

"This ARGUS o'er the people's rights Doth an eternal vigil keep;

No soothing strains of Mala's son Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep."

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AS TO IMMIGRATION.

NORTH CAROLINA IS WILLING AND WAITING.

Letters From Over the State Asking Senator Simmons to Use His Influence to Secure Immigrants From Austria.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Today Representative Pou delivered an able and exceedingly sensible speech on the railroad rate bill.

It was followed closely by members and galleries and was warmly applauded and heartily congratulated by his constituents.

This speech made a profound impression in the House and has been the subject of much discussion and exceedingly favorable comment since the adjournment tonight.

Col. Bill Street, the veteran Texas newspaper man, probably the best known newspaper correspondent here, said to your correspondent, "Your man Pou has made the only speech worth a pry on this question; he correctly sized up the situation."

In fact Mr. Pou fully sustained his enviable reputation by this speech, he is easily one of the strongest speakers in the House.

Since the publication that Mr. Katterbrunn, the Austrian immigration agent, would visit North Carolina in March for the purpose of selecting a location for immigrants from his country, Senator Simmons has received a large number of letters from all over the State requesting him to use his influence with Mr. Katterbrunn to get him interested in the writer's section. There is deep interest in this question, from the mountains to the sea.

Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, is here on private business. Mr. D. K. Pope, assayer of the mint, and Mr. Jake P. Newell, late Republican candidate for Congress, both of Charlotte, are here. They say there is no political significance in their visit. There doubtless is. Mr. Pope will apply for re-appointment to his present position and it is said Mr. Newell will apply for a Federal position outside of North Carolina, probably a consulate.

FALSELY EXCLAIMED MILES

The Charge That He Sought to Humiliate Jefferson Davis.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 8.—In a statement issued today concerning the imprisonment of Jefferson Davis at Fortress Monroe in 1865-6 General Nelson A. Miles says:

"The matter has been agitated at different periods during the last forty years, but never before has it been discussed in the halls of Congress. As far as my official action is concerned, it was directed by the highest authority; it received the approval of, and has never been questioned by my superiors or the government. I have no apology to offer of any kind to any person. The charge that the acts of the highest officials of the government or myself were prompted for the purpose of humiliating Mr. Davis or the people who associated and sympathized with him, is as puerile as it is utterly untrue.

"It is to be regretted that the high officials, President Johnson, Secretary Stanton and Dana, Judge Advocate General Holt and Major General Hallack are not living in order that they might answer the vicious vituperation by which their names are now assailed. Still, I am sure that they are acting in good faith, and as they believe for the best interests of country upon the information then in their possession and the condition of the country at that time."

Wants Platt Expelled.

Washington, Feb. 8.—C. W. Post of Battle Creek, Mich., who was interested himself largely in the establishment of a parcel post system, today filed with President Pro Tem Fry of the Senate a petition for the expulsion of senator Thomas C. Platt from the Senate. The petition is based on the assertion that Mr. Platt, as the executive officer of the United States Express Company, is a party to a conspiracy to maintain identical rates among express companies for articles shipped over their lines, and he asserts that Platt has told representatives of his company that he will oppose all legislation injuriously affecting his company's interest.

A Guaranteed Cure For Piles.

Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case, no matter of how long standing, in 6 to 14 days. First direction gives name and address of our druggists. Send 10c for trial.

RATE LEGISLATION.

From all indications it would now appear improbable that the Esch-Townsend rebate bill, which passed the House on Thursday, will be acted upon by the Senate during the present session of Congress. In fact, it is stated that the Senate has no disposition to hasten legislation on this subject, and that the purpose of the leaders of that body is to grant extensive hearings to railroad officials and others in committee before the bill is even reported back to the Senate. As the life of the present Congress expires on March 4th, it would be impossible to grant these hearings and debate the matter within the period intervening.

The Senate is never in a hurry to do anything. It is the conservative, not say slow, legislative body of this country. However, if the program above referred to is adhered to, and if an extra session of Congress is not held, it is probable that the matter will not be disposed of until late in the next Congress, thus requiring action again by the House, since the passage of the bill by the House at this session would not suffice for the new Congress.

The President has his heart set upon rate legislation. He correctly believes that great evils exist along this line, and that immediate relief is needed. He is especially desirous of granting a wider range of power to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The people are with him on this proposition, but, of course, the railroads are not. As a consequence of this situation, it is reported that an extra session of Congress may be called immediately after the adjournment of the present session to take up this question. The people would heartily applaud action of this character. There must be relief from the present intolerable situation.

Addicks in the Lead.

Dover, Del., Feb. 8.—The Addicks men scored 22 votes in the first day's session of the joint meeting of the general assembly today. The vote on the United States senatorship was: Addicks 22, Dupont 9, Sainsbury (Democrat) 20. Necessary to a choice 25. It is expected, however, that on Monday, after a week of faithful support of the Addicks ticket, there will be a general breaking of the present deadlock. Henry A. Dupont.

"Bear Arms."

The Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry is another organization which affords exercise to the Order of Unamitted American Snobs. The purpose of the order is to determine what persons in the United States are entitled to "bear arms" by virtue of the blue blood in their veins and a royal grant originally bestowed by a king across the water. Thus far only twenty-five "noble" families have been discovered, and it can readily be seen that the order is nothing if not ultra.

Atlanta Cut Off.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 9.—The weather conditions in Atlanta and vicinity today are unprecedented in the history of that section. The Atlanta Constitution, issued today, announces across the front page that Atlanta is cut off from the outside world and that it is impossible to publish telegraphic news from other sections.

CURES WITHOUT STOMACH DOSING.

Hyomei Cures Catarrh by Simple Breathing. J. H. Hill & Son Refund Money If It Fails to Cure.

A long stride toward solving the mystery of curing catarrh was taken with the discovery of Hyomei. In fact, the percentage of cures by this treatment proves it equal to the final tests.

The folly of taking medicine into the stomach to cure catarrh of the nose, throat and lungs, has been realized by physicians, but not until Hyomei was known, had they a practical method that would obviate stomach dosing.

A complete Hyomei outfit costs but \$1, and consists of a neat pocket inhaler that can be used anywhere without attracting attention, a medicine dropper and a bottle of Hyomei. Extra bottles of Hyomei cost but 50c.

Creating Hyomei through the inhaler, every particle of air that enters the nose, throat and lungs, is charged with a healing balsam that soothes and allays all irritation, kills the catarrhal germs and enriches the blood with additional ozone.

ENTRANCE INTO BIRMINGHAM

ATLANTIC COAST LINE CARRYING ON NEGOTIATIONS.

Deal Now Pending With Dominant Interests of the McCormick and Ramsay Properties.

(Wilmington Messenger.)

New York, Feb. 8.—The Wall Street Journal tomorrow will say: "The Atlantic Coast Line is seeking entrance into the Birmingham field. It will probably secure it through the purchase of several large coal properties."

"Negotiations are on between the company and the dominant interests in the McCormick and Ramsay properties. If they are carried through, the Atlantic Coast Line would be assured of good freight business from the start.

"Through the joint lease with the Louisville and Nashville of the Georgia railroad, the Atlantic Coast Line has only to bridge the gap from Atlanta to Birmingham to be able to give iron and steel products of the Birmingham districts and the cotton a new line to deep water in competition with the Southern Railway.

"Through its ownership of a majority of the stock of the Louisville and Nashville, the company is now competing with its rivals in the South for the heavy and growing freight of the Alabama district and the securing of a new line from Birmingham to deep water would be of immense advantage to it in the contest for control of the transportation field of the South.

"Because of the tremendous possibilities for development of the Birmingham field through the pending combination of southern iron properties made possible by change of control of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company, all the Southern roads not now represented in Birmingham are seeking entrance there.

"The Atlantic Coast Line apparently recognizes the paramount importance of the point from a strategic standpoint, and from the point of view of immediate increased traffic. "It is not anticipated that any difficulty will be encountered in closing the pending deal for the McCormick and Ramsay properties."

A THEATRICAL FEAST.

The Great Maud Muller Company Will Have the Boards of the Messenger Opera House Next Thursday Night.

There is always a fascination about the story of an unequal match. In the drama "Maud Muller" we are enabled to see what "might have been" had the good old quaker poet suffered his learned judge and his modest meadow-making damsel come together as young people generally do in this prosaic world of ours. And the play is no experiment, for it was a popular success years since, and it only disappeared because its talented star, Genevieve Rogers, permanently died.

The comedy, "Maud Muller," tells a story necessarily different from Whittier's touching verses, for in the drama the Judge, here called Reuben Wayne, weds the pretty haymaker, and after keeping her at school several years takes her to his grand home. But the marriage proves a failure for the time, a result due to the machinations of the Judge's haughty sister, Theodora. So poor little Maud, thinking her august spouse ashamed of his rustic bride, steals away, and hides herself in the home of a backwoods poet.

The plot is not unlike that of Hazel Kirke, or Minnie Maddern's comedy, Caprice, but the characters, incidents, and situations are essentially different, and it possesses much more humor. It is beaming with the warm rays of love and sweetness. It nestles close to nature and acts as a serene potion to the tired mind, for

"A manly form at her side she saw, And joy was duty and love was law."

Miss Beula Thompson, as "Maud Muller," has easily won the audiences wherever this great, tender, sympathetic, romantic play has been presented, for she is an actress of unusual ability and is surrounded by a company of players who have a reputation par excellence. Miss Thompson is the niece of Daniel Sully, the great cotton financier, and is a favorite everywhere.

A select and excellent company has been secured for the present production.

This play will have the best of the season at the House.

SOUTHERN IMMIGRATION.

Senator Simmons Is Right In Urging North Carolina's Advantages.

Voices from Chicago indicate that a substantial movement of home-seekers from the Northwest to the South and Southwest has set in. This conclusion is based upon inquiries which railroads are receiving and upon the fact that the movement has already begun. Senator Simmons is endeavoring to get our people aroused on the subject and we cordially commend his efforts.

North Carolina should gladly welcome immigration of the class referred to. We have a large amount of fertile lands in this State not yet peopled only waiting for the thrifty settler in order to blossom like a rose, and the immigrants we are seeking are as a class thrifty and law-abiding and make most excellent citizens. They will find here a genial climate, productive soil, great natural advantages, good school and church facilities and ample railroad advantages for shipping to market.

The railroads can be powerful factors in immigration. It is within their power to settle every acre of vacant land in the South with an industrious and desirable population, but they need the moral and material support of the Southern people to do this. It therefore behooves the commercial organizations of the South in particular to support the railroads in this laudable undertaking. Of course more settlers mean larger revenues for the railroads, but they also make for the general upbuilding of this section.

North Carolina should invite immigration. It needs it, and a proper effort it can secure. Let us cooperate to do this. Let us cooperate to do this.

DREAMED HE WAS ROBBED

Dreamed Also the Identity of the Man Who Robbed Him—And Behold It All Came True.

Washington, N.C., Feb. 7.—A queer but true story emanates from Aurora, Washington's prosperous neighborhood.

Mr. F. F. Cherry, one of the leading merchants there, dreamed recently that his store was broken into and robbed. The dream was a very realistic one, even the identity of the thief being discovered to him. The morning after he went to the store with the spell of the dream still strong on him and to his utter amazement found his drama realization. A number of articles had been taken, including several watches and a suit of clothes. So strongly impressed was he by the vision that he got out a search warrant which was served on the man of whom he had dreamed. The man was searched and therein were found the stolen articles. This unusual story is properly vouched for.

THE JACK TRUST

Remaining in Postoffice, Goldsboro, Wayne County, N. C., Feb. 13, 1904.

MEN'S LIST.

B—Oscar Brown, Milton Bloomer, Charlie Branch, Lodes Beal, J. T. Bowen, Harp Best. C—C. C. Cook. E—Wm. Eason. F—J. P. Eaton, H. S. Feamer. J—M. O. Jones. L—Peter Lewis, W. H. Lawton, Lil Leglie. M—L. C. Maynor. P—Tony Pickett, Richard Price. R—Major Ray. S—V. D. Stallings, J. Shafer. T—T. Tucker. W—Ed. Wadward, J. B. Williams, G. E. Vinson.

LADIES' LIST.

A—Nicy Adkins, Martha Allen, L. Ashley. B—Walter F. Butler, Eertha Brown, Nancy Lee Brown, E. S. Blackburn, Almar Benton. D—Nannie Darden. E—Wm. H. Edmundson, George Evans. G—Ada Graham, Lillian Graham. H—Penise Hicks. J—William Jones. K—Mabel King. L—Julius Langston. M—Martha Manney, Mammie McCullers, Elizabeth Markham, Maggie Marks, L. Mitchell, Elizabeth Moses. P—Maggie Price. R—Ada Raray, Ella Rouse. S—Leslie Stevens, Jane Simmons, Martha Simpson. T—Bettie Turner, Jas. F. Tripp, J. D. Traylor. W—Bertha Whitley, B. W. Webb, Martha Washington.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. Rules and regulations require that one cent be paid or advertised letters.

CONFESSES HIS CRIME.

MCUE WAS HANGED THIS MORNING.

On the Gallows He Confesses the Murder of His Wife. Drop Falls at 7:34.

A message over the Southern Bell Telephone, long distance service, from Charlottesville, Va., this morning brings the information that J. Samuel McCue, ex-mayor of that city, was hanged there this morning at 7:34 o'clock for the murder of his wife, which atrocious crime he committed in their home—in their bed chamber—Sunday night September 4, on their return from church, and his guilt of which he confessed on the gallows this morning just before the drop fell launching him into eternity.

At the time of the murder McCue claimed that an intruder had entered their bedroom just after their return from church, and while they were preparing to retire.

Later, the wife was found beaten and shot to death in the bath tub. McCue offered a liberal reward.

A coroner's jury immediately began an inquisition. Before it concluded its work McCue was arrested, charged with the murder of his wife. The accused retained brilliant counsel. He was indicted at the September term of court, was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. The case was set for trial at the October term.

Great difficulty was experienced in getting a jury. Just 103 veniremen were summoned before 12 jurors were accepted. The cost for jurors and mileage was \$1,856.09.

Hearing of testimony was begun October 25th. Instructions were offered and argued, the case elaborately argued and given to the jury before noon November 6th. In less than thirty minutes the jury reported a verdict of guilty. Motion to set aside the verdict was refused. An appeal was allowed, the petition and record prepared and forwarded to the appellate court January 3, 1905. The court refused the writ of error.

Subsequently, counsel for McCue filed a supplementary petition, urging the importance of the issue presented. The court, after due consideration, handed down an exhaustive written opinion, denying the writ and emphatically declaring the verdict a just and justifiable one.

Thus, with this morning's execution, the curtain falls upon one of the most atrocious and remarkable crimes in the history of Virginia, both for its heinousness and the previous high character and official position of the murderer.

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MRS. DUKE IS FREE

Texas Announces that It Gives up the Case.

New York, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Brodie L. Duke was discharged from custody today because of the failure of the Texas authorities to send on requisition papers. When Mrs. Duke was arraigned the district attorney called the court's attention to the letter he had received from District Attorney Imboden, of Texas, in which Mr. Imboden says that he would not insist on the prisoner being held any longer. Magistrate Poole said:

"These Texas people have been trying to trifle with the District Attorney's office and the New York authorities too long. There is something strange about the way they conduct their criminal prosecutions in Texas. I will have to discharge this woman. I am free to say that I think she is suffered a great hardship. I am inclined to regard this Texas indictment in the same light as Mr. Levey has referred to it, a fake."

Upon leaving the court Mrs. Duke went to her counsel's office to confer on what steps she shall take to be reunited with her husband.

Mrs. Duke has aroused fresh interest in her case by the announcement made through her counsel that she is to become a mother.

Mr. Levey made this announcement when Mrs. Duke was brought into court in an effort to secure her freedom. The lawyer asked that Mrs. Duke be paroled in his custody, declaring that she being kept a prisoner was a plot on the part of the relatives of her husband to keep her out of the way until Brodie L. Duke could be subjected to medical examination.

"They don't want me to be present at the medical examination of my husband," said Mrs. Duke. "Only today I received another letter from him telling me to keep up my courage."

MCUE'S CONFESSION.

It is Brief. He Prays for His Family.

Immediately after the execution McCue's three spiritual advisers gave out the following signed statement:

"J. Samuel McCue stated this morning in our presence, and requested us to make public, that he did not wish to leave this world with suspicion resting on any human being other than himself; that he alone was responsible for the deed, impelled to it by an evil power beyond his control, and that he recognized his sentence as just."

J. Samuel McCue was 46 years old and twice had been mayor of the city of Charlottesville. The tragedy for which he paid the penalty created more interest than any other crime that has occurred in the State in the past quarter of a century.

After the execution one of McCue's spiritual advisers said:

"Mr. McCue left this world with a feeling of bitterness toward no human being in it. His heart was wonderfully softened. He was earnest and tender. This morning in our presence he offered to God a most fervent prayer for his family; for his brothers and their wives; for his sister; for his uncles and aunts, and lastly and most fervently for all his children. He invoked the blessing of Almighty God upon them all."

Letter to J. C. Eason & Son.

Goldsboro, N. C.

Dear Sirs: There is endless discussion about barytes in paint. Perhaps this settles the question:

Two houses exactly alike at Delhi, N. Y.; the owner of both is Mr. N. Avery. One was recently painted with Devos; the other with a barytes paint; same painter did both jobs; his name is George Gilbert.

One cost \$27; the other \$54. The first took 6 gallons; the other 12. Six gallons Devos, as to covering, equals twelve of the other.

Yours truly,

F. W. DEVOS & Co.

P. S.—Smith and Yelverton sell our paint.

FARM TO RENT.

About 6 miles from Beaufort, N. C., near the head of North River. There are about 80 acres under fence of which there are about 50 acres in a state of cultivation. There is no better land in this section which once put in a good state of cultivation and will not cost any great amount to put this land in such condition. This land lies on the west side of the river and has a good landing. The privileges for game and fish and water privileges generally, cannot be surpassed. For further information, address, Lock box 47, Beaufort, N. C.

FOR SALE—3 year old mare is gentle and good condition. Will work on wagon and also buggy. For more particulars apply to J. F. DOBSON, Postmaster.

GOSSIP OF THE WORLD.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DIVERS SOURCES.

The Latest Telegraphic News of the Day Boiled Down to a Focus For Busy Readers.

The Czar has been on the jumpsky. He's quieter now.

Even the hand-organ monkey wants an eight-hour day.

Count Cassini draws his salary and stays out of Russia. Lucky old man!

Insurance companies have placed the Czar's name in the bad-risk crowd.

Returning chickens are coming in large numbers these days. Those of General Miles arrived some days ago, and now Senator Platt's are flocking in. At this rate the roosting facilities may soon be exhausted.

Statisticians have succeeded in running the number of Hoch's wives up to 42. Whether there are to be further additions is problematical but not at all impossible. Hoch clearly advocates tandem polygamy, but he is far ahead of the advanced thought of the day. He probably knows as much as any man about how it feels to get married.

While discussing the problem of how to make a happy home it is in order to announce that an Illinois woman shot her husband for staying out late at night. Her example might be allowed to advantage by other women afflicted with errand spouses. The average man would rather be shot, any way, than listen to an early morning lecture from the top of the stairs.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 13.—It is feared that great damage will result to lettuce in this territory by the freeze predicted by the Weather Bureau for tomorrow morning, which is developing fast. Yesterday morning a gale of wind uncovered many beds in this territory, tearing the canvas in some instances into shreds. Many growers found it impossible to replace damaged covers by tonight and the consequent damage may be large.

An octogenarian who gave a dinner to 100 widows at which he was the only man present has just passed away in peace. One hundred widows pitted against one lone man and he an octogenarian at that! It is not every man who has the courage to face a masked battery of 100 pairs of widow's eyes at a dinner table and it is not every man who has survived the trial and lived to die in bed without at least one of his guests to shed a tear in an official capacity.

There is a marked distinction to be made between a woman's waist and a woman's waste. The former is often an object of admiration or ridicule, according as it is trim or obliterated by corpulence, while the latter is often responsible for the nightmares that visit married men. A woman is indebted to a kind providence for a waist that is really a waist, and heaven only knows where her waste comes from. The best we can do is to figure up how much it comes to.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Not in recent years has the House witnessed such a spectacle as it did today with Mr. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, and William B. Hearst, of New York, as the central figures. Both indulged in personalities of the gravest character and so stirred the House as to arouse among certain members a feeling of the greatest indignation. Mr. Sullivan heaped upon Mr. Hearst a tirade of denunciations while the latter by implication charged Mr. Sullivan with complicity in a murder.

Samuel L. Clemens, who is more widely known as "Mark Twain," is reported to be recovering from a severe cold brought on by the rigorous climate of New York. Mr. Clemens is getting feeble and spends much of his time in bed, although he continues to write. The world will regret to bid farewell to Mark Twain. He is not only a man who has made his mark as a humorist and writer of clever stories but he who gave us "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" is more than a mere writer of books—he is a philanthropist.

The beef trust has a corner in eggs that is already enriching that combine and promises to make consumers howl until the present cold weather and stringency in the egg market abates somewhat. Suffice it to say that with eggs selling from 30 cents upward, and a price of 50 cents reported in the west, Irish comedians are safe and egg omelette is looked upon as downright extravagance. What would this world do without eggs anyway? Do without a barometer for instance?

Rheumatism Cured in a Day. Mystic Cure for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and its results are permanent. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, etc. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, etc. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, etc.

OAK PLAIN NOTES.

The Doings and Sayings of a Week In and Around Our Thriving Neighborhood.

Miss Lucy Talton spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mr Luther Edgerton made a brief business trip to Smithfield last Saturday.

Miss Blanche Montague spent last Saturday night and Sunday in Pinkney.

Mr Jasper Sasser was the guest of Miss Maggie Phillips last Sunday afternoon.

Rev Barney Perkins preached a very able sermon at Nahunta last Sunday.

Mr Ralph Aycock was the guest of Miss Lucy Talton last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Nora Phillips and brother, of Pleasant Hill, were in our community last Monday.

Miss Louise Brown and Mr Gilbert Holland were the guests of the Misses Aycock last Sunday.

Miss Mayme Aycock left today for Princeton, where she goes to spend a few days with her aunt Mrs Matilda Howell, who is dangerously ill.

Several of our young people attended the party, which was given by Miss Nora Phillips, Saturday night, complimentary to Miss Nora Edgerton, of Bagley. All report a very nice time.

The death of Mrs. J. M. Britt, who less than ten months ago was a happy bride, occurred Thursday night at 10 o'clock, at their home in your city. She was a most estimable young woman, daughter of Mr. W. H. Edgerton, and greatly beloved by all who knew her. Her bereaved husband has the sympathy of all our people in his great sorrow. The funeral was held Friday afternoon, and the remains taken to the old family burying ground, near Nahunta church for interment.

Oak Plain, Feb. 15.

NOVEL HILL ITEMS.

Chronicle of a Week's Events in That Thriving Neighborhood.

Mr J B Roberts, of Saulston, made a business trip here last Saturday evening.

Miss Lillie Lancaster was calling on friends in this section Saturday evening.

Mr Richard Merritt, of your city, visited a special friend here Sunday evening.

Miss Ellen Ham, of your city, visited here Friday, where she has many friends.

Miss George Hinson, of your city, spent a few days with her mother Mrs Lon Lewis, here last week.

There is to be a Basket Party at Stony Creek, Friday night, Feb. 17. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Mr J W and Cleveland Gardner, of Saulston, were in our midst Sunday, to the delight of their many friends.

There was a runaway couple married at Rev C E Eton's last Wednesday. They were from the east side of Stony Creek. It is said to have caused quite a sensation, as it took place in the "old man's" absence.

Novel Hill, Feb. 15.

Poor John L. Sullivan is reported to be dying of pneumonia in St. Louis. If he does not pass away this time, the chances are that the former champion has not much longer to live. Sullivan is a pitiful example of a man who has not only been counted out in the prize ring, but in the battle of life as well. His life has been a theme for preachers and reformers, and he has himself descended at length on his fallings. But there is nothing unusual in Sullivan's downfall. Neither is he the only prize fighter who has found himself at the bottom of the ladder before he realized that he was falling. Sullivan was perhaps the greatest fighter who ever lived. He made a fortune and threw it away. Now he is sick and his race appears to be about finished. Sullivan's latest venture to make money was a lecture tour. It does not appear that he was waxing opulent when he became ill.