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Better to hope 'til the clouds hang low, And to keep the eyes still lifted, For the sweet blue sky will soon peep through.

When the ominous clouds are rifted, There was never a night without a day, Nor an evening without a morning, And the darkest hour, the proverb goes, Is the hour before the dawning.

There's many a gem in the path of life, Which we pass in idle pleasure, Which is richer far than a jeweled crown, Or the miser's hoarded treasure, It may be the love of a little child, Or a mother's prayer to heaven, Or only a beggar's grateful thanks For a cup of water given.

Better to weave in the web of life, A bright and golden filling, And God will with a ready heart, And hands that are swift and willing, Than to snap the delicate silver threads Of our various lives asunder, And then blame heaven for the tangled ends, And sit and grieve and wonder.

IT MAY BE A MASCOT.

Arp on the Way the Figure 9 Appears in the New Year.

1899. I was ruminating about this riddle of the 9's. 1 and 8 are 9, and that makes three 9's in a row. 18 are two 9's, and that makes four 9's in a row. The three 9's make 27, and the 2 and 7 make 9. The four 9's make 36, and the 3 and 6 make 9. Maybe this year of the 9's is to be a mascotte, and we will have peace and prosperity in the land. Maybe the lion will lay down with the lamb, and the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and not learn war any more.

Maybe, I say. But there are some signs of peace on this side of the water—peace between the north and the south. McKinley has made a break of it, and if he can control his party, Congress will fix up our confederate graveyards. Then the next thing will be to pension our confederate veterans and widows just like they do theirs, and last of all, to apologize. I never will be satisfied until they apologize and beg our pardon. Any gentleman will do that, and feel better for having done it, for they know by this time that they were in the wrong, though it has taken a long time for them to find it out and repent. Surely we are the most forgiving people in the world, or we wouldn't make so much ado over the offer to fix up our graveyards, for the truth is, our women have already fixed them up and our dead are comfortable under their care. But it is a sign of good will and foreshadows an apology in the near future. Tom Reed wants to get ahead of McKinley in the south, and I expect will introduce a Bill of Apology at the next session. Pensions and apologies will be his slogan. It won't take a great deal of money for our veterans and widows, for there are not many left, but it will cause those who are left to live longer, for

Time cuts down all, Both great and small, Except a pension soldier, Who do not die, But multiply, And never grow any older.

An old friend told me that the alienation between the north and south was owing more to diet and climate than it was to slavery or negroes. Said he, they live on cold bread and canned goods and codfish, and drink tea, while we live on ham and eggs and hot rolls and beat biscuit and drink coffee. Their diet is as cold and shivering as their climate, while ours is rich and warm and stimulating like our sunshine. Hence, they are inclined to be cold-hearted and selfish. We feasted McKinley down here on southern food, and warmed him to the heart and made him feel generous and kind, and so he made that confederate speech and wore that veteran's badge because he felt good inside. If he had stayed down here a few weeks longer he would have spoken for pensions and apologized.

Maybe there is something in that, for I have observed that northern people who domicile with us for any length of time always take our side and defend us. But my candid opinion is that the classes at the north who are most in the way of peace are editors and preachers. The editors want some scandal to feed their readers on and the abuse of the south is like regular stock and trade and is always in demand. It is a good cement for the party and keeps it solid, for if their readers differ on home politics they can always harmonize by abusing us. The leading New York republican paper is just as malignant since McKinley made his southern tour as it was before. Mr. McKinley played on the harmonium, but the Press won't dance to the music.

As for the preachers, my candid opinion is the majority of them have no more real religion than did Henry Ward Beecher. Like the editors, they rely on sensation to fill their pews and their pockets. With a few exceptions, their Thanksgiving sermons had neither love to God nor charity to man, and they went out of the text to give the south a slam or a stab. I used to have great respect and reverence for ministers of the gospel. I really believed they were ordained of God for the sacred calling, but in my later years that reverence has weakened and it seems to me now that most of them are only ordained of men. The pulpit, both north and south, has been degraded and has lost its high standard. Hardly a week passes but some preacher has committed some crime and created a sensation. Churches are torn asunder and the people divided into bitter factions. Sensational preaching is the order of the day, and every now and then a scandal with a woman in the case occurs. Undignified and bitter controversies in the newspapers feed the public mind and delight those who are outside of the pale of the church.

I was called on yesterday for charity for a poor, unfortunate family that lives a few miles away, and was informed that the only daughter, a girl of seventeen, who

A NATION'S DOINGS.

The News From Everywhere Gathered and Condensed.

Severely cold weather prevails in Alaska, and Lake Bennett is freezing over.

A violent storm of wind and rain swept over Mobile, Ala., Saturday, tearing off roofs and uprooting trees.

Two tramps who had been given shelter by John Wellner, of Lafayette, Minn., Tuesday night, murdered their benefactor during the night.

An explosion of gasoline wrecked the store of Keil & Son, at Pemberville, O., Saturday night, killing Augustus Keil, a member of the firm.

Domestic trouble induced Mrs. George Wietinger, of New York, to kill herself and suffocate her four-year old daughter with gas, Monday night.

By the wreck of a Houston and Texas Central train on a trestle near McKinney, Tex., Monday, forty passengers were injured, some seriously.

A deadlock continues in the Delaware Legislature, the Republicans being unable to organize the House after taking fifty ballots on the speakership.

The worst blizzard of the winter struck Central Kentucky on Saturday. The rain turned into a sleet, followed by snow, and all traffic was impeded.

In desperation with an attack of the grip, Samuel Barrett, a railroad station agent at Nashua Junction, N. H., committed suicide with poison Saturday.

The collapse of improvised banks in a hall at Columbus, O., Friday night, caught 200 members of the Fourth Ohio Regiment in the wreck, and some were severely injured.

At Middleton, O., Tuesday, Philip Kuch was shot and killed by John Gifford, who then committed suicide in a quarrel over a crop of tobacco raised by Kuch on Gifford's farm.

An explosion of gasoline in the steam laundry of H. L. Greer, at Milford, Del., Thursday, caused a fire which destroyed that structure, and seriously damaged several stores.

Ninety persons were panic-stricken by a fire in East Ninety seventh street tenement, New York, Sunday night, and Henry Merstein leaped from a window and was fatally injured.

While attempting to put out a fire in her home at Philadelphia, Sunday night, Mrs. Margaret Welsh was fatally burned. The blaze started by the accidental upsetting of an oil lamp.

During a fire which occurred while they were alone in the house, Grace, John and Eugene Wesley, children, were suffocated at their home, near Catonsville, Md., Thursday, while the parents were in a neighboring field.

While making repairs at the mouth of the Cayuga colliery, near Scranton, Pa., Friday, William McHale, a mine carpenter, opened the wrong gate of the hoisting shaft and walked into the abyss. He fell over 600 feet, and his body was crushed out of shape.

Foreign Affairs.

The Filipino Parliament will reassemble at Malolos, Thursday.

General Ludlow has 100 rifles seized in several provinces, Havana.

There is a movement in France to abolish representation of the colonies in parliament.

A large protest against Germany's restriction of livestock imports from America.

According to the latest advices the American troops have not landed at Iloilo, Philippine Islands.

All the Spaniards on Balabac, one of the Philippine Islands, are reported to have been assassinated.

It is stated in Madrid that a thousand monks in the Philippines have died of ill-treatment by Aguinaldo.

A terrible storm continues to rage on the British coast and in the Bay of Biscay. Many lives have been lost.

By the bursting of a boiler in Hewitt's shipbuilding yard, London, on Monday, nine men were killed and about 40 injured.

Great Britain has demanded that Spain sell her coaling station in the Balearic Islands and also other strategic points.

Aguinaldo has gone to Iloilo to put himself at the head of the Filipinos, with a view of possible fighting with the Americans.

General Otis has issued a proclamation to the Filipinos, holding out the hope that they will one day have a free government.

Serious strike riots have taken place at Nagy-Komlos, Hungary, the mob overpowering the police, who narrowly escaped with their lives.

A big mob has destroyed the Internal Revenue sentry boxes and stoned the gendarmes at Niscemi, Sicily, as a protest against excessive taxation.

National Capital Matters.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6th, 1899.

Mr. McKinley is still playing foxey on the Philippine question, and he will probably keep it up until the Senate ratifies the treaty. The message he sent with the treaty of peace to the Senate was purely formal, and might have been put in four words, "here is the treaty," although the administration must be in possession of much information relating to the present critical relations between our troops and the Philippine insurgents which the Senate, and the people would like to know. Not a word received from Gen. Otis by the administration since the insurgents in possession of Iloilo virtually defied Gen. Miller and his troops, who had been sent by Gen. Otis to take possession of the town, has been made public, except that reinforcements had been sent to Gen. Miller. Although the news from Manila is carefully censored it has made it plain that the situation is alarming and that a fight between the insurgents and our troops is among the daily probabilities. Should the natives start a revolution against our authority, it would undoubtedly result in increasing the sentiment against our keeping the Philippines; that may account for so much official reticence.

The treaty of peace was taken up to day by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and the expectation is that it will be reported to the Senate sometime next week. Opinion differs as to how soon a vote will be reached. In fact, there will be nothing tangible upon which to base an opinion until the opponents of the treaty indicate their intentions. It is claimed that 70 Senators have promised to vote for ratification. Even if that claim be correct, enough Senators would be left against the treaty to prevent, if they are so disposed, its being voted upon at this session, as the appropriation bills, not one of which has yet been passed by the Senate, the Nicaragua Canal bill and other measures will all be pressing for action, with the probability that an extra session will be necessary growing stronger every day.

Jerry Simpson was in his seat when Congress reassembled, for the first time this session. He is the same old Jerry; defeat hasn't soured him at all. He says he is still in politics and expects to be as long as he lives. He is strongly opposed for the large standing army provided for by the Hull bill, and will be heard from before the bill is jammed through the House.

Southern men who come to Washington these days nearly all have something to say about the propositions to admit Confederate veterans to government Soldiers' Homes and the pension roll, and the substance of the opinions of nine-tenths of them is contained in the following remarks, made by Mr. A. D. McClure, of Georgia: "If any one supposes that the southern people have the remotest idea that the veterans of the Confederate Army or their friends expect pensions of the U. S. Government, or even reception into the Soldiers' Homes, grievously mistaken notion is cherished. Our people are not dreaming of any such idea, for they are too sensible to entertain any proposition so utterly romantic, not to see absurd. The old Johnnies are first-rate without any pension list already big enough, and there is no need for further burdens. The whole idea is Quixotic and the very first to denounce it would be the proposed beneficiaries."

Whether the public gets a chance to see the report of the army board of survey, which is now secretly investigating the charge of General Miles, that the beef furnished our soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico was "soaked" with chemicals, which rendered it unfit to eat and dangerous to health, will depend entirely upon what Secretary Alger says after the report has been submitted to him, and what he will say will depend upon the nature of the report. If it be against Miles, it will be published as widely as possible; if it confirm his charges, it will be pigeon-holed for keeps. The beef trust is working hard to convince the board that they used no chemicals and that the beef furnished the soldiers was the same that the trust sells in every large city in the country all the time. Gen. Miles is conducting an independent investigation, through the office of the Inspector General of the army, and the War Investigating Commission is also dallying with the beef question.

Talk of the administration putting a candidate in the field against Czar Reed for the Speakership of the next House is again prevalent. It is said that Mr. Reed has been asked to define his position towards the Hull army bill and several other measures in which the administration is deeply interested, and that if he does not agree to aid in pitting those measures through the House, an administration candidate for Speaker of the next House will at once be brought out. Such talk has before amounted to nothing and will be so now.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

A Summary of Current Events for the Past Seven Days.

While felling a tree in Randolph county a man named Denny Allred was killed by a limb.

Jas. McRae, colored, of New Hanover county, was killed Saturday by the accidental discharge of a gun.

The citizens of Whiteville are getting up a petition, asking the Legislature to establish a dispensary there.

Continued ill health induced Mrs. James Young, of Stokes county, to commit suicide Monday by taking strichnine.

A company with a capital of \$3,500 has been organized at Ashboro, Randolph county, to establish a chair factory.

Nannie Hill, colored, living near Winston, was arrested Tuesday, charged with strangling her eight days old baby.

The bank of Guilford, at Greensboro, closed its doors Wednesday morning. J. S. Cox has been appointed receiver.

A well developed case of smallpox has made its appearance in Northampton county. The man came from Norfolk a few days ago.

In Gaston county, Saturday, the wife of Thomas Helton eloped with Asbury M. Abram, a married man, both leaving large families.

The Democrats having gained control of the board of education of New Hanover county, all the negro school committees have been ousted.

The four-year-old son of David Thompson was burned to death in Union county, Tuesday, during the temporary absence of his mother.

Fire at Charlotte, Friday night, destroyed the buildings occupied by the Shaw-Howell Harness Company, and Liddell & Co., causing a \$75,000 loss.

Prof. John J. Blair has resigned the superintendency of the city schools of Winston to become superintendent of the Wilmington public schools.

In Wilmington, Monday night, some one slipped into the residence of Mrs. M. L. Brown and left an infant on her bed. There is no clue to its identity.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has been notified that ex-Sheriff Edward Tillet, of Currituck county, had embezzled nearly \$3,000 of the public school fund.

The county commissioners of Sampson county, on Monday, refused the granting of liquor licenses, and Clinton is therefore now a "dry town" for the first time in its history.

A deaf white man named J. W. Cook, of Scotland Neck, was run over and instantly killed by a train at Rocky Mount, Saturday, while walking on the track that leads to the cotton mills.

The 18-months-old child of Ola Anderson, colored, of Caldwell county, was burned to death Monday night. The mother left the child alone in the house. The house was burned and the child with it.

The eleven-year-old son of Jefferson Bishop, in Forsyth county, got his father's bottle of whiskey Saturday night and drank about a half pint of the liquor. The boy died before medical aid could be secured.

While Rev. J. M. Rose, pastor of the Morganton Presbyterian church, was attending prayer-meeting Tuesday night, a burglar entered the manse and stole \$10 in cash and a gold chain from the desk in the pastor's study.


At Barnardsville, Buncombe county, Friday, the bursting of a machine in the pin factory of Mason & Dixon caused the death of J. B. Whittemore. A piece of the machinery was thrown through Whittemore's body, causing his death in three hours.

During a drunken row in Ashe county, Saturday night, in which John Hampton, Joe Stansberry and John Goss were the participants, Hampton and Stansberry were shot and killed and Goss at last accounts was not expected to live, and is probably now dead.


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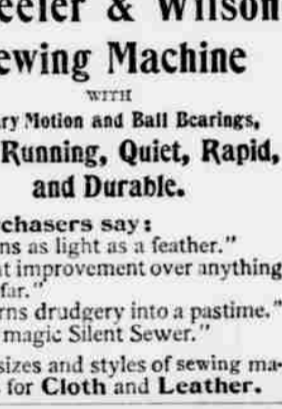
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