

**GLADDNESS SO BELONGS TO THINGS**

[For The Observer.]  
How do certain shadows gleam,  
Now a flash an' now a wink!  
An' de roots all rekin' grippin',  
In de black mud at de brink?  
An' de eyardial vine is creepin',  
Whar de air is damp an' cool;  
An' de water spidin' 'n' leavin',  
On de surface o' de pool.  
Hear de pecker-wood drummin'!  
An' de bob-white whistle clear?  
Whilse de drowsy bees is hummin':  
'Tis de golden time o' year!  
Tain't no need, de numeratin':  
Gladdness so belongs to things,  
Dat it's seen as speerch 'n' relation,  
All de joys de season brings.  
An'—but—H! dat cork is dippin',  
Whar de air is damp an' cool;  
Dan a perch all flashin' drippin',  
Lak a dash o' silver light!  
—J. D. RUPHAM, JR.

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

- 1498.—Columbus sailed from the port of Seville, Spain, with his fleet, on his third voyage of discovery, with additional powers. The Indians were to wear a mark of brass or lead, given about the prisoners, which were to be exchanged for others on the payment of their tribute money.
- 1689.—Ferdinand De Soto landed on the west coast of Florida in search of gold. He is supposed to have wandered over many of the Southern States, but being disappointed in his great object, he returned without effecting a settlement.
- 1676.—Hatfield, Mass., burned by the Indians. The town was attacked by about 600 of the enemy. They burned 12 houses and barns, drove away the cattle and sheep. Help reaching from the neighboring town of Headley, the Indians fled, leaving 25 of their number dead on the field.
- 1848.—The treaty of peace between the United States and Mexico signed at Guadalupe Hidalgo, February 2, 1848, with the modifications made in Washington by the Senate, having passed the Mexican Congress, ratified at Queretaro by the American commissioners, Ambrose B. Sevier and Nathan C. Johnson, and by the Mexican Minister of Foreign Relations, Senor Don Luis de la Rosa. It was proclaimed in the United States on July 4, 1848.
- 1854.—The Kansas and Nebraska bill passed in Congress. By this act these two Territories were organized under territorial governments, and in the 14th section, the far-famed "Missouri Compromise" act of 1820 was repealed, after it had been a law of the land for 34 years. This opened the old slave question and brought on the civil war in Kansas.
- 1863.—Union forces occupy Corinth, Miss., and 2,000 prisoners are taken.
- 1864.—At a mass meeting (anti-Lincoln) held at Cleveland, O., John C. Fremont was nominated for President and John Cochrane for Vice President of the United States.
- 1868.—A treaty concluded between the United States government and the Ojaga Nation.
- 1868.—Schuyler Colfax accepted the nomination for Vice President.
- 1883.—At New York there occurred a frightful accident on Decatur Day by crowd and panic on East River bridge. 12 persons crushed to death and many severely wounded.
- 1885.—Gen. Crook pursued hostile Apache Indians into Mexico, with considerable loss to the Mexican authorities, capturing 353 prisoners.
- 1905.—German yacht Hamburg, arrived at the Lizard, England, second in ocean race, twenty-two hours behind Yankee craft Atlantic.

**"DARK CORNER'S" DEATH KNELL**

Law-abiding Citizens Post Bold Placard on Door of Glassy Mountain Church and Announce Their Decision to Put an End to Illicit Distilling in this Section.

Special to The Observer.

Greenville, S. C., May 28.—"Fair warning. No more stills will be allowed within four miles of this place. We mean business. (Signed) Law-abiding Citizens."

The bold legend, placarded on the door of the Glassy Mountain church, in the very heart of Greenville county's Dark Corner, one of the most notorious sections of the mountains, is the outward sign of a radical change in sentiment in that quarter. It is the knell of the illicit distilling industry, for the moonshiners' business may be tried on profitably and with impunity only so long as they are with public opinion in the community upholds it.

That the leaders in the new movement now making for peace and order mean business is shown by the boldness. It takes nerve to criticize moonshiners in Glassy Mountain township and no man suspected of being an "inner" would risk his life safe there for a moment. The history of the community is full of dark deeds done in the protection of what many moonshiners considered their natural right to make whiskey. Several Federal revenue officers have lost their lives and the murder of the entire Henshall family and the cremation of their bodies in the flames of their home only a few years ago has never been explained.

Time was, and not so long ago, when there were only two or three families in the community, not either engaged in the business or ready to do with it and these dared not express their sentiments, lest a bullet find its way into their backs from the hill-side.

Just three weeks ago an itinerant fruit agent is said to have disappeared just as if the earth had opened and swallowed him up. It was reported that he was an agent of the Internal Revenue Department and for this reason, it is rumored, he was put out of the way by suspicious moonshiners. This could easily have been true, for the government, which protects its revenue agents with jealous vigilance, would have before this time set on foot measures to run to earth the perpetrators of such a crime. But since the stranger was murdered, it is probably, just what he said he was, a trader in fruit trees, his disappearance may never be explained. There is, of course, the possibility that he may have gone over the mountains into North Carolina unhurt. But the ease and comparative impunity with which such deeds may be performed in the mountains, is shown by the fact that, though his disappearance was reported three weeks ago, his fate is not known here yet.

**MR. LONG REPLIES.**

Letter Exploited by Mr. McNeill's Manager, for Political Ends, Was Written Ten Years Ago. No Allusion to the Present Day—An Effort to Divert Minds of People from Real Issues.

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**A CLUB FOR STATESVILLE.**

Business Men Organize for Business and Pleasure—Store Robbed—Irredell News Notes.

Statesville, May 29.—Friday night a number of business men of Statesville held a meeting for the purpose of developing plans for the organization of a club, the aims of which will be the advancement of Statesville's business interests and the social enjoyment of its members. Another meeting was held last night, at which time an organization was perfected. The quarters for the club will be the rooms over Sloan's clothing store, in the Mills building, which will be fitted up with handsome club furniture. The following officers have been elected: President, H. C. Steele; secretary, H. L. McCall; treasurer, R. L. Poston; board of governors, F. J. Ayley, Sig. Wallace, E. G. Gaitther, B. Miller and M. Barringer. The organization supplies some felt need in Statesville and will no doubt flourish and be long lived.

**BUTLER FACTION ON TOP.**

Former United States Senator Denies Report of Blackburn's Victory. Washington Post, 29th.

The attention of former Senator Marion Butler was called yesterday to the special from Greenville, N. C., which appeared in Sunday's Post to the effect that "the Butler faction of the Republican party of the State had been overthrown by Congressman Blackburn."

**ADVOCATES CLEANING OUT.**

Complaint of Charlotte's Public School System—Prof. J. A. Bivens Nominated for the Superintendency.

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The matter is no longer a secret, and he has since that time joined the Republican party. The Democratic State convention that same year, and after all this retrospective, excited me to write its temporary chairman, and I served in that capacity. Four years after that, in 1886, I was nominated by the Democratic convention of my judicial district for solicitor general. I was elected to the House of Representatives from my native county, Alamance, being nominated by the Democratic party in North Carolina. Speaker Overman appointed me chairman of the finance committee, in which capacity I served, as well as a member of other important committees. I have served my native county as chairman of the Democratic executive committee six years. All this since the date of the letter referred to at that time, was frank to admit it the next day, refused to do anything that would injure the chances of success for the Democratic party in this State. Can those who seek my hurt say as much and tell the truth?

All this is hunted up, after 24 years, to try to divert the people from the issues before them for solution. Mr. Gregory, whose name is being I am attacking a Democratic administration, and Democratic ex-Governor. This is all for the purpose of trying to divert the minds of the people from the real issue that is before them. I do not intend to be bullied, or driven, or diverted from the real issue. The railroads are in favor of McNeill for corporation commissioner and one of the railroad's attorneys is running his campaign and is attempting to "muddy the waters" so that the people will not see his game. Mr. McNeill says he knows that Mr. McNeill is not under railroad influence. How does he know that? Does Mr. McNeill know anything about it further than any one else? I know from Mr. McNeill's position as an officer, since he held the position of corporation commissioner, that he has not lowered freight and passenger rates, and that he has the power to do so. Why? He says in his card that he is in favor of doing so. Then why has he not done it? Somebody has "influenced him" not to do it. Is the only logical answer to the question, is nothing being done along that line? Is it the people, the taxpayers, other than the railroads? The railroads are interested in keeping things just as they are, and they are interested through Mr. Pearfall, one of their attorneys, doing all that is possible for them to do to keep Mr. McNeill in office as the chairman of the commission. Mr. Pearfall is thick and fat, all over the State, almost as thick as blackberries in June, and his free press enables him to go everywhere and have the benches attend to his letters, or instruct the delegates. Mr. McNeill seems to know so much about Mr. McNeill, I would like for him to get Mr. McNeill to tell the people whether he has any interest in when he went there to get Mr. Pearfall, the railroad lawyer, to manage his campaign, or whether he went upon his free transportation. Did Mr. McNeill go to New York free a few days before the Mecklenburg county convention, or did he pay his fare? If he went on official business, he has the right to go free, but if he went on the errand of working for his re-nomination, he ought to have paid his fare, like other folks.

I do not charge Mr. McNeill with any want of integrity. I challenge his official record. From that record I say he has done the things he has stated and he has done the things I have stated. He has not lowered freight and passenger rates, and he has not lowered the rates of toll for eight years. He has not placed upon the tax books a valuation upon railroads just and equal as compared with the other property of the State. Now, who is to be selected to succeed him, the railroads are, through one of their attorneys, doing all that can be done to keep him in office. Why? The railroads know what they are doing, and they want to get it, if they can do it by the help of the able and astute manager, Col. P. M. Pearfall, the railroad lawyer.

No, I have not attacked the Hon. C. B. Aycock, or the Democratic Legislature, and when that is done, I fully believe Gov. Aycock will be fully competent to fairly present his side, and I will not need your help, Mr. McAllister. You say the legislature marked out what should be done "plainly"—that is what Sheriff Jackson thought, and that is what, I suspect, the Legislature thought. They passed the bill, but unfortunately for the State, they thought one way, and Mr. McNeill thought "the other way," and the Supreme Court has decided upon the question and finally held that Mr. McNeill was right, three Republican judges one way, agreeing with McNeill and one Democratic judge and one Republican judge the other way, agreeing with Sheriff Jackson. Now, really don't you think there was some grounds for saying that the matter was not plain? Unfortunately for the State and the tax-payers, and the State had to issue \$100,000 of her bonds to "make buckle and tongue meet."

Mr. McAllister says some Republican is saving my name for political purposes. Well, I am not telling anything outside of the record. The record is as open to the Republicans as it is to the Democrats.

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as it is to our side. Don't any one forget that if Mr. McNeill is the Democratic candidate, his record, not mine, will be the standard by which they judge. It will not be my words, or speech, it will be the facts connected with his administration of his office, and the manner of his being selected as the nominee of the Democratic party through and under the influence of the railroads.

**CONTEST AT LIVINGSTONE.**

Colored Youth at Salisbury College Deliver Opinions in Contest for Declaration Medal. Correspondence of The Observer.

Salisbury, May 28.—The freshmen of Livingstone College this afternoon gave their annual contest for the prize in declamation and seven men entered it. It was a spirited affair and the contest was of creditable interest to the colored youths. "Individual Ownership, The Hope of America," was taken by Henry Augustus Brown, of Charleston, S. C., and he bore away the medal. Rev. W. C. Brown, of Modern Civilization, "Its Moral and Religious Tendencies," was the subject of Arthur Piemont Howard, of Connecticut. "The Progress of the Scientific Method," was a very good oration of William Lindsay, of Franklinsville. "The Progressive South" was an unusually patriotic utterance of Cleo Neely, of Winston. National Federation of the optimistic pace set by some of the first addresses, but was well handled. The speaker, George Anderson Neely, of Mocksville, went after the labor unions in this address. "The Law" was handled by Fernander Helms, of Alabama, and "Duty and the Performance of Duty" was the subject of Russell Buxton Taylor, of North Carolina. All the young orators were given tumultuous applause and the judges will have a hard time to decide the issue, which will be declared Wednesday.

**UNDERGROUND CROSSINGS.**

Durham Aldermen Will Ask Corporation Commission to Have Southern Put Two Street Crossings Underground. Correspondence of The Observer.

Durham, May 28.—The board of city aldermen has petitioned the State corporation commission to have two streets in Durham put underground crossings, one at the intersection of the Legum street and the Gregson street crossing there is now a narrow underground way but the aldermen want a street of regular width with sidewalks on both sides. The same is wanted at the other crossing. This move was decided on at a recent meeting of the aldermen but was kept quiet. This petition is made under the provision of a bill that became a law at the last session of the Legislature, giving the commission power to order these crossings and also power to say who should build the street, whether the railroad, the city or both jointly. The petition is that the order be made and that the railroad company should stand the cost. It is certain, almost, that the railroad will contest the matter. Nothing has been said as yet by the city aldermen, with the exception of the city authorities filing the formal petition.

**BANK WAS NOT SOLD.**

It Was Only Building Formerly Occupied by Reidsville Bank Which Was Disposed of at Auction. To the Editor of The Observer:

The following statement appeared in the issue of The Observer of Monday, May 28: "The Bank of Reidsville was sold to-day at public auction, Dr. T. E. Baisley being the purchaser. This is evidently an error in the printing or on the part of your local correspondent and we will assure you that you kindly correct the impression that our bank has been sold at public auction. What the item meant to refer to was that there was sold several days ago an old building once occupied by the bank which was bought by Dr. T. E. Baisley and the sale or purchase had no connection whatever with the institution. While we feel this to be rather a careless news item to be sent out regarding a business house in active operation and especially one of our claim that it is so easily affected by what may be said about it, yet we understand how the best of us sometimes make errors and if you will comply with our above request all will be well and we will try not to be sold out again. J. F. WATTLINGTON, Cashier. Reidsville, May 28, 1906.

**FORTUNATE MISSOURIANS.**

"When was a drugist, at Lyons, Mo. writes as a grateful customer. My son, 'three of my customers were permanently cured of consumption by the use of King's New Discovery and strong to-day. One was trying to sell his property and move to Arizona, but he saw the advertisement and decided to divide upon the question and finally held that Mr. McNeill was right, three Republican judges one way, agreeing with McNeill and one Democratic judge and one Republican judge the other way, agreeing with Sheriff Jackson. Now, really don't you think there was some grounds for saying that the matter was not plain? Unfortunately for the State and the tax-payers, and the State had to issue \$100,000 of her bonds to 'make buckle and tongue meet.'

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Two Pastors Installed. Correspondence of The Observer.

Salisbury, May 28.—There were two installations yesterday in the Presbyterian churches of Salisbury and Spencer. At the First Presbyterian church of Salisbury, Rev. John H. Grey was installed. Rev. Dr. J. M. Whaley, of Mooresville, preaching the sermon. Rev. W. C. Brown, of Concord, delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. C. M. Richard, of Statesville, to the congregation. The sermons were great efforts and were delivered to splendid audiences. The same ministers officiated at the installation of Rev. C. M. Currie, of the Spencer charge.

Victory for Blackburn in Wilkes. Correspondence of The Observer.

Wilkesboro, May 28.—The county Republican convention was held in the court house to-day. It was a clear victory for Blackburn. C. H. Cowles and Dr. C. G. Bryant were nominated for the Legislature; for clerk, C. H. Somers; for register of deeds, Blevins; for sheriff, H. E. Brown; for county commissioners, J. H. Johnson, W. F. Trogden and H. C. Colvart.

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