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A TOUCHING SCENE. I have seen the American flag in many countries and circumstances. I have seen it floating at the head of a great war squadron. I once saw it carried, ragged and wet with blood, but triumphant, from a battle field which was strewn with the corpses of men who had died to defend it. But nowhere has it seemed to me more touchingly and impressively used than in a homely little scene, which I happened to be a witness during the civil war.

In August, 1863, I was going from West Virginia to Philadelphia through Pennsylvania. The south-bound trains that summer were heavily loaded with troops and provisions for the army, but going back they carried few passengers. At Pittsburgh, when the train rolled into the station, a great, silent crowd waited for it. A splendid funeral car stood in the background surrounded by troops, and the street was filled by a long line of closed carriages. A volunteer officer in the Union army, who had been a man of influence and high position in Pittsburgh, had been killed in the last battle, and now his native city mourned for him and did him honor.

The coffin, rich in decorations and covered with flowers, was reverently borne from the car. The troops presented arms; the standards, draped with black, were lowered, and the air was filled with the solemn music of funeral marches. After a short delay, the train rolled on its way.

Late that afternoon it stopped at a little station among the Alleghany Mountains. The station-house was but a rough shed; a pig was rooting under the platform. In the background was a squalid cabin in a potato patch. The whole landscape spoke of barrenness and helpless poverty. Standing on the platform was a woman, a poor country girl. She wore an old, patched gown that clung limply to her thin body, and a calico sunbonnet which she had thrown back that she might better watch the train. A little barefooted boy clung to her, but she did not heed him. Her face was pinched and bloodless. She leaned forward, staring with childish, dilated eyes into each car as it passed.

There was a grating sound as the trainmen dragged a rough pine box from the freight car and laid it upon the platform. The woman went up to it, and without a word or a tear dropped down and clasped her arms about it. There was not a man on the train who did not uncover his head, but she saw nothing of the many strange, pitying eyes fixed on her. Her boy came to her, crying, "Where is papa! You said he would come!" She did not hear or answer; only clasped the box closer.

The tragedy was so squalid, so hopeless, that the onlookers saw only its cruelty. Why should this poor farm boy be struck down, and this helpless wife and her child be left to struggle and to suffer? Why need there be this waste of human life? Just then a man ran out of the station carrying a tattered old flag and spread it proudly over the box.

And at the touch of it, it seemed to us who watched, as if our country laid her hand on the poor coffin and said: "This is my son. He died for me. Pay reverence to him." The train steamed slowly away. The setting sun threw its low light over the lonely group on the platform—the woman and her child and her dead—but the flag ennobled this poor martyrdom. Never in the triumphs of peace or fury of battle it express with more emphasis the majesty of our country than when it claimed the poor volunteer as its son, one of its heroes to be honored for all time.

The Best Plaster. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with a pain in the chest or side, or a lame back, give it a trial. You are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. For sale by W. W. Griggs & Son., Drug-gists.

N. Y. NEGROES MEETING.

Speeches Made Denouncing The White People of the South.

SOUTHERN LADIES TOO EASY TO INSULT.

What Do the White Republicans of North Carolina Think of This?—If Such Speeches Had Been Made in the South the "Orators" Would be Done Away With in Short Order. Special from New York, says: Despite the best efforts of its organizers, the meeting of negroes at Cooper Union tonight to denounce the action of the white people at Wilmington, N. C., evinced a spirit of revenge.

Some of the speeches were moderate in remarks, but the others which aroused the most enthusiasm spoke of "the day to come, sooner or later, when the blacks should revenge themselves for all the persecutions they have undergone," and one speech was along the very lines which resulted in the Wilmington riots. An amendment to the resolutions which advocate retaliatory measures was smothered. The meeting was called to order by T. Thomas Fortune, the negro editor, who introduced ex-Minister to Hayti Barrett, as chairman. Letters of sympathy were read from several persons.

Then Fortune made a speech, in which he appealed against the "mobocracy of the South," to the better feeling of this great country. When he asked how negroes should demand their rights, the answer came from all parts of the hall: "Fight for them! Fight! Fight!" Fortune attempted to calm the crowd, but a man yelled: "No, no; kill 'em! Kill 'em! Give them what they give us!" Fortune finally got order and continued, as follows: "I can't blame any man for feeling some resentment, but he's a fool who butts his head against a stone wall. Let the white men of the South proclaim themselves a lawless clement. But let us have patience."

Lawson N. Fuller was the next speaker, and he expressed the opinion that "the Southern ladies are too easily insulted, anyway." Joseph D. Peaker, president of State Summer League of Connecticut, demanded a union of the colored race. Then George W. Brown, one of the negroes who escaped from North Carolina only to meet violence in Virginia, was introduced. But he had nothing to say.

Dr. Scott, a preacher from North Carolina, made a speech when a white Southerner present said: "He would not have lived to finish it if he had made it in the South." He pointed out the high favor in which the blacks were held before the war, and said the same would be true now if not for the increasing prosperity of the blacks, and other expressions. W. H. Brooks, another negro "preacher," said in the course of his speech: "Let us keep cool. Keep a grip on yourself, and your teeth tight closed. Win peacefully if you can, but if not—well, if there's nothing else to do, if you've got to die, don't die by yourself." Cheers and yells.

The Wilmington negro, Manly, did not show up. The sooner a cough or cold is cured without harm to the sufferer the better. Lingered colds are dangerous. Hacking coughs is distressing. Why suffer when such a cough cure is within reach? It is pleasant to the taste. Griggs & Son.

NEGRO CONDEMS MANLY.

John C. Dancy, Colored Collector of Customs at Wilmington, Makes Statement in New York. (New York Times, 20th) John C. Dancy, the collector of the port of Wilmington, N. C., is in the city, and yesterday attended the services at the Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, at Tenth and Bleeker streets. The pastor, the Rev. M. R. Franklin, is entertaining him at his house. Mr. Dancy left Wilmington last week during the progress of the race war in that city, but he denies emphatically that he left for fear of being a victim of the wrath of the white citizens of Wilmington. In conversation with a reporter yesterday Mr. Dancy talked at length of the present perturbed state of affairs in his State.

"Manly," said he, is responsible for the whole unfortunate condition of things. When he published his editorial reflecting upon the white women of the State, I with other leading colored men of Wilmington held a conference with him and urged him to retract the article. We even went so far as to write an

editorial retracting the one written by Manly, but he would not publish it. If he had done so there would have been no race war in Wilmington. He accepted the advice of others and the folly of his course is shown by the events which followed.

"The intelligent colored people of the State did not endorse the utterances of Manly, and if he had acted wisely there would have been no bloodshed in Wilmington. And then, too, the committee of colored citizens appointed for the purpose of suppressing Manly's paper blundered in not making known at once their disapproval of Manly's course, and their determination to get rid of him. I do not believe that it was the intention of the white citizens to wreck or destroy his office, but when the committee of colored citizens were apparently indifferent to the suppression of Manly, this enraged the white citizens and the wreck of the office followed.

"Prior to the recent regrettable occurrences the relationship existing between the white and colored citizens of North Carolina was most cordial and amicable. I believe that peace will be secured permanently, and that the former pleasant relationships will be restored. But the white men of the South will not tolerate any reflection upon their women, and it is a mistaken idea to reflect upon them, whether it be by Mr. Manly in North Carolina or by Mrs. Grannis here in New York, while Mr. Manly was in Wilmington.

"Our people can easily adjust the present condition of affairs by using good judgement. It is this quality, when properly exercised, which will mean our salvation. Wild speeches and abuse will do no good. The negro is in and is of the South, and it is there that he must triumph. He can do this by using all endeavors to avoid the increase of prejudice against him. I believe that the negro of the South will rise to still undreamed heights in the South, even if he must come to them through fear and trembling."

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, Inactive Liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar coated, don't gripe or cause nausea. Griggs & Son.

WANCHESE.

Miss Leona Hooker is teaching school at Body Island. Mr. T. H. Barnum, of Body Island, spent last Saturday night and Sunday with us. Sheriff Cudworth returned last Saturday night after a pleasant trip to E. City and Plymouth.

Rev. N. Cox preached an excellent sermon last Sunday night. He will lecture here next Saturday night. Rev. J. Barker will preach his last sermon here next Sunday morning on this appointment. We hope to have him with us next year.

A remarkable thing occurred here last week. Two young men of this place were out hunting, and seeing a rabbit, one stopped for the other to shoot him, and the rabbit came and jumped upon the ones knee who had stopped. He caught him and now has him tame.

Mr. R. Z. Willis, of Norfolk, came last Saturday night to visit relatives and friends in this place. Mr. Willis was in the battle in Cuba, he held a position on the "Montgomery," and this being his first visit home in three years, we have made every effort to show him a good time. After a grand reception given at his home last night, several conveyances were sent up and all enjoyed a fine drive to the steamer.

When you ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined. Griggs & Son.

Mumford. Charley Brite, of Norfolk, spent part of last week in Newland township.

Clan Carver, of Norfolk, is visiting relatives and friends at Mumford.

Mr. William Brothers, of E. City, spent part of last week at Mumford, the guest of W. T. Stafford.

The M. E. Church held its quarterly conference in Newland last Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. R. L. Hinton and Bill Ware, of Mumford, went to Norfolk to purchase some mill machinery for their mill in Newland township.

About Catarrh. It is caused by a cold or succession of colds, combined with impure blood. Its symptoms are pain in the head, discharge from the nose, ringing noises in the ears. It is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla which purifies and enriches the blood, soothes and rebuilds the tissues and relieves all the disagreeable sensations. Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. Mailed for 25c. by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Manteo. Miss Bessie Davis returned to her home in Beaufort, N. C. last Saturday night.

Mrs. Albert Evans is very much impaired in health; so that she is unable to continue her sewing.

We hear that Dr. F. P. Gates is looking for a place in Manteo, with a view to moving here, again.

Mr. Dan Sawyer left Monday night on the Ray for Norfolk, where he expects to occupy his time in engineering.

Miss Mary Richardson died last Wednesday evening after several months illness, and was buried Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. B. G. Crisp returned last Saturday night with her children, after a lengthy visit to her parents. She and her husband have rented rooms at Mr. Thos. Midgett's.

Quite a number of the people of this place are preparing to attend the N. C. Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which convenes in E. City next week.

Mr. Solomon Baum of Princess Anne County Va., a former resident of this place, was brought here for burial, Monday night; and was buried in the old family burying ground at Mr. Frank Meekins', Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. He died in the 55th year of his age.

Mr. Patrick Etheridge, who was very badly hurt during Court week at Mr. R. C. Evans store, by stepping on a banana peeling, that caused him to fall, and has been at Mr. Thos. Midgett's under Dr. Fearig's treatment, was moved to his home at Buxton on last Monday.

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CHALLENGE SALE

IF BARGAIN NEWS be good news, this story will justify its headline. There is much in that which follows that has never been printed before—prices given that we think are wholly without precedent, and on goods which, as you know, are not only merely reliable, but desirable, stylish, largely exclusive in pattern and fairly priced before this price-cutting started.

Calico, Handsome styles and new design in dress Calico; also the usual styles light or baby calico—challenge price 3 1/2 cts. the yard.

Ginghams, Apron check Ginghams, the usual 6c. quality while they last, our challenge price is 4 1/2 cts. the yard.

Bleached Cottons, Fruit of the Loom and Androscoggin bleached cottons one yard wide, 10 yards is our limit to one customer, our challenge price 5 1/2 c. the yard.

Dress Goods, One lot of twelve pieces of Dress goods known with us as lot X; these are all wool goods and some have silk mixtures, these goods are usually sold everywhere for 25c. the yard, our challenge price 19c.

Z, is another lot of Dress goods of a much better grade, this lot is comprised of all wool and silk mixtures, Tricots, Flannels and all wool storm serge, not a piece in the lot not worth 35c. to make "Em" hum, our challenge price is 24c. the yard.

We challenge the town on Blankets. Prices from 50 cts. per pair up.

Capes, Double Capes known with us as lot Number 1, trimmed in black fur and braid really worth \$1.50; we only have eleven of "em" left, to close the lot our challenge price is 98c.

Capes, Lot No. 2, a better quality black, cape really worth \$2.50; this is also a double cape trimmed in Fur, beads and Sutache braid for this cape, our challenge price is \$1.38.

Capes, While we are on the subject of capes would call your attention to our Gray Melton Cloth Cape known with us as lot No. 3; this is a very handsome and showy garment trimmed in gray fur and black and gold colored Sutache braid, this is exceedingly cheap at our regular price \$2.25 but for this sale, our challenge price is \$1.38.

CAPES, Lot No. 4 is a small quantity of plush capes usual price \$2.50, trimmed in long black Angora Fur, we have placed our challenge price at \$1.58c.

Pins, 1c a paper, 6 papers for 5c, is our challenge price.

Brown Cottons, One yard wide, worth 6c per yard, our challenge price 4 cts. the yard.

COTTON FLANNEL, Good quality worth 5c per yard, our challenge price 3 1/2 cts. the yard.

COTTON FLANNEL, Better than the above lot really worth from 7c to 8c the yard, our challenge price is 5 cts. the yard.

COTTON FLANNEL, Better grade of goods, really a roc quality, our challenge price 8 cts. the yard.

Shoes, Sunday shoes for some others would wear "em" seven days in every week, really worth \$1.25, challenge price 89c. sizes 2 1/2 to 8's both button and lace.

Shoes, Lakewood, this is the name of one of our most popular selling shoes for Ladies both in Spring Heel and Heel both button and lace, common sense and the new style coin and bull dog toes worth \$1.75, challenge price \$1.25.

Shoes, All of our \$2.50 and \$3.00 shoes for Ladies for this sale only, the challenge price \$1.98.

Cotton Flannel Drawers for men, really a good quality, full sizes, guaranteed to fit, really worth much more, our challenge price 25c. per pair.

Drawers for men, a better quality, usual price 50c., challenge price 35c. a pair.

SOAP: Lily Boquet and Butter Milk Soap, 3 cakes in a box, challenge price 5c per box.

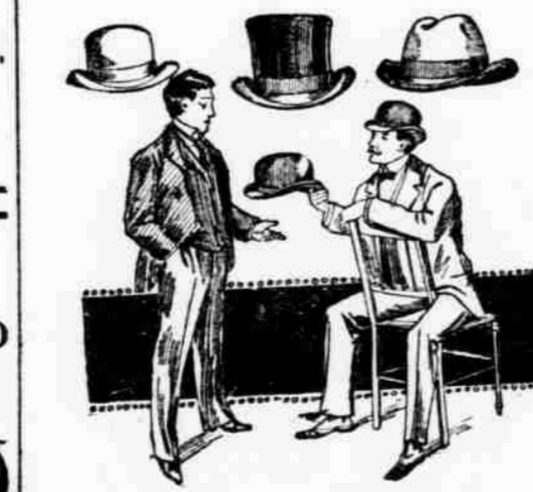
Good quality of Talcon Powder, challenge price 8c box.

The Best Hook and Eyes, usual price 5c, now 3c. or two cards for 5c.

Last, but by no means the least, upon this lot is our stock of ready to wear Clothing for Men, Boys and Children. It is our intention to close out this entire stock, hence we offer extremely low prices during this Challenge Sale.

People who wish to Save Money will trade here. People know what we advertise to do WE DO.

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