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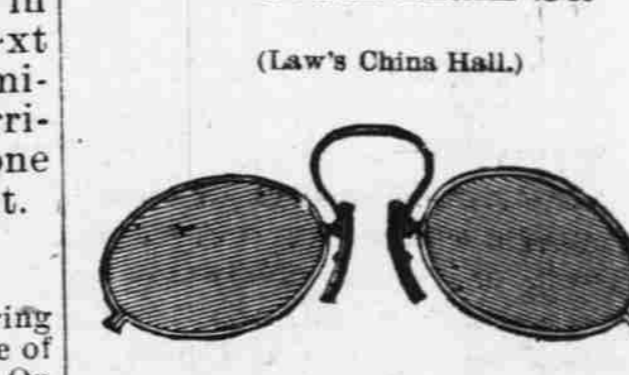
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argument to advance than they did. I scanned the daily papers for several days expecting to see the speaker's reply to the assault, but failed to find it. He certainly must have some ulterior object in view in not replying thereto. In my opinion the man is an organizer traveling from place to place, where his services are mostly needed, in the guise of a mechanic seeking employment, and well paid by the rich and powerful order to which he belongs.

AN OBSERVER OF PASSING EVENTS. A Complaint Which Needs Heeding

OUTLOOK, N. C., July 28, 1891.—In visiting the city of Asheville, one who knew it in former days cannot fail to mark the wonderful improvement within the last few years. It has grown from a town of a few hundred to a city of thousands; and the contrast between the old wooden structures and the present commodious brick residences and places of business is wonderful to contemplate. The improvement on the streets and sidewalks is also in marked contrast with those of a few years ago. But it is a great pity that the police regulations of the city are so imperfect. No attention seems to be paid to the rights of pedestrians on the sidewalks; rather the sidewalks seem to have been turned over to the negroes. You often find them crammed with negro women chattering, giggling and guffawing to the disgust and annoyance of all decent people. I do not object to the negroes walking the streets, but I do object to their being allowed to monopolize them for their special benefit and use. I have seen ladies crowded against the walls by the negro women to my utter disgust. What is your police for? The police of a great city ought to be gentlemen—Knights Errant—and see that the rights of ladies are respected; but it's simply from neglect I reckon.

Mr. Editor, I want to inquire if there is any road law in Madison county? It is almost dangerous to ride through the country on horseback, over what they call the public road. The roads in Madison, if it be lawful to call them roads, consist principally of gullies and mud-holes. Madison is one of the best counties in the west, but if you are to judge of the public spirit of its people by the roads, then it has no public spirit. The people will have to quit raising tobacco, improve their roads, or pack their tobacco to market on mules and oxen.

Can't Bill Nye give us a call? J. AMMONS.

A Baseball Victory.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: Please allow us space in your very nice paper to give the result of a ball game that took place Saturday, July 18, between Mars Hill second nine and the strong team of Gabriel's Creek, aided by some of the Bull Creek champions. The writer witnessed the game and can truly say that all played well and justice was done to every party and all went off nicely. At the close of nine innings the score stood as follows: Mars Hill 8, Gabriel's Creek 4—a victory of four, Mars Hill. This, however, was only the second nine. The first nine has been organized for more than twelve months, during which time they have played quite a number of matches and have never found their equal. We would be glad to play any team west of the Ridge under good character that will meet us on our ground at Mars Hill, Madison county, ten miles east of Marshall. Respectfully, J. & A.

REMARKS

Of Col. G. M. Mundy, of New York, at the Reunion of Co. I, 25th Regiment N. C. State Troops, on Monday, July 23d, 1891.

VETERANS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I admire the spirit that prompts a company of a fighting Confederate regiment that saw bloody service in the late civil war, to ask a northern man to address them on this occasion. Partly to prevent my feelings being misunderstood by declining, I accept the invitation; but can make only a few remarks in consequence of a paralytic infirmity.

I was born, educated and lived all my life before the war, during and many years after it, at the North. But, politically I was not a northern man. Politically, I knew no North, no South. All sections of it consti-

tuted my country, and I could no more love one half and hate the other, than I could love one half and hate the other half of my mother. I was a United States man. I did what I could to maintain the constitution, and was violently opposed to its being illegally changed by any geographical section or political party. I need not add that I was not a republican.

I make this last remark in no partisan spirit. You have met for a nobler purpose than to create and cherish political animosities. You meet to talk of times that tried men's souls—to add fresh fuel to the friendships on the altar erected on this spot thirty years ago to-day; to rejoice together and to mingle tears in remembrance of brave comrades who have gone from this, I trust, to a more peaceful and better world. Peace broods over our land. "Grim-visag'd war hath smoothed his wrinkled front." These mountains no longer reverberate the roar of hostile cannon. The garments dyed in blood have passed away, and now men from all sections of our country and of all political parties can meet here and join in the patriotic song of "Hail Columbia, Happy Land."

Veterans, the Confederate flag is fallen it is true, but Northern and Southern people are fellow countrymen now; and as the sun, when the thunder storm is over, casts a rainbow upon the sky, so your bravery in defending your flag, now the war is over, sheds a halo of glory around the star spangled banner.

You have not met to organize for war. When you leave here it will not be for scenes of carnage where you will hear the clash of resounding arms, and the groans of the wounded and dying; but you will go to peaceful, happy homes where your ears will be greeted by the voices of friendship and love. I must not close without an eulogistic word of the Southern woman during the war. If I were a young man living at the North and wanted a wife, I would take the shortest rail route and the fastest train to North Carolina, and marry the first lady that would have me. Search history and where will you find a page illuminated with sublimer fortitude than that which characterized the Southern women during the war? And if that gratitude could be metamorphosed into granite, a monument to their heroism might be erected on every Southern mountain and in every Southern valley. Veterans of the South, I honor you. Ladies of the South, I love you.

He Thinks He'll Come in One of It.

Mr. Arkell, who runs Frank Leslie's Illustrated paper with the valuable assistance of the name of Russell Harrison, runs Judge without that help and he seems to have reached the conclusion that as he has two papers and one of them must be for Harrison it would be good policy to run the other in the Blaine interest. He has lately come to that conclusion. Last summer Judge published the "Jealous Jim" cartoon, and other caricatures distinctly ridiculing Mr. Blaine. A couple of weeks ago its first page cartoon was not only flattering to Mr. Blaine, but it actually caricatured the editor of Frank Leslie's for making that announcement which Mr. Arkell, owner of both papers, says he wrote, that Mr. Blaine would not be a candidate. Last Week's Judge was even more distinctly for Mr. Blaine. It represented him as an athlete lifting an enormous dumb bell, one end of which was marked "Protection" and the other "Reciprocity." The title of the picture was "The Strongest Man in America." Whether the next Republican convention nominates Mr. Blaine or Mr. Harrison Mr. Arkell intends that one of his papers shall be all right.

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Letters From the People on Various Subjects.

We give the following letters which arrived too late to be used heretofore. We hope the people in various sections will give us, frequently, short letters upon local or interesting events.

The Democrat Endorsed.

[For The Democrat.] EDITOR DEMOCRAT: SIR:—The writer being a citizen of the "Crescent City," sojourning for a time in your beautiful mountain country, inhaling its life-giving air and admiring the handiwork of an all-wise Creator, to be met with at all points the eye for a time may be attracted to, and craving the indulgence of yourself and readers for intruding upon, in what may seem to many, your home and local affairs.

I allude to two editorial comments which appeared in your issue of July 2d, i. e., "Does not Care for the State," and "Nine Hours a Day," both of which meets with my unqualified approval.

As to the former, I cannot command language to put the subject at issue in a more fitting dress, or array in a brighter light, as writing for the press is foreign to my calling, my business in the past being that of a builder and general contractor in the Pellican State.

As to the latter subject I can speak with more freedom, having had an experience of thirty years in handling labor and solving labor problems. I was out promenading with some friends the evening of June 23d ult., when by chance one of the admirably worded circulars announcing the meeting alluded to in your editorial met my eye. I read it through. What attracted and riveted my attention was the first name at the head of the committee of arrangements. I had heard a man of that name speak the latter part of last April in a commodious hall, 205 Canal street, New Orleans, on the labor question and an impending strike, and read the substance of the speech in the form of an interview the following morning in the New Orleans Picaune of April 25th.

I attended the meeting referred to in your county court house, hardly thinking that I should meet and hear the same man speak whom I saw and heard in New Orleans last April, this little city being off the line of general travel of men of his stamp.

You can imagine my surprise better than I can picture it with pen when I saw the same man of New Orleans notoriety arise, clad in very shabby raiment, and commence the speech of the evening—and I may add the only speech of that evening. This man is an unsolved riddle to me, and is a mystery to the Builders' Exchange of New Orleans, to which I belong. He is loaded with figures and facts bearing on the labor question which few is any can be found to content against, and by force of intellect and speech gains the ear and carries his audience with him.

I noticed a few days after the meeting referred to, one of the builders of your city assailed him as being "a New York tramp." I would here say from my knowledge of the man and the order to which he belongs, if he is a tramp it is from choice, as he could have remained in New Orleans and lived the life of a gentleman and never have been compelled to soil his hands.

At the time he appeared on the boards in New Orleans the bricklayers of that city had made a demand for ten cents an hour in their wages, which the Builders' Exchange said in a published card was unreasonable and they would not pay. This man came upon the scene in his scanty raiment and made such an appeal and produced such damaging facts and figures as to at once gain the public sympathy and esteem for himself and the order to which he belonged; and he virtually won the fight without resorting to a strike.

I am in accord with him in nearly all that he advocates on the labor question, believing that a man, if he is master of trade, can do a day's work in nine hours. He, however, goes to great extremes in my opinion in enforcing his union's demands.

It was ungentlemanly, to say the least, that the man should have been assailed in the manner in which he was in the daily press of the city, and it brings a blush of shame to my cheek that men in the same line of business as myself could not find a better

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