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Unawed by Power, and Unbribed by Gain."

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## AN HONORED SON.

### DUNCAN K. McRAE ENTERS UPON REST.

A Beautiful Tribute from the Gifted Editor of the Wilmington Star.

The intelligence of the death of Colonel Duncan K. McRae reached us yesterday. It occurred at his daughters residence in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday evening, 12th February. He was born in Fayetteville in 1819, and had just turned into his 69th year. For a year or more he had been a great sufferer, and last Summer went North to seek such skill as New York could afford. It has been apparent to his friends that he could not last very long, and he contemplated his departure with satisfaction. North Carolina has produced the fewest number of men who could be compared with him in brilliancy of intellect. In wit he was equal to any man we ever knew. In powers of repartee he was indeed a master. In eloquence when at his best, and in his prime, he was of a high order. In mental resources he would compare with most men of his time. He was an admirable illustration that splendor of mental parts is not incompatible with solidity of reasoning. He was a good lawyer, but a better advocate. When in full health he had but few rivals at the North Carolina bar as an advocate.

Col. McRae was an extraordinary boy. At five years of age he made an address to General Lafayette when he revisited this country and came to Fayetteville, that was named in his honor. This was in 1825. He was educated at William and Mary College, Va., and entered the bar as soon as the law would allow. He soon attracted attention. He settled in Raleigh after a few years and practiced in Wake and the adjoining counties. There were great lawyers on his circuit then, and he soon took an excellent rank among them. As a political speaker, he was bold, dashing, earnest, witty, sarcastic, vigorous, eloquent. He was a dangerous man to meet, because of his remarkable combination of gifts. He was Consul to Paris for six years. In 1858, he was an independent candidate for Governor against Gov. Ellis, and was defeated. He made a very splendid campaign. He was Colonel of the 5th North Carolina Regiment, and did some heroic fighting at Williamsburg, Va. He was also in the battle of South Mountain and perhaps other engagements. He edited a daily in Raleigh for a year or so during the war. It was called The Confederate and rendered signal service to the great Southern cause. It was a dashing, slashing, lively paper. After the war Col. McRae removed to Memphis, Tenn., where he became distinguished, as we know, as the most consummate advocate in the city. He was successful there, but on account of the health of a daughter he removed to Chicago where he practiced law for a few years. His heart was always in old North Carolina, the home of his fathers and his affections, and in 1876 or 1880, he removed to this city. Here he has been a well known figure on our streets. Here he obtained a good practice; here he delivered some of the most magnificent lectures that have been heard in the South. Here he had many friends and relatives who will be deeply pained to learn of his death. He has passed away at a somewhat advanced age, honored, respected and venerated. He was a man of physical and moral courage. He was not a great man, perhaps, but he was certainly a man of unique, striking, captivating, commanding gifts. He was a man of something like genius. He was no plodder. He reached the highest altitude by an eagle's sweep. His intellections were rapid; his perceptions keen and intuitive; his mastery of subjects easy and immediate. He was capable of making long, elaborate, sustained, powerful, legal and political arguments, and when he entered the arena of debate he was in full armor from head to heel, like a knight of old.

#### Presidents and Their Salaries.

President Cleveland is supposed to be worth about \$100,000, and he owns, we are told, real estate in Buffalo which is rapidly advancing in value. President Arthur left much less than he was supposed to be worth. Garfield shortly before his death owed \$30,000 to General Swaim, and Grant did not add to his fortune by his White House career. Hays made money out of the Presidency, and is rich through inheritance and economy. The Presidents,

as a rule, have not saved money during their Presidency; but the same abilities which made them Presidents would, if they had been used in the field of money making and money saving, have given them fortunes.

Martin Van Buren made money out of politics. He started life poor and died well to do. One estimate puts his estate at \$80,000, and he made money in real estate as well as in the law. Both of the Adamses were money savers, if not money makers. The letters of John Adams, the second president, to his wife Abigail, repeatedly urged her to cut down the household expenses and to practice economy. He lunched himself on oat cake and lemonade, and he walked far oftener than he rode.

John Quincy Adams received nearly a half million dollars from government in salaries during his life time, and he possessed the Yankee thrift. The Adams family at present is one of the richest in New England, and I was told at Kansas City that Charles Francis Adams had more than a million dollars invested in real estate there. He has railroad stocks and bonds in addition, and he makes his money breed like Australian rabbits.

Andrew Jackson spent more than his salary while he was in the White House and he had to borrow money to keep up with his expenses. Thomas Jefferson borrowed money that carried him out of Washington when he left the presidency. Ande Johnson, though he entertained considerably, is supposed to have saved at least \$50,000 during the White House career. He died, we are told, worth about \$100,000, and the most of this came from economy. It was a pretty good estate for a tailor to leave. James Buchanan was making about \$7,000 a year at law when he entered Congress, and he spent during his presidency what was left from his living expenses in charity. He was not, however, a rich man when he died, and his estate at Wheatlands was sold a year or two ago.

President Fillmore began life as a wool carder. During the three years he was engaged to his sweetheart he had not enough money to pay the expenses of the 150 miles which lay between her home in Saratoga county, N. Y., and where he had begun to practice law. During the first years of their marriage his wife did the housework and taught school, and still he died one of the richest of presidents. The greater part of his fortune, however, came from his second marriage.

#### Elections This Year.

Congressional elections will be held this year on Presidential election day, November 6, in all the States except Maine, Oregon and Vermont. Maine elects her Congressmen September 10; Oregon, June 4 and Vermont September 4. In all the other States except Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Oregon, Virginia and Vermont elections will be held generally for State officers and legislators, but in some instances for legislators alone, November 6. Alabama's election occurs August 5, Arkansas' September 3, Georgia's October 3, Maine's September 4, Oregon's June 4, Vermont's September 4 and Louisiana's April 17. Virginia, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi and Ohio do not elect legislators this year, and Maine, Oregon and Vermont hold their State and Congressional elections on the same day.

#### The Bath.

Every human habitation should always contain a convenience for a complete bath in water. In the long catalogue of diseases, says a well known physician, scarcely one can be named in the treatment of which a bath is useless. To those blessed with good health, a bath gives thrift and growth to healthy fictions, a brightness and delightful serenity, a clearness of mind and buoyancy of spirit. It is certainly a blessing to both mind and body. For the mental worker it is a nerve tonic. A thorough application of water of proper temperature will calm and give tone to the whole system. The indoor laborer, who gets but a scanty supply of fresh air, needs a bath to obtain for the skin invigorating elements of open air.

#### A Bad Spell.

If an S and i and an o and a u, with an x at the end spell "Su,"  
And an e and a y and an e spell "i," pray what is a speller to do?  
Then if also an s and an i and a g and an h e d spel "cide,"  
There's nothing much left for a speller to do but to go and commit Stouxeysighed.

## A MIXTURE.

### EDITORIAL ETCHINGS EUPHONIOUSLY ELUCIDATED.

Numerous Newsy Notes and Many Merry Morsels Paragraphically Packed and Pithily Pointed.

—Austria asks for more money.  
—Home life is the interior of winter's shell.  
—Sailors who sing are never guilty of mutiny.  
—The gold fever has broken out in Michigan.  
—There were 328,617 stickers in this country in 1887.  
—The man of brass is always ready to show his mettle.  
—An old man repents of that of which a young man boasts.  
—Sam Jones got \$3,500 for preaching once in Kansas City.  
—"It is better to be nobly remembered than to be nobly born."  
—Texas is plethoric. It has \$1,727,000 surplus in the Treasury.  
—Sheridan is a war horse and his prancings are not just now needed.  
—The Spring time is coming, gentle Annie, and don't you forget it.  
—The coming actor in this country is thought to be Richard Mansfield.  
—Henry Irving played to larger houses in Boston than ever known there.  
—Napoleon wrote an excusable scrawl. His education was badly neglected.  
—No man is fit to have power unless he wishes to wield it for the good of all.  
—The Richmond State says that city is in great need of a larger police force.  
—Mrs. D. Giveaway, of Tennessee, gave birth to five bouncing boy babies recently.  
—John C. Calhoun, it is said, never drank one drop of whiskey or spirits in his life.

—The floods in China have caused two million people to become "utterly destitute."

—There are only forty-five female lawyers in the United States, but they talk like sixty.

—The preachers at Nashville have decided to put no more church notices in Sunday papers.

—The House Committee on Labor report that conductors on railroads do not need licenses.

—Base-ball is as old as the world, as is proven by the first line in Genesis: "In the big-inning," etc.

—A heavy storm of sleet and snow Saturday in Lynchburg, Va., which almost put a stop to business.

—The steamship agents report that the spring and summer exodus to Europe will be the largest in ten years.

—Of all American writers Poe is the most read. That fact shows the standard of taste that most prevails.

—The Prince of Wales will soon celebrate his silver wedding—the twenty-fifth anniversary of his marriage.

—There are 4,000 theatres in the United States, and \$1,000,000 a day is paid for amusements in this country.

—The Congress has voted \$175,000 to repair the old iron steamer Hartford. An old iron steamer is a luxury.

—The question before the meeting is: If a blushing bride were not led to the altar, would she go herself!

—Indiana is now called the mother of Vice-Presidents, as Virginia used to be called the "mother of Presidents."

—Sam Jones says the 200 pound men in Congress who are afraid to tackle the tariff have "shoe-strings for backbones."

—When a man attempts to warm his hands over a hotel register it is high time to inquire into his mental condition.

—The coldest weather known is reported from Minnesota, the thermometers showing from 48 to 68 degrees below zero.

—To be a gentleman does not depend upon the tailor or the toilet. Good manners count for more than good clothes.

—Forbearance and self-control smooth the road of life, and open many ways which would otherwise remain closed.

—Earnestness is the best gift of mental power, and deficiency of heart is the cause of many a man never becoming great.

—A citizen of Brunswick, Ga., proposes to paint his house black and ornament the roof with representations of coffins painted white.

—You can get more wind out of a ten-cent fan than you can from a \$500 one. It's the same way with a ten-cent man.

—It is sad to see family relics sold at auction, but the most painful thing under the hammer is generally your thumb-nail.

—Ingalls is being fired into because he put five Pacific railroad men on the committee of seven to consider this very road.

—The proprietor of the Florida house at St. Augustine is serving on his tables watermelons, cucumbers and Jamaica ginger.

—There are in Germany 2,000 Sunday-schools, 30,000 teachers, and 300,000 scholars. Twenty-five years ago there was not one.

—According to an exchange a headless man is roaming around an Ohio graveyard. We have no hesitation in saying that it is not a hotel clerk.

—Out of the suffering comes the serious mind; out of the salvation the grateful heart; out of endurance fortitude; out of deliverance faith.

—Learning maketh young men temperate, is the comfort of old age, standing for wealth with poverty, and serving as an ornament to riches.

—An exchange tells of a young woman who went to a party with a decolette dress on, took cold and died. Undoubtedly she was dressed to kill.

—It turns out that the noted peachblow vase belongs to Mr. Brayton Ives, a Wall Street broker of great wealth. Mrs. Morgan paid \$18,000 for it.

—An indiscreet man is more hurtful than an ill-natured one; the latter will only attack his enemies, the other injures indifferently both friends and foes.

—There is no period of a girl's life at which she is not beautiful and charming and all that; but it must be confessed that it is as a bride that she takes the cake.

—"Does the masculine embrace both sexes?" is a question that has often been discussed. As for us, we have observed that the masculine embraces one sex much more than it does the other.

—Boucicault, the playwright, says he wishes that Adam had died with all his ribs in his body. What a lonesome time father Adam would have had. He would have died of the "dry rot."

—The National Democratic Executive Committee will meet at Washington City on Washington's birth-day, to-day for the purpose of fixing the time and place of holding the next National Convention.

—What a wonderful magician Bismarck is. He can utter a few words and the whole continent of Europe thrills with the gladness they produce. He can speak to the agitated sea of contention and at once all is peace and quiet.

—The North distrusts all Southern men who have not crawled on their bellies and kissed the hand that smote them. The only trusted Southerners are Longstreet, Mahone, Key, Mosby, and a few politicians of the same kidney.

—The United States Treasury contains \$282,000,000 in gold, the largest mass of gold in the world. The government receipts for January have averaged about \$1,000,000 a day. The reduction of the public debt during January was \$15,000,000.

Since the year 1865 the people have been taxed to pay the Federal pensioners \$870,000,000—eight hundred and seventy millions of dollars. The South is paying annually quite twenty-five millions to Yankee soldiers. This is about \$1.25 for every man, woman and child in the whole South. This is what the toilers must pay.

—There are enough miles of railroad in the United States to girdle the earth five and a half times. Over a half million of men are engaged in operating these roads. There are thirty thousand locomotives, twenty thousand passenger cars, and eight hundred and seventy-four thousand freight cars in the United States.

—The six day walking match ended Saturday night. Albert has broken the record and is now champion of the world. Eight of the competitors completed the 525 miles that entitled them to a share in the gate receipts. The score of these eight at 10 o'clock was as follows: Albert 621 miles 4 laps; Herty 582 miles; Guerero 564 miles; Hart 546; Golden 538; Moore 531; Strokel 526; Noremac 526.

## STATE NEWS.

### FROM THE DEEP BLUE SEA TO THE GRAND OLD MOUNTAINS.

An Hour Pleasantly Spent With Our Delightful Exchanges.

Tarboro wants electric lights. A man in Yadkin county, has this winter "gummed" 187 rabbits.

The Newbern truck farmers have put in their peanut crop and are now preparing for potatoes.

Eight new cotton mill companies have been incorporated under the laws of North Carolina since January 1st.

A man in Johnson county bought a wool hat the first year of the war and has worn it constantly ever since.

Chicken thieves are numerous around Reidsville. The Times report several depredations—in one instance fifty fine hens.

A. J. Galloway, of Goldsboro, has been appointed a director of the Eastern Insane Asylum of Goldsboro, vice J. D. Spicer resigned.

The Raleigh Savings Bank has been in operation only nine months. It has 867 depositors with \$43,701.83 of deposits in small amounts.

Mamie Leslie, a white woman, implicated in a shooting affair at Salisbury, attempted to commit suicide by taking poison in her cell in jail.

The Winston Sentinel learns that the climate of California does not agree with Mr. J. W. Reid, and that he speaks of returning to North Carolina.

The teachers of Harnett county held a meeting Saturday at the enterprising and growing little town of Dunn, and organized a Teachers' Council.

A young man near Halifax, a few days ago, while cutting wood, by chance cut down a tree that contained four gallons of honey, four bats and a peck of wasps' nest!

In 1880 our State had 49 cotton mills, 102,767 spindles and 1,960 looms. She now has 91 mill, 250,854 spindles and 5,929 looms. In number of mills, North Carolina leads all the Southern States.

A child was born in this State recently that has two grand-mothers, four great-grand-mothers, one great-great-grand-mother, all living and able and willing to wait on the infant. The great-great-grand-mother is in her 94th year.

Col. A. C. Davis is going to have new double barracks added to his already immense military school building at La-Grange made necessary by the constant and rapid manner in which the membership of the school is increasing.

The Charlotte Chronicle says it is understood that the car record office of the Richmond & Danville Company is to be removed from Charlotte to Washington City, where the general headquarters of the company are now located, on March 1st.

The oldest Moravian settlement in the South was made Nov. 17th, 1753; and Old Town, afterwards called Wachovia, five miles north of Winston, in Forsyth county, by immigrants from Pennsylvania. There is a stone church at this place one hundred years old.

There are on exhibition in the State Museum some samples of canned fruits from the canning establishment of A. J. Hatt & Son, Flat Rock, N. C., and they are as fine as any manufactured. There are now fifteen canning establishments in the State every one of which is successful.

Mr. Isaac Manning, who once lived in Wilson and clerked for Hargrave, is now living in Wilmington. In noticing his arrival there the Star says: "He arrived in the city last night to take a position in the laboratory of the Navassa Guano Company. Mr. Manning is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. After graduating he took a special course in chemistry, so that he is most eminently fitted for his work. He enters upon his duties immediately."

A Western newspaper says that the latest sensation is a St. Louis horse that chews tobacco; but the greatest sensation is D. Bull's Cough Syrup.

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