

L'ENVOI.

When earth's last picture is painted and the tubes are twisted and dried,  
When the oldest colors have faded and the youngest critic has died,  
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it—lie down for an one or two,  
Till the Master of all Good Workmen shall set us to work anew.

And those that are good shall be happy—they shall sit in a golden chair;  
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas with brushes of comets' hair;  
They shall find real saints to draw from—Magdalene, Peter and Paul;  
They shall work for an age at a sitting and never be tired at all!

And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;  
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;  
But each for the joy of the working, and each in his separate star,  
Shall draw the Things as he sees it for the God of Things as they are!

—Rudyard Kipling.

Eli Perkins Tells a Southern Story.

"Old Peter Bennett, of Georgia," said Eli Perkins at a Beta Theta Pi dinner at Dennison University, "was the first farmer who ever beat the lawyers and doctors in diplomacy of law. So don't think young men that because you are to be lawyers and doctors that you may not fall in to the clutches of some old farmer with a more massive intellect than yours and—

"How about Peter?" yelled the Betas.

"Well, old Peter Bennet was a plain old farmer, but he was a good talker. It seems that the old man's wife had a sore limb, and he employed Dr. Mason to cure it, but never paid him for his services. Now, Dr. Mason, notwithstanding he was a Beta, was a very noted and very learned man; and to add to this he employed Bob Toombs to prosecute the case. It was a great case in Georgia, "Old Peter Bennett vs. Dr. Mason," and reputation of Toombs brought out a court house full of people

"Well, Toombs made a strong speech. He didn't leave a ghost of a chance for Peter. However, just before the decision was to be made old Peter arose and said:

"Judge, mout I say sumthin' in this case?"

"Certainly."

"Well, gen'lmen of the jury," began old Peter, depositing a chew of tobacco in the corner, "I ain't no lawyer and no doctor, and you ain't nuther; and if we farmers don't stick together, these here lawyers and doctors will get the advantage of us. I ain't no objection to lawyers and doctors in their place, and some is clever men, but they ain't farmers gentlemen of the jury. Now this Dr. Mason was a new doctor, and I sent for him to come and doctor my wife's sore leg. And he did come and put some salve truck on it, and some rags, but it never done a bit of good, gen'lmen of the jury. I don't believe he is no doctor, no way. There's doctors I know as is doctors sure enough; but this ain't no doctor at all.

"Old Peter was making headway, with the jury, when Dr. Mason said, 'Here is my diploma.'"

"His diploma," said Old Peter with great contempt, "that ain't nothin', no piece of paper ever made a doctor yet."

"Ask my patients," yelled the now

enraged physician.

"Ask your patients," slowly repeated Bennett; and then, deliberating, "Ask your patients! Why they are all dead. Ask your patients! Why I should have to hunt them in the lonely graveyard, and rap on the silent tomb to get answers from the dead. You know they can't say anything in this case, for you've killed them all."

"Loud applause, and old Peter won his case."

Crime is on the Increase.

Attorney General Walsler to-day gave to the press a summary of his first report on criminal statistics. It is for the year ending July 1, 1897. In the 1896 report only the more important crimes were reported by name. The present report gives the names of nearly all the crimes and misdemeanors.

The report up to July 1, 1896, gave 82 as the number of murders in the first degree for two years. Strange to say the last report gives 41 for one year. Of murders in the second degree, there were 76 for the two years; now there are 44 for one year, this showing an increase.

Of arson, 6 cases are reported for the year, this being the rarest of the capital crimes in this State. The Attorney General does not think any other State shows so small a number.

Of rapes, there were 28 in two years, up to July 1, 1896; the last report shows 19, a very large increase.

As to burglary in the first degree, the two years report shows 14 cases; while the new report shows 10, quite an increase. For the two years there were only 22.

Of the forgery cases the two years report showed 99, while the last report shows 62, a very great increase.

Of larceny for the two years, there were 2,886 cases and the last report shows 1,480, so the proportion is about the same.

Of assaults with intent to commit rape, there were for the two years 59 and last year 29.

Of manslaughter there were 33 cases for the two years, and 17 for the last year.—Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer.

The farmer, the mechanic and the bicycle rider are liable to unexpected cuts and bruises. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the best thing to keep on hand. It heals quickly, and is a well known cure for piles. J. De Morris.

In an article copied into yesterday's paper from the Vicksburg, Miss., Herald, it was said: "That such men as Atlgeld, Russell, of North Carolina, and Leedy, of Kansas, can rise to places of high responsibility goes far toward reconciling States' rights conservatives with the growth and extension of the Federal power. The United States courts form the only check upon the socialistic demagogues who would raid corporate interests and array society into antagonistic classes." This is a humiliating confession to come from States' rights Democrats, but it is one which has to be made. It has come to this, here in North Carolina that the much denounced Judge Simonton, of the United States Circuit Court—a Democrat, a man of ability, for years a leader of the Charleston bar, a gentleman of unblemished character—is about the only break-water that protects property rights in North Carolina. But this is not the first time that a United States judge has intervened in this State to save us from ourselves. It was Federal Judge Brooks who in 1869 issued the writ of habeas corpus which the State courts declined to grant, and who released Hon. John Kerr, Hon. Josiah Turner and others from jail and put a stop to the war which the State administration was waging, by armed force, against the people.—Charlotte Observer.



In Some Case.

"Here is a case of a girl who married an Indian," he said, "and now she has to work to support him."

"Dear me," she replied, "it's just as bad as marrying a white man isn't it?"

It did not take him long to decide that he would better postpone his proposal until a more auspicious occasion.

M. L. Yocum, Cameron, Pa., says "I was a sufferer for ten years, trying most all kinds of pile remedies, but without success. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me. I used one box. It has effected a permanent cure." As a permanent cure for piles DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has no equal. J. De Morris.

Meeting Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias (Colored)

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The Advantages of Sheep.

An institute lecturer once summed up the advantages of sheep in this way:

1. They are profitable.
2. They weaken the soil least and strengthen it the most.
3. They are enemies of weeds.
4. The care they need is required when other farm operations are slack.
5. The amount of investment need not be large.
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