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"I KNOW NOT WHAT THE TRUTH MAY BE; I'LL TELL IT AS IT WAS TOLD TO ME."

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### An Editor Loose.

This is the way the editor feels when he does up his sentiments in blank verse.

"I would fly from the city's rule and law—from its fashions and its form; cut loose—and go where the strawberry grows on its straw, and the gooseberry grows on its goose; where the catnip tree is climbed by the cat as she clutches for her prey—the guileless and unsuspecting rat on the ratan bush at play; I will catch at ease the saffron cow and the cowler in their glee: as they leap in joy from bough to bough on the top of a cowslip tree; and list while the patridge drums his drum, and the woodchuck chucks his wood, and the dog doovours the dogwood plumb in the primitive solitude.

"Oh let me drink from the moss-grown pump, that was hewn from the pumpkin tree! Eat mush and milk from a rural stump, from folly and fashion free—new gathered mush from the mushroom vine, and milk from the milk-weed sweet—with pineapple from the pine. And then to the white-washed dairy I'll turn, where the dairymaid hastening hies, her ruddy and golden-red butter to churn from the milk of her butterflies; and I'll rise at morn with the earliest bird, to the fragrant barnyard pass, and watch while the farmer turns his heard of grasshoppers nut to grass.—Ex.

### The Party Paper

Bishop Watterson in commenting on the partisan press, administers some well merited rebukes. He says: "One of the pests of today is the partisan organ. It defends its party, right or wrong. It suppresses the truth; it suggests what is false; it misrepresents its opponents—whenever it expects thereby to benefit its own moral sense. It confuses the public conception of rectitude. It does the devil's own work by misleading conscience, by making the worse appear the better reason, by deceiving the simple, by calumniating the good. It prefers to be victorious rather than to be right. It esteems party success above the public welfare. It puts the triumph of its faction before the prosperity of the nation. It disregards the meaning of patriotism, and trains its followers to be unworthy citizens of the republic."

### Salutatory

A new paper out west makes this break at the community in which it has sprung into existence: "We are here and have come to stay, and let it be bourn in mind by the dead beats of this burg and surrounding country, that it is money up or no paper, with us. We are not overburdened with the goods of this world, but we are going to make a square fight for a living, and if we can't get pie we will try to be satisfied with bacon, eggs, corncake and such other stable articles of diet as we may find convenient to obtain. Our paper will appear promptly every morning whether anybody wants it or not, and if our views in general do not suit the residents of this township, we want it thoroughly understood that no amount of badgering, bull-dozing or wheedling will persuade us to change them. We are firm as the everlasting hills in our convictions, and nothing short of the rocks can make any impression on us. We are liberal in our religious views, and do not object to testimonials of appreciation in liquidated form."

The North Carolina Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met in Raleigh yesterday.

### Brazen Faced

The cheekiest thing that has come under our notice for a long time, was that of a subscriber who resided in a neighboring town, ordering his paper discontinued, or rather refusing to take it from the postoffice, when he was indebted for three years subscription (\$4.50) and not saying a word about its payment. There are some brazen-faced people in the world, and this chap is a fair specimen of them. The sooner people learn that the only honest way to stop a newspaper is to settle up all arrearages to date, the better for them, and the sooner they know it is a crime in the sight of the law to refuse to take a paper from the postoffice until it is settled for to date is defined by law as common theft, and may so be dealt with by the publisher if he desire. It is perfectly right and proper that a person should stop his paper if he does not desire to take it longer, and we do not find any fault with him for doing so if he pays the arrearages and stops like a man. We are glad to be able to state that there are but few persons such as we have cited above; that as a rule people pay for their papers before attempting to stop them.—Ex.

### Horace Greely on Debt.

To be hungry, ragged and penitence is not pleasant, but this is nothing to the horror of bankruptcy. All the wealth of the Rothschilds would be a poor recompense for a five years struggle, with the consciousness that you had taken the money or property of trusting friends, promising to return or pay for it when required, and had betrayed their confidence through insolvency.

I dwell on this point, for I would deter others from entering that place of torment. Hail the young men in the country, with many old enough to know better, "would go into business"—that's into debt—tomorrow, if they could. Most poor men are so ignorant as to envy the merchant or manufacturer whose life is an incessant struggle with pecuniary difficulties, who is driven to constant "shinning," and who from month to month, barely evades that insolvency which, sooner or later, overtakes most men in business so that it has been computed that but one in twenty of them achieves a pecuniary success.

For my own part, and I speak from sad experience, I had rather be a convict in the State prison, a slave in the rice swamps, than to pass through life in the horror of debt. Let no young man misjudge himself unfortunate, or truly poor, so long as he has the full use of his limbs and faculties, and is substantially free from debt.

Hunger, cold, rags, hard work, contempt, suspicion, unjust reproach, are disagreeable; but debt is infinitely worse than them all. And if it had pleased God to spare either or all my sons to be the support and solace of my declining years, the lesson which I should have most earnestly sought to impress upon them is: "Never run into debt! Avoid pecuniary obligations as you would pestilence or famine. If you have but 50 cents, and can get no more for a week, buy a peck of corn parch it and live on it, rather than owe any man a dollar."

Of course I know that some men must do business that involves risks and must give notes and other obligations; and I do not consider him fully in debt who can lay his hands directly on the means of paying, at some little sacrifice, all he owes. I speak of real debt, that which involves risk or sacrificing on the one side,

obligations and dependence on the other—and I say, from all such let every youth humbly pray God to preserve him evermore!—Horace Greely in N. Y. Ledger.

### Waite's Parting Shot.

Gov. Waite, in his final message at Denver last Saturday to the Legislature, 15,000 words in length, discussed all his peculiar theories about finance and other matters. He said: "It is a matter of congratulation that at the last election the issues were so clearly defined that the devil claimed his own, and the traitors who had been so long masquerading as silver Democrats and Populists were compelled to throw off their disguise and openly cling to the bosom of the Republican party—a party responsible before God and man for the destruction of our silver product, the depression within the last sixteen months of all real and personal property in the State (except money and money securities) to less than one-half their former value, and the loss of employment to thousands upon thousands of silver miners."

The governor declared that during the last year the President had sent troops into Colorado and Illinois in violation of the constitution, and recommended the assembly "to memorialize Congress to solemnly protest against the usurpation of the United States and United States marshals, who, with the aid and consent of the United States judges, have converted the United States court-houses into recruiting stations to enlist desperadoes as deputy marshals without any regard to their proper qualifications, but simply for military purposes."

In conclusion the governor said: "A brief two years ago a Democratic national administration arrogantly assumed power in all the departments of the government. Today that administration lies crushed and bleeding. Its success contained all the elements of its swift destruction, for the money power which controlled the party prevented any relief to the people, and so the Republican party, controlled by the same relentless power, can grant no relief—no substantial prosperity—and would not if it could. Hence, it, too, must give way to the party of progress and reform."

"The People's party of Colorado, though never in control of the general assembly, and with its State officers somewhat divided and discordant during the most exciting and troublous times that ever have existed in the history of the State, turn over to the incoming administration the affairs of the State with a clean bill of health, and we shall hold our dominant party to a like rigid account."

"I will not say 'Hail and Farewell!' That would be too formal. We will meet you, gentlemen, in two years at 'Phillipi'!"

### Evil-Doers.

The delay in the execution of the sentence justly pronounced upon the negro, for a murder committed more than a year ago, is an outrage upon public justice. The man had a fair trial and was convicted partly upon his own confession and was sentenced to be hanged last month. The trial and sentence were reviewed by the Chancellor and confirmed. Then, on the petition of the prisoner's counsel, a reprieve was granted by the Governor to allow an application to be made to the Board of Pardons for commutation of sentence. This was heard and denied and the counsel next brought forward the extraordinary plea that as the negro had not been

hanged on the day originally fixed, he could not be hanged at all. Both the Judge of the county and the Chief Justice refused to interfere on this ground, and an appeal to the United States Circuit Court was naturally refused. Every competent tribunal had declared the proceedings regular, and the longed-for sentence was to have been executed last Thursday, when a fresh obstacle was presented in a stay of execution from a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. This means probably another year's delay. Upon what ground the Justice based this interference is not explained in his order, and it would be unprofitable to conjecture. It is such interference upon hair-splitting technicalities that brings the criminal law into contempt. Supreme Court Justices and Governors, sometime complain that they have too much to do, and yet they persistently busy themselves with causes that only by some metaphysical abstraction can be brought under their jurisdiction, and allow the law, which should be a terror to evil-doers, to be made the plaything of ingenious lawyers and mischief-making sentimentalists.—Ex

### A Shrewd Mother.

A fond mother tells how she married off her six daughters: "I did it," she said, "with the frying pan, a cozy fire and cushioned chair. There now, you have the whole story," confessed the lady. "I would have every one of those girls on my hands this minute if I hadn't found them husbands out of my cookery book. Despising an old maid as I do a smoky chimney, when my eldest girl was full grown I turned right and left for some means of marrying her. Mary was neither very handsome nor very lively, so I knew better than to trust to luck. So I just set to work and determined on a plan that has never miscarried with any of them."

"All my life I have made close observations of men's ways, and have heard great stories of the happy results of feeding the sex. So I looked carefully over the field and picked out a pleasant, thriving young fellow, whose habits were good and his heart whole. I began by asking him in a friendly manner to call. Then I led the conversation around to his mother, the way he had been nurtured and what he most cared to eat in general. I never missed a word, and after the first visit we got him to drop into tea on Sunday evening. Then you may be sure, I did my best, and when the second meal was over I knew the yearnings of the man's appetite better than he did himself."

"My calculations seemed to believe it best to start toward the close of the year. Spring is no good. A man loves all woman-kind at that season; his appetite is slight. In my experience, courtships started in November leads, as a rule, to a wedding in May. Of course, my chief reliance is in tempting food, but would always advise supporting the liberal table with a big comfortable rocking chair, drawn facing a cheerful fire. Speak of it, as 'his chair,' and you won't make any mistake."

"Another thing, don't be too pressing. A steady eye and a light hand count more than nagging. I was always careful not to gush, but if I had apple fritters on Tuesday, I apologized for their poorness and begged him to drop in on Thursday and let Mary redeem her mother's reputation with some particular appetizing dish. In the evenings I had her trained to sit in a low sewing chair under the big lamp and

either darn socks or hem dusters. When we spoke of her I said I trembled at the awful blow it would be for us if she should marry and go away. This kind of thing was kept up until February 1, when my gentleman began to feel easy and snug, like one of the family.

"Then came the delicate movement, for just at this point I would introduce some silly dandy that neither I nor Mary would have looked at. But I coddled the youngster, had him to tea on the same night as regular, and waited to see what would happen. The ruse always succeeded. He and Mary would come blushing to ask if they might have each other, and while they made up in the parlor I looked up my cookery book to see my way to another son-in-law.—Pearson's Weekly.

### All Sorts.

Great soldiers should be careful where they fall. They never know when a monument will be put up to mark the spot where they fall, and the fall should be in a good place.

From Harper's Young People is this poetic idea of foot-ball:

The pumpkin's the autumn football

In the field by the old rail fence; Each cornstalk's a lively player; And I am the audience.

The morality of the bonanza millionaire is strikingly shown in the will of the late ex-Senator Fair. After declaring that he was not married, and had no other children than those already mentioned in his will, he leaves \$50,000 to any possible widow, and \$50,000 to any other children that may be declared by law to be his. This about as good a sample of a confession in a denial as one ever sees.

It is said that in a western court, not long ago a tiresome lawyer had been trying for more than two hours to impress upon the jury the facts of the case as they appeared to him. At last he glanced at his watch, and, turning to the judge, asked: "Had we better adjourn for dinner, or shall I keep right on?" "Oh, you keep on," answered the judge; "keep right on, and we will go to dinner."

Somebody has reported that the genus Democrat no longer inhabited the hills and valleys of Vermont, but the New York Recorder has discovered: "When you do find a Democrat in Vermont he died in the wool. There was a funeral in St. Albans recently of a Democrat, age 83, who was buried in a coffin made by a Democrat of pine grown on a Democrat's land and sawed at a Democrat's mill, and the undertaker and bearers were Democrats."

### Good Times Coming.

That an era of renewed prosperity is dawning is most conclusively proven by the growing activity and increase in volume of mail business. Those who have weathered the storm of the past year are reasonably secure if they will apply their energies to business and let others know it. No man can live unto himself and none can prosper except by intercourse with others. Let all buy with confidence and push business with determination and real, old-fashioned prosperity will reward every effort. You can't reap without sowing; you can't expect people in the adjoining counties to patronize you in Durham, unless you let them know you have something they want. If you want to prosper; if you want to build up your town and benefit your fellow beings, let them know it through a liberal expenditure of printer's ink.

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### BULLET-PROOF CAR.

A Fort on Wheels for the Protection of Valuable Shipments.

Invention is now at work to circumvent the daring train robbers in the west, the latest step in this direction being a bullet-proof car.

It is supplied, says the Boston Herald, with cages designed to be opened only from the outside, by a station-master, which are provided for the safe and the more valuable parcels, and the arrangement is such that if the robbers succeed in entering the car they will be exposed to the fire of the messenger from a bullet-proof compartment in each end of the car, the messenger being also able to shoot along the sides of the car to protect the engineer or to prevent burglars and robbers from making an entry.

The car has a double floor and double roof, and at each end is a messenger's compartment, from which he may shoot along the side of the car from outwardly-swinging sections provided with portholes, or through portoles in its end. At opposite sides of the car, adjoining each messenger's compartment, are strongly-formed barred compartments or cages, for the reception of safes, etc., each cage being reached by a door opening into the body portion of the car, and a passageway is left on one side of each cage from the messenger's room to the central portion of the car. This passageway is designed to be closed at each end by doors carried on the ends of a platform pivoted between the floors, the doors thus being simultaneously opened and closed, and the arrangement being such that a robber gaining access to the center of the car is liable to be shot in there or in the passageway by the messenger, the latter taking refuge in one of the end compartments, where he may fire through the portholes in the doors upon the robber thus imprisoned. The passageway is also closed by an intermediate door having a lock on the side next to the messenger's room. The construction is designed to be very simple and substantial, and yet not very expensive.

### France Encourages Electrical Progress.

France has for some time past been specially active in the application of electric power to canals, a fact due probably to the importance and extent of her canal system. The latest successful trial reported is one on the canal boats of the Havre-Paris-Lyon canal, in which a transferable electric motor and rudder combination is used, while the motor has been driven by current from storage batteries. The canal boat, having a length of thirty-eight meters and carrying one hundred and eighty tons, is driven at a speed of eighty-five centimeters per second, an increase of forty per cent. over the speed with two horses, while the electrical energy consumed was about four and six-tenths horse-power. At times a speed of one meter (three feet three inches) per second was obtained. It is now proposed to employ also a trolley system, as on the Bourgne canal, and to let the feed water tank maintain the levels at the proper height operate dynamo generating the necessary current. France has always been foremost in the application of electricity to navigation.

### size of Babylon and Rome.

The greatest cities of ancient time were Babylon and Rome. The former is said to have an area of one hundred to two hundred square miles; its houses were three or four stories high, but palaces and gardens occupied much of the west area, so that the population was not what these figures seem to indicate. In fact, it is said by one historian that nine-tenths of this area was taken up by gardens and orchards. The total population of the city under Nebuchadnezzar and his son, Evil-Merodach, is estimated at over two million. Rome reached its grandest size during the fourth century of our era, and its population was then about two million five hundred thousand.

### Wonderful Edison.

There is a theory that the man who thinks much over night digs heavy lines in his face, and becomes contracted about the brows and around the corners of his mouth. It is probable that Edison has done as much pondering over things that are not easily ascertainable as any man in America, yet he has a face that is as free from the lines of thought and care as the face of the average office boy. Edison's manner carries out the amiable expression of his face. He is a little deaf, but it never annoys him, and he has a little rheumatism which he occasionally derides. In manner he is simple and inquiring. Nearly all of his conversation is interjection points, and he has an astounding disinclination to talk about himself. He is not much of a New Yorker nowadays, though for a time he made it a point to visit the city at least two or three times a week, and was frequently seen about the hotels and cafes uptown. Nowadays he confines himself almost entirely to New Jersey and his work.—N. Y. Sun.

### RICH IN FOSSILS.

The Bad Lands a Bonanza to the Daring Geological Student.

"The Bad Lands," said Horatio Garrett, one of the most earnest rock collectors of the party from Princeton college that recently visited the Bad Lands of North Dakota and Montana to collect fossils, is "a strange and magnificent combination of desolation, horror and incomprehensible freaks of the primeval world. There are lofty peaks, bare and brown—baked into spires of burning rock by the hot suns of millions of years. The valleys between are white deserts, covered with bitter, dusty and blinding alkali that has made all that country a desert worse than Sahara ever was to be."

"The rivers run wide or turbid with this alkaline concretion in winter, and are dry and dusty channels in the summer. The peaks, the valleys, and every feature of the whole region, in fact, seems to be thrown down upon the earth in nature's angriest mood—a hideous conglomeration, in which even the geological strata are displaced and entangled. This strange region was once the salt-washed bottom of a sea, and the traces of the receding waves are visible on every hand. The fossils, which were now our main pursuit, are mostly aquatic animals. Few birds, and those mostly of the semi-reptilian character, are found among them, while innumerable bones of gigantic saurians dot the shale and sandstone of the valleys. Mingled with them are remains of bear, antelope and buffalo, and relics of an intermediate age, the bones of the mastodons and elephants—not mammoths—and of a three-toed equine, one of the ancestors of the present horse.

"Some of the marianas of the eocene and miocene periods were indelibly hideous. Looking upon the remnants of these monsters and gazing on the awful scenery of the country, a bit of hades upturned to view, one might say—is it any wonder that the Indians shunned the Bad Lands and said they were the haunts of ghosts and the home of evil demons."

### To the Highest Bidder.

A once famous English barrister, who dearly loved a lord, on arriving one day at Hamburg learned that a distinguished member of parliament was staying at the hotel which he had selected. He at once called the waiter and offered him half a napoleon, at the same time requesting that a place might be reserved for him at table d'hote adjoining that of the noble lord. When dinner was served, however, he entered the room and found that the seat was already occupied. He summoned the waiter. "Why was not that place reserved for me?" he demanded, angrily. "Well, sir, I'm very sorry," replied the waiter; "you gave me half a napoleon to place you near his lordship, but he gave me a napoleon to put you on the further side of the table."—Argonaut.

—Be your own competitor. The man who is not constantly breaking his own record is tending toward that point where he can make no record at all.—Young Man's Era.

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