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DID YOU GET A VALENTINE?

IF YOU DID NOT, YOU'RE NOT IN THE FASHION.

Many of Asheville's Well Known People Received the Missives That Cheer But Don't Inebriate—Some of the Inscriptions.

St. Valentine's day—"lovers' day"—has come again. This information can scarcely be called news. For who is there, interested in the coming of this festival every year, that has not known of the approach of the day; aye, that has not counted the hours, almost, until the arrival of the time when they might send to some loved one a dainty white missive, conveying the compliments of the day, or the message, veiled though it might be, telling of an affection that was more than mere friendship?

The postmen, in many cases, were the most anxiously awaited fellows in town today. Many a fairy form waited by the window and watched for the carrier, and, seeing him, ran lightly to the door and received the expected valentine—or valentines, for, you know, there is no law which says a girl may not receive valentines from more than one fellow.

Although the fair sex received the bulk of the valentines today (which, of course, THE CITIZEN could not print in a month) they did not receive all, by any means. And it is some of those that the girls did not receive that this paper has got hold of and proposes to print.

From Hapel Chill, not a thousand miles from Asheville, came a valentine to Chas. A. Webb, from which this rhyme is taken:

There's a name that's never spoken
Unless "we" boys are jokin'—
Then it's spoken in a whisper
And with pity, that is all;
We have got her on the list now
And, though we sang unto her just now,
We can never, hardly ever,
Say "Asheville."

W. B. Gwyn, who cast some reflections on the importance of Atkin street received this:

Hey diddle-de-diddle,
The cat and the fiddle;
They're not going to pave Grove street.
The Advisory Board laughed
And said "Why, he's daft—
Our city, when paved can't be beat."

The initials H. C. H. appeared on the paper, and Mr. Gwyn has his suspicions.

Of course somebody was sure to remember Mayor Blanton, and that dignitary received a valentine that was pink tinted, hand painted, and bore this burst of heart-throb:

Chas. Blanton, on a winter's day
Devised a plan to make some hay.
He ran a paper (in his mind),
But ne'er a copy can you find.
Ta-ra-ra, etc.

The "swift-paver," John S. Key, laughed till he showed his solid gold tooth when he opened his mail and ran across this:

There was a lightning paver
And his name was John S. Key—
And he had a golden tooth,
And he was a hustling youth—
Some days he'd pave a mile perhaps—
And perhaps it might be less;
He'd hang up when it rained a piut
And let the workmen rest;
But now he's got a gait on him
And things are sure to hum—
If good weather'll only come.

It is believed that Inspector Murray indited the classic lines to Mr. Key.

Janitor Erwin, of the city hall, sent these words to a frequent visitor on Fridays:

You may move, you may scatter
The Board, if you will;
But you, the one constant,
Will hang 'round it still.

One of "Tom" Jones' many admirers sent him this:

When an illustrating preacher is a-preaching,
Is a-preaching,
And the lawyer occupieth not his time,
Not his time;
Then the preacher uses names that are familiar,
Are familiar,
And the lawyer uses language that won't rhyme.

A prominent member of the Advisory Board received this mark of esteem, in chirography very much like that of Col. Martin:

There was a little man and he had a little curl,
And he wore a stylish little hat, hat, hat;
He took the Board to court and got a good report,
And now the Board don't know where it is at, at, at.

With the postmark "Ramoth" on its face came a valentine to J. E. Rumbough, mayor of Montford, running thus:

On Montford's bound'ry line we stand,
And cast a longing glance;
We would annex that goodly land,
But we have lost our chance.

The proudest man in town, though, is Maj. Blair, who received these lines from his young friend, Baby Ruth:

Here's a hammer for Major,
Good and hard and round;
When he goes to sell things
Oh, how he can pound!

The Major says the pome reads a little ragged, but, as he says, "you can't expect such a little lady to compose poetry just as if she were a galvanized Irishman."

Alderman Elisha Baird got a few brief lines, to this effect, namely, towit, viz, &c.:

Dr. Baird he went a-fishing,
For the P. O.—and he did well.
But will he get it? O, I think not—
For he last supported Bidwell.

Dr. Baird says the only trouble about this poem is that there is not a word of truth in the rumor that he wanted the postoffice.

City Clock Keeper Cosby was tickled by the receipt of this:

Hickory, dickory, dock,
Ben Cosby's keeping the clock;
The clock runs down,
And confuses the town,
But that don't confuse Cosby.

The poet was evidently in a hurry to catch the mail and couldn't make the proper climax in the last line.

Many other well known people received little reminders of the day, but space will not allow the reproduction of all of them. Those given are printed for what they are worth. If they are worth nothing, don't take them.

Remember that cars leave Depot for Sulphur Springs every hour from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m.; returning leave Springs every hour from 8:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

RECORDER'S COURT.

A Case of Obstructing the Sidewalks of the City.

In Recorder Miller's court this morning Chas. Arnold, colored, was up for cutting Maria Williams, also colored, on the arm with a knife. The affair occurred on Poplar street. Arnold was sent up in default of a $100 bond.

Ren Haney, Dr. S. W. Battle's hostler, was arraigned for obstructing the sidewalk. Haney was in a crowd at the intersection of Eagle and South Main streets yesterday, and when Patrolman Glenn ordered the crowd to disperse, as it was blocking the walk, Haney refused and became very impudent. The Recorder reserved his decision until he could hear a statement from Dr. Battle, at the latter's request.

A pistol carrier was fined $30, a drunk $5 and a violation of section 862 $2.

Referring to the Haney case Mr. Miller said he thought it was about time a stop was put to the obstruction of sidewalks, especially about the square, by loafers. THE CITIZEN hears of a case that happened yesterday, while two or three patrolmen were near the square. Three ladies wished to go down South Main from north court place, but on account of the crowd on the sidewalk in front of the court house, were forced to take to the muddy street. Mr. Glenn's endeavors to abate this nuisance are worthy of emulation by every member of the force.

MME. DE LESSEPS SPEAKS.

"The Enormity of the Sentence" Commented On.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The Figaro publishes an interview with Mme. Ferdinand de Lesseps obtained since the conviction and sentence of her husband. She said that her husband was very weak. A week ago he was seized with a delerium that lasted for a day. Then he had a relapse and had since remained in a state of coma. Mme. de Lesseps said:

"I prefer this result. It is a fitting climax that both father and son should be condemned. The very enormity of the sentences the better protects our honor than less thorough-going injustice would have done.

"I do not need consolation, for I have reached the end of my Calvary. Nevertheless there is one thing above all I cannot forgive, and that is before striking at such a man they waited until physical infirmity had rendered it impossible for him to defend himself. It is better perhaps that Ferdinand de Lesseps should be unable to know the frightful character of the blow."

THE GOLD RESERVE.

Sherman's Silver Law Must be Repealed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Senate finance committee has decided to report favorably Sherman's proposition providing for the issue of five year, three per cent. bonds to maintain gold reserve.

Secretary Charles Foster returned from New York this morning. He said, in answer to a question, that there was not at this time any probability of his issuing bonds to build up a gold reserve. He felt that he could continue to secure all the gold necessary to meet foreign shipments for some time yet to come. He said the financial world in New York was a unit for the repeal of the Sherman silver law which they said would immediately put a stop to the export of gold.

Secretary Foster held this conversation while walking from the treasury to the White House to lay before a Cabinet meeting the result of his conferences with New York bankers.

CLEVELAND'S CABINET.

As It Stands Now Subject to Change.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Mr. Cleveland is said to be very much surprised at the show of hostility to Judge Gresham's appointment on the part of some of the Democratic members of Congress. He is said to feel that in the selection of his Cabinet ministers, his own wishes should govern him entirely. In the matter of the other appointments in his gift he is said to feel differently.

As it stands now Judge Gresham will be Secretary of State; John G. Carlisle, Secretary of the Treasury; Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary of War; Wm. L. Wilson, Attorney General; W. S. Bissell, Postmaster General; Hillary Herbert, Secretary of the Navy; Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, and Secretary of Agriculture yet to be chosen.

NOT THE ALDERMAN.

But Dr. J. S. T. Baird Who is a Candidate for P. M.

Alderman Baird tells THE CITIZEN that the item printed yesterday in regard to his candidacy for the postmastership was an erroneous statement. "Why," he says, I have had no petition out, and, more than that, I have not thought of such a thing."

Mr. Baird is known by everybody as "Doctor," and this fact caused the mistake. THE CITIZEN's informant stated that he had seen Dr. Baird's petition, and it was supposed that the Alderman was referred to. It turns out, however, that Dr. J. S. T. Baird, who lives on Beaverdam, was meant.

Revenue Collections.

The internal revenue collections for the Fifth district of North Carolina for the month of January were $167,142.87, derived from the following sources:

Lists	$ 647 09
Spirits	60,117 30
Cigars and Cigarettes	455 87
Tobacco	105,587 69
Special taxes	634 92
Total	$167,142 87

Prof. Hume's Lecture.

A splendid lecture may be expected in the Y. M. C. A. course next Friday evening. Prof. Thomas Hume, of the University of North Carolina, will deliver a lecture on "Shakespearian Side-Lights on English Life." Mr. Hume has given this lecture in numerous places, and has drawn forth most favorable comment. Tickets may be purchased at the rooms at any time; 25 cents each.

G. M. Carter, Chester, S. C., writes: "A negro boy here had a bad case of scrofula. The doctor said it would kill him. I got him to use Botanic Blood Balm. He took a dozen bottles and is now well. He has not used any of it for four months and continues well."

HOME RULE BATTLE ON

GREAT DEMONSTRATION IN GLADSTONE'S HONOR.

House of Commons Members Rush To Their Seats Like Cattle Into a Fresh Spring Pasture—An Old Man Trampled On.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Timothy Harrington has sent circulars to members of the National League requesting them to send delegates to a convention of Parnellites to be held in Dublin just before the second reading of the home rule bill. The object of the convention will be to decide upon the acceptance or repudiation of the home rule bill by the Parnellite members of the House.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—From early morning the scene in the palace yard, Westminster, was one of the most animated description. A crowd assembled to watch the arrival of members. H. J. Folloy, nationalist member for Cuvmora was first to arrive, closely followed by David Sheepy, secretary of the first National Federation. When noon arrived the inner lobby was packed with members and the approaches were crowded. When the doors were opened there was a disorderly rush for seats, the members shouting and struggling like mob execursionists on a holiday, several being thrown to the floor. The veteran, Caleb Wright, 82 years of age, was knocked down and trampled on before being rescued by John Burns, the vigorous labor representative.

Gladstone entered the House of Commons at half past three. Every liberal and Irish nationalist stood up and greeted him with prolonged cheers. When Gladstone rose to introduce his home rule bill there was another demonstration so earnest, so enthusiastic and so irrepressible that it took several minutes before he could be heard.

Gladstone's home rule offers to Ireland a Legislature, free to deal in all Irish affairs, and an executive government responsible to that Legislature. In all the main principles, and in political machinery, it is provided much better than by the bill of 1886. The Irish parliamentary party at a meeting specially summoned after the delivery of Gladstone's great speech cordially accepted the new home rule constitution as a satisfactory scheme of Irish national self government, subject to endeavors in the committee to improve the proposed financial arrangements and to have the time shortened wherein the land question is to be withheld from the purview of the Irish national legislature. The press associations are authorized by the party to transmit the resolution to the friends and supporters of Irish liberty in the United States and Canada.

BEATEN AGAIN.

Republicans Force the Democrats to Give Time to Talk.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—In the House today, Muchler moved that they go into committee of the whole for consideration of the invalid pension appropriation bill. The Republicans began to filibuster over the limitation of the debate. Again the Democrats were obliged to yield to the Republican demand that six hours' debate be acceeded to the minority, and it was agreed that general debate should close tomorrow at three o'clock. Mr. Hatch incidentally gave notice that, if the appropriation bill were not disposed of in a reasonable time, he would ask for consideration of the anti-option bill. The House then resumed consideration of the pension bill.

L. & N. Firemen May Strike.

TERRE HUTE, Ind., Feb. 14.—A telegram was received at the headquarters of the Brotherhood Locomotive firemen yesterday from Chairman Perkins, of the grievance committee of the firemen on the Louisville and Nashville system, asking Grand Master Sargent to come to Louisville at once. The telegram was forwarded to Sargent at La Grande, Oregon. The supposition at headquarters is that two-thirds of the Louisville and Nashville firemen have voted in favor of a strike.

The Shadow of Cholera.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The weather is moderating all over the continent, and the warm sunshine is bringing back to life the cholera germs. Next week promises to show a wider spread of the great plague. Vienna is sending invitations to all nations to an international health congress to formulate some plan of fighting the common foe, and in England Southampton is begging Parliament to vote money to keep a rigid quarantine.

Three Turbulent Republics.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—Daniel Sweeney, an American merchant who returned yesterday from a three months' trip through Central America, reports that Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador are all under martial law, and that it is dangerous for a stranger to travel there, even when provided with a pass issued by the military authorities.

No Peruvian Exhibit.

LIMA, Feb. 11.—The Supreme court of Peru has decided that the appropriation providing for the expenses of an exhibit at Chicago was illegally made. This will make a Peruvian exhibit at the World's Fair.

Santa Maria Off for New York.

LISBON, Feb. 12.—The caraval Santa Maria, in tow of the cruiser Isla de Cuba, started for New York today. She will sail alone from the Canaries.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans and Mobile have begun.

The floods at Brisbane and other parts of Queensland caused a loss of $15,000,000.

It is stated that Gen. Thos. T. Eckert will succeed Dr. Green as president of the Western Union Telegraph company.

The Hawaii annexation commissioners were with Secretary Foster about fifteen minutes today, but nothing of importance was transacted.

The only business transacted in the Senate executive session yesterday was the presentation of the nomination of Judge Jackson. Objection was made, and the nomination went over until the next executive session.