grave we give it up."

"Sooner or later," says a French writer, "everything is found out." Just so. A married man, for instance, is generally found out later—about three hours later—than he should be.

Robinson (after a long whist bout at the club)—"It is awfully late, Brown. What will you say to your wife?" Brown (in a whisper)—"Oh, she'n't say much you know. 'Good morning, dear,' or something of that sort. She'll say the rest."

Why is it," writes "Lilian Maud," poutingly, to an exchange, "why is it that all the nice men are engaged?" They're not, Lilian, they're not. Several of us are still in maiden meditation fancy free. Was there anything in particular that you wanted to know for?

"Yes," said the witness, "I remember the defendant's mother crying on the occasion referred to. She was weeping with her left eye—the only one she has—and the tears were running down her right cheek." "What," exclaimed the judge, "how could that be?" "Please your honor," said the witness, "she was awfully cross-eyed."

WHO IS DR. TANNER?

The Man Who Expects to Fast Forty Days.

Dr. H. S. Tanner is an Englishman by birth, and came to this country when seventeen years old. He is a well-preserved specimen of nervous-sanguine man, with excessively strong will-power. He has iron-gray hair and sharp features, and looks much more like a yankee than an Englishman. Before he began his fast he weighed 127 pounds. He has lost fourteen pounds in nine days. The tenth day of his fast commenced at noon yesterday. As he lay on a very awkward and uncomfortable cot, with hard straw mattress, he wore a thin alpaca coat, black pantaloons, white stockings, which hung in loose folds about his ankles, and a pair of dollar-and-a-half embroidered slippers. He makes no attempt at dress parade, but looks like a man who means business from beginning to end, and who is determined to succeed. At first he appeared weary and languid, as if he wanted to sleep and could not. Presently somebody spoke to him, and his eyes brightened up and showed a wide-awake man. His gargling of mouth and throat with cold water was done several times in presence of the audience. One of the attendants carefully measured out four ounces of water. This Dr. Tanner returned to a bowl after using it, thus showing that he had not swallowed any. The statement has gone out that he refrains from swallowing water because if he did so without eating food it would disintegrate the lining of throat and stomach. Such a statement, being sheer nonsense, was made by somebody who knew nothing of the subject. The reason the doctor refrains from taking water is that the test may be all the more severe. After awhile it was announced that a lady was in the hall who would play on the piano. This was pleasing intelligence, for the exhibition was becoming monotonous to the spectators, and must have been more so to the faster himself. "Tell her I want church music," said he. Word was brought in that the lady was not an adept in church music, but that she could play almost anything else. He cheerfully agreed to let her play what ever she pleased. Then we all wondered how he would climb down from his couch, which was elevated on high tables, so as to rest its end on the window-sill. To the astonishment of all the spectators he hopped down as nimbly as a squirrel or raccoon and ran out into the large hall with a far lighter step than any man could who had just eaten a big dinner. Nobody would have said that a man who had just entered on his tenth day of fasting could be expected to be so spry. The lady proved to be a skilled musician, and at the close of her first piece Tanner clapped his hands as enthusiastically as if he had just been fed on turkey.

The Odell Manufacturing Company, says the Greensboro *Patriot*, are now running 83 looms at their factory in Concord; 75 of these looms are used in the manufacture of plaids, and the remaining 8 are used in making seamless bags. The company will have another new spinning frame in operation in a few days.

STATE NEWS.

Last week $68,000 of old bonds were exchanged at the State treasury.

Judge Ashe, of the Supreme Court, is still sick at his home in Wadesboro.

The Raleigh *News* says Hon. W. A. Moore had a slight sunstroke last Friday.

The commissioners of Monroe have passed an ordinance requiring the bar rooms to be closed up at 9 p. m.

J. M. Gudger, Esq., of Yancey county, has been nominated for Presidential elector in the eighth congressional district.

The Wilmington *Review* says Mr. Edward Stanley, son of Judge Stanley, of San Francisco, Cal., was killed recently by the accidental discharge of his gun. Judge Stanley is a native of North Carolina.

The Winston *Sentinel* says that P. H. Hanes & Co. have the largest chewing tobacco factory in the State, and that the oldest member of the firm is only thirty-four years of age. They have been in business ten years, and never have been able to supply the demand for their goods.

Greensboro *Patriot*, 10th: Gen. A. M. Scales, in response to a telegram stating that Col. Junius I. Scales, his brother, who is under medical treatment at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York, was slowly sinking, left by the North bound train last night to join his brother in that city. This morning Col. Scales' condition was said to be worse.

The Raleigh *News* publishes a statement of the insurance business of North Carolina, from which the following figures are taken: The people of the State paid in 1879 in premiums for fire insurance $247,308.57 on $22,850,184,53 insured. They have received $239,631.02 for $126,412.94 of losses incurred. For life insurance they paid in 1879 $184,786.86 on $1,051,039 insured. They have received $138,572.42 for $149,981 of losses incurred.

New York correspondence Raleigh *News*: I have assisted Major Bingham in having made six gold medals, at a cost of $10 each, to be bestowed as prizes to the best scholars in the Bingham School. Four of them had the name of E. B. McGilvary on them, the successful scholar being all the way from the kingdom of Siam, where his father, the Rev. D. McGilvary, a native of Moore county, N. C., is a missionary of the Presbyterian Church. They were inscribed, respectively, "The Peters Prize," "The Price Prize," "The Venable Prize," "The Vance Prize."

Wilmington *Review*: Mr. B. G. Worth, president of the Duplin Canal Company, has received a letter from Major W. L. Young, the superintendent, in which that gentleman states they have had sluicing water at the canal works for the past two days, and says below Shelter and the first tide creek, where the sluiceway has been enlarged the water is doing great execution. In one week's time Major Young hopes to have the sluice way between the little tide creek and the river so enlarged that it will carry a large and rapid current. By the time the work reaches Meeks' he thinks that he will be able to convince the public that the first fifteen miles of the canal can be constructed for $10,000, his original estimate.

Newbern *Nut Shell*: During one of the thunder storms which visited this section last week, lightning struck the house of Major Edward Whitford, who resides near Swift Creek, and for a while made things shiver. The shaft came down the chimney, completely demolishing that and tearing off a side of the house, entered a lower room. A colored boy was sleeping on the floor in this room, and the fluid badly scalded and burned the boy, and then set fire to a bed on which a white man was sleeping, burned up one of the garments which he had on, but singularly enough did not inflict the slightest injury to the man himself, passed from the bed to a gun hanging on the wall, melted the tubes and sight, and ruined the locks on the gun, and passed out.

An Ossified Eye.

Cincinnati Times-Star.

A curious case of an ossified human eye was made known a few days since in our city, the operating physician being Dr. W. B. Amick, the well known Seventh street oculist. The patient was Mr. W. H. New, residing at 182 Freeman street, one of whose eyes was injured 21 years ago by a piece of gun cap. The missile entered the eye-ball and produced a partial deprivation of sight, which continued a number of years, and gradually growing worse until the sight was completely gone. This caused a sympathetic derangement of the other eye, whose vision in consequence was greatly impaired. The pain from the diseased eye during the last six months became so intense that it was decided to remove it. The operation was performed by Dr. Amick, and a dissection of the extracted eye revealed a complete ossification of the choroid coat. On tapping on the ossified part with a pencil point, for instance, a sound is heard similar to that produced by contact with a slate or other hard substance. This is a rare case of the kind, there being but one or two similar ones recorded in the surgical annals of this country.