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If he is wise,
Will start again,
And advertise,
A chance he has
To find relief,
By advertising
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FATHER'S SOLILOQUY FOR HIS FALLEN PATRIOT SOUS.

BY DR. S. G. WARD.

The author of the following was
to Texas some years ago he has
died. The two young men—his
of whom he writes—were at one
employed by the late H. H. Burwell,
and are spoken of in high terms by
Townman, Harry Burwell, who knew
well. The father was greatly affec-
ted to them and in the following lines
expresses the anguish of his heart at
their death on the field of battle.)
I fondly fancied that
I would spend the remnant of my
days with my beloved sons,
And share with them the full fruition
Of all their long years of toils and
Conflicts on the tented battle field—
After the healing balm of Peace
Had touched the wounds of my
Poor, bleeding country.—But
God in His wisdom, and doubtless in
Mercy, too, hath otherwise ordained.
The last red, precious drop that coursed
Through my descendants hath flowed
In Freedom's sacred cause;
Now, all alone, I must descend
The hills of life without a friendly
Hand to guide my tottering steps—
I would not, if I could, recall them,
To fight Life's dubious battles o'er,
And with their chance for Heaven again,
But submit without a murmur
To the Providential will of God,
Whose Omnipotent Eyes surveys
The past, the present and the future whole,
And directs the current of events—
To them the evil, and secure
The good to all who love and serve Him.
First, to my God, and then my country
I dedicate this offering—
But little thought that they so soon
Would fulfill the great commission,
And wear the Patriot Martyr's crown.
With overflowing heart of gratitude,
I thank my God that in the course
Of their innocences and love, they
Obedient to His heavenly spirit call,
And flex at their country's first appeal
To arms; that they fell not as spies
Or traitors to their native land
But that they chivalrously led the
Van wherever the battle storm raged
Fiercest, and Death held his highest
Carnival, and won for themselves their
Nation's unlamented honors to the brave.
Should my country fall a conquest
To the vandal horde from every land—
Now rioting in the sunny plains,—
What kind Heaven's visitation,
Through the darksome glass that hides
The limited from the boundless and
Eternal views, I then may read my
Consolation in their glorious but
Ultimately end, as they will be
"Free indeed," and the slaves of live
Potlrooms, nor die the slaves of tyrants.
I know not where on Glory's hallowed
Grounds they sleep, but my crushed heart
Lies buried with them,—and I believe
That His everlasting arms were
Underneath them when they fell,
Triumphant o'er the monster's death,
For they were all that virtue demands
Of men, a parent's heart could wish, and
Pure as the snow flakes from Heaven.
Oh! thou spirit of eternal truth,
By thy unerring beam guide and
Reunite a solitary Pilgrim father
And his Christian patriot sons
In those hallowed realms of joyous
Peace, where no discordant notes of
War shall jar the harmony
Of their eternal bliss!
Warren county, October 20th, 1864.

Let 'Em Howl.

[Durham Globe.]

And now because Parnell, the great
Irish leader has been found guilty of
undue intimacy with Mrs. O'Shea—
found guilty on a pile of manufactured
plausibility and English ingenuity—
the papers are howling loudly about it.
Mr. Parnell was human. A woman
who had no regard for her virtue tell
in his path, and according to the
evidence he sinned. Since the time
when history first chirruped; since pas-
sion became a part of man; since wo-
man would flirt and man would fall,
the world has heard of similar scandals.
In the Parnell affair there is nothing
stranger than is recited in divorce
courts every day year after year; there
was nothing but the same old story.
We wrecked his character; betrayed his
friends—but thousands of men have
fallen and the fall has evoked no
comment. When Colonel Marc An-
tony fell into the meshes of Cleopatra
and for her smiles threw away a world,
history went back and dug up the
scandal, because there were no news-
papers to talk about it in those days.
Parnell should be very briefly and very
quickly kicked out the back door of re-
spectability and be allowed to crawl in
the alley of disgrace. This is all there
is about it. The Irish cause is as strong
with a fallen leader as it was when
Parnell was as chaste as ice and as
pure as snow. The attempt of English
papers to mix up the Irish cause with
Parnell's foolishness is all out of season.

Col. Ino. D. Cameron, whose trenchant pen has doubtless done as much or more than any other man in the State for the advancement and triumph of the grand old principles underlying the great National Democratic party for nearly half a century, will be a candidate for the Chief Clerkship of the next House of Representatives of North Carolina. Qualified by nature, with an experience of six years in that capacity, the Legislature could not do a more magnanimous act than to elect Col. Cameron without a dissenting voice. In every position to which he has been called by his people he has proven himself efficient, painstaking and accurate, always discharging his duties entirely satisfactory to all concerned.

—Fayetteville Observer.

Don't irritate your lungs with a stubborn cough when a pleasant and effective remedy may be found in Dr. J. H. McLean's The Wise Lung Balm!

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS!

USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

We have many pretty things suitable for Christmas presents—China dinner and tea sets, silverware, decanter and covers, exquisite figures, vases, lamps, &c. Also a superb line of

LADIES' GOODS.

Dress cloths, silks, wools, cloths, ribbons, millinery, &c. All at special low prices during the holidays. Give us a call. DAVIS & ROSE.

ONLY THE BEST.

We keep a large and well selected stock of FINE FAMILY GROCERIES, Canned Goods, etc. and are making special prices for

The Holiday Season.

You will find this department stocked with only the best and choicest goods. A barrel of our flour will certainly please you. Give us a call. COOPER & MITCHELL.

Handsome Holiday Presents.

You want something useful as well as ornamental for Christmas Presents. We have all the latest styles in Italian and Wicker Chairs, Parlor and Chamber Suits, Writing Desks, Bookcases, Wardrobes, Sideboards, Marble and fancy wood top Tables, Eggs, Druggists, Moquets, Velvet, Brussels, Tapestry and Ingrain Carpets, &c. Special bargains in these goods for the next 15 days.

Clothing and Overcoats.

If you want a good SUIT OF CLOTHING or a SPLENDID OVERCOAT for little money, come to see us. For the Holidays we are offering special bargains in Clothing, Hats, Shoes, and Gents' Furnishings. The largest and best line of these goods in town.

THE LADIES

Will find something to interest and please them during the Holiday season in our DRESS GOODS and MILLINERY department. We have a large and varied assortment of goods suitable to their wants—Wraps, Cloaks, Hats, Ribbons, Shoes, &c. See our line of table linens, towels, blankets, &c. We are offering SPECIAL BARGAINS in these goods now.

Toilet and Fancy Articles.

Moustache Cups,
Shaving Mugs,
Toilet Articles Generally
Can be purchased cheaply at
PARKER'S DRUG STORE,
O'Neil Block.

REMOVAL!

I will remove my stock of goods to the store one door North of J. W. Anderson's hardware store, formerly occupied by J. A. Stallings,
On January 1, 1891,
I will carry a good stock of goods for sale at low prices. Old and new customers cordially welcomed.
JOHN W. PUREFOY.

Specialties for Christmas.

We all try to make the Christmas season the happiest of the year. For the Holidays we have a nice line of

CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES.

Canned goods, syrups, cheese, butter, cakes, crackers, teas, coffees, spices, &c., which we are selling very low just now. Try a barrel of our FLOUR, none better for making up your Christmas cakes and breads.
We have also a large stock of General Merchandise, Shoes, Hats, Dress Goods, &c., on which we offer special bargains just now.
HOWLAND & POWELL.

MERRY XMAS!

Old Santa Claus has again made arrangements with us to supply the people of this section with

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

We have a large stock of Plush Goods, Albums, Toilet and Manicure Sets in Oxidized Silver, Celluloid, etc.; fancy China and Glassware, Toys, Picture and Story Books, Standard Authors, etc.
MELVILLE DORSEY.

Hardware Department.

Here you will find a large variety of articles suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, or something for use in your own home.
Pocket and Table Cutlery,
Carving Knives and Forks,
Fancy Decorated China,
Crockery and Glassware, Cooking and Heating Stoves and Ranges.
S. & C. WATKINS.

YOU WILL FIND

An immense stock of Holiday goods of all kinds at the

HENDERSON BOOKSTORE.

Everything in the line of fancy China-ware, bric-a-brac, dolls, rocking horses, sleds, bicycles, toys of all kinds, lamps, story and picture books, poems, novels, writing materials, fancy goods of every description, and one hundred other articles suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for old and young.
EDWIN STEPHENS.

IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE OUR PART

Toward making this glad Holiday season one of great rejoicing to our numerous customers, we are now making SPECIAL LOW PRICES ON

Clothing and Overcoats,

SHOES, HATS, NECKWEAR, &c. Do not fail to pay us a visit.
BARNES, STAINBACK & CO.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

BUY NOW.

We have two car loads of fancy White and Yellow

WINTER - OATS

For Spring sowing on hand. Buy now or you may not be able to find good seed stock when you want it.
W. S. PARKER & CO.

DO NOT PURCHASE YOUR XMAS GROCERIES

And other goodies without first calling at our store. We have a large and well selected stock of canned goods, preserves, jellies, pickles, nuts of all kind, oranges, lemons, apples, dates, figs, raisins, etc. Choice candies, cakes, butter, eggs—everything to make a table inviting.
W. H. WESTER.

S. F. TEISER.

AN APPROPRIATE AND BENEFICIAL Christmas Present FOR YOUR FAMILY WOULD BE A - Life - Insurance - Policy In a responsible company represented by J. R. YOUNG, Insurance Agent.

Useful and Desirable.

While the giving of presents and ornamental articles is the custom of the season, it is to be encouraged, a useful and desirable gift is the highest appreciation. At O'Neil's Hardware Store you will find fine table cutlery, brass and loading guns, pistols, glass and crockery ware, stoves, etc., etc.

WE DO NOT CLAIM

To have the biggest stock of holiday goods in town, but you will find many pretty and useful articles for Christmas presents at

CHEATHAM'S DRUG STORE.

A beautiful line of fancy decorated China and Glassware, Bique Figures, Vases, Plush Goods, Dressing Cases, Photograph Albums, Etc.
W. T. CHEATHAM, JR.

FARRAR'S HEADQUARTERS FOR HOLIDAY GOODS

We have the pleasure of announcing that Old Santa Claus has made his headquarters at

FARRAR'S BOOK STORE,

Where can be found the biggest stock of toys and confectioneries in the Henderson. Wheel goods, games, dolls, horns, whistles, and everything to please the little folks, as well as the prettiest line of

Plush Goods and Fancy Articles

Ever seen in this section of the State. All new shapes and novel designs. Everything marked at reasonable prices.
ASA FARRAR.

Special Low Prices for Xmas.

We have made extra provision for the Holiday trade, and respectfully invite your attention to our stock of

FINE - FAMILY - GROCERIES -

And General Merchandise, all of which you can save you money. Let us send around a barrel of our Best Flour for your Christmas, as an inducement to secure your trade. We are making prices very low and trade.

IF YOU WANT Pure Wines and Liquors

For Christmas and general use, call on

S. S. WHITTEN, Main Street.

We have the largest and most complete stock in town. The holiday trade respectfully solicited.

FOR THIS Christmas Trade,

Ladies' and Children's Hats, Ribbons, Fancy Goods, Shoes, &c., at

Special Low Prices.

E. W. ELLIS.

FARMERS!

If you would get highest prices and best averages for your

- TOBACCO -

During the coming year, 1891, sell at

HARRIS' WAREHOUSE.

We shall spare neither efforts nor money to make it to your interest to favor us with your patronage.
HARRIS, GOOCH & CO.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

READ AND ADVERTISE IN THE GOLD LEAF. We will endeavor to make it a better paper during 1891 than ever before.

"The Old Reliable" Still maintains its enviable position as THE LEADER in number of pounds of tobacco sold, and amount of money paid for same. Proud of our past record we shall strive to make the New Year, 1891, one of still greater prosperity to those who sell their tobacco with us. With the season's compliments. Very Truly Your Friend. D. Y. COOPER.

Cooper's Warehouse

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

(Special Correspondence of the Gold Leaf.)

New York, Dec. 15th, 1890.

The brilliant displays of pretty things in our store windows, the throngs of shoppers with bundles in arms, the streets crowded with loaded trucks—all these show in an unmistakable manner the near approach of the greatest feast of the year. Christmas greens, toys, dolls, and Santa Claus in all his various forms, are met with on every hand, and every one is preparing to eat, drink and be merry. Many stores are handsomely decorated, and one of them exhibits an immense moving panorama of Columbus discovering America. The figures are made of wax, and are very life-like. The poor are not to be forgotten in these joyous times, as several newspapers are raising funds for Christmas trees and toys for free distribution. The Herald will give a Christmas dinner to every new-boy in the city, irrespective of creed, color politics or nationality. The dinner will be given in Lyric Hall, and a band will furnish music while the boys eat. Whatever else New Yorkers may be they are generous of heart and have a sense of that Charity which covers a multitude of sins.

The Commission appointed for the purpose of considering the feasibility of incorporating into one huge municipality the cities of New York and Brooklyn, Staten Island, &c., held a meeting last week and listened to an elaborate presentation of the case by ex-Comptroller Green. He claimed that the natural boundary of the East River should be no objection, as commercially, socially, and industrially it was already obliterated. Many other large cities such as London, Paris and Berlin, are naturally divided by rivers, but are commercially and politically united. The present arrangement which allows New York and Brooklyn to antagonize each other, Mr. Green thinks, is a menace to the prosperity of each. The Commission authorized Mr. Green to draw up a bill conforming with the views set forth to be presented to the Legislature during the coming session.

The will of Daniel B. Fayerweather, who died the other day bequeathing \$2,500,000 to various colleges and hospitals, is to be contested by his widow, who at first agreed to its probate. The estate is expected to realize nearly \$7,000,000. Mrs. Fayerweather received under the will, \$10,000 in cash, a house in 57th Street, and an annual income of \$15,000. The remainder of the estate, after the bequests to the twenty colleges and hospitals, have been paid, is to be divided among the three executors. This leaves them a million dollars a piece and it is to this that the widow objects. She is not opposed to the liberality of her husband's bequests to the colleges, and says she is willing to carry those out her case she obtains the property. Her husband says, but I think the colleges would rather have one million in their hands than two in the legal bushes. I am afraid the sight of so many millions being disposed of quietly was too great a temptation for the lawyers to resist.
EDWIN ARLINGTON.

Grade Carefully.

Under the above caption the Danville Tobacco Journal publishes the following advice to farmers:

During the past two weeks a good deal of tobacco has been sold here which showed bad grading and in consequence the prices paid for it were unsatisfactory. Planters from the same neighborhoods have sold their crop side by side in the same warehouses—one getting what seemed a fair price and the other going away a little dissatisfied because his tobacco, though fully as good, did not bring quite so much as his neighbors. And all because the one had sorted and graded his crop carefully, while the other was negligent in this very important matter.

As a rule the planters in this section are very careful in grading their crops. They have learned by experience, many of them, that it pays well. This year we can see the reason for neglect. Prices are high, and every body seems anxious to get his crop to market as early as possible. This hurry has led to a good deal of improper grading, and the planters are the sufferers by their haste. We have written much on this subject, because we have so often seen tobacco sell for much less than its real value, simply because it was not properly graded. It pays—and it pays well—for the planter to be exceedingly careful in sorting every grade. No part of the crop should be neglected. Let every filler leaf of its grade go into the same lot and sell with all the other grades. Never allow a single leaf of inferior grade to go to a higher grade pile. The buyer is likely to find it and will bid with expectation that there is plenty of same sort in the lot.

A good many planters seem to have adopted the idea this year to mix cutters with other stock and then down the supply of the cutter. That course is foolish, and on bounds upon the planters themselves. Cutters are cutters, and if you grade them as such, and if you don't sell them as cutters, the buyer will have to pay him for doing which would have paid well to do.