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—After a life time of penuriousness Enoch Pratt turns philanthropist and presents Baltimore city with a million dollar library.

—The Philadelphia Press steals the PATRIOT'S account of the child and balloon episode at Morehead, and palms it off on its readers as a "special." We now have some doubt about the genuineness of the story.

—"Can the Old Love?" is the title of a novel. That's generally the way of it. They can the old love as soon as it becomes the least bit old and put it away to keep, while something a trifle fresher is brought out for daily use.

—Henry A. Damm won the first prize in mathematics and classics at the Episcopal Military School at Reading, Penn. As usual in America, the victor's name is on everybody's lips. Especially this sort of weather.

—Juror Horrigan broadly intimates that the star-route jury was bought. He is quoted as saying, that since the verdict, he has been told by a friend of one of the defendants, that he could have made two thousand dollars if he had not been so hard to approach, and Horrigan remarks that it is curious that one of the jurors, who is a day laborer, not supposed to have any money, has commenced to build himself a house, while others have money enough to take trips to the watering places.

—The country is in a flurry over the trade dollar. It must go, say the money manipulators of Wall street, and it looks like go it will. The trade dollar, though containing more silver than the standard coin of the same denomination, is not a legal tender. It was made for the commerce of China. Probably the great bulk of the coinage has secured the Chinese stamp, and is not likely to return to this country. The amount in circulation in the United States is estimated at \$5,000,000 to 8,000,000. It is a pestiferous quantity in our circulation, subject to the sudden and embarrassing fluctuations. The most business-like proposition yet made to rid the country of the annoyance is for Congress to provide for the redemption of the trade dollars with standard coinage, the silver thus redeemed to be melted and made into money that will "go."

—It is feared that editor Eaton is dangerously, if not fatally wounded. We should be sorry indeed to see a fatal termination of the tragedy. We trust that he may speedily recover, and if the incident shall demonstrate to him that the pen is mightier than the sword and the press more potent than the revolver, the duel will not have been fought in vain. When people were not so learned as now, and consequently less able to reason, brute force, assisted by such appliances as were then in existence, was commonly resorted to as a means of settling disputes; another era came, which more nearly equalized conditions in human life by creating the small sword and pistol, thus eliminating something of the brutal part of the transaction; still another—our—age comes on, and the thinking faculties, the brain, and the application of mind to matter steps in, sweeping aside with resistless force all that remained of that kind of barbarity and chivalry. The days of the "code" are about over.

—Mr. Ranfall's attention being called to charges recently made public that a Speaker of the House he was responsible for the failure of Mr. Tilden to secure the Presidency in 1876, because he refused to allow Democrats in the House to filibuster in order to carry the counting of the electoral vote beyond the 4th of March, he says he has nothing to explain concerning his official action during the trying ordeal of counting the electoral vote of the States whose returns were in dispute. He farther says the creation of the Electoral Commission was the work of a Democratic House and Republican Senate, and in framing that commission it was made mandatory that there should be no delay in either body in making the count. It was his duty to obey, not to defy the law, and no matter how strongly the sympathies of his heart were with his party during the performance of an act without precedent in the history of the nation, his most solemn judgment taught him that no error, no deviation from the rugged path of duty prescribed by law, must be made by him, and he endeavored to perform his duty to his country as God gave him the light to see it.

PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

We wish the space was at our command to print the literary address of Hon. Charles Francis Adams at Harvard this year. It was a notable and admirable exception to commencement addresses.

It was almost a protest against the conventional themes, and was a direct, manly earnest appeal for the expansion and vitalization of educational methods. The weak spot in what is called liberal education is pointed out in the following extract: "Thirty years ago, as for three centuries before, the grammatical studies of two dead languages was the basis of all liberal education. It is still the basis of it. But in pursuing Greek and Latin we ignored our mother tongue. We were no more competent to pass a really searching examination in English literature and English composition than in the languages and literature of Greece and Rome. We were college graduates, and yet how many of us could follow out a line of sustained, close thought, expressing our selves in clear, concise terms?" But he would not part with what the classics give us: "The atmosphere of a university is breathed into the student's system—enters by the very pores. I would not, therefore, narrow the basis; on the contrary, I would broaden it. No longer content with classic sources I would have the university seek fresh inspiration at the fountains of living thought, for Goethe I hold to be the equal to Euripides, and I prefer the philosophy of Montaigne to what seem to me the platitudes of Cicero." If an educated man would take the trouble to get the opinions of other educated men, he would undoubtedly be astonished at the large number of those who regretted the time they had spent upon the languages and literatures of the past at the expense of the language and literatures of the present.

What the world really wants to-day is not so much men of information, crammed with tradition and formula, but men of convictions based on actual, practical, elemental truth. Knowledge is inestimable. But it must be turned into character. Life itself is the best university. Experience is the great Alma Mater. The object of the college should be not to make gentlemen—but men.

IT MUST BE SOLD. The affairs of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad are speedily culminating in the direction of a sale of the road. The stockholders' meeting at Morehead last week demonstrated this much, if, indeed, it was not plain enough before. Like the Western North Carolina road, as long as the State owns an interest in it, it will be the subject of bitter contention and dispute. In the meanwhile its money value is deteriorating. Ament this phase of the matter the Newbern Journal, discussing the difference between "watered" and "split" stock in voting the stock of the road, says:

Any one familiar with the scale of voting laid down by the charter can readily see how a man owning one hundred shares which would give him 16 votes can split up by transferring the stock to his friends and procuring their proxies so as to cast one hundred votes. It is "split" stock then and not "watered," and is the difficulty which besets the Governor when the question of allowing the will of the private stockholders to govern presents itself. We learn that the Governor gave notice at the annual meeting in 1882 that such practice had to stop or he would not allow the State's proxy to sit in a meeting controlled by votes transferred for the purpose. The Governor is unquestionably right in trying to correct this evil. The county of Leon owns 500 shares in this road that have been paid for, dollar for dollar, yet she has only 56 votes while less than a hundred shares owned by an individual have been known to cast more than that. The counties of Craven and Pamlico are in the same condition. It is not just to these counties to allow the meetings to be governed in such a manner, but how is the Governor to help himself? When a man's name appears upon the list as a stockholder what right has the Governor, or anybody else, to say he is not the bona fide owner of said stock?

What the Journal says forcibly demonstrates the necessity of a sale of the road, and that it must inevitably come. Alluding to this topic the Farmer and Mechanic says the Gatling combination handled Gov. Jarvis pretty roughly in the stockholders' meeting, and intimates that the committee of stockholders appointed to consider the propositions to lease are favorable to the Gatling syndicate. Perhaps it is surmise on the part of the F. & M. The stockholders in question have not been named, so far as the public knows.

A Philadelphia clergyman preached on the text, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God," and illustrated it with, "We pray to the Lord to give us health, and tempt Him with filthy streets, sewer gas, and bad water."

Watermelon—A New Remedy for Chills.

(Correspondence Daily Patriot.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2d.—As the melon season is close at hand I will for the benefit of the inexperienced, offer some suggestions relative to selecting and using this most excellent fruit, and thus enable them to discard green ones, as well as those that have been pulled before ripe, both of which are alike unfit for use. High prices are a great inducement for getting them to market early, consequently they are generally pulled several days too soon. It is true they afterwards ripen, but they are never so good. The pulp becomes tough, and if eaten in any considerable quantity is liable to produce cholera morbus. I once knew a person who had to send for a physician double quick in consequence of having eaten a melon that had doubtless been pulled before ripe. If such melons be eaten at all the pulp should not be swallowed, but merely chewed up for the water it contains. Many people having no certain way of telling when melons are ripe, have them plugged. If they contain "red meat and black seed" they pay their money and take them along when, in all probability they were, when pulled, "as green as gourds." Thumping cannot be relied on for selecting a good melon, for they are frequently pulled and left several days in the sun to wilt and ripen before being carried to market. They thus acquire the necessary dead sound when thumped, such as will deceive the best of judges. As the growers of melons appear to resort to every artifice for palming off their unripe fruit, will now give some simple rules for selecting a good melon, a general observance of which would doubtless result in compelling them to permit their melons to remain on the vines until they have properly matured.

HOW TO SELECT A GOOD MELON. The rinds of melons, when left on the vines to mature, generally become hard and the pulp brittle. If the melon be gently borne on and you hear the inside crack or give way it may be regarded as a sure sign that the melon matured on the vine, and consequently is a good one.

Another good plan for selecting a melon is to examine the side that lay on the ground. If the melon remained on the vine until properly matured this portion will be found to have changed from a white to a pale yellow, and upon close examination, numerous small pimples, somewhat like the measles, as it were, will be noticed on said surface, particularly near the outer edge. These pimples may be regarded as a sure indication that the melon remained on the vine until mature, as they never appear on those which have been prematurely pulled. Sometimes the desirable pale yellow is produced prematurely by turning this portion of the melon to the sun for a day or two. In this case the yellow is apt to be too deep. This fact, in connection with the absence of pimples, will readily tell the experienced eye how said color was produced.

MELONS A PREVENTIVE OF CHILLS AND FEVERS. Melons are a mild aperient, and if eaten properly will keep the bowels free and regular, thus preventing chills and fevers generally. But, to insure these results, the melons should be of good quality and be eaten regularly, say twice daily, at such hours as will least interfere with meals. For a few days at the first of the season they should be eaten irregularly, gradually increasing the quantity. If partaken of too freely at the start they are apt to derange the bowels; but if you will stick to them, eating for a while sparingly, you will soon become acclimated, as it were, and will thenceforth be all right for the remainder of the season, provided they are eaten regularly. But if eaten irregularly, say freely for several days, and then none for several days, the bowels will be apt to undergo corresponding changes from an aperient to a coactive state, and disease may be the result. Of course, it would all be laid to the melons, when it was merely attributable to the irregular manner in which they had been eaten. To prove that melons, when regularly eaten, will not produce sickness, especially chills and fever, which are so often laid to their charge, I will cite a case where they were actually instrumental in effecting a cure:

A NEW REMEDY FOR CHILLS AND FEVER. Some years ago I was in a mining town in California during the melon season. As melons and fruits generally had to be hauled in wagons a distance of some twenty miles, I could not procure them with the usual regularity. Upon one occasion my supply of melons gave out, and I remarked to an acquaintance that as a result I expected I would have a chill. Sure enough, one day while engaged in a mine I was taken with a very severe chill. I spread out in the sun with all the extra coats that could be piled on, but of course could not keep warm. Just about this time a supply of melons arrived, and I at once commenced eating them heartily. I had a craving appetite for oysters and vinegar, but little or no appetite for anything else except melons. I procured from an adjacent store some Baltimore canned oysters and consumed about three cans daily, served with strong vinegar, and between meals ate heartily of melons. Strange as it may seem, these two remedies combined, without any medicine whatever, cured the chills as thoroughly as could have been done by means of quinine or any other remedy. I had only one chill. The philosophy of the matter appears to be this. The melons reopened the bowels, which had probably become coactive, and the oysters, being a strong diet, strengthened nature, thus enabling her to throw off the disease and restore the system to its normal condition. The fact that the chills were completely eradicated while using melons must

be conclusive proof that they will not produce chills, if eaten regularly.

I afterwards spent much of my time during several melon seasons in Marysville, a city much addicted to chills, by reason of adjacent swamps and low lands. I ate melons regularly and had no chills, whilst many who were afraid of them had chills, and have never been in any place where chills appeared to be so prevalent as in Marysville, and I will give it as my opinion that melons, regularly eaten, would do more to eradicate them than any other means that could be devised. They would doubtless be cheaper than doctors' bills, to say nothing of the comforts incident to avoiding sickness.

After a person becomes accustomed to eating melons they may be used to the fullest extent, even becoming a substitute for water for weeks at a time without producing the least injurious effect. In fact, if used regularly to this extent, fevers generally would be considered to the background. At the close of the melon season fruits, such as apples, should be eaten freely to keep the bowels regular until the time for chills pass. The principal danger of sickness occurs after the melons have given out, and in order to successfully pass this point it will be necessary to exercise considerable care, especially in regard to diet.

CROOKED RAILROAD OFFICIALS. J. E. Adams, who has been ticket agent for the Air-Line, Richmond & Danville and Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroads in Charlotte, was arrested by Capt. E. O. Nesbit, who is well known to the traveling public as a conductor on the Air-Line road, were arrested in Charlotte Monday, charged with embezzlement. A detective was employed to work up the case and his labors culminated in the arrest and trial Tuesday.

The railroad company charged Mr. Adams with retained tickets without stamping them, that Capt. Nesbit took them up without punching them, and returned them to the ticket agent to sell over again and divide the money. The prosecution offered evidence showing that on the 14th day of April, 1883, Mr. Geo. Farrington bought two tickets from Charlotte to Atlanta, one numbered 2742 and the other 2912, and 2742 was given to a friend who went with Mr. Farrington, and Mr. Farrington gave the ticket 2912 to conductor Nesbit who was in charge of the train. It was further shown that a ticket numbered 2912 was afterwards found in its proper place in the package in the depot in Charlotte, never stamped or accounted for or punched. It was further proven that the agent Adams never charged himself with the sale of ticket No. 2912. Capt. Wm. Clarkson, a conductor on the A., T. & O. Railroad, was then produced as a witness by the prosecution, to prove that some months ago Mr. Adams made a proposition to him to do the same thing on the A., T. & O. road, adding that it was being done by other conductors and there was big money in it. Capt. Clarkson indignantly scouted the proposition and reported what Adams had said to him to the authorities, the next day.

Mr. Nesbit was also charged with collecting fares in cash on the road and not returning or accounting for it to the company, and there was evidence that on the 10th of June, 1883, two fares were paid him and he accounted for only one in his return. There was much more evidence but it is the substance of it all.

The defendants offered no evidence. Adams was held in a bond of \$500. Nesbit, in default of bond, was put in jail. Of the parties the Charlotte Observer says: Mr. Adams is a young unmarried man, and came to this city about two years ago from Georgia. He was considered a most moral, upright young man, and enjoyed the full confidence of our people, all of whom are astonished at yesterday's revelation. Nobody has enjoyed a better name than Capt. Nesbit, and those who know him can scarcely realize that such a thing has come to pass. He was known by all to be a strict, steady man, never indulging in drink or using tobacco and never uttering an oath.

Dead and Damned. (Washington Letter Goldboro Messenger.) Geo. B. Everett, late internal revenue collector for the 5th district of North Carolina, has been appointed land agent for Dakota. His wife, Mrs. J. J. Mott, says George is perfectly satisfied, that the position is every way better than the collectorship; but it is not in the nature of sane humanity to accept the statement as an undiluted fact. A prominent official in another department says Evans and the President "let him down easy, but struck him away in a corner." The consolidation of districts is much praised. It is, however, the grandest humbug in the way of reform ever attempted. True, a show of economy is made in reducing the number of districts by one-third; but mark you, in every change effected, so far as I can see, the Arthur Stewart Administration comes off more than conqueror. There is one consolidation in Virginia. Brady, Mahone's man Friday, and a new Mahone, between them, take all the emoluments and power of the great machine, displacing some collectors who were known to be unfriendly or at least not so available. So it was with North Carolina on possibly a smaller scale. Young and Wheeler with Marshal Keogh will run the State with such help as they can pick up. The Stalwarts are in full control, and opposition is now dead and damned.

The latest advertising dodge is to send boys uniformed as messengers to private houses delivering imitation dispatches which set forth the advantages of buying your goods at "our store."

A Very Fine Surgical Operation.

(Charlotte Observer.) Dr. A. G. Post, of New York City, assisted by Dr. J. Parks McComb, of this city, last Monday evening performed a remarkable operation on the leg of Mr. J. M. Roark, who was injured by the explosion at the St. Catherine mine, on June 18, 1882. The explosion occurred on the 14th day of that month, and Mr. Roark had an arm and a leg broken. The fractured limbs were set and the arm healed all right, but the bones in the leg failed to knit, and Mr. Roark had since been unable to walk except by the aid of crutches. Dr. Post arrived in the city Sunday, and Monday evening he went to work on the leg. The patient was put under the influence of ether, and remained so for the space of two hours, the time occupied in performing the operation. The flesh was cut away from the bone at the place where the fracture was made, and the ends of the bones, instead of uniting, had been turned down at the edges and gristle had formed between them. The ends of the bones were saved off, and the gristle taken out, when the bones were carefully sponged and dried and then drawn together. Dr. Post then adjusted the bones by means of iron wires, arranged to hold the ends firmly together. The wound is left open so that when the bones become adhered, which will be in the course of two weeks, the wire can be taken out and the flesh sewed up. It was on the whole, a rare and delicate operation, and was most successfully performed. Mr. Roark has suffered much intensely with his leg, but his friends here, especially in regard to the bone being adhered, which will be in the course of two weeks, the wire can be taken out and the flesh sewed up. It was on the whole, a rare and delicate operation, and was most successfully performed. Mr. Roark has suffered much intensely with his leg, but his friends here, especially in regard to the bone being adhered, which will be in the course of two weeks, the wire can be taken out and the flesh sewed up. 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