

**AROUND THE HEARTH.**

**For THE PINK KNOT.  
CANOE SONGS.**

**CALM.**  
Dip, dip! as from side to side  
My brown blade swings,  
Like a brown bird's wings  
O'er the breathless tide.

Dip, dip! Black care is behind  
And the morn before.  
I reckon not what shore  
For night's rest find.

Dip, dip! How the slender boat  
My strong heart beats  
In her own repeats,  
As we gaily float!

Dip, dip! While the foam wreath white  
That my swift strokes spurn  
Flies far astern  
And is lost to sight.

**STORM.**  
Beat, beat! Strike hard good blade!  
For the sea is up and the wind in front.  
Leap on little boat! Be not dismayed.  
Good comrades we in the storm's fierce  
brunt,

Beat, beat! The savage sky  
Scowls and mutters from East to West.  
Afar in the dark with a long strange cry  
The loon laughs out from a storm wave's  
crest

Beat, beat! Through rain and spray  
That mingle and beat on brow and cheek,  
Be swift, my boat, upon thy way.  
Heart falter not! arm grow not weak.

Beat, beat! Not far I hear  
The crash of waves on shingly beach.  
Courage, sweet heart! the shore is near.  
One stroke! one more! the land we reach!

**THE WESTERN UNION WANTS THE  
WHOLE EARTH.**

The following communication addressed to a gentleman who has been of great assistance in furthering the enterprise of the weather observing service in this vicinity speaks for itself. A vigorous protest against this mean-spirited action on the part of the Western Union Telegraph Company should be made.

RALEIGH, February 8, 1887.

Dear Sir:—As you doubtless understand, the railroads of this State have all been sending out the weather and cold-wave warnings which they got from the representative of the United States Signal Service here (free of any charge, of course) to all of their agents having telegraphic connection with their head office.

Now the Western Union Telegraph Company, whose declared purpose is to make the National Government, the State, or some one, pay them for transmitting these messages, has forbidden some of the railroads, including yours, from sending this information to their agents, and there is danger that the railroads may have to stop it, however much they may regret to do so, in order to avoid trouble with the Western Union Company.

Under the contracts between this company and the railroads, each railroad company is assigned one or more wires for its exclusive use, and they are only restricted to what the managers, officers and agents send as "railroad business." They are forbidden, of course, from doing a general telegraph business for compensation. But the railroad managers have maintained, up to this time, that this information is of great value and advantage to the railroads in their business, and they had, therefore, a perfect right to send it out along their lines wherever it would benefit them.

The State Weather Service is a purely voluntary organization, as you know. It has no appropriation, no revenues and no source from which to

get any. Every one connected with it, from top to bottom, does his work without compensation.

These weather warnings are public information, prepared at the expense of the people and sent out for the benefit of the people. The Western Union and other telegraph companies receive large revenues from the government for forwarding the information from the signal stations, and then again, for distributing it to the large towns and morning papers all over the country, and they ought to be satisfied with what they are already receiving. I emphasize the fact that this information when it reaches Raleigh is public property, and that the Western Union Company have already, when it reaches here, been paid every tariff which they have any right to collect upon these weather warnings, and that the railroad companies and every other person and corporation in the land have a perfect right to all the profits which may be derived from them.

Therefore, as head of the State Weather Service, I earnestly protest against this effort of the Western Union Company to collect an additional tariff on information which is public property and has already paid them every due they can justly demand.

The telegraph company is as much interested in this matter as the railroads, and they ought to treat this subject in the same generous manner in which the railroads desire to treat it. It would appear to me that this act on the part of the Western Union Company, if enforced, would do much to bring them into disfavor and increase their unpopularity with a prospect of stimulating legislation to control them and their already excessive and burdensome tariffs, and that their interests would induce them to let the weather warnings go free. All the smaller private line telegraph companies in this State are transmitting the weather messages to their patrons free of charge.

I send you this statement because you have so magnanimously assisted in this enterprise, and because I believe it is due you, and also for the purpose of asking your assistance in resisting in a proper but earnest manner, this interference on the part of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Respectfully yours,  
CHAS. W. DABNEY, JR.,  
Director N. C. Weather Service.

**FOR THE PINK KNOT.  
KNOTS**

Address all communications to "Knots," PINK KNOT office, Southern Pines, N. C.

**CROSSWORD ENIGMA.**

My 1st is in valley but not in hill,  
My 2nd is in stream but not in rill;  
My 3rd is in oval but not in round,  
My 4th is in ounce but not in pound;  
My 5th is in one but not in two,  
My 6th is in what but not in who;  
My 7th is in pine but not in ash,  
My 8th is in money but not in cash;  
My 9th is in mince but not in mash.  
My whole is a saint much patronized  
by youths and maidens, J. A. G.

**ANAGRAM.**

Scot I point organs. K.

Answers in two weeks. All our readers are invited to send solutions of the puzzles and to contribute original puzzles.

ANSWERS TO "KNOTS" OF JAN. 22.

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