

He Does Not Straddle

The following taken from H. E. C. Bryan Washington letter to the Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Simmons has an understanding with Senator Cummins, leader of the Progressive Republicans, and they will work to one end, that being to reduce certain tariff duties for the benefit of the consuming public.

The Senator has, by force of character and sheer ability, compelled the Senate to respect him. He is not a grand-stand player, but a worker, full of information and fight. He is not afraid to take a position and support it. He does not straddle the fence on anything; his colleagues know where he stands on all public questions. No man in the Senate devotes more time to official duties than Senator Simmons. He prepares a speech as he would a case for trial in court.

The Meadow Lark.

Spring hushes all her laughter
To hear her whitest note
Grow magically perfect
Within your lyric throat.

She listens, and forever
Breaks her immortal heart
In silence on the rapture
Of your redeeming art.

You are a myriad of music
In silver ripples drawn
Across the face of darkness
To resurrect the dawn.

You do not soar to Heaven
To seek a song of cheer
You upon earth's bosom
And find a heaven here.

And caught within the glory
Of your earth-colored strain
Man dreams along the highway
And lives with God again.

—Lawrence Hodgson.

The Durham Herald says: "Of course the publication of the Laughing-house letter at this time would hurt Mr. Kitchin, and that is why it was published." That is news to us. We didn't know the letter had been published, and don't believe it has been. But if it has, that fact does not change the original purpose for which it was written. The coarse character and cruel determination that was back of the reasons for its origin is what needs a stern rebuke at the hands of North Carolina voters.—Greensboro News.

Ended the Dry Spell.

She had a voice like a siren, and when she sang, "Mid play sure, sand palaces, the weama rome. Beit averse on wum bull there, snow play sty comb," and so on to the conclusion, there wasn't a dry eye in the room.—United Presbyterian.

Prudent.

"Sisteren and brethern," exhorted Uncle Abraham, a recent promotion from the pew to the pulpit, "on de one side er dis here meetin' house is a road leadin' to destruction; on de udder is a road gwine to damnation. Which you gwine pursue? Dar is de internal question: Which is you gwine pursue?"

"Law, B'er Aberham," spoke Sister Eliza from the back pew, "I speck I'm er gwine home throo' de woods!"

Mrs. Benham—Henry, I am more than glad that you don't drink now, but how did you come to leave off?
Benham—You remember the last time your mother was here?
Mrs. Benham—Yes?
Benham—Well, one night while she was here I came home in a pretty bad shape and saw three of her. That settled it.

MORALITY OF THE ELEPHANT

He Makes a Cat's Paw of Boy's Hand to Steal the Unhusked Rice.

Singular as it may seem, elephants which have associated with men entertain the notion that, under special circumstances, they are not responsible if they utilize another to commit an illegal act. The following is an instance of this elephantine morality:

A man in Rangoon bought three young elephants to send to England. They were tame and playful, but cunning. Knowing that it was wrong to steal paddy (unhusked rice)—the idea had doubtless been impressed upon them by punishment for stealing—they would not touch it themselves. But if a boy went to see them, he would be seized by one, the little trunk would be coiled around his arm, and he would be led to where the paddy was kept in bags.

The elephant would make a cat's paw of the boy's hand to take up a handful of paddy. Then, letting go, he would turn up the end of his trunk, open it, and coaxingly invite the boy to drop in the paddy.

Should the boy, however, put it back in the bag, his arm would again be seized by the trunk, and his hand would be again inserted into the paddy bag.

The boy, anxious to be released, would usually drop the paddy into the trunk, and the elephant would blow the rice into his mouth. After repeating the operation several times, the elephant would scamper off, feeling that he had got the paddy without stealing it.—Harper's Weekly.

When the year is new, my dear,
When the year is new,
Let us make a promise here,
Little I and you,
Not to fall a quarreling
Over every tiny thing,
But sing and smile, smile and sing,
All the glad year through.
—Laura E. Richards.

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The Great Carbuncle.

(New York Sun.)

Flame-like upon the mountain's cragged face
Glowed the Great Carbuncle; beneath
A rhyolite to the sun's eye, and when
night
Unloosed all the sprangle of its stars,
A crimson lur that leaped from ledge
to ledge,
Glinted like dancing marsh fires thro'
the trees,
Climbed the sheer heights, and hung
above the crest
A beckoning splendor.

To the tale below

At shut of summer twilight came the
Man,
And raised amazed eyes, for while the
shades
Empurpled all the valley, far o'erhead
Flame-like upon the mountain's crag-
ged face
Glowed the Great Carbuncle, and burn-
ed and shed
A double sunset. Through his mid-
night dreams
Pulsed the irradiant vision as a forge
Pulses what time the metal's molten
mass
Gushes from 'out its maw. And when
the dawn

Flowered, and he saw his dream was
not a dream,
Haste hung upon his footsteps while
he fared
Up still and up, like many another led
By the false gleam of advice. In his
brain
Lights leaped and throbbed—rich
imageries of power

Like those that swept the thought of
Tamerlane
And Alexander—the broad world his fee
Could he but grasp the jewel. So he
came,
As noon had come in all those elder
days.

Though nameless ones had striven
madly, where
Flame-like upon the mountain's cragged
face
Glowed the Great Carbuncle.

His trembling arms
Outyearned to clasp the cincture of the
stone,
When, like a breathing thing, it loosed
and leaped
From the bedrock, cleft, as the light-
ning cleaves,
A deep girthed pine bole, then the
awaiting lake
Embosomed it forever, while the Man
Stared, fraught with frenzy, then too
poised and leaped.

Now in the wan late watches of the
moon
Mysteries ripple as of ruby run
Across the hill hid waters, nor are lost
Until they mingle with the rose of
morn.
—Clinton Scolland.

The Demons of the Swamp.

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McIver about as much as a June bug
does a horse. Perhaps the artistic eye
does not expect to see a resemblance in
face, but surely it is in good taste to
say that there should be something
about it in keeping with the subject in
hand. As shown in one of the Raleigh
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Tariff the Deciding Issue of the Presidential
Campaign.

"The attacks on Mr. Taft's tariff record by the Roosevelt brigadiers," says the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, independent, "would be more effective if Mr. Roosevelt had any tariff record at all except one of absolute negation." That one sentence exposes the absolute weakness of the Republican party and the absolute strength of the Democratic party provided the latter organization develops the homely gumption to realize its impregnable vantage ground. The tariff will be the deciding issue of the approaching campaign. Attempts to sidetrack it will be as futile as would be efforts to invert the tides. Taft's tariff record is shot ridden. Conceding even the far flung contingency that he may approve bills passed at the current session, Democracy will get the credit for them. Roosevelt has no tariff record at all save of "absolute negation." Through seven and a half years of opportunity he could never "see" the tariff save as a possible trap to treat gingerly. Who stands out of the Democratic hosts as irrevocably embodying the party's interpretation of the tariff? OSCAR UNDERWOOD, chairman of the ways and means committee, the majority's house general. Every schedule that is to pass congress or be vetoed by Taft will bear the indelible imprimatur—"UNDERWOOD." The logic of the situation is irresistibly inevitable.—Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

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