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## SOUTHERN HUMORISTS.

## Some Interesting Facts About "Old Si" and "Uncle Remus."

New York Mail and Express.

Mr. Henry W. Grady, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, was called upon by the Mail and Express reporter on Friday at the New York Hotel. The noted writer is well built. His face is round and smooth, and his black eyes are intense and piercing. "You have quaint and humorous writers on your paper," said the reporter.

"Yes, notably Old Si, who is S. W. Small, and Uncle Remus, otherwise Joel Chandler Harris. The former has been a profligate and drunk to excess. Under the nom de plume of Old Si he gained a wide reputation. Frequently he wrote short editorials, but his general work was to report and furnish his humorous matter. No one suspected that he would reform and become a preacher. On a Saturday night and Sunday, four weeks ago, he was intoxicated. He resolved to reform and announced his intention to preach a sermon on the streets of Atlanta. Five thousand persons assembled. His eloquence and his apt illustrations established him at once as a great preacher. His style is somewhat similar to that of Mr. Moody, the Evangelist. After his sermon on the street he was invited to a church and hundreds were unable to hear him. His success was phenomenal and engagements from all quarters poured in on him to come and preach. He will soon rival Moody if he persists in his new work. He is 30 years old. "Uncle Remus," our other humorist writer, was a freckled-face, red-headed printer's devil in a country office. He was the consummation of homeliness and very small in stature. He could not reach up to the case to set type and had to elevate himself on a box. Now and then a quaint piece of humor would appear in the paper. It was finally discovered by the editor that the little "devil," Harris, was the author, and instead of writing it, just set it up in type. The true quality of the humor attracted the Savannah News, and he was employed by that paper and then by the Constitution, where he is now. When he went to work on the latter paper Old Si was the funny writer. He was "off" and was unable to contribute his usual stuff. We put Harris to writing for him, and not to hurt Mr. Small's feelings he took the name of Uncle Remus. Small's humor was of a political and local nature; Harris's dealt with the negro folklore. Very soon Harris's writings were copied everywhere. He received offers to write stories for magazines and periodicals. The first he wrote was called Mingo. It was illustrated by Abbey and published in Harper's Christmas. The price paid for it was \$400. A funny incident occurred in connection with this story. Harris came to New York to talk to Mr. Abbey about the illustrations. Now Harris is the most timid of men. They concluded to give him a social spread. He attended, but before they sat down he said he wanted to see about his overcoat. He went out, got his overcoat, rushed off to Desbrosses street ferry and started for home, having remained only two days. His negro stories are published in book form by Appleton & Co. The Century publishes all his stories, for each of which he gets about \$300. In England, David Douglas recites him \$600 a year for publishing his negro stories in book form, though the copyright law does not compel him to do so. Douglas publishes his stories in a series called the American Classics, including the following authors: Bret Harte, George W. Cable, Howells and Aldrich. Indeed, to sum up, Harris receives \$5,000 annually from his books and a salary of \$2,500 a year from the Constitution. Next January there will appear in the Century a story by him called 'The Trouble on Lost Mountain.' Mr. Gilder, the editor, pronounces it the best story Harris has ever written."

A Wonderful Cavity in a Solid Rock.

Statesville Landmark.  
A note from Prof. W. E. Hidden informs us that a new cavity in the solid rock has just been discovered in the shaft of the Emerald and Hiddenite Mine, in Alexander county. It is 42 feet below the surface dirt and 21 feet below the top of the mother rock. At present the cavity is 10 feet long and 6 feet deep, which dimensions are said to be without precedent in this region. Being now full of clear water, its crystal contents are as yet unknown, but feeling along the walls to the full length of one's arm, the crystals, it is said, jag out at every turn. Some remarkable gems are confidently expected from this truly wonderful "pocket."

## About the New Party.

Editor of THE OBSERVER:

GREENSBORO, N. C., 19, 1885.

Please permit an old Northern editor the courtesy of your Southern columns. I have read with much interest the leading editorial in this morning's OBSERVER on "The Prohibition Party," and note how identical are its tone and conclusions with Republican newspaper utterances in the North—saving the adjectives "Republican" and "Democratic," which are there reversed. You "do not apprehend that this party will assume any colossal proportions in this State for some time to come," and as "a true friend to temperance" you affirm that "the movement, however well intended, and however conscientious the movers, is a mistake"—why? Because, so nearly as can be gathered from your other statements it will perhaps aid the iniquitous Republican in his purpose to split the Democratic party—"it will force temperance Democrats to show their hand." In my own State of New York many a Republican editor professing to be "a true friend to temperance," opposes the Prohibition party because it may perhaps aid the iniquitous Democrat in his purpose to split the Republican party; but then, its a very poor rule that won't work both ways.

New it may be, as you say, that Republican politicians will "help the new party along" here in North Carolina, to promote the end you fear, but Democratic politicians have helped the same new party along in New York, as there declared by Republican papers, to work Republican injury; and a widespread impression prevails that this new party had precisely such effect last November, and in November a year ago. It must be a very nice new party to have around, that can thus serve equally well the sinister ends of both the old parties. And how can either of you afford to do without it!

"The question is, who will get hurt?" says the Greensboro North Star. That is not the question of patriots, prohibitionists. "Who shall be helped?" this is the question, and "how shall the help come?"—this at once follows it. The simple reason is, "Not liquor-makers and sellers, but honest laborers, good citizens, and society at large, and all shall receive help, along this line, as they only can receive it, through a party not put in power by saloon forces, not beholden to the saloon influence, and not afraid to oppose the saloon." There is no practical way to assail and crush the saloon, a political factor, but through some political agency. Will your Democratic party become the agent for such an attack here? Not more than will the Republican party in New York, or Illinois, or Ohio.

But you fear that, "as a State organization," the Prohibition party "will become the game and the prey of the wily and unprincipled politician," and you advertise as "the history of Prohibition parties, as State organizations, wherever they have existed," that, "if they develop strength that gives hope of victory, the time-serving politician espouses the cause, comes to the front, assumes the leadership, and crowds the honest, well-meaning men, who are not working for themselves, but for a cause, to the rear." All "history," to a man familiar enough with it thus to generalize its facts, is accessible. Will you not kindly cite the case of a single State party for Prohibition captured and misled by the naughty politician? I am in the South seeking knowledge, and this is one of the points I especially wish to be informed upon. You surely will not refuse one so long in the editorial brotherhood as myself. It would be an ungenerous return for the service we New York Prohibitionists are said to have rendered you Southern Democrats in the election of Grover Cleveland.

The "antagonisms and dissensions" which you fear the Prohibition party may beget in the Democratic party of the South, have already been gotten by it in the Republican party at the North. The "Anti Saloon Republicans," of Kansas, have just called a National Convention, to meet in Toledo next May; and the "Anti-Saloon Democrats," of Georgia, will be likely to call the twin of it, if your Southern Democratic party doesn't quit fooling with the liquor traffic. What does all this unrest and agitation signify? That however great the "set-back" prohibition efforts gave to temperance in North Carolina four years ago, and however severe a so-called "set-back" we gave it in New York by helping Democracy into State and National power, later, a force has begun, in morals and politics, North and South, which defies party expediency, will efface party limitations, and is going forward with tremendous momentum for the good of all. "The New Issue" is before us, and I shall take pleasure in discussing it next Tuesday evening in your pretty city of Charlotte. Come and hear me, Mr. Editor, and then refute my arguments—if you can. Respectfully yours, A. A. HOPKINS.

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