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THE OLD BROKEN BUCKET.

How sad to my heart are the memories of childhood, When passing reflections present them to view, The can of rattan that, when I had been wild, would Descend on my back in a lively tattoo. The wide-spreading wood-pile, the axe that stood by it, The torture these caused me no language can tell; And, oh, how I pale as in fancy I spy it, The bucket on wash day I bore to the well. The pant covered bucket, the bale-rope-bound bucket, The old broken bucket I bore to the well. The bony old horse and the wreck it dragged after, The quaint village school house that stood near the hill, The church where our features, distorted with laughter We could not suppress, I can picture them still. The motley attendance of overgrown children Who rallied at school to the sound of the bell— But, oh! the deep cup of my anguish was filled when The bucket on wash day I bore to the well, The wire-handled bucket, the lop-sided bucket, The old broken bucket I bore to the well. The fussy schoolmaster, who frowned on all pleasure, Is gone and his voice will no longer be heard; The well-deserved slipper and woos without number, All deepest resentment within me have stirred. But one recollection with terror still fills me, And casts o'er my childhood a sad painful spell; No other event with such feelings instills me As the bucket on wash-day I bore to the well. The old, leaky bucket, the weather-warped bucket, The old broken bucket I bore to the well. —Alex. Von Albeny, in Texas Sitings.

Lincoln's Maiden Speech.

MOUNT CARMEL, Ill., Feb. 6, 1859. —Judge Pell, of this place, furnishes the following maiden speech of Abraham Lincoln, delivered in Pappsville, near Springfield, Ill., nearly fifty years ago. Mr. Lincoln was not then a lawyer and had no intention of becoming one, he having made up his mind to learn the blacksmith trade. As his genius became recognized he was suddenly nominated for the Legislature. The following is his first campaign speech, which is most interesting reading at this time: "GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW CITIZENS—I presume you all know who I am. I am humble Abraham Lincoln. I have been solicited by many friends to become a candidate for the Legislature. My politics are short and sweet. I am in favor of a national bank; I am in favor of the internal improvement system and a high protective tariff. These are my sentiments and political principles. If elected I shall be thankful; if not, it will be all the same." —F. Y. Herald.

Old Hickory's Homestead.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 11, 1889. —A meeting was held here to-day, having for its object the organization of an Hermitage Association. It proposes to elect regents and other officers to purchase from the State, with absolute title, all the Hermitage property, consisting of a farm of 500 acres and all buildings thereon, and the tomb of General Jackson. The association will agree to forever perpetuate and keep up the Hermitage as the home of General Jackson, binding itself to allow it to pass into the hands of no private individual whomever and to have it conducted in the interest of no individual whatsoever. The association is to be national in its character, having members and officers in each State of the Union and in each grand division of the State of Tennessee. The association will bind itself to raise funds sufficient to purchase the Hermitage property, to put it in thorough repair and to beautify and adorn it. Colonel and Mrs. Andrew Jackson, at present residents of the Hermitage, pledge to the association all the relics in their possession—the furniture and belongings of the parents, the hallway and in the room in which General Jackson died, which remains now as it did on the day the old hero breathed his last. The proposed association is intended to counteract the bill introduced into the Legislature by Senator Crews, proposing to make of the Hermitage a home for indigent and disabled ex-Confederate soldiers.—N. Y. Herald.

SCOTLAND NECK ONCE IN SEASON.

A STRONG PLEA WISELY AND IMPARTIALLY PUT. CITIZENS, READ AND ACT.

The State-training School For Scotland Neck.

The Legislature has decided to make no more appropriations for the summer Normal Schools which have been held for several years in different sections of the State. It is thought that these schools, useful enough for a time, have ceased to meet the needs of those who teach or are preparing to teach. A permanent training-school for them is to be established at some point: a town of not more than 3,000 inhabitants which will give the needful buildings. For the support of the school thus established, the State will make an annual appropriation of \$5,000. Of the wisdom or unwisdom of the measure this is not the time or the place to speak. The school is to be established. In what part of the State shall it be located? In the opinion of the present writer it should be in

EASTERN CAROLINA.

The State has hitherto done nothing to create charitable or educational institutions for the white people of this section. These institutions are all at the center or in the West. Liberal provision has been made to furnish educational facilities for the negroes in the East, as the Normal schools at Plymouth, Fayetteville and other places, all sustained by the State treasury, abundantly show; but the whites have been overlooked. Is it not time for a change in this matter? Other schools like that now in contemplation will without doubt be established in other sections. Is it not just and right that the first of them should be given to the East?

SCOTLAND NECK?

The spirit and the traditions of the place are alike favorable to such an institution. For nearly a hundred years this has been an educated and an educating people. The moral and religious influences which would surround the school are also excellent. Churches of four of the most prominent religious denominations, with flourishing Sunday schools, are here or within easy reach. It would be hard to find a community having stronger safeguards against intemperance. The location is also healthful to a remarkable degree. It is singularly exempt from epidemics and from the diseases which often do such deadly work in other sections. The cost of living is small. The place is easily accessible by rail from all parts of the State. Putting all these things together Scotland Neck is an ideal site for the new training-school. Do the citizens

WANT THE SCHOOL?

That it would be of immense benefit is self evident. The presence of the young men and women who will come to be educated, and of the teachers who are to guide and train them for their noble work in life will give a quickening influence to the social, the intellectual, the moral and the religious life; will once more make the place what it used to be, a great educational centre. It will also promote the growth and quicken the business-life of the place, increasing values of every kind. Does some one suggest

DIFFICULTIES?

They have lain in the path of every great or good enterprise. They are effective only with the lazy or the timid. In this instance they are insignificant as compared with the benefits which are to flow from the establishment of the school in the community. Ample grounds, given many years ago for educational purposes and hitherto unprofitable in a great measure, can be utilized for this purpose and prove a blessing to the whole State. The only burden to be borne by the citizens is the erection of the buildings. It will require effort to put them up but the citizens can easily do it if they are so inclined. I commend the question to their careful consideration: Shall we ask the State to give the new Training-School to Eastern Carolina and to Scotland Neck?

"FLAW PICKER" SCRATCHES AWAY AT SHELBY AGAIN.

The Scurrier's Corner.

I am delighted to see I have made somebody mad. I made a regular "four-bagger" hit on young pettifog and it does my old soul good to see him squirm and wiggle like a worm in hot ashes. "It's the making of that pup." It awakes his energies a little and there is hope for him yet. "Who knows the luck of a lovable calf?" But wasn't it funny, after he said it was "mean and cowardly" to write under an assumed name that the inconsistent, idiotic bantam rooster signed an assumed name to his own article. But I doubt if this young chap is solely responsible for his trying to smash "Flaw Picker." I believe some of his older brethren of the bar put that into his head and I am going to haul every one of the bad-fetched deed writers and court house spouters over the coals.

I don't know which to take hold of first. But just give me a shake at that crusty, fossiliferous ante-bellum celebrity. I heard how he went around round bemoaning me and I saw where he denied writing the article I published. Why the old caterwampus should feel flattered to know that anybody attributes it to him. This old codger run out of date during the war and he hasn't caught up with the times yet. On his back has settled the dust of ages. He is progressive in nothing but the assumption of dignity. He takes the privilege cussin' every body he don't agree with. Some of these days, in spite of his dignified air and aged locks, somebody will give him—oh, such a licking.

Then there's the leading member of the Shelby bar. How shall I name him? I will call him the great wonder of recent times—the great blood-sweatin' hippopotamus. Oh, it's dreadful to see this animal enraged. He frequently gets in this mood when trying a case. He carries his pigtail by storm. His snort is a blood curdler; his beller is a hair-straightener. He is the red-eyed terror of witnesses. It is awful to see him swipe in his opponents' witnesses, chaw 'em to pieces and spit 'em out, or watch him snatch his opponents' client ball-headed and fling him down and brand him as a thief, a blood bound, a villain and such like and then git on him with them number tens and stamp him into sausage meat. When he addresses the jury, even on a cold winter day, the judge orders water to be cast on the fire and the damper of the stove to be closed and winders to be raised and even then the thermometer rises. I tell you he gets hot. One half a gallon of pure lard runs down upon the floor during the course of an hour's harangue. At the end, if he was pitched into a tank of water, it would sizzle and bile as if he was a ton of melted lead. But out of the court house, he is quite docile. He has tamed down considerably in his old days and expert animal tamers predict that he may yet become perfectly harmless. But I understand he is developing a fatal propensity for hunting partridges. They say he is considering the matter whether to remain at the bar or make a crack shot of himself. Lord, deliver him.

By the way, I just want one good lick at these setter dog and double barrel gun fellers. I shall be blamed bad disappointed if I don't make 'em howl. Next comes Moses. Moses is awful poky. He does nobody any particular harm except that it hurts a real live man's feelings to observe the meekness of Moses. Moses excites no envy except that the William goat might covet his whickers and envy his alacrity in chewing tobacco. Moses is not concerned enough He feels that he is slow of speech and has taken in Aaron for a mou piece. Oh, this Aaron! It is out of all question to describe him. Aaron presents a very impressive appearance and makes an imposing speech—that is, he imposes on his auditors. It is enough to tickle a man who has never complained to hear Aaron make one of his "pre-walherp" blow-offs at the bar and hear him talk to the "good people" of Cleveland county and bare back and put on his dignified big Indian airs as much as to say: "You ought to feel peculiarly blessed when a man of my parts pronounces you good!" All the while Moses sits in the back ground benignly smiling and looking with great satisfaction upon Aaron's effort—yea, even with almost as great satisfaction as Aaron feels himself. Now,

Moses, git out of that. Stop chattering up that already stuck up Aaron to make your speeches. Why Aaron is thinking more about pleasing the "good people" and getting a way off one of these days than the merits of the case. Then he freezes the jury to death with his awful dignity and busts their jaws with big words. Pray make Aaron bite down his speeches a little or give him some sort of stuff to shorten his wind or I'll be dod-rotted if you ain't ruined some of these days.

Next comes the young striker. I give them a dose of my sentiments the week before last. They are so infernally lazy and have done so little that they are hardly worth my notice. First is that walkin', Webster's Blue Back—a doful sample of this visionary gourd heads who leave home to get their talents appreciated and bring a lot of important, nonsensical notions with them. I have got more respect for a man who can't spell just like a dictionary. A man who has so daggled much spelin sense hasn't got much of any other kind. I would think more of Blue Back because of his bad spelin, if he hadn't gone and made a blasted luncheon of himself by trying. That shows he's conceived to kill and needs somebody to take him down.

Then there's that benched, pot-stomached blunderbuss. But I don't know whether he disses himself among the pettifogers, for he has got a mighty banker in after free school work and hasn't made much of a record in the legal profession and he never will, if he don't concentrate. Git to work, you great big bundle of gas and gall, and stop your jiddlin about.

Right here, I'll introduce a genuine jackleg of the most sickening type. He has been to school a heap, but the Supreme Court out of a license some way and imagines he is somewhat. He has been flattered by one or two pettifogers who were either brainless themselves or who only wanted to make a fool of him. And didn't they succeed. Why, he takes in flattery like a hog swills slop. I expect it is because somebody told him he is talented that he has taken the western fever—a scientific name for laziness. His record as a pettifogger is quite limited, but he needs cussin out on general principles. He bids fair to make one of the most dismal failures on record, if he don't stop his present way of doing and quit trying to act the big like in everything that comes along. He is no intellectual wonder now. I tell you he's a gone critter if he don't stop sawing away on that measly fiddle and clawing at that old wooden banjo of his. He had better burn them up or his daddy had better smash them over his conceited squash head and put him to grubbing. Besides I understand he is a powerful dancer and will shuddle like a railroad nigger till he busts wide open, if somebody will only look on and praise him a little. I also saw him with a gun on his shoulder, too. Whoever heard of a fiddlin, banjo pickin', dancin' and bird huntin jackleg making anybody of himself—especially when he is naturally a sly head to begin with. Verily, I say it is more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah than for this critter.

Lastly comes that moon faced, soft talking college haunter. This sanctimonious young hypocrite is actually a fear-d of the court house. If he sees a client coming to ask him to make a speech, he will run and hide; but if some poor demented college parson wants to mortgage his farm for a little money, this young Shylock is right there. He has got more downright, green-eyed meanness in him to look so alfred innocent than ever was cloaked by sheep's clothing before. I hear that he and the old hippopotamus loan money at eight or nine per cent. less than the bank. Why, don't they know they will bust the bank all to pieces and thus destroy a home institution?

I hear that a right fresh spirit of the law will be home in a few days. I hope not. Verily is lawyer children now until its back is broke. As for those four or five fellers who are now studying law here, I have this to say, that where there is a blockhead for a teacher and natural born idiots for pupils, there is no danger of getting better.

In conclusion, I wish to say I would not too be so severe this week if that genuine jackleg had not tried to show off at my expense. If you don't want "Flaw Picker" astraddle of you, just quit bowing up your backs and bristling your tails. Yours tenderly, FLAW PICKER.

Centennial Reunion of the Alumni and Matriculates of the University of North Carolina.

One hundred years ago the charter of the University was granted by the General Assembly of North Carolina. The long, useful and honorable career of the University makes it a loyal duty and a proud privilege for her sons to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of her birth. For this Celebration the Trustees and Faculty of the Institution have set apart Wednesday of Commencement week, June 5th, 1889.

The program for the day will include a reunion of all the living alumni and matriculates in Memorial Hall at 10:00 A. M. The members of each class will sit together. An address of permanent, historical value will be delivered by an eminent alumnus, at the conclusion of which the roll of alumni will be called by classes and a few moments may be occupied by speakers representing each class present. Where it is desired for special reasons a longer time will be allotted. The class of 1879, for example, the first to enter the University on its revival in 1875, has requested and been granted special time to celebrate the decennial of its graduation.

It is proposed also that the members of each class dine together on this day and that the class dinners be occasions for friendly reunion and reminiscence. At night another address by an eminent alumnus will be delivered, and the special class exercises will be continued, unless completed in the morning. On Thursday night, after the Commencement exercises, there will be a social reunion of all the alumni in the Library and a reunion of the young people in the Gymnasium in costumes of the last century.

A catalogue of all the students of the University since the beginning and a complete history of the University will be published for the celebration. It is important to know as soon as possible, who will attend the reunion, which classes desire special time on the program and which will provide for class dinners. In arranging for class dinners the undersigned committee will gladly assist the special class committees, if their help be desired. The social reunion of all the alumni in the Library will be arranged by the local committee. Special time on the program may be secured by correspondence between the class committees and the undersigned. JOHN MARSHALL, F. P. VENABLE, GEO. T. WINSTON, Committee of the Faculty, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 15, 1889.

TEMPERANCE ARITHMETIC.

1. There are 175,000 saloons in the United States and 151,000 public schools; how many more saloons than schools?
2. The people of the United States pay \$80,000,000 yearly for the support of the public schools, and \$1,484,000,000 for the support of saloons; how much more do the saloons cost than the schools?
3. The value of food products of our country for a single year is about \$500,000,000; the cost of all the clothing about \$100,000,000; the cost of alcoholic drinks about \$1,484,000,000; how much more does the liquor cost than the food and clothing?
4. The 4,000 saloons of San Francisco take in daily an average of \$10 each; how many dollars are paid daily in that city for liquor?
5. There 1,000,000 drunkards in the United States; how many of these 1,000,000 inhabitants each would these drunkards form?
6. In the City of Oakland, "The Athens of California," there are 200 saloons. If every saloonist sells 10 drinks a day, how many drinks are drunk daily?
7. If a family spends 15 cents a day for beer how much is expended in four weeks? How many loaves of bread at 10 cents a loaf could be bought for the same money?
8. A smoker spends 20 cents a day for cigars; how many dollars will he spend in one-half year? How many pairs of shoes at \$2 per pair could he buy with this money?—Oskahosa News, Herald.

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