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## ASTOR HOUSE.

New York City, Sept. 21, 1881.

Dear Friends and Patrons:—Doubtless any of you will expect to receive this letter from me, but you know I am "a long way" from home, and to drop you "a few lines," is quite consoling to me. I have had "a pretty good time" regardless the rattling "L" trains and bustling-bustling streets. I have taken in nearly all the "shows," didn't get stage-struck since I come this evening. I took a look at our Bill Nye's new play, "The Cadi," being one of the critics, I pronounced it a grand success, very, very good it was. After the performance we all called Bill out from behind the scenes for a speech. He spoke, and expressed his gratitude for my presence. I am coming home soon so don't "worry" about me, I am all right. Well, what I was going on to say, is for you to keep an eye on the larvae, new and pretty stock of fine china, bric-brac, glassware, toys, dolls, and thousands of other novelties, I have just brought here, which will soon be displayed in our large and spacious palace at 41 Patton Avenue. I never in all my life bought so many pretty and cheap things, and you now can be assured that you can get them of me in like manner. I am getting up several new, inexpensive souvenirs, be on the alert, our grand opening will be announced in due time, in conclusion please tell—I will bring the box of "Huylers." With kindest wishes to all, I subscribe,  
Your Friend,  
Thad. W. Thrash.

Editor THE CITIZEN:—You ask my opinion as to the guilt or innocence of one R. P. Willis, who is now serving a term for life in our state prison. I remember very clearly the points in the case, or rather the case of robbery. At that time it was known that two were in the robbery. Halford was known. I watched the development of the case with some interest, until after they were tried and convicted. I remember that Halford and Willis were captured about Del Rio or Newport, Tenn., and the money described as missing was found upon each of their persons. Now, where the third party comes into the arena, I am not able to say. On general principles governing the trial of criminals in North Carolina, I may safely be said that there is so much of milk of human kindness in the breast of her jurors, that fully ninety-nine go unpunished, to one conviction. Hence public feeling on an apparent feeling for the time that an innocent man is suffering under the penalties of the law. The executive should not go wild (and I know that Gov. Holt will not), over the extreme incident to a statement that a citizen of North Carolina has actually been deprived of his liberty for three years, and has an innocent man, North Carolina has no such records.

I think I am brought into the matter that Willis is legally held to pay the penalty of a full conspiracy to rob and hold it necessary the party opposing the robbery. The thing has been fixed. Now for the fixing. The letter bearing date August 2, at Kansas City, without the plan and invoice postmark, there as you say, I not having seen the letter, is said No. 1. The same letter in your issue of 14th (Unknown) lies in the second place, when it says that he met Halford a week before the robbery in Asheville, and later by agreement they met at Buffalo, N. C., and the letter was written there. This is not the conduct of criminals. They will not form acquaintances so fast, and it is simply contrary to human nature and common sense to suppose for a moment that such will happen, taking it for granted that all were criminals. Each will be afraid of the other.

From the anonymous letter Willis went there for the purpose of stealing Halford's children. They were not to go about his work, and not to let sitting on a church step. The Unknown says he gave Halford only half of the smaller stocking which only contained about \$65, on account of his cowardice. Then he says that he helped rob eight express trains. In this he lies for in ten years there has been but four trains held up in the state of Texas. "Oh how it grieves my simple heart when I heard that. Willis was hung for a crime I had committed myself." What a stretch of imagination the "hoax" of this letter made, and it with other statements stamps a fraud at once upon its face. His "simple heart" and this "body written letter for I am no scholar" fall far short of a common sense letter, such as a confessing lie would betray.

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## WAS THE LETTER "FIXED?"

### ANOTHER OPINION ON THE WILLIS CASE.

W. H. Deaver, Chief of the Pinion Detective Agency, Tells "The Citizen" What He Believes in Regard to the Case of R. P. Willis, now in State Prison.

Several days ago THE CITIZEN asked of W. H. Deaver, chief of the Pinion Detective Agency in Asheville, his opinion of the Willis case, which has attracted so much attention and has assumed such an interesting phase. Mr. Deaver was getting ready to leave the city on business, but promised to write THE CITIZEN his views. In accord with that promise Mr. Deaver sends the following:

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How much did Willis have when he was arrested? The fact that a larger part of all the money that was taken, about \$300, I think, was found upon Willis and Halford, Willis is and was the identical John Stewart. Halford and Willis never stopped from the time they left Del Rio, till they did the robbery and got back. Again in Halford's affidavit appears "C. Burnett, J. P." I know Mr. Burnett very well, and well satisfied that he died before July 8th, 1889, the date of swearing to the affidavit. Then again, if Willis made a confession to John Blanton, who was sheriff of Rutherford county at the time I would swear that he told whatever Blanton says he did. I have looked over your papers carefully and unhesitatingly cannot help thinking that there is not play attempted at the mercy seat. Yours truly,  
W. H. Deaver.

## Just a Straw.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—James G. Blaine will soon after the first of the new year notify his friends who are now urging his nomination for the presidency, that under no circumstances could he accept such an honor, and that he is for the re-nomination and re-election of Benjamin Harrison. This information is given the Mail and Express.

## Ocala Resolutions N. G.

ATLANTA, Sept. 24.—Yesterday morning in the Georgia legislature the resolutions as endorsed by the alliance were introduced by Barrett, of Pike county, for the approval and indorsement of that body. The resolutions were defeated by a vote of 81 to 63.

## The Growth of Socialism.

PARIS, Sept. 24.—The French bishops have received instructions requiring them to report to Rome as to the growth of socialism in their dioceses.

## STILL RIOTING IN CHINA.

### Catholic and Protestant Missions Plundered.

VANCOUVER, B. C., September 24.—Further details of riots at Yehang, brought by the steamship Empress of China, state that the Catholic and Protestant missions and houses of Messrs. Cain, Aldridge and Cockburn were plundered and burned. The English custom house and consulate there were left unharmed. The Franciscan sisters were with difficulty saved by the Chinese authorities.

The ostensible cause of the riots was the bringing to the coast of a stolen child by an unknown person. The riot came without any warning. A Franciscan sister, and one of the priests were badly hurt. All are now on board the gunboat Payma. The customs officers are under arms. The damage to property is estimated at \$300,000.

## THE FIELDS BURNED UP.

### THE TERRIBLE HEAT IN ILLINOIS CONTINUES.

The Drouth Must Result in Great Loss and Much Suffering All Through the State if It is Much Longer Continued.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Sept. 24.—The effects of the September heat in this county are apparent everywhere. The grass is burning up and some farmers are beginning to feed their stock from what was intended to be the winter's store. The streams are nearly all dried up and the leaves are falling from the trees prematurely. Such heat and drought are not remembered by the oldest inhabitants.

### WORLD'S FAIR ADVOCATE.

#### An Agent Gets Into Trouble in Asheville.

Some time ago a man giving his name as W. A. Ross, appeared in Asheville. He represented the "World's Fair Advocate," published in Chicago. The plan of the paper was to issue an Asheville edition of 10 pages, containing advertisements of Asheville merchants and a review of the city's advantages. Ross advertised for solicitors to help him in the canvass. He had several answers to his advertisement, and from them selected two young men, Sam C. Eaton and John Jarrett, of this city. Consultations were held, and the young men decided to work for Ross, he promising them the easy salary of \$25 per week. This all seemed nice and clear to the young men, and when Ross whispered that a cash deposit of \$100 was required to be made by all agents, they thought it was all right, and the deposits were made.

But after considerable reflection Eaton and Jarrett became suspicious. They feared Ross might skip, and had him arrested and put in jail. This was on Wednesday. Ross was in a pickle, and sent several telegrams to various points for assistance.

Finally Ross turned over \$150 in cash to Eaton and Jarrett, and gave his watch and jewelry as security for the balance. He was then released from jail and is probably now on his way to another town, where he can have better success with the "Advocate."

The Knoxville Tribune of Tuesday contained an article in reference to the swindle some "World's Fair Advocate" men had perpetrated on the business men of Knoxville. It is presumed that Ross had a hand in the swindle, and the merchants of Asheville would doubtless have been served in a similar manner, had not the scheme been nipped in the bud.

### Col. Polk's Latest Denial.

From a Washington Telegram

As to dispatches charging that he apologized in his speeches for having gone into the Confederate service and spoke approvingly of a strike among the cotton pickers of the south, Col. Polk said: "It is absolutely and unqualifiedly false in every particular. I uttered no sentiment in Kansas or elsewhere which by forced construction could have been contorted into any such expression. It is a lie out of a whole cloth. I have never uttered a sentiment in a northern state that I would not willingly repeat in any southern state. As to the strike of the cotton pickers, I had heard nothing about it until my return to this office."

### Grand Duchess Paul Dead.

MOSCOW, Sept. 24.—Grand Duchess Paul, wife of Grand Duke Paul Alexander-Ovitch, the youngest brother of the Czar, is dead. The grand duchess was previous to her marriage, Princess Alexandra of Greece, the eldest daughter of King George of Greece. She leaves one child, a daughter.

### The Turkish Crops.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 24.—Abundant harvests are reported from most of the Turkish provinces, especially from those situated in Asia Minor. It is estimated that the revenue will exceed that of any previous year by 500,000 Turkish pounds.

### All About Far Africa.

BERLIN, Sept. 24.—The North German Gazette today publishes a letter from Dr. Peters, the African explorer, dated August 8, saying that the country's south of Mount Kilimanjaro in east Africa is delightful in temperature, peaceful and fertile.

### Harvey Watterson Dying.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 24.—Hon. Harvey Watterson, the venerable father of the editor of the Courier-Journal, is lying at the point of death at the residence of his son in this city. He is the sole survivor of the twenty-sixth congress.

### Missouri's Ex-Governor Suicides.

MARYSVILLE, Mo., Sept. 24.—Ex-Gov. Albert P. Moorehouse committed suicide at his residence yesterday.

Why suffer with dyspepsia, biliousness or any disease of the liver when you can be cured by Simmons Liver Regulator.

## ALL QUIET AT BRICEVILLE

### RUMORS OF TROUBLE BUT NOTHING OVERT YET.

It is Believed by Some That the Miners Will Not Make Any Demonstration But Others Think a Release Might Be Effected At Any Day.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 24.—Outwardly all is quiet in Briceville and Coal Creek today, but there is a vague uneasiness discernible all around. A white convict escaped from the Briceville stockade last night. The stockade is heavily guarded and thoroughly equipped for defense. Several guards were sent from here last night. The meeting of miners has been held. If any decision to act was reached it could not be learned. The prevailing opinion about Coal Creek is that no trouble will arise, but a minority hold that the convicts will be released and that the attempt in that direction may be made at any hour.

### QUET WORSHIP.

#### Is It Not Equally Effective With the Noisey Kind?

Editor THE CITIZEN:—I recognize the right of citizens of this country to worship according to the dictates of their own consciences, not only in private, but to assemble for this purpose. But surely no one can claim this right everywhere and at all times, without regard to the rights and comfort of their fellow citizens in their homes and at times when "tired nature" is disposed to be courting "sweet restorer"—"slay sleep."

A case in point is our colored brother Rumley's congregation, who have, for some time, held meetings every night in the little church on Bailey street, near Patton Avenue. I know of no one who objects to their freedom to worship as they do, or in any other "known way"; but the residents within two hundred yards of that point, greatly desire that they would "love their neighbors as themselves" and in consideration for their comfort, go elsewhere to indulge in their demonstrative and mysterious mode of worship, which is their right.

The number and variety of sounds and their conglomeration of heterogeneous simultaneousness, being unlike any other the whole range of nature, is absolutely unique and unobtainable, but also very annoying and disturbing to disinterested outsiders, whose homes are in that neighborhood, including boarders, invalids and citizens. It is an intolerable nuisance, although it may be honest and sincere worship by the participants for it lasts nearly to midnight and long past the usual hour for bed time of many a neighborhood. Can you not persuade them, or persuade those who can see them, to go elsewhere to enjoy their individual but not their public influence, exerted for the accomplishment of this object, will secure for you the gratitude of  
Bailey Street,  
Asheville, N. C., Sept. 24, 1891.

### Philadelphia Nominations.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—The democratic city convention unanimously nominated W. Redwood Wright for city treasurer and Theo. F. Jenkins for register of wills.

### Stock Quotations.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Brie 90; Lake Shore 113; Chicago and Northwestern 122; Erie 9; St. Paul & Northern Pacific 100; West Point Terminal 13; Western Union 8 1/2.

### Baltimore Prices.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 24.—Flour, dull and unchanged; wheat, super \$2.40; extra \$2.50; No. 2 red, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 2 white, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 1 white, spot and month 103 1/2; No. 1 yellow, spot and month 103 1/2; No. 2 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 3 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 4 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 5 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 6 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 7 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 8 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 9 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 10 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 11 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 12 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 13 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 14 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 15 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 16 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No. 17 yellow, spot and month 102 1/2; No.