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## OUR BATTLEFIELDS.

### A View of Lookout Mountain And Some Thoughts Engendered There.

When Jefferson Davis was asked after the war which of his Generals he considered the best, he promptly replied "Bragg." Lee, too, placed his greatest trust in a lieutenant whose intimacy with John Barleycorn was said to give aid and much comfort to his enemies and from this I conclude it is not the part of a great man to think little of a friend. Bragg's efforts toward increasing the pension list were more sincere than successful. "Opporchnuity," says Mr. Dooley, "knocks wanst at ivery man's dure a'n sometimes whin he comes to the dure hits him over the head with an ax an runs off." The Archey road philosopher may not have been thinking of Bragg but his words apply as well as if uttered with malice aforethought. Bragg had opportunity floored and sitting on him when all at once the underman biffed him and ostentatiously skidoed. And Bragg being on a mountain, great was the fall thereof.

This world as a whole, like Ceasar's Gaul, is divided into three parts—two parts civilized and the other part landlords and railroad companies. I rode up Lookout mountain on a cable car and it cost me six bits and much bitterness of spirit. Success is the ability to get the world in a sling and soak it. Next to price. I found the angle of ascent the steepest thing in my experience. In both cases I prefer something more horizontal. Riding at an angle of 75 degrees is apt to spoil my appreciation of the scenery and calls forth language of a nature bellicose rather than beautiful.

It was lucky for Hooker that his men were provided with feet instead of cable cars, else he might have added to his medals one of the "23" medallions Bragg had so carefully prepared for the occasion.

We may not know as much about air ships but we are long on candidates and tourist guides. The one to whom we fell victims was a walking talk factory of 120 wild cat power.

Samson if provided with this man's jaw bone instead of that other ass's would have had no trouble with the Philistines, and might in time have hoped to silence Delilah herself.

He was a colored man, though not a minister, and with the exception of the afore mentioned St. Vitus Dance in his tongue no one would have taken him for a non compos menois. He gave us much interesting information, some of which appeared truthful and some historical.

On Lookout Mountain, where forty years ago the gray clad army lay flushed with success and hopeful of victory, is now a modern little city, whose greatest bid for fame is that it has no physician nor needs them. There are postal cards, however, and a large hotel by which means a wayfaring man can negotiate injury unto himself at a modest rate. The government maintains a postoffice and national park, both filled up with war time material. The entrance to Point Park is made in the image of Morro Castle, which building, be it remembered did service as an ambulance for the Cubans, who were making an enforced trip to the Blessed Isles as a consequence of disturbing Christina's siesta by their vulgar activities.

In the park are the same cannon with which Bragg purposed to reduce Rosecrans to his original elements. There are old stockades on the mountain and the crumbling remnants of an

old fort, both infested by young pirates who offer a look at Chattanooga through a telescope for a modest stipend. The which is much the same as offering to let the man in the moon look at Podunk Corners through a smoked glass.

I walked through the park and stood on the Pulpit Rock which Davis occupied when he told his listening armies that all the forces of the north could not dislodge them.

Sermons on the mount are picturesque but sometimes disfigured by a painful absence of facts. I stood on a ledge of rocks and looked, as thousands before me have done, down that sheer fall of fifteen hundred feet, and marvelled that mortal man sufficed to climb it. I saw out in the plain the little white house that was Hooker's headquarters while the fight was on. I traced out the detour his men made to cross the Chickamauga and the path they took when they climbed the mountain. Then I turned to Missionary Ridge and the little knoll where Grant lay till Hooker's cannon flashing on Lookout Mountain left him free to fight his own foes.

Chattanooga is a typical American city deeply infested with smoke and Insurance agents. Hard by Lookout Mountain lifts its mighty form until its head far aloft attains the sea-tinted throne of God and in silent majesty looks out forever across the plane of Time and History.

At its base flows the Tennessee, warranted by those who know it to be more crooked than Tammany Hall. Into the Tennessee river flows the Chickamauga with a lordly current four inches deep and navigable for light draught turtles in the wet season.

Here, one may stand and look at the Kentucky festive feuds, gaze at North Carolina politics, watch Ben Tillman do the Pitchfork act in South Carolina, see the water wagon in Georgia and Alabama. Eleven states and three battlefields are in view when the haze lifts and each battlefield was mightily won and saw its thousands die. And yet this field of blood was a holy ground to the Indians. Surely time works changes.

As I stood there looking out over the vast amphitheater of past arms, my thoughts went back to the far distant days of old, and I mused on what might have been, and what, if the Chief tain had been there, would have been. If Bragg after driving Rosecrans into Chattanooga could but have crushed him there without delay, how changed the tide of human things!

Then while the sun lay him down to sleep beneath the Tennessee hills, I mused over the events of those fateful years when the stars in their courses fought against the South, as Siseria of old.

The beginning of the war had seen a Confederate battle line extending along two rivers—the Potomac and the Ohio. Behind the Potomac, Lee stood at bay and though the Northern storms beat heavily upon him, he fell not. Then learning by hard experience that nothing was to be gained in front the Union armies began to creep in flanking movements down the Mississippi to cut off the western supplies from the Army of Virginia if they could, and if they could not then take whatever the God of War should send. The leader of this flanking movement was Grant, whose corn-juice proclivities have confounded many moralists, prophets and politicians.

Down the Cumberland and Tennessee the flanking armies had moved, capturing Henry and

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## WORK AT THE POLLS.

### Why Republicans robbed by The Tariff Should Take This Medicine.

A number of shoe manufacturers, tanners and retailers have caused to be sent to their patrons through the United States, a circular urging them, in what might fairly be termed hysterical language, to write to their congressmen and to President Taft urging them to prevent the meat trust from having its way.

One of these circulars was sent to J. W. Morgan, a Starke, Florida, business man. Mr. Morgan's reply ought to be read in every precinct of the United States and by every resident thereof, says the Commoner. Here it is: Starke, Fla., June 26, 1909.—National Free Hide League, Chicago, Ill. Gentlemen: I am in receipt of your circular letter concerning the question of free hides. I am heartily in sympathy with the idea of free raw material, but as for writing to my congressman, or to the president, not much, Johnny.

I dare say 75 per cent of the members of the numerous associations whom you claim are affiliated in this effort to curb the meat trust, were also affiliated last year in the effort of keeping the party in power which is now revising the tariff on the upward grade. Why didn't you affiliate, when you had the chance last year, to put a party in power, which was pledged to a downward revision? You came squarely up to the "parting of the ways," gentlemen, but you took the same old route, with the result that you are up against it in the same old way, only more so. Now take your medicine, gentlemen. You helped to mix the dose—it's just what you voted for, now take it. I hope you get your hide chuck full of it.

The people had a chance for better things last fall at the ballot box. Like one of old, they chose the "mess of pottage." Now, let the meat trust and the oil trust, and the grand old, trust-controlled republican party fill their hides so full of the burdens of taxation (without representation) that they will finally feel the death grip placed on them., the yoke will be so galling that the worm will turn at last. If oppression is the only thing to bring the people to a realization of their wrongs, let oppression be poured out on them. Don't write to your congressman gentlemen. Sit up and during the next four years while you are trying to dodge the lemons which your party is busily engaged in preparing for you, resolve by the help of God, and the party of Jefferson, Jackson and Bryan, that your votes be cast for the lifting of the burden from the weary back of this great American common people, of whom you are one, and I am one. Your appeals are useless now—as well strap yourself to the tail of a cyclone, and float on in the enjoyment of sweet repose and pleasant dreams. I'm sorry for you, but not too sorry to hope that you'll get your hide full. It's the only thing that will ever teach you anything, apparently.

Truly yours,  
J. W. MORGAN.

## Board of Elections.

Governor Kitchin has appointed as members of the State board of elections for the ensuing term Col. Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamson; J. D. Elliott, of Hickory; J. C. Clifford, of Dunn; A. B. Freeman, of Hendersonville; and Clarence Call, of Wilkesboro, the last two named being Republicans. The law requires three Democrats and two Republicans. The Republicans are both re-appointments, as is also Col. Lamb. Mr. Elliott succeeds R. T. Claywell, of Morganton. Mr. Clifford succeeds R. A. Smith, of Stanley county.

## "GOD GIVE US MEN."

God give us men! The time demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor; men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking; Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking; For while the rabble, with their time worn creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds, Mingle in selfish strife, lo, Freedom weeps. Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps!

—John G. Holland.

## Education.

Our higher education, like the lower grades, should train the men and the women who are to serve tomorrow as the nation's spiritual and moral guides. Such college education is useful. The man at the stable, in the factory, the shop, the fields, will do better and more valuable work with than without a college training, but this is a lower reason for the sacrifice by which we gain a college education, and there is a higher. A college education, like all true education, is for the man himself—the woman herself. It is not a means to win daily bread, nor a mere tool to make money. A college trained person has a value grander and greater than a loaf of bread, a heavy purse, or even a big fortune. If one's education has done him any good it has made him a factor for righteousness, for all that is best and most worthy.

## Judge Allen's Sense.

"I had far rather see whiskey manufactured and sold in every part of the State without restraint than to have this State prohibition law on the statute books without enforcement." declared Judge W. R. Allen, of Goldsboro, in convening Wake county criminal court for a two weeks term, July 12th. He was delivering his charge to the grand jury and was urging on the jury the importance of the enforcement for law. Laws unenforced, he declared, breed disregard and contempt of law. He urged the jurors, without regard to their personal views on prohibition, whether for or against it, to make diligent investigation the county over as to violations of State prohibition. The great majority of the people had voted for the law and there was nothing for good citizens to do but to unite in efforts for its enforcement.

## It Pays to Advertise.

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow; it strayed away one day, where lambs should never go. And Mary sat her quickly down and tears streamed from her eyes; she never found the lamb because she did not advertise. And Mary had a brother John who kept a village store; he sat down and smoked a pipe and watched the open door. And as the people passed along and did not stop to buy, John still sat and smoked his pipe and blinked his sleepy eye. And so the sheriff closed him out, but still he lingered near, and Mary came to drop a sympathetic tear. How is it, sister, can you tell how other merchants here sell all their goods so readily and thrive from year to year? Remembering her own bad luck the little maid replies: "These other fellows get there John, because they advertise." —Winchester Evening Star

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