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AN ARRIFT THAT WOULD NOT PLEASE

Bill Arrp, of Georgia, a common sense humorist, was solicited to give twenty-five cents to the erection of a monument to honor that prodigious old head Bummer, "Cump" Sherman—the fellow who burnt Atlanta and Columbia and hundreds of houses in Georgia and the Carolinas along his march.

"I will go as far as any rebel so-called to keep the peace and bury the past, and be friendly; but you must excuse me. I have lived all my life in the path of that march to the sea, and for thirty years I have been straining my mind to see the heroism in it, and I can't do it. It just shows how blinded we poor mortals are. All the heroism I see is in the retreat of Joe Johnston, who, with 40,000 men, resisted that march of Sherman with three times that number and killed more men for nought, than he had soldiers. There is where the heroism comes in. But we will make a fair compromise with you. If you and your wife will contribute 25 cents each for a monument to Joe Johnston, in the real hero of the march to the sea, we will let you build one to Sherman and say nothing about it. We thought that the time was about over for bragging, but if you are determined to keep it up let's tote that.

When Gen. O. O. Howard's corps passed through Warrenton after the war ended, we met a Sherman soldier—an Irishman—in the office of Dr. William T. Howard, now Professor in the University of Maryland. The soldier, among other things said, admitted that Sherman suffered very greatly in his march. He said Gen. Johnston was a great soldier and he fell back from time to time and Sherman advanced by pushing the Federals most severely. In fact, said the Irishman, who was on the wrong side, for no Irishman had any business fighting on the side of the oppressors and ruthless invaders, "the Southern people do not know yet how many men we lost, but I tell you it was awful."

Maj. Smith states another point that should make braggers modest. He says: "It seems to me that it requires a good deal of cheek to brag about an army of nearly 3,000,000 of men whipping an army of 750,000 in four years' time. I wouldn't mention it if I were you. We are very tired of all this ridiculous gush about the Grand Army of the Republic, especially when you know or ought to know that you have on the pension rolls more men than we had in our army during the war. You can't knock the truth out with monuments."

No, nor by falsifying records and playing universal braggadocio. The Federal war records already published, show that the armies of the North, exceeded 2,700,000, and with the many added, in all arms of the service there were about 3,000,000 men on the Northern side in the war. Gen. Cooper, Confederate Adjutant General, said that 600,000 troops were what the South had in all, and that on no day during the entire war could 300,000 fighting men be put in the field. Facts are facts and cannot be blinked. But the lying Northern so-called histories represent the numbers in almost all battles as about equal and in some instances the Confederates were defeated when superior in force. Bah!

TWO SIDES TO THE MONEY QUESTION.

That there are two sides to almost every question cannot be doubted. The most cock-sure people at this time in the world are papers like the New York Evening Post and good standard exponents generally. With them there is but one side and all the financial wisdom in the world is on that side. The able financiers abroad who favor bimetalism, as well as the best equipped silver advocates in the United States, are all cranks and theorists and ignoramuses. One of the ablest of living English statesmen is unquestionably Mr. Balfour. He is a Tory, but he is an advanced bimetalist. He made a speech only a few days since taking very strong ground for both silver and gold as currency. If the Tories should be restored to power they would doubtless call an international conference to consider the financial outlook and the restoration of silver to all of the functions of money.

There is a new work, of small size, as we learn, that is having a most rapid circulation in the United States. It is said in a short time it will have passed the 250,000 copies, and the demand exceeds the power to print. It is a product of the West, we think, and is entitled "Coin's Financial School." It is said to be a very strong argument on the side of silver and fairly bristles with points and facts. It is making a great impression and is giving the gold standard men trouble in the West. We no

tion a letter in the Atlanta Constitution from Maj. Charles H. Smith, (Bill Arrp) in which he refers at some length to the able production. He says: "I can't answer a position in it, and I am an average man. The truth is, I am afraid to believe all that is in it for fear somebody will call me a fool. I asked Joel Chandler Harris about it yesterday and what he knew about W. H. Harvey, who wrote it. He smiled and said: 'Harvey is a silver crank, just like I am. They call me a crank, but nobody can answer the arguments on the silver side, and hence their only reply is that the book is a humbug—a deceitful snare and all that, but the book is taking the western and southern country by storm.'"

From this little book some instructive facts may be gathered that it is well for all men to know. For instance, the total property valuation in the United States is \$25,000,000,000—twenty-five thousand million dollars. The total indebtedness of this country is \$17,000,000,000—seventeen thousand million dollars, and all the figures are given in detail. Maj. Smith, noting this statement, comments thus: "Well, if that's so, we are busted and the appointment of a National receiver is in order. He says the railroads alone owe \$5,000,000,000 to Europe and the annual interest is \$240,000,000, payable in gold. He says that every kind of property has been shrinking in value since the crime of 1873 that old John Sherman was the author of. The crime of demoralizing silver by an act passed between midnight and dawn, when everybody was drunk or asleep, and Gen. Grant signed it, he didn't know that he had signed any such act. It takes twice as much property now to pay a debt as it did five years ago, and as we all owe nearly as much as we don't own, the country is about bankrupt, and a few thousand millionaires will soon own the whole country. This is the picture he draws, and to read it and believe it makes one feel like taking his double barrel shotgun and joining the army of bread winners."

"Coin's" says that wool has decreased 60 per cent. in price and horses have been selling at \$5 a head in Colorado. The gallant and able Georgia Major closes his article in this something prophetic strain: "The fact is that 'Coin's' book is either a dangerous fallacy or an alarming warning. It is in it, not the tariff, and neither will cut any figure in the next presidential election. The shibboleth will be 'Give us back the dollar of our daddies, and coin it into silver.' The old alignments that will not be in it, but the cry from the West and the South will be: 'Silver and gold! One and inseparable, now and forever!'"

SNAPS. Sweden and Norway are disturbed and a civil war may develop. Another negro desperado at Bay Minette, Ala., wounded one man and killed the chief of police. The Chinese Empire is more than twenty-two times larger in square miles than the German Empire. The Japanese army is no monster—only 37,000 men. And big China can not wipe out such an army as that.

Senator Morgan wants the Congress to send negroes to Liberia. Where does the power come from? It is not sound Democracy. France and England may yet take a hand over Egypt. France demands a plain statement of England as to the claims on the Upper Nile. The income tax is shorn but still much remains. What effect will the tie vote have? The vote on declaring the whole law void was 4 to 4.

Governor Clark, of Arkansas, had an encounter with Representative Jones. He went before a magistrate, plead guilty of carrying concealed weapons and paid a fine of \$50. The Lynchburg News takes the proper view, we think, as to nominating a Southern man for the Presidency. To nominate one would be to invite sure defeat, we may not doubt.

Gen. James L. Kemper, one of Virginia's best citizens and best Brigadiers, is dead. He was born in 1823 and was educated at Washington and Lee University. He served in Pickett's Division. He was Governor for four years. Harrison is a candidate and so are Allison, McKinley and Tom Reed. Four horses are grooming for the Presidential sweepstakes in 1896. The Democrats are bad off as there is not one who looms up at present as a possibility. A negro desperado and gambler at Jacksonville, Fla., ran amuck and killed two men, one a policeman, and wounded three others, one a Lieutenant of police. He killed one negro and wounded two others. He was spirited away to prevent lynching.

Richmond negroes held a meeting and adopted resolutions favoring the agitation of social equality. Let them agitate, it will never come this side of Africa. The President of the Grand Fountain of the Order, Rev. W. W. Brown, colored, opposed the agitation as sure of defeat. Right there person.

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ROME POLKS.

The Odells, of Concord, are to erect a very large cotton mill at Hickory. Cotton milling pays in North Carolina. The Vance mill at Salisbury has just declared a quarterly dividend of five per cent.

Gen. Callen A. Battle, of Newbern, delivered an address in Petersburg before the A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans on his Personal Reminiscences of the War. The Index-Appeal compliments it.

The Goldsboro Argus is ten years old. Under editor Robinson it has kept going, and has advocated what it understands to be sound Democracy and for the good of its section and State. It seems to be going ahead with renewed life. Success to it.

Editor H. A. London, of the Pittsboro Record, was invited to deliver an address on the late Maj. Gen. Bryan Grimes, as brave a soldier as any State had, at Washington on the 10th of May. He had to decline by reason of important business engagements. He would have done the work thoroughly and well.

Capt. C. B. Denson, who is to deliver the address at Raleigh on the 10th of May upon Gen. Whiting, is a builder of fine address. It is not long since that we heard a city friend refer to his address in this city many years ago as the best 10th of May address he had ever heard. Capt. Denson has scholarship, ability and much skill with the pen.

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