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## POETRY.

Written for the Statesville American.

An Acrostic.

T ranquilly four years have flown  
O ver us, my Maggie dear;  
M y joy these years have given  
Y ou and I still jointly share  
W e have dear ones whom our Father  
I n his boundless love has given —  
P aithfully may we instruct them  
E arnestly to strive for heaven! —  
— Du'Ree.

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Antiquities of Iredeh County.

One mile north of the Placebo Houston homestead, on the waters of Bryant branch and Kennedy creek, were discovered "prospect holes", which, we think, were dug long before our ancestors moved to this section of the country.

We never heard any of our forefathers say anything about miners ever having been in this country hunting for gold in their day.

The "prospect holes" on the hill side near Bryant branch are not more than ten feet apart; higher up on the ridge however, they are some fifty feet apart or probably more. The "lead" or "lode" can be traced to the Yadin county line, a distance of about two miles.

The "lead" runs north-east and south-west, as is the case in the Rocky Mountains. Some of the pits, or "prospect holes", we opened. The most prominent feature of which is, that there is a hard, blue rock—bottom, which is very heavy, and which, we think, contains some precious metal.

It is our opinion, that this "lead" contains silver or some other valuable metal, which has not yet been discovered, as the miners, who have been introduced into this section, have always been told to "hunt for gold," and thus in hunting for gold lost sight of the other precious metals. We are of the opinion that the heaps of rock, which have generally been designated as Indian graves were thrown up by persons, who visited this country centuries ago, when it was a vast prairie, as land marks by which they could retrace their steps to their headquarters or haunts; for in those days mathematics had not been reduced to practical use, as they now are.

Such conclusions we never could have drawn, had not a gentleman, who has been engaged in the mining business for several years in the west, suggested it.

The miners, wherever they were, operated just as the miners of the present day. We also think, that we can discover traces of a trench, which conveyed water into a sluice box, and judging from the suitability of the situation, and the pits, there is no doubt but that we are right in our conjectures. Large trees have grown up in some of the pits and upon the mounds composed of the earth thrown up.

Now, what are we to conclude?—Some body has been here. Who and where from. M. F. R.

Written for the Statesville American.

Sweet Spirit.

I can not let this opportunity pass, without communicating with her who oft at eventide, and in the still night when I flitted across my mind to cheer and enliven my thoughts. Thanks be to St. Valentine for providing a day in which 'tis permitted me to pour forth my thoughts to one whose beaming eyes, sweet smile and lovely face have won my heart, and kindled a flame of pure love upon its altar.

Thoughts of you, my gentle queen, are wont continually to steal across my mind gentle, and refreshing as the dew drops, which silently nestle themselves amid the leaflets of the roses to reflect the rays of the morning sun in beauteous rainbow tints and to refresh the drooping flower queens. Each messenger, as it comes, is welcomed with joy because it speaks of thee, my lovely Valentine.

When I gaze upon the bright orbs, which in clusters and constellations of exceeding beauty as they troop their way across the vault of heaven; each strange world more brightly shines, because it speaks of thee.

Not Venus in all her zenith is more bright and beautiful to me than those lovely orbs whose bright beams have awakened in my heart sentiments of warm, deep, tender love; and now sweet one, my lovely Queen, do these heart-felt sentiments touch no chord within your heart, causing it to vibrate a sweet response? Will thou not send me some sweet messenger, telling me of your regard for me and thus give me a hope that you will one day trust your heart to my keeping.

Sweet Spirit, hear me, and grant me this request. And now, fair one, good bye. May the star of peace ever guard your pathway through life, and crown thee with endless bliss.

CONSTANTINE.

A little girl in Philadelphia swallowed a toy balloon, and went up to be an angel. Why didn't they tie her down, and prevent the family ties from being severed.

## Best Butler and the Devil.

We give below a highly entertaining sketch of Butler and the Devil in Washington, together with some crispy criticisms upon the morality of the men and women who hang about the modern Sodom. It is needless to say that Don Platt is responsible for it:

I rode to the Capitol yesterday through a fearful world of dust. There was a pulverized continent afloat on every square. To one who has never suffered, no words can tell the extent, depth and strength of this curse. The crowd oppressor of the Hebrew children who stood out with hardened heart, after the punishment of frogs and mice, would have incontinently come down from a windy day in Washington. He would have covered his kindly skull with sackcloth and ashes to shield him from the evil, and cried out in a loud voice at the cursed Jews, "Go and be—"

What with the wide unpaved streets and avenues, the light sandy soil and winds, we have the Capitol on the move most of the time. There are certain rebellious, unconstructed winds in Virginia that come up every day and meet certain other loyal winds from Vermont and Connecticut that rush down to Washington, and their meetings continue in wrath, throwing dirt at each other, very like the vindictive Democrats and gaseous Republicans in Congress. Standing upon the broad steps that lead to the Senate Chamber, I saw the city enveloped in a gray cloud that rolled and swelled and belched up in wrath, and felt a deep sorrow for the poor people who go to make up the population of this dreadful place.

Entering the Capitol, I passed along the wide, beautiful corridor, and for a second glanced at the gorgeous reception room of the Senate Chamber. It was alive with women, gayly attired—chatting—some merrily, and others earnestly with the law-makers of the Senatorial Frog Bank. The gilded walls and frescoed ceiling, from which tumbled a multitude of naked babies and half-dressed females; the tall and wide mirrors on every hand; the soft carpets and the stunning upholstery, all seemed to fit and frame in the women who rattled out their small talk to the dignified Senators. To one who has knocked about this world a good deal, the character and pursuits of these women were unmistakable. Some were strangers, gazing curiously at the legislative surrounding, but the majority were the instruments of the rings and lobbies that shape and influence legislation so as to fill their pockets with public plunder.

From the reception-room of the Senate, through the wide and narrow halls, and dark passages, through the rotunda to the hall of the house, one passes, or meets in groups or streams, the same material, garnished by creatures of the male gender, carrying in their countenances the same evidences of prostitution.

I noticed all the more closely, for I was on my way to the reporters' gallery to hear a debate upon the better way to arrest polygamy in Utah, and legislate for the better spread of morals and Christianity. In the reporters' gallery sat the Devil. A quiet, well-dressed gentleman—

"His jacket was red and his breeches were blue, And a nice little hole where the tail came through." And his Satanic Majesty had on his countenance a smile of sardonic satisfaction. He looked down through the softened light upon his children, talking and laughing, and moving to and fro. They were the Saints of the Cave legislating for the Sinners of Utah. His Majesty laughed a quiet laugh, scarcely audible, as he watched the venerable Ben. Butler swing his ponderous belly over his slender legs, and Mephistopheles actually rubbed his delicately gloved hands in glee when Benjamin spoke of the great Republican party being committed to this moral mote. "The twin relics of barbarism, slavery and polygamy, mist die together," cried Benjamin.

"Ah, yes," said the Devil, "and they die rich and Benjamin administrators upon their estates. I was with him in New Orleans, and his co-administrator was J. Wilson Shaffer, Quartermaster. Quartermastering was a good business during the war, and J. Wilson and old Ben, halved on the quartermasters. It was rich unto fatness. Now Benjamin, who has more influence over Ulysses than any other man in the country, has had J. Wilson appointed Governor of Utah, and has set on foot the great moral movement that further profits may accrue. There is another estate to administer upon, and the two are ready. What a delicious old fellow he is. When he comes to me at last I shall be tempted to unscrew my tail and hand it over to him."

His Majesty ceased that he might enjoy for a moment in silence the man of all men who approaches nearer the evil one in his mental, physical and moral nature. He looks like a devil. Over his eventful past one looks in vain for one good and one kind word, one generous emotion. But for his clear, subtle intellect that keeps him in accord with his fellow men, all humanity would rise up to destroy.

## "Ah!" said the Devil again.

"there goes my good friend, the Hon. Montezuma Brick. Hear his rounded sentences as he denounces the degradation of polygamy. He does not tell us what I know, and that he is the half-starved, wretched woman he keeps, down a back alley, hid away from his ordinary social life. Now listen to the earnest eloquence of my excellent friend, the Hon. Wesley Poff. He sold his cadetship so snugly the committee has not found it. He sells his vote every day for cash. What a precious fellow he is! He is heavy with wrath at the impious Mormons—of course it is. And here they come—mine, all mine. We have turned the national halls of legislation into engines of high moral reform. All the thieves, all the rascals, all the sharpers, and debauched soulless hypocrites are here, busy as bees, covering over their wicked designs with a glass of morality. The old shad-bellied, book-nosed fathers of the Government said the foundations of the Republic were based upon the virtue of the citizens, and now the poison welled up from cesspools and drains undermines the fabric, while all that is destructive is done under the name of high morality."

I turned from his Satanic Majesty to watch the work going on below. Mr. Hooper, the delegate from Utah, got the floor and began reading a lengthy appeal in behalf of his constituents. Hooper is a plain, uneducated honest man, believing in the faith of his people, and very popular among the members of the Cave. I could not but feel sorry for him—standing alone in the face of the House and before the crowds in the galleries, vainly pleading for justice in behalf of a persecuted and abused community. What a pity, I thought, it was that the Mormons were not black. In that case the same crowd that hung breathless upon the utterances of Senator Revels, would have gathered about the blooming Hooper and found truth, beauty and eloquence in all that he had to say.

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## the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind Asylum.

An act to authorize the Petersburg Railroad Company to run a new road from any point on their present road, not exceeding two miles north of its depot at Garysburg, to, and into Weldon, and for other purposes.

An act entitled an act to repeal an act concerning fisheries in Carteret county.

Resolution in relation to special Tax Bonds.

Senate Resolution for investigation, concerning Banks.

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Senate Resolution for the better protection of married women.

Senate Resolution in relation to the subscription of citizens of Raleigh to the Penitentiary.

Senate Resolution to investigate the office of Secretary of State.

## An act to incorporate the Wilmington Carolina Railroad Company.

Senate Resolution asking the Governor for information, concerning the interest on the public debt.

Senate Resolution requiring a catalogue of bills passed.

An act to amend an act incorporating the town of Mount Airy, in the county of Surry.

An act to incorporate Stonewall Lodge, No. 296, A. F. A. Masons in the county of Martin.

An act to allow the Sheriff of Surry county to collect arrears of taxes.

An act to amend an act incorporating the town of Mount Airy, in the county of Surry.

Senate Resolution requesting the committee of investigation to report to the Senate by the 16th March or sooner.

Senate resolution supplementary to a resolution on printing.

Senate Resolution of inquiry of a bill to amend the charter of the W. N. C. R. R.

Senate Resolution in relation to legal advice.

An act to incorporate the Peoples Manufacturing Loan and Trust Company to be located in the county of Cumberland.

An act to incorporate the Edenton and Norfolk R. R. Company.

An act to authorize the election of municipal officers in the town of Chapel Hill.

An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Columbus county to levy a special tax for the year 1870.

An act to authorize an election of municipal officers for Company Shops, Alamance county.

An act to extend the limits of the city of Wilmington.

An act to amend the charter of the Louisburg branch of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad.

An act to amend the charter of the town of Franklinton.

An act to incorporate the Edgemont Masonic Building Association.

An act to punish persons for violating the town laws of Salem, N. C.

An act for the relief of E. D. Davis.

An act to authorize the Williamston and Tarboro Railroad Company.

An act to incorporate Cary Lodge, No. 198, A. Y. M.

An act to incorporate Boydton and Ridgeway Turnpike Company.

Resolution authorizing the Public Treasurer to obtain funds for the immediate use of the Asylum.

Religion in the Family.

The first place in which piety is to shed its benign and sanctifying influence is the family. All the relative duties of life are but as concentric circles, ranged around a common centre; and as the family is the nearest, and the first in order, its influence there is pre-eminent. A family where religion reigns supremely, is a charming spectacle to angels and men; and shines as a brilliant light in the world. There, mutual affection and forbearance, one toward another, habitually prevail. Within its peaceful habitation parental authority, blended with kindness and gentleness, is always maintained. Wisdom and prudence in training the youthful members for the duties of life, are continually displayed. Around that altar kneels each day, a group of devout worshippers; and sweeter than the fragrant breath of the morning, rises the incense of prayer and praise to Israel's gentle Shepherd. The basis of that family feel that every act of theirs is charged with influence; and that their spirit, temper, and deportment, are all moulding human character for time and eternity; and therefore their deep solicitude, and watchfulness, are incessantly exercised, that they may bring up those committed to their charge in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

On such home culture, the smile of high heaven rests. And to show his approbation of its God-pleasing concerns, Abraham, "I know him, that he will command his children, and his household after him, and they will keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." Such influence is like the aromatic perfume of the violet, insinuating itself into the deep recesses of the infant mind and heart, where no others could penetrate. And to the present day, the inspired aphorism is true, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Feminine Jurors.

The husbands of Wyoming do not approve of the new order of things.—The idea of their wives sitting in the jury box instead of being at home cooking dinner, is distasteful. But that is not the worst of it; the juries are mixed, and frequently Mrs. Smith is locked up all night with Mr. Jones, until they "agree." Now imagine the torture Smith undergoes. How does he know what fine "points" they are discussing in the jury room, and whether the conversation is about "evidence" or free-love. The ground work for many divorces is being laid in Wyoming.—N. Y. Star.