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LIFE SAVERS AND TAKERS

REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE OF THE SHOOTING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Whatever may be said when the second and cooler thoughts of the people shall have passed judgments upon the action of the citizens of New Orleans in killing the Italian prisoners in the parish jail, it will remain as a remarkable coincidence that almost at the same moment a boat's crew of Americans were saving the lives of fifteen Italian sailors.

As the mob moved through the streets of the Crescent city, every step hastening the death of the poor wretches in prison, a boat from the Sandy Hook Life Saving Station was struggling, inch by inch, in the face of a gale, buffeted by mighty waves, to reach the Italian bark *Umberto*, stranded on *Romer Shoal*, and upon whose decks clung fifteen men exhausted from cold and exposure.

Tramp! tramp! sounded the steps of the merciless, determined army of the revengeful citizens in New Orleans; click! click! sounded the oars in the rowlocks of the life-boat as it went on its mission of mercy at *Romer Shoal*.

Bang! bang! sounded the discharge of firearms, and the nine Italian prisoners pleading on their knees for mercy, fell to the ground cruelly riddled with bullets; bump! bump! sounded the lifeboat's prow as it reached the wrecked vessel's side, and the fifteen Italian sailors, who had looked into the gulf of death, were rescued and brought safely and tenderly ashore.

In New Orleans there is wailing and gnashing of teeth among the families and friends of the Italian prisoners; wherever families and friends of the Italian sailors may be there is or will be great thanksgiving.

Slight though it be there is consolation in the fact that the good deed has the advantage of the bad one by four sacred lives.

AN HISTORICAL FACT.

Very few of us know of the origin of the song and air "Carolina." While Judge Gaston was upon the Supreme Court bench of North Carolina, '32-'33, he stayed at the house of Mrs. James Taylor, of Raleigh. One day that lady heard the air "Carolina" from some wandering Scottish minstrel, and being impressed with it, asked Judge Gaston to compose some verses and set them to the air which she hummed to him. "Carolina" was the result of this, and doubtless no other poem is better known throughout North Carolina at the present day than "The Old North State Forever." There is an incident connected with the death, or rather the burial, of Judge Gaston. After his death he was laid out in a cool room adjoining a conservatory, in which the air was rather warm and moist. The door between the two being suddenly opened the warm, moist air was suddenly converted into snow crystals and a miniature snow storm swept across the room. The house and conservatory are both standing, being the residence of Hon. C. M. Busbee, of Raleigh.—*Chapel Hillian*.

DON'T BE GLOOMY.

Those who are the victims of mercurial poisoning, or who are suffering from mercurial rheumatism, are inclined to take a gloomy view of life when, as the poet says, "Winter is folding its white tents and spring getting its thunderstorms together." Yet these victims have no reason to despair. S. S. S. is a sure remedy for all forms of mercurial poisoning. Though it is purely a vegetable medicine, it is powerful indeed, when called upon to chase mercury, and the last lingering effects of mercury, out of the system. It performs the work with neatness and dispatch, as thousands of testimonials show.

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A RAILROAD MAGNATE.

SOME FACTS ABOUT PRESIDENT JOHN M. ROBINSON.

The *Wilmington Review*, in an article referring to this prominent Virginia-Marylander, mentions that as a youth he went to school at the Virginia Military Institute; from there he went to Harvard University, Mass., where he graduated with honor. Then, his father owning large interests in railroads, John M. was put in the railroad shops, where he served his time, and from there he entered the civil engineer corps in the construction of railroads, thus perfecting himself for his future business in life, which he has accomplished with so much distinction.

It is well known to ex-Confederates in all Tidewater Virginia, and especially in Norfolk and Portsmouth, that he has an excellent war record. During the days of trial he had charge of a large portion of the railroad transportation of the Confederacy, and was sent to England on important business for the engineering department. He served with ability on the staff of General Loring. He has ever been a thorough Southerner in his feelings and actions, and all of his family are natives of Virginia. After the late war Mr. Robinson was made president of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company, and of the Baltimore Steam Packet Company, known as the Bay Line steamers, and since that time has acquired the control of the Raleigh and Gaston, the Raleigh and Augusta Air Line and their branches, the Carolina Central, and the Georgia and Northern roads, and he is president of the entire system of railways known as the Seaboard Air Line. He also is president of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, which, under his administration, has been most successful. Mr. Robinson should be, and justly is, most popular with the people in the country through which his lines run.

MARRIED ON THE ROAD.

"I got a queer request from a conductor for a pass the other day," said a prominent Chicago railroad man in the Southern corridor yesterday. "He asked for a pass to one point for a young lady whom he designated as Miss———, and, from there to Chicago for the same young lady as Mrs.———, his own name. I inquired how this was, and when I received the explanation I allowed the passes. He was on his regular run and did not care to lay off for a day, even though he was to be married. He had his home all nicely furnished in Chicago, and the young lady was to meet him at the station where her parents lived.

"A minister was to board the train there also and they were to be married on board his train. Everything went off all right and they were married according to the programme. The only trouble was that the marriage service was a little longer than he expected and he had to suspend operations for a couple of minutes for his train to make a station. They are now quietly living in Chicago and have a pretty little home. The train crew furnished the witnesses to the ceremony and altogether it was an ideal railroad man's wedding. Several presents were received by the young couple and the passengers took up a purse, which they gave to the bride."

A Little Girl's Experience in a Lighthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Trescott are keepers of the Gov. Lighthouse at Sand Beach, Mich., and are blessed with a daughter, four years old. Last April she was taken down with Measles, followed with a dreadful Cough and turning into a Fever. Doctors at home and at Detroit treated her, but in vain, she grew worse rapidly, until she was a mere "handful of bones." Then she tried Dr. King's New Discovery and after the use of two and half bottles, was completely cured. They say Dr. King's New Discovery is worth its weight in gold, yet you may get a trial bottle free at W. M. Cohen's drugstore.

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SIGNED BY THE BISHOPS.

AN EPISTLE TO THE AFRICAN METHODISTS OF THE SOUTH.

At the African Methodist Conference, in session at Charleston, S. C., the epistle of the bishops of the A. M. E. Church, in council at Jacksonville, was read and enthusiastically endorsed. Section 13 of the epistle reads as follows:

"There is no North, South, East, or West. The world is one field of labor. Nor do we recognize any moral, social, or literary difference between our local sections in ministers and members. Vice and virtue have no topographical limitation or spheres of operations. There is good and bad in all sections and lines, and all denominations have, through the ages, been more or less annoyed by the bad and vicious and hypocritical, and therefore we disdain the truth of some recent publications, notwithstanding the hasty approval and unfortunate endorsement of our aged, venerable senior."

This is understood to be a reply to the charge recently made that the Southern branch of the M. E. Church was behind its brethren of the North. Nevertheless, be careful in the selection of delegates to the general conference, and pick out "cool-headed men of deliberative judgment," because the last three general conferences have been rashly boosterous, and the proper legislation of the church has suffered by it.

The epistle is signed by Bishops Payne, Campbell, Brown, Disney, Arnett, Wayman, Ward, Turner, Gaines, Tanner and Grant.

CLEVELAND'S INAUGURATION.

INGALLS TELLS HOW HE WAS IMPRESSED BY IT.

I remember very well Cleveland's entrance into the Senate on inauguration day. After he had been seated his face took on a wooden expression and he seemed to be utterly oblivious of the fact that the eyes of a host of the leading men of this and other countries were upon him. There were the senators, representatives, ambassadors and ministers from foreign nations, and judges, all curious to see the man of whom so much had been said, and who had only been in Washington once before the day he came to be inaugurated. If it was the most ordinary gathering Cleveland could not be less concerned. But his woodenness in the Senate chamber did not attract so much attention as his exhibition before the immense mass of people in front of the capitol. Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Harrison all read their inaugurals—Cleveland spoke his. It show how thoroughly he had his intellect disciplined. There, before 50,000 people, where the slightest mistake would be held up to the country, with a piece of paper no larger than a visiting card to guide him, he spoke to the world. It was the most remarkable exhibition of nerve and control ever given by a president on his inauguration day.

SHE WALKS BY HIS SIDE.

THE INVISIBLE COMPANION OF A WIFELESS WESTERNER.

The Atchison man who had the strange experience with his deceased wife's empty chair, which rocked in a strange manner, is having another experience that is still more remarkable. Wherever he goes of late he hears a soft foot-fall keeping step beside him. Every step he takes, wherever he goes he hears that mysterious step joining in with his own. In crossing in the snow the other morning, side by side with his own footprints, there appeared the prints of a woman's feet. He is sure that the ghost of his wife is shadowing him, and that for some reason it distrusts him. He is feeling very much worried about it.—*Atchison Globe*

The Rev. Geo. H. Thayer, of Bourbon, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to Shiloh's Consumption Cure. For sale at W. M. Cohen's drug store."

GEN. JOHNSTON DEAD.

THE GRAND OLD HERO SANK TO REST AS PEACEFULLY AND QUIETLY AS A SLEEPING BABE—EX-GOV. McLANE AND HIS OLD SERVANT WERE THE ONLY PERSONS PRESENT.

General Joseph Eggleston Johnston died of heart failure at his residence in Washington City at 11:15 o'clock Saturday night. With him at the last moment was ex-Gov. McLane, of Maryland, and the nurse. His death was very sudden, and a few moments before dissolution there was no outward appearance to indicate it. He then gasped feebly once or twice, and the great leader of armies had himself obeyed the last summons.

General Johnston had been confined to his room for several weeks past, and during the last few days had gradually grown weaker. During the past twenty-four hours he had remained in a semi-comatose condition and was aroused with difficulty.

His death was so peaceful that Gov. McLane, who was at his bedside, could not for several moments believe the general was dead. There was not a sigh, nor a movement, his heart ceased to beat and he sank to rest as peacefully and quietly as a babe to sleep.

In addition to his heart trouble, the general had contracted a severe cold when he recently acted as pall-bearer at the funerals of Admiral Porter and Gen. Sherman.

Gen. Johnston was born near Farmville, Va., February 3, 1809. He graduated in the same class with Gen. R. E. Lee, from West Point in 1829, and ranked Lee at the outbreak of the rebellion, being his senior as a general in the Confederate army. After the war he served in Congress from the Richmond, Va., district, and was subsequently commissioner of railroads, being appointed by President Cleveland.

With the death of General Johnston there is removed the last prominent figure on either side in the great civil war.

BIG LAND SUIT.

MANY NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS UNEASY ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF THEIR TITLES.

The people in this county are very much excited over a big land suit involving the titles to a great portion of the land in this and adjoining counties. Before the Revolutionary war, William Magness obtained a large grant in Tyrone county, N. C., which county embraced a part of what is now Lincoln, Cleveland, Gaston and Catawba counties. During the lifetime of Magness, his estate was administered on by a kinsman by the name of Roberts, who divided the property and sold it to various parties. It has been subsequently resold many times. A lawyer has been here under the disguised name of John Sweat, who was formerly connected with the famous Pinkerton detectives. He has been searching the records in the court house and looking up titles of the land. It was learned that he represents one of the heirs of the original William Magness, and that he has absolute proof that William Magness was insane, and that his estate was administered on by fraud. The titles to the land in this county can be traced back to the sale of the Magness estate.

Suits will be brought to recover this large tract of land. At first our people made light of the case, but upon investigation they begin to see that their holdings are in danger. Some of our lawyers think that the case is a serious one. The first suit will be brought at the next Cleveland County Court. Much excitement is prevailing in this section.—*Lincolnton special to the Richmond Times*, 12th.

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LOVE-MAKING.

IF ADAM AND EVE DIDN'T SING "IN THE GLOAMING" IT WAS BECAUSE THEY KNEW A FRESHER SONG.

The car was filled with excursionists returning from the Exposition, and every seat contained a pair of "Buckeye" lovers. The last bear in Ohio died some time since, but the art of hugging has survived it. It was the midnight express, and the air was right chilly, but not a soul noticed that except a poor little married man, who sat all alone in the half-seat by the big unlighted stove.

He looked down the car, and he noticed that apparently all the young men were one-armed—at least, but one arm of each man was visible. The light in the car was very low, however, and that night account for the phenomenon. Lovers like the twilight. And it was twilight in that car, for all three double lamps were turned down very low, and before the train was out of the Alleghany yards the flame in one of them had sputtered, fizzed a moment, and expired.

Of course every girl in the car was much alarmed when the gloom deepened, getting a little closer to her protector; and a few minutes later, when the second began to show signs of collapse—leaping up frantically, as if afraid to die—about a dozen screams issued from as many fair throats.

The conductor opened the door a few minutes later, and the draught finished lamp number two, leaving one lamp alight at the rear end of the car. How anxiously it was observed! Would it go out? It looked consumptive, but there was no kind draught to expedite its decease.

At last the whistle sounded for the first stop, and the little married man got up out of his corner to depart. He had been a bachelor once, and he remembered it as he laid his hand upon the door-knob. The train had not stopped, but he opened the door, and immediately a gust of wind murdered the last lamp. As he stood in the doorway, inhaling cinders and river fog, he had the satisfaction of hearing a sweet, low voice murmur behind him:

"Oh, George, I was so afraid!"

"Of what, my darling?"

"That that lamp would never go out!"

A BLASPHEMER STRUCK.

HE BECAME SPEECHLESS AND IS NEARLY PARALYZED.

The French Catholics of New Haven, Conn., are in a state of excitement over what they call a miracle. A former member of the church while indulging in the most terrible blasphemy was stricken with paralysis a few days ago, and is now unable to speak.

The man's name is Louis LeMay. A number of friends had persuaded him to attend church, when he began to denounce the church, religion and priests. The next minute, it is said, he was seen to grow rigid. His arms drew up convulsively, and he gasped for breath. He endeavored to speak, but could not utter a word.

The persons who witnessed the sudden and fearful stroke at once pronounced it a visitation of P. ovidence.

A physician was summoned, and he was taken to his home in a helpless condition.

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A BOY PHONOGRAPH.

HE IS FILLED WITH NO END OF STATISTICS AT THE AGE OF FIVE.

When Oscar Moore was thirteen months old he began to show a wonderful memory. Oscar is a colored boy, blind from birth, and is now five years old. He is a perfect phonograph. Anything told him is repeated exactly, inflection, emphasis and words, although he does not know the meaning of anything he hears. He will recite the alphabet and multiplication table backward; tell the population and number of square miles contained in every country on the globe; give the population of the principal cities of the United States; name the Presidents of the United States in their order, with the beginning and expiration of their terms of office; and will answer numberless questions which ordinary people will have to refer to encyclopedias to find out. He has been something of a pet with a German lady of Bridgeport, who has taught him a number of German songs. For the edification of those who come to see him he will sing these songs, and his pronunciation of the German words is said to be perfect.

But it is sense of smell that is the most wonderful. One day recently two gentlemen entered the office of the St. Marc Hotel, in this place, where young Oscar is now stopping. Neither spoke a word, but one of them beckoned to a dignified looking colored man who was holding the young prodigy by the hand. The man led Oscar up to the couple and said: "Now, Oscar, see if you can tell who this gentleman is." The boy took the gentleman's hand, carried it to his face, and carefully smelled of his hand and wrist, after the fashion of a dog. In a moment a gleam of recognition lighted up his face and he replied, "Charles Schneider." He was right. He had once before met Mr. Schneider, who was subjected to a smelling process on that occasion. Young Moore does the same with everybody he meets whom he wishes to recognize again. He is good at remembering voices, like most blind persons, but says he feels the most confidence in his powers of scent.—*New York Sun*.

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