

REST.

BY DAISY ASHTON.

How sweet 'till he when life is closing—
The weary cares all o'er;
To rest with Christ, our risen Lord,
In Heaven's peaceful shore.

How sweet to lay our burdens down,
And hear the Saviour say:
"Wipe away that good and faithful child,
From now receive thy pay."

Such times the way seems very rough,
And heavy cares oppress;
And pain and sickness comes to fill
Our hearts with deep distress.

But strength it all there is a gleam
Of hope, a cheering ray;
We know there is a brighter world,
A world of endless day.

A world of everlasting spring,
And never fading flowers;
No frost with blighting touch e'er falls
On these celestial bowers.

When strains of sweetest music
Flows on the balmy air,
And songs of praise, eternal praise,
To Christ the royal heir.

O! rest, sweet rest, my soul now longs
That happy hour to see;
When I can lay my burdens down,
And be from sorrow free.

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Twilight Musings.

Twilight is stealing over the sea,
Shadows are falling dark on the lex;
Borne on the night wind's voice,
Come from the far-off shore.

Each portion of the day has pleasures and beauties of its own, but to me the twilight hour is the dearest. All the the cares and vexations of the day are then over and we usually have an hour for quiet thought and reflection. And how lovely the the scene! The sun has sank to rest mid billowy clouds; these, too, are fast disappearing, and now the stars are peeping forth, like diamonds on the mystic brow of night; soon the moon will rise to light the world with her silvery beams, and though it is but the lesser light, yet it is quite as beautiful as the brighter radiance of the sun.

How eagerly is this hour looked forward to by the thousands of busy workers all over this and other lands. All day they have been busy in the counting room, the office, the school room, the factory, or on the farm; but now their work for the day is finished and they are hastening home. It may be only a cottage, vine-wreathed, and with flowers in the yard, yet those they love are waiting there to cheer them with words of affection, after the day's hard work, and they make it the dearest spot on earth to them.

Home!—what tender associations cluster around that word! How it strikes upon the heartstrings, awakening all the sweet memories that have slept in memory's chamber! Our thoughts instinctively turn to the home of our childhood. We see again the loved parents, who watched over our infant years with so much solicitude, and who shared the joys and sorrows of our later years. We think of the happy band of brothers and sisters now broken and scattered, and of the many happy hours spent in that dear old home, and wonder why no pleasures of later years are half so sweet as those earlier years.

But, oh! what sorrow is ours as we stand by the bedside of the dearest, the best friends this world can give, and see them die; know that we will hear that loved voice no more, nor see that sweet smile again. There is no love so pure, so strong as that of father and mother. We never know the depth of their affection for us until we are deprived of it; then we soon realize what a hard, cold, unfeeling world this is. Our dearest friends may for some slight offense become our enemies, but the love of parents for their children is genuine.

Since I have been writing, the twilight has deepened; it is now quite dark. Thousands all over our land are now gathering around their

firesides. If we could look into the many homes what pictures of happiness and sorrow of affluence and want would greet our vision. To many the day has been full of happiness, while others have drank deeply from the cup of sorrow, but let those who sorrow remember that "weeping may endure for the night, but that joy cometh in the morning." There is a silver lining to every cloud, and some of the darkest clouds have the brightest lining. And while we let fall a tear with those who weep let us also rejoice with those in whose life some happiness has come. Our own happiness would be increased tenfold if we rejoiced in the pleasures of those around us, but it is too often the case that the happiness of others is of little moment to us. Our own trials and cares occupy our minds so fully that we will not enjoy the happiness of others, though it would brighten our lives wonderfully if we would.

I trust that all whose eyes shall scan these lines may have pleasant dreams to-night. May peace be the pillow for their heads, and if they awake no more on earth may they find the pearly gates of Heaven open for them, where they may enter and rest forever, secure from all sickness, sorrow, pain and death.

DAISY ASHTON.

We Hope he is a Prophet.

Within sixty days money will be easier than ever before. Everything now tends in that direction. It is estimated that the people who became timid and frightened put \$100,000,000 in their bureau drawers and stockings. There is too much money in the world, and such a friendly feeling between the great financial institutions of different countries, that a panic is out of the question. \$200,000,000 will be turned loose in this country before February 1st, 1891.—[Greensboro North State.

Eight Hundred Persons Killed by a Smoker.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The steamship Belgic has arrived here with Chinese advices to November 20th, and Japanese advices to December 3rd. The powder explosion at Taiping was more serious than at first reported, over 800 persons being killed. A Chinaman lighting a pipe while repairing the roof of the powder mill is said to have caused the catastrophe.

A Republican Boycotter.

Alas! Alas!—it has come to pass that the Progressive Farmer has been boycotted. Since Brother Cade took charge a subscriber wrote him. "Please send me the amount due you and stop my paper. When I want a Democratic paper I will subscribe. You can't make a Democrat out of me by reading your pretended Alliance paper. I am a Republican Alliance."

Oil and water will not mix easily.

A plain, honest looking gentleman named Hart, from Pennsylvania, passed up the Western railroad one day last week, and was interviewed by the editor. The old gentleman frankly admitted he had always been a Republican, but this year he voted for Pattison because Quay was a thief and a scoundrel and he and the honest people were done being led by such politicians.

The Empress of Germany gave birth to a sixth son on the 18th instant. He is a great-grandson to Queen Victoria, and may in time become Emperor of Germany by outliving all his brothers.

AT ASHEVILLE.

The Great Inter-State Immigration Convention.

About one thousand of the most enterprising men from fourteen of the Southern States associated in Asheville on the 17th as The Immigration convention.

When the Convention assembled Gen. R. B. Vance was made temporary chairman, and Mr. Elliott, of Florida, temporary secretary.

Addresses of welcome were made by Nat. Atkinson, Esq., and Gov. Fowle.

Mr. W. S. Primrose, president of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College then addressed the meeting setting forth the value of expositions as an advertisement of resources, the benefits of the citizens at home and from other states meeting to discuss such important events as the present; of the value to the of making a first class exhibit at the Columbia exposition of the mineral and agricultural resources. He said that the people of the North do not understand of what enormous value is our timber and other resources, of the immense water power lying at our doors unused, and of the grandeur of society and magnificent climate. He then offered the following resolutions which were adopted.

"Resolved by the North Carolina delegates now in attendance at the interstate immigration convention assembled in Asheville, N. C., Dec. 17, 1890, representing all the counties of the state:

"First. That inasmuch as North Carolina possesses a climate, a geographical position and material resources unsurpassed by any section of this great country, or of the known world, therefore we deem it not only expedient but eminently wise and proper that the facts concerning these advantages shall be set forth as to be recognized, not only by our own people, but by all who seek legitimate investment of capital and a place for honest labor.

"Second. That while the State press, recognizing and representing our best interests, is faithfully endeavoring to convince, not only our own people, but all others who can be reached, of the great and varied resources of our State, the law abiding character of our citizens and the safety of investment; yet its circulation is limited, and the people of the country at large are to a great degree ignorant of the advantages we can offer.

"Third. That we consider not only should our fellow citizens in all parts of this great country be made acquainted by printed statements of the advantages to be gained by investment of their capital and labor in North Carolina, but that we should present on all suitable occasions by object lessons what we have to offer to all who are seeking new fields of labor.

"Fourth. We regard the Columbia Exposition to be held in Chicago as offering an opportunity of making a creditable exhibit of our resources which should by no means be neglected, and we therefore respectfully request the Governor of this State to urge upon the approaching session of the General Assembly, the grant of a sufficient appropriation, say of \$25,000, certainly not less than \$20,000, to accomplish the desired end.

"Fifth. It being understood that we desire no influx of irresponsible foreign immigration, but that to all who respect the constitution and laws of this country and of our own commonwealth, we will extend a cordial welcome to cast in their lots with us and become our fellow

citizens."

A number of committees were appointed and much work done in the line of advertising Southern advantages and inviting honest and decent immigration. Two States made exhibits. Florida displayed two fine pine apples as an inducement to lovers of good things to go down and eat and live. Kentucky placarded "Old Bourbon" and a "little brown jug," to invite the lawless and vicious to come to that State and drink hell-broth, raise hell generally, and die and go to their own place. There was considerable comment on the Kentucky exhibit and it was not displayed. Much good may be done by this Immigration Convention.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 15.—W. J. Leroy, a freight conductor on the Louisville & Nashville R. R., was arrested last night. His arrest, it is alleged, is the first of wholesale prosecutions to begin at once against trainmen on the road. They are accused of systematically breaking into and robbing freight cars, and it is even charged that wrecks have been arranged in advance to cover evidence of wholesale thefts. These thefts, it is said, are part of a conspiracy against the road, which has existed ever since the strike of three months ago.

To Keep sweet potatoes from Rotting.

Concord Times.

Much complaint is made about the rotting of the sweet potato crop. D. H. Ridenhour says he never fails to save potatoes put up this way: Make a trough the length you wish the diameter of your kiln, bore holes in it from 6 to 15 inches apart, lay this box on your bed, pile your potatoes over it to the desired height and then cover with straw and dirt in the old fashioned way. In very cold weather close up the ends of the box.

It is now said Governor Hill will run again for Governor and trust to a re-election to have the needed effect on the national convention in 1892. The Herald says if either Hill or Cleveland is nominated for the Presidency in 1892, the friends of the defeated one will knife the candidate, as in 1888. If that is the true condition of things, we favor sending Cleveland to the U. S. Senate, Hill to a reform school and make Campbell President.

Major Robert Bingham says: "If a North Carolina girl is blind we send her to the asylum and give her public money; if she is without hearing we educate her by public money; if she is a criminal we send her to the penitentiary and spend public money on her, but if she is perfect in mind, body and morals, not a cent of public money do we spend upon her training, but leave her to do the best she can for herself."

The Progressive Farmer says Col. Polk "was at his home in this city and sound asleep at the time," he has been reported in Jacksonville, Fla., with others deciding not to call a meeting of the Third party. How much of the balance of the story was false?

The city of New York says Porter's census cheats it out of 200,000 population, a member of Congress and one vote in the electoral college in 1892. The Republican Congressmen voted against a new and a fair count and the Herald says they will be remembered in 1892. Good!

End of the World Prophested.

MUNICE, Ind., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Mara B. Woodworth began a series of revival meetings here about four weeks ago, and among the most constant attendants was Ruth Hughes, a seventeen-year-old girl. Last Wednesday she went into a trance and remained seemingly unconscious sixty hours, her body being rigid and one arm extending upward. When she came out of the trance she said she had seen her brother, her Saviour and many persons she had known on earth. She got to the pearly gates, but had not been permitted to enter. The Saviour told her the world would come to an end and for all people to prepare. She also saw the fiery furnace of hell and the many people there being punished. She was giving a description of Christ, when she fell into another trance, in which she remained until Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock.

The Alliance and 1892.

If Cleveland be the Democratic nominee for President and an Alliance leader from Kansas be placed on the same ticket for Vice-President, that ticket will win and defeat Blaine.

The Alliance members from the Northwestern States are a unit for the People's party movement, yet not wedded to the sub-Treasury plan, so warmly espoused by the Southern members. McGrath, of Kansas; Loucks, of North Dakota, and Governor Willets, of Kansas, are working for this movement and assert it is a political necessity.

If Governor Willets, of Kansas, were selected as Vice-President, or some other Alliance leader of ability, this coalition would sweep the country and defeat the Republican party.—[Shelby Aurora.

For an Income Tax.

Atlanta Constitution.

The farmers are doing a good deal of hard thinking these days, and it is bound to produce results. The National Farmers' Alliance has just put a plank in its platform in favor of a just and equitable graduated tax on incomes, and the country will endorse it. Under such a tax something can be done to prevent the \$2,000 a day capitalist from growing richer and the \$1 a day toiler from growing poorer. It is the concentration of too much wealth in the hands of the few that checks general prosperity. The farmers are on the right line, and in this fight they are the people, for the people are with them.

we Are All Agreed.

Progressive Farmer.

We agree with our exchanges in the opinion that Dr. Macune's borrowing two thousand dollars from a stranger whom he desired to see elected to the Senate of the United States looks ugly. But there may be, and we sincerely hope there is, some way of explaining the matter consistently with the innocent of all the parties. The Progressive Farmer is open to Dr. Macune and his friends to make any statements they may be desirous of making to the public.

John Porter, a young white man, was arrested near Waco last Friday and lodged in jail on the charge of stealing a horse and \$20 in money from Capt. P. P. Mull, of Catawba county. When captured, Porter had disposed of the horse and spent or given away the money. He was carried to Morganton jail Tuesday.—[Aurora.