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## THE REASON.

BY ARTHUR E. DOWELL.

[For the LEDGER.]  
"We never speak as we pass by."  
In silence eye we go;  
In days of joy or days of care,  
No words our thoughts e'er show.

Though each may wish for kindly words  
Neither the first will speak;  
Oh, stubbornness of human hearts,  
So rigid, though so weak.

No bitter words our silence caused,  
Nor an unkindly deed,  
Yet for a single loving word,  
Each knows 'twere vain to plead.

With others we exchange ideas,  
And friends will kindly greet,  
But no words pass our sealed lips,  
When, or where'er, we meet.

Alas, that hearts should be estranged  
By trifling things, and light  
Offences nursed, at last, become  
To love a deadly blight.

That fills each sunny heart with gloom,  
And chills sweet friendships rare,  
Until at last a breach is formed  
Which time cannot repair.

For though forgiveness soon is given,  
It takes longer to forget,  
The sun may shine through fading clouds  
And still the earth be wet.

However, though we do not speak,  
And will not years to come,  
The reason, I regret to say,  
Is that we both are dumb.

## THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD DEBT.

The State of North Carolina had outstanding her bonds to the amount of \$2,795,000, issued to aid the construction of the North Carolina Railroad, three-fourths—\$3,000,000—of the stock in which she subscribed for, and still holds. These bonds carried 6 per cent. interest, and were, in addition to the faith and credit of the State, a lien upon the stock, thereby making these bonds a secure investment throughout all the vicissitudes and misfortunes of the State.

When these old North Carolina construction bonds, as they were called, matured, the value of the road had so increased that the State's interest was estimated to be approximately worth \$4,000,000, and it was desired to have the State retain the benefits of this appreciation in the value of the property her liberality and wise foresight had created.

Of course the holder of such a bond would surrender it for nothing short of its face value, so that any compromise was out of the question. Governor Jarvis called about him the ablest and wisest of our financiers, and a scheme for the refunding of these bonds was adopted, and the measure was passed through the Legislature.

A new 6 per cent. bond was issued in exchange for the old, to run forty years, thus retaining the ownership and control of the road permanently in the State.

Respecting this exchange of bonds the Governor, in his message, says: "Amount of 6 per cent. renewal bonds when all are exchanged, \$2,795,000. Of the old bonds issued in aid of the North Carolina Railroad \$189,000 have not been surrendered for exchange. Of these the United States Government holds \$147,000. Unknown creditors, \$42,000. Total \$189,000."

In considering the State's indebtedness we are not required to take account of the North Carolina Railroad debt, for the reason that the railroad takes care of this itself. The road is leased for 6 1/2 per cent. out of which the interest of the bonds is regularly met, and there is a sinking fund, which is expected to be ample for taking care of the bonds at maturity.

This was also a happy stroke of policy, for, by the time these bonds mature, the State's interest in the North Carolina Railroad will approximate \$5,000,000.

Our State finances have been ably and admirably managed.—Wilmington Messenger.

## GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A company has been organized in Lynchburg, Va., to manufacture paint, with a capital stock of \$25,000.

The Tin, Sheet Iron, and Cor- nice Workers' International Association will hold its annual convention at Peoria, Ill., in the last week of this month.

The Maginnis Cotton Mills, New Orleans, La., will soon be in operation with their new machinery, the capacity being some 23,000 spindles and 540 looms.

The affairs of the Charlottesville, Va., Cotton Mills Company are in a very prosperous and satisfactory condition. A profit of 10 per cent. was realized during the year.

The national camp of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America will meet in Washington, D. C., about the middle of next June, and will be in session three days or more.

Representative negro politicians and educators of Alabama, in convention assembled in Montgomery, Wednesday, passed a resolution inviting white immigration to that State.

The gifts recently presented by the Pope to the Irish churches are valued at \$50,000. Among the gifts is the stole which was worn by the Pope on the occasion of the services in celebration of his jubilee.

W. P. Robinson made an assault on Colonel W. D. Coleman in Danville, Va., last Thursday, and beat him badly and fired several pistol shots at him. Robinson threatened to kill Coleman on sight, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

The employes of the Kinney tobacco Company, of New York, undoubtedly wish that Christmas came more than once a year. They received as a present last week over \$8,000 divided according to the salary or earnings of each person, some getting \$81 apiece.

A Land Improvement and Manufacturing Company was organized in Lynchburg, Va., Thursday night week. In order to admit all trades and professions the stock was placed at ten dollars per share. About 8,100 shares were taken, and a committee was appointed to open books of subscription at all of the banks of the city.

The Richmond Terminal managers are reported to be negotiating a scheme with the Baltimore and Ohio management whereby the latter is to extend its lines between Weavertown and Lexington to Bristol, and there to connect with the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia road, so as to give the latter a shorter outlet North than its present route over the Western North Carolina road. It is intended as a menace to the Norfolk and Western road. The new construction will be about 180 miles.

## FOUND HIS RING.

When B. F. Whittemore, of Woburn, Mass., was a resident of South Carolina some years ago, he was presented with a magnificent enameled gold ring by his friend, Hardy Solomon. The ring was appropriately inscribed and was dated Columbus, S. C., 1873. It was also engraved with various Masonic emblems. In 1886 Mr. Whittemore, then a resident of Massachusetts, with his family, visited Salt Lake City and bathed in the lake. When he emerged from the water the ring was missing from his finger. Last August his friend wrote him from Wichita Kansas, that Christopher Deihl, Grand Secretary of the F. and A. M. of Utah, had informed Grand Master Inglesby, of South Carolina, of the discovery of the lost ring on the bottom of Salt Lake by a little Mormon girl named Sarah Ann Hughes, 13 years old. While bathing she noticed something glittering on

the lake bottom, and diving after it, found the ring. His lost ring was received the other day by Mr. Whittemore as good as new.—N. Y. World.

## THE ARIZONA KICKER.

We take the following from the last issue of the Kicker:

### POOR SHOOTING.

As we were returning to our office from the Widow Smith's the other evening (we have been sparking the widow for several weeks past), and just as we came opposite the old Indian fort, some person whose manners certainly need polishing up, fired four bullets at us from a revolver. The intent, no doubt, was to kill us. It took us about the millionth part of a second to realize this fact, and then we opened out for a run and made good our escape.

We don't claim to be great shakes on shooting, but if we can't hit the editor and proprietor of a great and growing weekly at a distance of twenty feet once in four shots, we will leave Arizona. We don't claim to be a Chesterfield, but if our manners permitted us to hide away behind an old wall and begin popping at a gentleman without warning, we'd expect to be mentioned in the same line with a hyena.

### TOO MUCH TALK.

There is altogether too much talk about that mistake of our popular young druggist of the Blue Front which sent Col. Jim Jackson to his grave. Col. Jim asked for quinine and got strychnine by mistake, but there are a good many redeeming features. The Colonel was old, lazy, and drunk half his time, and left no one to mourn his loss. The druggist is a young and energetic man who sold out a coal yard in Chicago to come here and go into the drug business, and it must be expected that he will make a few mistakes in the go off. We call attention to his liberal manner of advertising in the Kicker. He has assured us that such a mistake cannot occur again, as he has properly labeled the bottles.

### ANOTHER LIE NAILED.

Our esteemed contemporary down the street charges us this week with bulldozing the business men of this town into advertising with us. We nail this statement as a lie. Our methods of securing advertising have all ways been perfectly legitimate. If a man who fled from Ohio to escape State prison for arson opens a grocery here we drop around for a friendly chat with him, and we let him know that we are posted on him. Then we set forth our circulation and influence, give him rates, and if he says he doesn't want to advertise that ends it. While we advise all to advertise, we never bulldoze, as all can testify. If bulldozing would secure advertising the old clap-trap concern down the street covered with mortgages would be quite apt to try it.

### APOLOGETICAL.

During our absence last week an item crept into the local columns which has stirred up considerable feeling. It was in relation to Judge Handy, and the writer of it, supposing truth was demanded, said the deceased was an old loafer, bummer, drunkard and dead beat, and that he was found dead beside a jug of whiskey. The friends of the deceased are justly indignant at this exposure, although they do not dispute the charges. We are very sorry that anything of the sort should happen, and are now preparing an article for next week, in which the judge is complimented for his sobriety and love of cold water—praised for his honesty and integrity—complimented for his public charities, and referred to as one of the most upright men West of Chicago. While all know better, and while the whole thing will be a falsehood, we shall be smoothing over for his friends. Extra copies, done up ready for

mailing, only five cents each.—Detroit Free Press.

## A STUDENT'S SINGULAR ADVENTURE.

A student at the Institute of Technology, Boston, was ill in his room on Tremont street; at least he thought he was in his room, when suddenly awakened by a blow on the head; but on looking about he found that he was in the hallway of a strange house. He heard voices in an adjoining room and rapping at the door, was admitted to the room by two fellow students whom he knew well. They hardly knew whether the visitor was their friend, whom they thought was lying ill six houses down the block, or his ghost. He assured them that he was very much alive, but couldn't tell how he came there, and they clothed him and took him to his room and began an investigation of the mystery. They found a solution. In his sleep he had risen, opened a window, got out on the mansard roof, which was edged by a tin gutter and six stories from the sidewalk, made his way along this perilous path past the dormer windows of five houses, stopped at the sixth, lowered a window, climbed in, and awoke when he struck his head against a door in the hall.—Norfolk Landmark.

## WITH A BEAR.

Charles Ford, of Shandaken, is rated as one of the finest wrestlers among the western Catskills. He is considered a nerry fellow. His nerves and muscles were tried to the utmost on Saturday, in an encounter which was as unexpected as it was startling. Ford was tramping along singing and whistling, when he saw coming toward him an animal resembling a bear. On it came at an ambling, shuffling gait toward Ford. When brain caught sight of the man it at once stopped, and Ford would have had ample time to have beaten a retreat. He did not do so, however; neither did brunn. Both stood eyeing each other and taking in the situation. Ford's only weapon was a revolver, and this he resolved to use on the bear's tenderest spot. Taking careful aim he fired, but just as he did so, the bear made a spring and the bullet merely grazed the bear's tough hide.

When within about five feet Ford fired again, but without even stopping the shaggy monster pounced upon its enemy and encircled Ford's waist with its powerful paws. He struck at the bear's jaw with his iron fist, and when the pressure on his waist relaxed, Ford adroitly tripped him up but by some mischance he and the bear took a ridiculous header together down the side of a mountain.

Ford says: "It was all right when I was on top, but when I was underneath, the breath was nearly squeezed out of me, and as to snorting and blowing—well, I never heard such noisy licks as that bear put in outside of a railroad locomotive."

A gully stopped their downward career, and landed Ford several yards in advance of the bear. Bruin was quickly on top of its victim again, however, but with an adroit movement Ford, who had retained his hold on his revolver, struck the barrel against the bear's mouth and fired. The animal relaxed its hold fell over dead.—Kingston Freeman.

## SENATOR VANCE'S STORY.

Senator Vance was discussing in a party of Democratic friends the other day the curious reasoning one of his colleagues in the Senate freely does. "It is about as satisfactory," remarked Mr. Vance, "as that of the darkey about his crazy old clock. When twitted with its jerky and spasmodic behavior, he declared that he could tell the time of day by it as well as by any clock in the world. 'Yer see, boss,' said he, 'when de hour hand pinta to 4, and de minit hand pinta to half-

past 11; and she strikes 9, den I knops its adzotly 1 o'clock.' That's de way Brother C— sometimes reasons to demonstrate a 'clear case of cause and effect.'"  
—N. Y. Tribune.

I think I ought to have more than \$2 a week," said the office boy, determinedly. "Why, you little rascal," said the merchant "what in the world do you mean? You are careless about your work; you never have anything done right; you are always late in the morning; if I want an errand done I have to do myself, and you have the face to ask me for an increase of salary?" "I know," said the office boy, more determinedly than before, "but you forget one thing; I don't know how to whistle."

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