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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1869.

From the Raleigh Sentinel.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

SATURDAY, Dec. 18, 1869.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Stephens—A bill to fill the office of Township Clerk when a vacancy occurs, (authorizes the Judge of Probate to fill said vacancy.) Referred.

By Mr. Jones of Mecklenburg—A bill to incorporate the Georgetown & Charlotte Railroad Company. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Forkner, the Secretary of the Senate was instructed to transmit to the Supreme Court a copy of the resolution relating to the tenure-of-office of the present members of the General Assembly.

CALENDAR.

The following bills passed their second reading, viz:

Bill to incorporate the Elizabeth City and Norfolk Railroad Company.

Bill to incorporate the Southern Copper Company.

Bill to incorporate Edgecombe Lodge, No. 298.

Bill to incorporate Wilson Collegiate Seminary for young ladies.

Bill in relation to clearing out obstructions in Lumber River passing through the county of Robeson.

Bill to amend an act concerning the powers and duties of State officers so far as relates to the Superintendent of Public Works. [This bill authorizes said officer to investigate alleged bond frauds.]

Bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Saving, Loan and Building Association.

Bill to prevent the obstruction of fish in Little River.

Bill for the relief of the several Sheriffs of the State.

The following bills were postponed until after the recess, viz:

Bill in favor of Reuben King, tax collector of Robeson county.

Bill to repeal an act authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish county officers withjblank books, &c.

Bill to amend section 5, chap. 93, of the public laws of '68 '69.

Bill to incorporate the Young Mens' Intelligent and Enterprising Association.

Resolution in favor of J. R. Grady, Sheriff of Harnett county.

On motion the Senate adjourned until Monday morning at 5½ o'clock.

MR. BAKER'S RING; OR, DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

Mr. Baker himself tells us this story.—He said it was true; nor is this unlikely.—I have known Mr. William Henry Baker personally for a number of years, and am inclined to think he has hitherto never in all his life told the truth. Now it is so manifestly improbable that the most consistent man should protract a long and useful career of story-telling of such extraordinary limits without at some period telling the truth by sheer misadventure it is quite likely Mr. Baker may have committed himself in this instance. At least the time has arrived for human nature to assert itself, according to the doctrine of averages.

Once only, gentlemen, said Mr. Baker, have I been deceived. William Henry keeps his eyes open in a general way; William Henry also takes the liberty of seeing out of them. He uses them, as a rule, for purposes of observation. Still I admit I was once taken in by as dead a swindle as could be; I am not ashamed to own it. I made money by it after all, but I was swindled.

It was about a diamond ring. I knew the fellow who had it for many years in the way of business. He was a commercial traveler, and used always to flash this ring about whenever he came round on his journeys. A jeweller friend of mind, who happened to be in my office once when Mr. Blook called, asked, I remember, to be allowed to examine it; and had pronounced the diamonds of the purest water, telling me afterwards the ring was worth about seventy pounds. Mr. Blook's initials were engraved inside the hoop of the ring, "H. B.;" and besides that it was a ring of peculiar and rather old fashioned make. Indeed, having once seen the ring, no one would be likely to mistake it for another. Well, Mr. Blook got into difficulties, and went so entirely to the bad that I never saw or heard anything more of him. But about two years afterwards, whilst walking down a back street, my eye was taken by a ring exhibited in a pawnbroker's window. "Mr. Blook's ring," I exclaimed directly; "I'll swear to it." It was in a tray with a number of very seedy looking rings, and was as dirty and discolored as they were. I went into the shop and asked to look at it. The pawnbroker, an old Jew, said: "Yeah; I might see his ringah; but he did not know mosh about ringsh himself. They wosh unredeemed pledges—thash what they wosh—and they wosh all marked at the monish advanshed upon them, with a very small overplus for interest—thash all he knew."

There was no mistake about it. It was Mr. Blook's ring, and had his initials inside. But how did the Jew get it? He would soon tell me. Referring to his book he found it had been pawned two years ago in the name of Smith—"Thash all he knew. Would I buy? It wosh dirt sheap—three poundsh twelve; and cost him all the monish."

"Three pounds twelve!" I repeated, thinking he had made a mistake; for the ring was worth twenty times that amount!

"Well, if it wosh too dear, he had some sheaper ones.—beautiful ringsh, he dare shay,—but he knew sho little about ringsh, you shee, exshept that he alwaysh advanshed too mush monish on them. One couldn't understand everything in his bishnish, you shee, from flat-ironish to diamonsh."

I bought the ring, after beating the Jew down half a crown, partly to prevent his suspecting its value, and partly—well knowing the disposition of the peculiar people—to oblige him.

I wore my new purchase about, with no little inward satisfaction at having bettered a Jew at a bargain. In my own mind, I accounted for its coming into his possession somewhat in this way: Mr. Blook must have sold the ring when in difficulties to some one else. It was quite certain Mr. Blook had not pawned it at a Jew's, or the Jew would have known its value. The ring must, then, have either been lost by, or stolen from, a subsequent possessor; and the finder, or thief (whichever it happened to be), being ignorant of its value, had taken it to the Jew, who knew no better.

There is a certain commercial club in our town which I occasionally visit. The members are of an easy and somewhat lively disposition; generally given to indulge in that playful style of banter popularity known as "chaff." My diamond ring came in for a good share of it. I can stand chaff as well as most men; but I put it to you, if, when you know very well your brilliants are real, it isn't a little annoying for the chaff of a whole body of people to assume the character of persistent disbelief in the value of your jewelry? For instance, the waiter answers the bell.

"Did any gentleman ring?"

"Oh yes," one of the members would retort; "it was the gentleman with the paste diamonds."

Again, there are kinds of sham brilliants known as Irish diamonds and Isle of Wight diamonds. The club (not one or two members, but the whole body,) refused to recognize such distinctions, and insisted on designating the whole class of shams as "Baker's Diamonds." "Baker's Paste," my gems were also denominated. They actually sent me by post a circular of somebody's Baking Powder, adding to it at the end, where it says the public is respectfully cautioned against spurious imitations, "but more particularly against a specious preparation to deceive the unwary, known as Baker's 'Paste.'" Now, after two or three weeks, this became tiresome. Still, I took no notice, and affected not to think the remarks were intended for me.

I hardly know what made me go and call on my friend the jeweller. It was not that I had any doubt of the genuineness of the diamonds, especially as he was the very man who had before valued Mr. Block's ring at seventy pounds. But it had been so dinned into my head they were false that I wanted just a formal confirmation of the estimate he had previously formed on their worth.

"O yes," said my friend the jeweller; "I recognize the ring again directly. Want to know what it's worth? (He put it in the scales.) "Well—h'm—about seven and twenty shillings for old gold."

"Eh?" said I, as pale as a turnip.—"Why, didn't you tell me it was worth seventy pounds?"

"Yes," he answered; "when it had diamonds in it—not when it has paste."

Talking the matter over, the jeweller suggested that, on Mr. Blook getting into difficulties, the first thing he did was to sell the diamonds out of his ring, and get their places supplied with paste, whilst finally he had pawned it himself with the Jew as a paste ring.

"Well, William Henry," said I to myself, "the Jew has jewed you, and the club has chaffed you, and you may consider yourself trod upon, after the manner of speaking."

But the worm will turn.

"Did the jeweller let out diamonds on hire?" I asked.

He did.

"Would he have a certain alteration, which I suggested, made in my ring in a fortnight's time?"

He would.

"And keep it secret?"

"Certainly—business was business."

For the whole of that fortnight I never went near the club; that was probably the reason why my appearance at the club dinner was greeted with such lively sallies about Baker's Paste. One would-be wag recommended me, whilst helping a tart, "to keep my fingers out of the pastry."—Believing him to intend some obscure allusion to the gems on my little finger, I thought it time to open fire.

"Gentlemen," said I, "for some weeks I have listened to casual observations in which the name of Baker has been unworthily associated with paste and pastry, but have refrained from making any remark, having been firmly persuaded they could only apply to industrious tradesmen employed in the manufacture of home-baked bread." (Oh, oh!) "It now occurs to me that such remarks were intended in allusion to the ring I wear—a ring, I take this opportunity of informing you, which, unlike the wits who have amused themselves at its expense, is indebted for its brilliancy to nature."

They hooted me; they heaped opprobrious epithets on the name of Baker; they laughed and talked me down.

"I'll bet him five pounds it's paste," said one

"So will I," said another. "And I."—"And I."

So said eleven of them.

"Really, gentlemen," said I, "I am sorry you should take the matter so much in earnest. All I can tell you is, I believe my ring to be a diamond ring, and this notwithstanding I will freely admit I only paid a very small sum for it."

They laughed and hooted me still more at this admission. They said that settled the question, and that it *was* paste.

I told them I didn't think it was.

"Well, would I bet?"

I would rather not.

More hooting.

At length, very reluctantly, I overcame my scruples. The name of Baker is a name too closely allied to the gentle bred (arms, four loaves, ppr—sejant, quartered—crest, the doe, levant) to allow it to be wantonly sullied. I bet.

We adjourned to the jeweller's.

"Without question, they were diamonds," the jeweller decided, "and some of the finest he had ever seen." He ought to know, as they were his property—hired by me for the occasion.

"Eleven fives are fifty-five gentlemen."

Having established the value of my ring, and freed the name of Baker from suspicion, I paid for the hire of the real gems, and had the paste stones reset in their places, believing, after all, the reputation for diamonds to be as good as the possession of them, and free from all anxiety.

It was talked about, and noised abroad; it even reached the little back street where the pawnbroker lived. You should have seen him.

"Real shtones! Oh my heart! Sheventy-five poundsh—dead robbery—clean gone. Oh my bootshe and bones! not to know that folksh do sometimes come and pawn real diamonsh for paspshe, sho as to have less interesh to pay for taking care of their ringsh. Oh my blessed heart, only think of it!"

He came to me. He growled and wriggled, and twisted himself before me. He prayed me to sell him his ring again. "O my tere Mishter Baker, you must shell it to me or I shall be ruined old manshe,—The time wosh not out, and Mr. Smit had come to redeem it, and he shays that it wosh a legacy, and if he dosh not get it by Shaterday next he will ruin me—sh-help him, he will. O Mishter Baker, think of it; twenty poundsh—all in gold—sholid money. Now my tere, what do you say? therah a good mansh!"

What did I say? Could I turn a deaf ear to the distress of the old man? There are people who might do it, gentlemen, but not people of the name of Baker—not W. H. Baker. I certainly did ask him for more money. We compromised it at last at twenty-two ten, which he paid, part in sixpences and coppers, and owes me fourpence-halfpeny to this day.

Twenty-two, nine and seven-pence-halfpeny, and fifty-five pounds, is seventy-seven, nine, seven and a-half. It just paid for the real diamonds; for I bought the ones I had previously hired of the jeweler, and had them set in a ring the *facsimile* of Mr. Blook's, except that the initials are W. H. B.

That was the only time I was ever swindled, gentlemen, Mr. Baker concluded.—*Chambers' Journal.*

From the New York Sun, Dec. 18.

A Duel at Acquia Creek—One of the Parties Dangerously Wounded.

One night last week a party of genial gentlemen were taking supper in one of Demonico's gilded saloons. Two of the number, no other than the well-known politician, Col. McNamara, and Mr. Varnum, a broker, engaged in an angry and exciting discussion concerning a lady. During the *melee* Mr. Varnum, exasperated beyond the bounds of patient endurance, emptied the contents of his wine glass in the face of Colonel McNamara. The latter, smarting under this insult, sprang to his feet, made a rush for Mr. Varnum, upsetting a table in his efforts to strike him, and was only prevented from accomplishing his object by the timely interference of mutual friends present.

But the son of Mars was not to be so easily baffled. He immediately departed. Before doing so, however, he informed Varnum that he would shortly hear from him, and he was as good as his word.—The next day Mr. Varnum was the recipient of a challenge to fight a duel, which he readily accepted. The preliminaries were speedily arranged, and both parties, accompanied by their seconds, took the Washington train last Saturday night *en route* for the battle ground. After spending a few hours in the National Capital, the party embarked on board the boat for Acquia Creek. They reached their destination about midnight. The interval before daylight was spent in a tavern. With the first dawn of day, they started for the ground—a secluded spot in the woods, on a hill in the outskirts of the town, overlooking the Potomac. The morning was cool, windy and cloudy. Reaching the ground, a few minutes were consumed by the seconds in consultation.

THE DUEL—THE WOUND PRONOUNCED MORTAL.

Everything was then speedily got ready, and the principals took their positions at twenty paces from each other. The word "fire" was given, both pistols were discharged at once, and Varnum fell, wounded (and it is feared mortally) in the femoral artery. Colonel McNamara escaped unhurt, the ball having only grazed his shoulder. The surgeon in attendance examined Mr. Varnum's wound, and pronounced it mortal. Colonel McNamara and his friends hurried from the ground, and drove back to Washington in a private conveyance. Mr. Varnum's condition was such as to preclude the possibility of his immediate departure. He was carried by his friends to a neighboring house in a fainting condition. He remained there a day or two, and has since, it is said, been brought to this city. It is feared that he will die.

The woman who is the cause of this trouble has not given herself the slightest concern about the fate of her two lovers. When informed that they had gone to fight a duel, she remarked to a friend, with the characteristic indifference of her class, that "she did not care if they shot each other dead." The whole affair has been kept a profound secret, owing to the possibility of Mr. Varnum's death.

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