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HUMOROUS POEM

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He was short and fat, and she was tall and slim,
 And people sort of wondered why she married him.
 But he was good to her, and she was young and fair,
 And so they lived and loved and didn't seem to care.
 They ran a two-horse farm away down in "Kentuck,"
 And raised some sweet potatoes and corn and other truck.
 They kept a hired man and a hired maiden, too,
 And so the lady of the house did not have much to do.
 And thus it often happened that in her leisure hours
 The horrid green eyed monster enslaved her in his powers.
 Sometimes she'd get so jealous she could hardly hold her tongue,
 For the hired girl was pretty and frivolous and young.
 So she finally decided she must learn the horrid truth,
 Then laid her trap and waited quite patiently, forsooth.

"A week ago Friday night was the beginning of the cold. Friday noon the thermometer was 70 degrees. That night it went down to 23. Think of that for a drop. The next day it rose to 55 at noon and at night it went down to 23, giving the second freeze. The next two days it was the same as the second day, giving four successive days of frost.

"A man 12 miles from here who owns a 100-acre grove lost \$30,000 worth of grape fruit and oranges. It was the finest grove in the state. All the vegetables in the state are ruined, and look as if a fire had swept over them. Not only are the oranges and grape fruit ruined, but all the vegetables are gone. The banana trees were looking fine, were twenty feet high and loaded with fruit. There is not one in the state now over six inches high. We won't have any bananas in the state next winter, for the trees have to grow two years before they bear fruit. There may not be another such frost in 100 years, and we are liable to have one at any time, I suppose.

"A week ago Friday night, Florida was the second coldest state in the whole United States, something that was never heard of before. Montana was the coldest and Florida the next. Today the thermometer is 80, and since and before the freeze it has been from 60 to 80.

"A four water pipes froze and for four days we did not have any water. Pipes burst on a number of people. I had an elegant garden. Everything in it was just in its prime. Now all that is left is a few cabbages which withstood the cold. Fourteen of our little chickens actually froze to death. We have 165 hens and chickens, some of the chickens not being feathered. The cold struck them hard, as henhouses here are not built as in the North. They are open here, with

civil war, and see how they have triumphed over a long all-embracing train of adversities! It is an advancement over obstacles with no visible parallel in the history of any people in any land.

When these eleven Southern States emerged from the war, one billion and a half of wealth in slaves had disappeared. More than seven hundred millions of other property had been swept away, and they were to enter upon a long, dark period of debt amid desolation. The process of recovery was necessarily long drawn out and painful. The saddest hour for Southern pride was Appomattox, but the star of Southern manhood was brightest when their most beloved leader, Robert E. Lee, said: "Human virtue should be equal to human calamity."

The aggregate wealth of the eleven Southern States in 1860 was \$5,151,865,095. In 1870, five years after the close of the war—their aggregate wealth was but \$2,830,616,000. The figures for 1870 were based upon an inflated currency; and, deducting one-fifth, as the statisticians do, the wealth of those States was \$2,264,000,000, or \$2,925,000,000 less than the year

1907. The wedding ceremony took place Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wilkie, 262 Glen street, when their daughter, Miss Mildred Nina Wilkie, and David Cushman Wycoff, of Williamsfield, Ill., were married in the presence of 30 guests. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Rev. Dr. John R. Mackay, after the bride and groom had entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Miss Edna Burnham.

The bridal party stood before a bank of evergreens. The bride was prettily attired in white silk, trimmed with chiffon and Irish point lace. She carried a bouquet of bridal roses and smilax, tied with tulle. A wreath of lilies of the valley crowned her head. The groom presented the bride a gold bracelet set with diamonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Wycoff left for a journey which will include Niagara Falls, Chicago and Galesburg, Ill. Mrs. Wycoff's going-away gown was of red broadcloth. They will reside in Williamsfield, Ill.

Week of Prayer

The special services in observance of the Week of Prayer at the Congregational Church have been interesting and well attended. The afternoon meetings have been given up to the ladies and the number present has comfortably filled the lecture room.

Tuesday evening the meeting was held in the auditorium and a good number enjoyed and participated in the service.

Some extra services have also been held at the Baptist Church, which have had a good attendance and have been most profitable. The services have been so arranged as not to conflict with each other.

The week of prayer has come to be observed the world over, and the churches of nearly all denominations are accustomed to begin special evangelistic services at that time.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Annual Ball at the Southern Pines Hotel

The New Year's Eve ball at the Southern Pines Hotel has come to be an annual event, and is looked forward to with great interest by those who dance or those who, not dancers themselves, enjoy seeing others tripping the light fantastic. The Southern Pines Hotel, as now arranged, is an ideal place for such social enjoyments, sufficiently commodious and much more home-like than a hall. The Pinehurst Orchestra was announced to furnish music, but for some reason, perhaps owing to poor trolley connections, they failed to appear, and Mr. Brooks came to the rescue and furnished most acceptable music for the evening.

A good number of dancers were present and had a most enjoyable evening. Mrs. Giles doing everything in her power to make the affair a success.

Bowling Party

A very pleasant bowling party was held New Year's Eve. Those who participated were Mr. and Mrs. Leon St. John, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Flint, Mrs. Charles St. John, Miss Mary St. John, Mrs. Milligan, and Mrs. ...

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We Get Our Bumps

The town that does not have a railroad wreck in these days is decidedly behind the times and Southern Pines is nothing if not up to date.

The wreck was a small one, but it might easily have been most serious and many lives were in danger.

A construction train of eight or ten cars was occupying the main pass track near the Southern Pines Hotel and in the half dozen box cars twenty-two workmen were sleeping. Just before the Florida Flyer, going south, was due to pass, a long freight train, drawn by engines 749 and 791, took the long pass track at the bend, not knowing that it was occupied by the construction train, which carries no light, but is not often left upon commonly used sidings. On the end of the construction train was a flat car loaded with tools, trucks and other heavy material which acted as a buffer between the heavy engines and the cars containing the sleeping men. The freight must have

noon socially. During the hours from 3 to 5 there was a musical and literary entertainment, with refreshments at the close.

King's Daughters' Dinner

The King's Daughters gave a dinner at their hall from 12.30 to 2, serving chicken pie, roast chicken, cold meats and all the good things for which the ladies of Southern Pines are famous. A large number was present and the hall seemed to be a clearing house for New Year's joys and greetings. It was an excellent dinner, well served and thoroughly enjoyed by those who were wise enough to be present. The receipts were about \$35, and the King's Daughters will make good use of the money.

Dr. Blair Entertains

On New Year's Night Dr. Blair gave a supper and social evening in honor of Mr. Leland S. Copeland and other collegians home for the holidays.

Supper was served at 7.30, and after two hours had been delightfully spent at the table, college songs were sung, yarns spun and a general good time enjoyed.

Covers were laid for fifteen, and the following young men were present: Leland S. Copeland, Thomas H. ... The whole house was thrown open to the guests by the courtesy of the Misses Folger, who have the upper apartment.

A goodly number were present, who came for a good time, and had it. The writer has not decided yet whether it was the ladies or the fine supper that was anticipated that drew so many gentlemen out for the evening. Perhaps it was a combination of the two, if so they were not disappointed in either case. After the body had been well provided for, a literary program was rendered, which all enjoyed. Then the guests separated, with many thanks to the entertainer and with a fixed purpose that the next time Goodwin Cottage is opened for a social time there will be no vacant chairs.

Temperance Lecture

For the past year the Temperance Association has held a union temperance meeting on the second Sunday month in the Baptist or ... Churches, the intention being between the two.

This month the meeting was Tuesday evening, January 1st, at the ... Inn

Mr. Bundick will be the ... gentleman who spoke about a year ago ... those who were ... him.

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