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General Barringer on General Early.

It will be remembered, that, during the early winter, General Hood happened in Raleigh, was complimented with a serenade by our citizens, and in response thereto paid a compliment to North Carolina for the valor of her troops in the late war.

But General Jubal A. Early, of Virginia, over-vaunt of himself and unnecessarily jealous of the fate of Virginia must needs reply to the remarks of General Hood in a tone of supercilious disparagement of the services of North Carolina in the late unfortunate contest, and falling into some palpable errors regarding the history of the Virginia campaigns.

General Rufus Barringer, now a prominent member of the Republican party of North Carolina, who bore a conspicuous part in the late war, commanding a brigade of North Carolina cavalry in Virginia, thought to correct in pleasant tone and words the mistakes of his late brother in arms, and everybody here thanked General Barringer for his timely vindication of the history of North Carolina, and all brave and honorable men thought the matter amicably at an end.

But not so General Early. He comes back at the gallant Barringer in gross, unmanly innuendoes and insinuations for personal attacks regarding the political position Rufus Barringer has seen fit to assume since the war, and thus Early produces himself a vain braggart and a tolerant fool.

In the Era, to-day, appears a letter from Barringer in reply to the personal strictures of Early, and that sanguinary hero (of battles) and fossilized old fool (of other days) who has no inconsiderable number of disciples and imitators even in our State, is pretty roughly handled—very appropriately punished.

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The conduct of the colored people of the South from the day of their complete emancipation to the present time challenges the admiration of every unprejudiced man, and during the war, when the families, homes and properties of the Southern people were committed exclusively to their care, fills the minds of all our right thinking people with gratitude to the colored people. Their behavior throughout the entire period of the war was marked by affection and loyalty to their masters, and for this alone they are entitled to the fullest care and protection the white race at the South can bestow upon them.

Suddenly transported from bondage to freedom, and the fullest rights of American citizens thrust upon them, it would have been most remarkable had they not been intoxicated with Liberty, but their excesses were comparatively few, and their conduct in the main admirable. They have shown to the world that they are neither ungrateful, unworthy nor unmindful of the duties and responsibilities of citizens of a great Republic.

Through the mischievous and designing artifices of unworthy men they may have been led to abuse at times their privileges of suffrage, but altogether they have shown a remarkable appreciation in the exercise of their newly acquired rights, and have cast their votes generally with a foresight as keen as hitherto exercised by the white race of this country; and the manner in which they have adhered to the Republican party under all circumstances and on all occasions demonstrates the fact that ingratitude is not one of the crimes of their race.

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of Virginia, Barringer of North Carolina, Longstreet of Louisiana. Nor to have been a Confederate soldier does not make it impossible for one to be an ill-mannered, snappish, snarling fool.—EXAMPLE—Early of Virginia.

The colored people of the South becomingly observed the first of January, the great natal day of their freedom and independence. It is proper and appropriate that they should observe the anniversary of their emancipation, and it is gratifying that time has so softened the prejudices of the white people of the South that there are few found now to make light of this observance, and none to feel that it has any significance of humiliation or disaster to the Southern people.

The relations of the two races at the South, are upon the whole, pleasant, and daily growing better, for the colored people have demonstrated that they are worthy of the freedom thrust upon them and appreciative and grateful for the privileges of full citizenship accorded them through the action of the general government.

The future of the colored race at the South is bright and hopeful, and the cultivation and growth of good feeling between the races on the increase, and altogether satisfactory. Let the colored people persevere in the determination to make of themselves good and useful citizens, and for themselves a history not unworthy of the country and the people among whom their lot in life has been cast.

Let the white people of the South whom the colored people have faithfully served for two centuries, and who know, understand and feel for the colored race as no other people can know or sympathize with them, lead every encouragement to the shaping of that history the colored people of the United States are called upon to make for themselves.

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In the cause of education the colored people have displayed a zeal and earnestness it would be well for the white people of the South to imitate, and notwithstanding all the disadvantages of their position they are educating themselves and their children to an extent simply wonderful.

The influences of education and the efforts of the leading men of their race together with the example and assistance of the white people have begotten within them a thrift and the desire to accumulate property, which indicates the progress, usefulness and respectability of the race in a measure exceeding the highest hopes of their most sanguine and earnest friends.

As the guardians, so to speak, of the colored people, the white people of the South have high and responsible duties before them; and as the architects of their own fortunes, the colored people have a corresponding

Establishment of an Orphan Asylum.

That noble order of Universal Charity, the Masons, have taken the initiatory steps to the establishment of an Orphan Asylum in North Carolina; and the Grand Lodge of this State has donated its splendid building, at Oxford, St. John's College, and five hundred dollars in money to that praiseworthy undertaking.

Mr. J. H. Mills, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, has been put in charge of the work as Superintendent of this Orphan Asylum, and his first appeal to the people of North Carolina is published in the Era to-day. To that appeal, and the proceedings of the late Grand Lodge of the State touching the matter of establishing an Orphan Asylum, the attention and earnest consideration of the people of North Carolina is invited.

The people of our State have been criminally remiss and cruelly inattentive to the condition, necessities and wants of the poor and the orphaned. Especially negligent and heartless have been the people of North Carolina been of the orphans of Confederate soldiers.

All members, that, during the war, a pretended effort was made to establish an Orphan Asylum at Wilson. The location was made, the building purchased and soliciting agents put out to gather funds from Carriztoke to Cherokee. Our people contributed liberally, and were assured that, no matter how the war might terminate, the Orphan fund would be safe as it was so invested in Europe and elsewhere as to be beyond the possibility of loss.

The war ended adversely to Southern hopes. Where is the Asylum for Confederate orphans? What became of the money contributed? Where is the property purchased for the Asylum? The property passed back into the hands of him who had received his price for it, a present from the Trustees; the money was all lost by the failure of the Southern government, and there is, has been, and there will be no Asylum for, or care taken of the children of men who died in defence of and in obedience to the men of property and means in North Carolina.

But no such failure will characterize the effort to establish the Orphan Asylum at Oxford. The Masons in donating their building and money are in earnest and moved by good faith. Mr. Mills in his appeal is in earnest; and the people of North Carolina who contribute to this Institution will see and enjoy the fruits of their good works.

This is a matter that might very well claim the attention of the Legislature, and an appropriation of five thousand dollars should be made by the State at once. The people of North Carolina will approve such action.

The matter in all its objects and details is committed to the people of the State who have the money to perform good deeds with, and to them the Era commends Mr. Mills and his noble undertaking.

Centralizing Tendencies. When the message of the President was first received, we took occasion to denounce, in strong terms, the proposition it contained, in favor of the Government's obtaining control of the telegraph and making it a part of the postal system of the country.

So long as the Government is in the hands of the political party in power and all its officers and agents are of the same stripe of politics, such a proposition amounts to the same thing as proposing to place the telegraph at the disposal and for the sole use of the Radical organization. For if such a measure is carried out, no message could be sent or received without the permission of Radical officials. No information favorable to the Conservatives or harmful to the Radical party—no political intelligence of a private nature, no matter how important it might be, could be transmitted by the wires, unless with the consent and approval of the Government! All the plans and purposes of their opponents would thus be made known to the Radicals.—Baltimore News.

Here is a specimen for you! Here is wisdom and common sense! Here is intelligence—the result of the wealth the Conservative party claims to monopolize. Can't the law prohibiting the circulation of indecent publications be made to apply to such childish-nonsense and panicky-mumbo stuff as this? As well say that the Post offices in the hands of one Political party would prevent the other from transmitting its political intelligence.

Our State.

MILTON wants a bank. EGGS thirty cents in Newbern. SMALL POX near Friendship in Guilford county.

THEY are arranging the furniture in the new Goldsboro hotel. THE police of New Bern are all colored men with one exception. GORDON northern apples sold in Wilmington for one dollar per peck.

MRS. McLEAN conducted the entertainment at the Newbern theatre. PRESIDENT Stanly of the Newbern road has resumed office duties. THE Baptists intend ending Trinity college in the sum of \$100,000.

Mrs. McAbee in Polk county who is about her house fell dead. NOW comes a pig nine months old in Polk county that weighed 310 pounds. THE platform at Eureka station is still bespattered with the blood of Andrew Strong.

JOHN Lea of Caswell has leased the Exchange Warehouse in Millon of Lewis & Richmond. A BOOK titled "Poor Lizzie Lee" unfit for respectable families is hawked about in Wilmington. FRELLE & Bro. of Clinton in Sampson county a genuine distillery burnt, loss \$300 to \$400.

A MUSIC teacher who was once private pianist to the Emperor of Austria dwells in Charlotte. THE Wilmington Journal says that the peanut crop in that section will fall short this year nearly half. PROFESSOR Neave of Salisbury is giving lessons to the Durham brass band. The band has twelve pieces.

THE Charlotte Democrat is twenty-two years old to-day. It was first man before it reached two tens and one. A MILTONIAN 50 years old has never been to but a wedding. Three of them his own. The fourth his daughter's.

THE New Bern papers teem with (tombstone) local of Claypoles marble vial. Effect of too much beer on the brain. CONFERENCE of the M. E. Church (North) meets in Charlotte to-day. Bishop C. C. McCade of Chicago presiding.

DOLL Atkinson of Milton has five bull pups for sale that he warrants any person who points to a dog as another person in sport. If any injury results, the factious sportsman is liable to imprisonment for two years. POLICE-DEPARTMENT is the chief but touching Latin motto over a little grave on the Western prairie, where, in the springtime, the daisies bend lovingly to earth, as if mourning the departed, and there a man buried his clothes there.

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Twigs.

An expensive wife makes a pensive husband. "There is not a lazy lad in the land." Engaging Photographer: "Just look a little pleasant, Miss! Think of 'em!" Miss Jennie Lee publicly bewitched F. H. Case on Royal street in Mobile last week.

An epitaph on a Montmartre tombstone reads: "Oh, my dear Henry, come and rejoin me as soon as conveniently possible." When I get my foot down, I'll have you to understand," says Mr. No-joker, "there's something there." On investigation it turned out to be a No. 11 shoe.

Eggs are six cents a dozen in Columbus, Ga., but they are the kind used for suppressing unpopular public speakers and freezing the shirts of traveling dead heads. An Omaha doctor, who tried to work a steer under the saddle, now writes to the local papers that he is unable to practice, owing to sickness in his own family.

Ear-strings are now fastened to the ear by a screw, and an addition to some of the latest machinery is in the shape of "Mercury," and where is that screw-driver? The President has directed the Secretary of State to prepare immediately a circular to be sent to all consular agents holding United States commissions from accepting office under State authority.

The Columbia Union says: Mr. Pettigill has a clipping machine at his livery stable, which is a curiosity, at least in these parts. He can take the hair of a horse slick and clean in a short time. "Pity the poor teacher." Teacher, "And what are the four quarters of the world?" Fire, air, earth, fire and water. Second Pupil (eagerly)—"No, teacher; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John."

A rural gentleman standing over a register in one of our stores attracted general attention to himself by observing to his wife, "Marlar, I guess I'm agoin' to have a fever, I feel such hot streaks running up my neck, and I'm After a Vigilance Committee at Visalia, California, had taken Mr. McCrotry from jail and hung him, that police organization in New Orleans, which is the Sheriff and his deputies for their efforts to avert the hanging.

The Vermont Legislature has passed a sensible act, punishing with a fine any person who points to a dog as another person in sport. If any injury results, the factious sportsman is liable to imprisonment for two years. POLICE-DEPARTMENT is the chief but touching Latin motto over a little grave on the Western prairie, where, in the springtime, the daisies bend lovingly to earth, as if mourning the departed, and there a man buried his clothes there.

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I know the evidence of homicide on which I was convicted is false from beginning to end and is manufactured, and I believe the prosecution know, and the District Attorney knew it, and the counsel for the prosecution knew it, and I believe the jury knew it, and your Honor will make the sentence as brief as possible. (Close of Stokes speech.)

A party of ruffians on King street Saturday evening amused themselves by deliberately spitting upon the dresses of ladies walking in front of them, disfiguring the promenade. One of the ladies in the lot, in some cases were compelled to take refuge in stores and invoked the aid of the clerks to their appearance, and the result was— "Police!"—Charleston News.

First.

In Champagne, France, nine born babies are washed in Champagne wine, and, after baptism, the first thing the little stranger tastes, as it enters home on return from church, is a glass of the oldest Champagne wine which the family can procure.

These baggage masters have a hand these. One was so careless that the other night by a nervous old man who kept fooling and fidgeting about and dogging him for his baggage, the baggage master finally preached him in these words: "Mister, it's a pity you wasn't born an elephant instead of a jackass, then you'd have yer trunk always under yer nose."

Among the peasants in China, it is said, they ascertain the exact hour of noon by opening the lids of a cat's eyes. At the exact moment of 12 o'clock the pupil looks like a black line; but as the sun descends it gradually widens to a pretty large oval at sunset. From that time to the next morning the pupil narrows up to 12 o'clock again. So they say half past 12, 1, 2, or 3, according to the width of the aperture, their eyes being opened in the morning.

Talleyrand, the great Frenchman, when scarcely a twelve-month old was named for life by a fall. The head of the house of Talleyrand must be a soldier. A child was born to his family, and he was told him his birthright would be transferred to his younger brother. "Why so?" asked the boy. "Because there was a cripple in the family. That crippled his life. From that moment he became a cynic, a heartless debauchee spurring himself on to pleasure and interest in his path of pleasure or interest. Why should he spare?"

A San Francisco father recently brought his daughter Fannie, aged sixteen, before a police court, asking her county to be committed to the industrial school, and as the girl appeared to be greatly in need of some salutary restraints the application was about to be granted, when the judge overruled the application by producing proofs that she had been married two years before she had her eyes fairly hung out on stumps when a realized that the little girl had had in his brutally thrashing for so long had all the time been another man's wife.

J. M. Dirrhammer, a leading and wealthy lawyer in New Orleans, after marrying a colored woman, committed suicide the 14th of last month. Among the curious bequests in his will that he left to his wife was his body I give to my friend and physician, Dr. Joachim Borie, for scientific purposes. My wife does not want my body I want to be buried in the Potter's Field, according to my verbal instructions, there to lie taken in the morning and buried in a wagon; this for the reason that I was always opposed to pompous funerals.

Old Mr. Friend of Topoka (Kansas) has for five years been hunting his little son that "Canaanite" Indian who had run away with five thousand dollars in the search. He has just recovered him. The boy was stolen from his father, John Friend, in Leno County, Texas, in 1828, and was then eight years old. The Topoka Commonwealth says of the boy: "Notwithstanding his long captivity he is a bright, intelligent looking boy in the face, his walk and actions being those of an Indian, and he talks Comanche with a perfect fluency. The mother of the boy died before his capture. The joy of his father and friends will be boundless on recovering their long lost son."

It saved them. A merry party of ladies and gentlemen outcalling on the St. Lawrence among the Thousand Islands. They were out in a yacht until a late hour, when the vessel was growing so dark you could scarce distinguish an object on the water. A dark object suddenly loomed up before them. It was a large steamer with a searchlight on them. All the young ladies screamed with terror save one. A slight rustle was heard in her dress, and she drew a roll of paper to the aid of the gentlemen. As quick as thought he had lighted a match and it was alight. The steamer saw it and changed its course, she had sacrificed her bustle to save her own fair life and that of her companions.

This was the last of Rupp, the Illinois editor of the Belleville Register, as the reporter found him dead in his office-door with the rope around his neck and the other end fastened to the upper part of the door. When found he was full dressed, excepting his coat and hat, and was supposed to have been dead two hours. He faced north and his feet were turned toward the wall. He purchased the rope with which he hung himself Thursday afternoon, at the store of Mr. Hucks, and to insure its working well he soaked it in grease. He stood upon a chair to adjust the rope, and, when all was ready, stepped from it. At the instant the fact was discovered, the rope was cut, and small-pox pustules, and it is supposed that the dread of this disease led him to put an end to his life.

Endowment Beale is a graduate of West Point and when the late war broke out he was an officer in the second regiment of dragoons and stationed at Fort Mifflin in the West Indies. His fortunes with the Confederacy: A few days ago Captain E. L. Bernhard, who has charge of engineering parties on the extension of the Colorado Central railway—and who knew Beale in his better days before the war—accidentally discovered a man whose name was Beale among a gang of workmen on the railroad grade in the mountains. Greatly changed though he was, Bernhard at once recognized him, and was greatly astonished at finding a man who had before occupied so high a position, and who at one time had every avenue of success and rapid elevation open to him, laboring with a shovel to earn his daily bread. After the recognition, Mr. Beale told Bernhard the story of his vicissitudes, and how he came to know well the man's superior capacities, at once took him to Golden and secured him a responsible position in the engineering corps of the Julesburg road.

The wit and humor you find in the Bible. For instance, Job, when the low life follows pretended to comfort him, did not say, "I am a worm, and man do not despise me." He said: "Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. Take another instance: A man who is a disciple of the prophets of Babel. They are clamoring to the King to help them. The scene is in Kings, XIII, 27. "Wakes up all Elijah, and says to the king: 'Shout louder! He is a god, you know. Make him hear! Perhaps he is chastening you because you are on a hunt, or gone travelling. Or maybe he is taking a nap. Shout away! Wake him up!' Imagine the groans going through the king's mind on the hill, while Elijah bombards them in this style at his leisure. If Mr. Beecher ever said anything so thoroughly true, this prophet must have done the Jews around him, I should like to hear it—Paul shows it in Acts, XXII, 13: "Why haven't you fasted as we do with the other churches?" Ah! it is one grievance, that you have had me to support. Pray do not lay it up against me!"

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