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"Our Aim will be, the People's Right Maintain,  
Unawed by Power, and Unbribed by Gain."

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## ON THE WING.

### INTERESTING JOTTINGS BY THE WAYSIDE.

#### A Wilson Man Ope's Wide His Eye, and Sees All Things in Passing Ry.

It is now 2:30 P. M., and we are at Texarkana, a thrifty village of good population, taking its name from the circumstance of its close proximity to the Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana lines. It is just 153 miles to our destination, Tyler, Texas. This section has very much the appearance of the red land section of North Carolina. Abandoned fields are grown up in sassafras and pine. We note in the forests thick familiar growth—oak, black jack, sweet gum, willow, pine, maple, dogwood, hickory, &c. No poplar, for it is said there is not a tree to be found west of the Mississippi River, unless planted there.

From Texarkana to Marshall, a distance of 74 miles, at every depot we see saw mills and stacks upon stacks of pine lumber; indeed these mills are the back-bone of all the villages, for without them they would not exist.

At 9 P. M. we reach Troup where we are to spend our first night in Texas. The landlord, a sloshy looking fellow from Alabama, meets us at the door, assures us that he has elegant apartments for our party—(among the party a lady with ten children). We are all invited into the reception room while our rooms are being set in order. We find ourselves surrounded by several Texans stretched out on the many cots around the room, the thermometer then standing at 90. When the landlord returned he found that we had retired to the piazza to keep from disturbing his sleeping guests.—Having stowed away the lady and her children, a traveling companion and myself were taken to our rooms—in each of which was a single bed, a straw mattress and chair, and just wide enough to touch with outstretched hands either wall. It was soon manifest that he proposed to put us to bed by string matches to afford us light while undressing. I asked very meekly if he had as many as a gross for each of us; he apologized by saying that the lady had the only lamp he had. As I saw by the dim light enough to satisfy me that we would either melt or be carried away by Texas bed-bugs, I asked if he would not put a couple of quilts on the veranda for us, which he did and secured to us a good night's rest. I forgot to say our landlord's entree dress consisted of a pair of pants and cotton shirt, and was the only cool looking individual we met that night.

We arose with the sun and began to take in the town while we were awaiting the train for our departure, 6:20 A. M., for Tyler, still twenty miles further on, which we reached at 7:50 and just in time to miss breakfast at Troup.

Tyler, the county seat of Smith, has a population of 8,000, is beautifully laid out; from the Court House, as a centre, broad avenues lead to each point of the compass from it. The "square" is oblong—about 200x400 yards. Around it as in all Texas towns, business centres, a short distance from either corner of the Court House are built very neat and substantial offices for the county officials. The buildings are all under a neat enclosure. Around the fence and in the unoccupied part of the square all vehicles are packed and horses corralled, of those coming to town to trade. I have seen at one time as many as five or six hundred horses tied closely together around the inclosure. We note quite a change from our North Carolina style of architecture. The private residences are neat, showy and convenient—generally higher than those in Wilson. It is not a level town, but this circumstance, I think, detracts nothing from its beauty. They have a system of water works that afford an amplitude of good water, with a pressure sufficient to put water over the top of the highest house in the city. Indeed so great is the pressure there is no necessity of fire engines, and thus facilities for extinguishing fire are equal to those of any town in the State of its size.

The electric lights and telephones too are a full blast, for it is not a town to be left out in the cold. Its railroad facilities are all that could be desired. Up to two years ago Tyler stood about midway on the west side of an isosoles triangle made by three railroads. It now has two others—one of which has its terminal here, while the other is a part of a system 700 miles in length, reaching as far north as Cairo, Ill. The latter, the Cotton Belt Line, has its shops

here and gives employment to a large number of mechanics.

Fruit canning is a large interest here. I visited one a few days ago that employed 200 hands, that was putting up from 5,000 to 10,000 cans daily.

The Tyler Lumber Company is, perhaps the largest concern of its kind in Eastern Texas.

We were so fortunate as to reach Tyler in time to attend their annual Fruit Fair, which was very fine indeed.

I will close for the present, and later will, if I can find the time, have something to say of the prairie country.

A. W. ROWLAND.

#### Trip Abroad by the Proprietor.

Not out of the realm but away from the dust and dull cares and duties of home, way up the country. On Tuesday evening, with Knightly panoply, we hied away to meet with "the gallant and magnanimous" representatives of the Order in Grand Conclave, in Winston. From the seaboard to the mountains they were there, and with waving plumes and glittering steel, the uninitiated were struck with wonder and admiration; at least we felt so, and most everybody would, judging from the way we strutted and put on airs.

The Sir Knights and citizens of Winston received the visitors with that cordiality which always characterizes the chivalrous, gallant and progressive city of Winston, and right royally did we enjoy it.—No more delightful retreat for a stranger than Winston and Salem—one all bustle, push and energy; the other quaint, quiet, yet progressive and enterprising.

The Academy where the mothers and daughters of ten generations have been educated still flourishes and invites to its delightful shades the daughters of our land. The arrangements of the buildings and grounds are the result of years of experiment and, to the casual observer, seem to be perfect. The study parlors, the dormitories, the dining hall, the wide airy corridors, the play grounds with swings, jegglers and other appurtenances for pastime and exercise—all point to a most delightful resort for girls seeking education, and were reminders of our escapades of thirty (or more) years ago, when we boys, law students, then at Judge Pearson's—would visit Salem and cousin the girls and "cozen" the teachers as well.

Through with our "Conclave" business I left the scenes so full of tender interest and hied me to a place with far more tender attractions—to the society of her whose wifely ministrations for nigh onto thirty years have sanctified affection's hallowed charm.

With the facilities offered by the most systematic of all railroad systems, and with the urbanity of the most elegantly courteous of all railroad officials of the RICHMOND & DANVILLE RAILROAD, we supped in Winston, and took breakfast in Hickory, and withall enjoyed most refreshing slumber aboard the Pulman Palace Sleeper plying between Greensboro and the Hot Springs. The service is so admirable arranged that we pass the various stations without having our slumbers disturbed—and even change roads from the North Carolina to the Western North Carolina is effected—without knowing anything about it. The road bed is firmly ballasted, the bridges and trestles substantial, and the transit safe and rapid. Then the waking, just at the foot of the mountains, is glorious—to be appreciated it must be experienced; it cannot be described, and we are glad to know many 'Down East' are availing themselves of the opportunities offered of visiting our everlasting hills.

While in Winston we visited the Graded School building, a monument to the enlightened liberality of the enterprising public spirited people of Winston in furnishing the "sinews of war," and to the intelligent energy of Prof. J. L. Tomlinson in planning and executing the design. The building itself is a monument. The outcome from it in the education and enlightenment of the rising generation will outlive the massive structure, and live when its halls have crumbled into dust. The capstone of the structure is the Library, collected, arranged and dedicated IN PERPETUUM to the use of the school by the efforts of Mr. Tomlinson without the expenditure of a single cent of public money. I was told by persons who ought to know (and examination satisfied me) that the money value of the books alone was near, if not exceeding four thousand dollars. Organized, equipped and in splendid working order, the Winston Graded School is indeed a blessing to that community and to the State.

## A MIXTURE.

### EDITORIAL ETCHINGS EUPHONIOUSLY ELUCIDATED.

#### Numerous Newsy Notes and Many Merry Morsels Paraphrastically Packed and Pithily Pointed.

A job lot—Boils.

Judge Gresham is in England.

The farmers' share—The plow share.

A writ of attachment—A love letter.

A crown jewel—The bump of consistency.

A stringed instrument—The clothes-line.

Jasper, Tenn., will soon have a rolling mill.

A sonny retreat—A boy's orphan asylum.

A fool is better than a knave, and less fool, too.

In Boston the horse-fiddle is called the "equine violin."

The topmost crag is a soar spot for the American eagle.

The Minneapolis labor temple will be finished this year.

When an aeronaut smokes in his balloon he takes an aerolite.

The greatest hard-ships in the world are England's ironclads.

A middle man appears to be a central figure in trade circles.

The fellow that is hard up is apt to become a man of note.

Key West, Fla., furnishes employment for 9870 cigar makers.

The British Order of Odd Fellows shows a membership of 52,000.

The most successful dentist must expect to run against a snag occasionally.

There are 9134 journeymen carpenters and 2420 apprentices in Scotland.

A National Trades Assembly of Clerks and Salesmen is in course of formation.

The Englishman who said that hugging was "armless" was wrong. It is 'armful.

Attorney General Garland writes from Rock Enon Springs that he is much better.

Laurence Barrett's daughter Gertrude is to wed Miss Mary Anderson's brother Joe.

To write a good story for the public a man must have a good upper story of his own.

The barber who dressed the head of a barrel has been engaged to fix up the locks of a canal.

A two-year old boy can be kept quiet for a minute and a half if you give him a hammer and a mirror.

A wedding ceremony should not pass off too smoothly. For instance, there should be a hitch of some kind.

Mrs. Partington claims that there are few people nowadays who suffer from "suggestion of the brain."

Three members of the Garfield Cabinet—ex-Secretaries Blaine, Lincoln and Windom—are now in Europe.

The semi-annual report the San Francisco saving banks shows a total deposit of \$76,000,000 in nine banks.

It is denied that Harrison, the boy preacher, is the grandfather of the Republican candidate for President.

The average young man who goes abroad "on pleasure bent" frequently comes back by pleasure broke.

Never before in the history of the country have manufacturing establishments changed about so much as at this time.

The Society of Associated Carpenters of Scotland, has been in existence twenty-six years and reports a membership of 8877.

In Lancaster, Penn., there are three cork factories. The annual production is 150,000,000 corks, or one-half of this country's manufacture.

Pet dogs in Paris are now clad in mantles with pockets for holding lumps of sugar, bracelets on their paws and a string of little silver around the neck.

Garfield had 214 electoral votes; Hancock 153. Blaine had 182 and Cleveland 219. Mr. Cleveland stands a good chance of getting Oregon, California and Michigan, with a showing in other States. If he gets the three named the vote will stand Cleveland 243, Harrison 158.

The news from China is that the Celestials are preparing to fight England and all concerned on account of excluding Chinese from British colonies. The Chinese army is estimated at 1,300,000.

The State authorities of Florida have ordered that the entire village of Plant City, in that State, be burned to the ground, including all buildings furniture, bedding &c., in order to stamp out the so-called yellow or malarial fever there.

The Democrats beat the great magnetic leader of the republican party in 1884, till he didn't want any more of it. Now Mr. Cleveland installed the office and warned to the work, if they can't beat that little blue blooded aristocrat Bennie Harrison they can't beat anybody.

It makes one laugh to see the republican platform pledge the party to get rid of Mormonism. It first made that pledge in Philadelphia platform of 1856, when Fremont was nominated, and has repeated it in all the eight succeeding platforms. It is a party of great promise.

The republican platform formally reads mugwumps out of the party. That action is entirely unnecessary, the mugwumps have been out of that party nearly four years, and out to stay. In this respect the republican party is like unto the man who locked his stable door after the horse was stolen.

To lower the tariff to a just and equitable basis is not free trade. The objects of the Mills bill are to reduce the unjust profits of monopolists and boss manufacturers, and to prevent the accumulation of vast surplus in the national treasury. The man who asserts that to lower the tariff means free trade or any tendency thereto insults intelligence.

The railroad from Buenos Ayres to the foot of the Andes has on it what is probably the longest tangent in the world. It runs 211 miles on a "bee line" without a curve, and during the distance there is not a single bridge, no opening larger than an ordinary culvert, and not a cut nor a fill exceeding three and one fourth feet.

It is said that Mr. Morton, the Republican candidate for Vice-President, spent \$500,000, on the election of 1880, to corrupt voters. If he spent that much for others, how much will he spend for himself? He has shown great wisdom, if it is true, in refusing to let Col. Dockery and his greedy supporters have any to throw away in Democratic North Carolina.

Keep in mind that Ben Harrison never carried Indiana on the popular vote. He is very unpopular with a large section of his own party, is particular obnoxious to old greenbackers and the labor element. It's all day with little Benny. He received the empty honor of a nomination, through the obstinacy of the Blaine mer, but it will prove his political winding sheet.

The republicans who worked the rebel debt racket in 1884 without success, now turn to that free trade racket, a thing just as senseless and untrue. The theory upon which the "free trade" racket is based is simply that American working men are fools capable of believing every kind of political falsehood and clap trap, but there are already signs that it will not work this year.

Chinese Hallison is the author of two declarations that will damn him politically with the laboring men in the West. He said if he was Governor he would shoot the strikers if they did not go to work. He said further that "a dollar a day and two meals are enough for any workingman." He said these things. He does not dare to deny them.

There are now 406,007 U. S. pensioners drawing annually \$52,824,641 23. But they are growing. For the year ending the 30th of June, 1887, the amount paid was \$74,815,486 85 more than it took in 1860 to meet all the expenses of the U. S. Government. Since 1860 the people of the United States have been taxed to pay in pensions \$883,440,298 36. The average pension is \$130 10.

The proposed bridge over the Hudson River at New York City is certainly the most stupendous undertaking of its kind yet proposed in this county. The cost is estimated at \$42,000,000, or nearly twice as much as that of the Brooklyn bridge. The bridge proper is to absorb \$16,000,000, of this, the approaches \$14,000,000. There is to be one span over the stream, which is a good deal wider at its narrowest available point than the East River at its broadest.

## STATE NEWS.

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

#### An Hour Pleasantly Spent With Our Delightful Exchanges.

The joint canvass between Fowle and Dockery will not commence until after the 24th of August. Then you will see the fur fly.

It is now understood that Richmond Pearson will be an independent candidate for Congress, but will support the Democratic ticket.

Rev. G. W. Sanderlin is making a reputation with almost unparalleled rapidity. He is known already as "the second Vance of North Carolina."

Presiding Elder Cuninggim, of the N. C. Conference, says the Third Party movement is the most impudent organization on the face of the earth.

40,000 baskets of grapes have already been shipped from the vicinity of Raleigh this season, and those engaged in it will greatly extend the industry.

We regret to see that the bright, newsy, handsome Asheville Sun has ceased. It did not pay, which is sufficient excuse for the course of the proprietors.

The Democratic Congressional Convention of the First District Tuesday at Elizabeth City, nominated Thos. G. Skinner for Congress by acclamation. Geo. H. Brown, of Washington, was nominated for elector.

It is announced that Jno. Spelman an old wellknown journalist of Raleigh, will in a few weeks revive the State Journal. Its politics has not yet been stated but it is thought that it will be in the interest of John Nichols.

The southbound passenger train which left Charlotte last Sunday afternoon on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta road, was wrecked at a point 22 miles south of Charlotte. The engine encountered obstruction that had been placed on the track and a fearful wreck ensued. No one on board the train was killed outright, but five people were wounded, one of whom has since died.

Dr. Richard M. Gatling, inventor of that famous but dangerous war arrangement known as the "Gatling battery gun," was born in Hertford county, North Carolina, on the 12th of September, 1818. He is nearly 70 years old. He has constructed another gun that will shoot 1,000 times a minute and in any direction. He lives in New England now.

Jumbo, the fat man stopped several days at Concord this week. He is a whale, a big man we mean weighing nearly 700 pounds. His vest was buttoned around Esquires Willford and Carter at once, and neither of these are small men. He sent his clothes to a colored woman to be washed, and one of her little girls got lost in one of Jumbo's socks and couldn't be found for some time.

Mr. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, is tearing down a residence which cost \$22,000, and putting up one which will cost from \$70,000 to \$80,000. One of Mr. Carr's neighbors remarked recently that Mr. Carr is worth a round million of dollars, and the richest man in the State. His profits from the operation of Blackwell's Durham tobacco company last year are said to have been \$125,000.

The reports which have reached us so far proclaim the glad and re-assuring tidings that Fowle, our silver-tongued standard bearer, is meeting with rousing receptions by enthusiastic and great crowds in every place. The fact is significant. It shows to all that the Democrats of the upper Piedmont section are on their metal. They mean to do what they did in years yet fresh in memory, cover themselves with glory on the fourth day of November.

We are glad to be able to quote from good authority that Co. Chas. Price has signified his intention to support Hon. Daniel G. Fowle for Governor. We look upon this as a ten strike for Judge Fowle and the Democratic party. Col. Price is one of the brightest lights, intellectually, in the State, and could have received the nomination at the last Republican convention for Governor if he had suffered his name to be run. He is assistant counsel for R. & D. Railroad, and is one of the best lawyers in the State.