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# BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Left, left, left! That is an ominous word-1. don't like it. Last Friday night I closed my mission down in Alabama-a most delightful week with balmy weather, moonlight nights and good people to cheer me. I retired happy to dream of home and the little grandchildren and the light that would be shining in the window for me on Saturday night.

The porter was to call me up in time to take the 2 o'clock train for Chattanooga, but alas! he did not do it, and I awoke to find that the train had passed and I was left, left, left-Oh! the misery of it. Shakespeare says that there is no philospher can endure home. There is a goneness about it, for the train has gone.

The next train would not connect at Chattanooga and I would have to stay Children are intruders, they say, and if there till another 2 o'clock in the morn- by chance they have any they are put we are talking about a cotton factory ing. But all's well that ends well. About daylight I reached my home. All was still and silent. The good old dog was lying at the door and gently the motherhood of our mothers-what the prospects, and we are at least as locked but the window sash was not, and I raised it slowly and softly and knew that the door to our family bed- mothers, and it rejoices me to know room was locked, and I heard some faint familiar nasal sounds that assured has a book now in press with Lippin- he had ever invested in the tickets. I right. In a few minutes I was asleep and playing on the harmonican my- and goodsmen. With her it has been self. My heavy base echoed to the tenor in the other room and awakened from Moses down have lauded the great ations along different lines. We have one of the girls, who whispered : "Mamma, mamma, there is somebody in the front room." It's your papa," said she. "I know his trombone-be still family embraces, and two little children the southern sky. came running in and climbed all over me and made me happy. Ou; it beats war, or politics, or a dog law, or anything. I was escorted into the dining room to breakfast and saw at a glance dering matched it beautifully. The was lovely.

truders, and the pity is that their mothers and not been of similar mind. In IN THE RING. BUT STILL at night watching for rats while his own eye was asleep." There's no use talkers had not been of similar mind. In New England and fashionable northern circles the maternal instinct has been smothered, and has gone into an "innocuous desuetude," as Mr. Cleveland would say. A good gentle Tom Howard said that a Boston mother wouldn't have but one or two children, and she wouldn't have any if she didn't want

an heir to inherit the estate. Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote a re-Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote a re-markable letter two years ago on the well. This is the prettiest fall I ever decay of the maternal instinct in New saw, the forest, with its variegated col-England, and the great increase of di- ors, is charming indeed. A man who is vorces and voluntary separations. Marv not happy now with his present sur-Brent Reed has recently published an roundings, has a bad liver or a bad article on the same subject as applica- conscience. The country was never so ble to France. She says that the fashthe toothache patiently, and I will add or being left by a train when far from even dress like women. They despise ing a beautiful rectory, the Baptist hips and try to hide them. They pre- church is building a nice parsonage. fer to be as slim as race horses, and to thought Cartersville was full grown, but conceal every sign of a maternal form. if she is full grown she has had a lick out to nurse and to be reared by un-motherly hands. What an awful pic-ture this is—what a sad descent from a counterpart to the Saviour's teaching well off as one of our fellow townsmen when he said, "Suffer little children to who told me that he had bought a ticket come unto me for of such is the kingdom in the Louisana State Lottery every was soon in the sitting room, where of heaven." Nearly all the great men month for 20 years, but that he had there was a good comfortable sofa. I of the world have been nursed by noble never drawn any prize, but that the that Mrs. Sarah Butts. of Brunswick, cott that will rescue from oblivion the tell you there's nothing like prospects. mothers of many of Georgia's great A man or a country without prospects a labor of love. How our biographers amid all these good times we have varimen but paid small tribute to their elections that break up the monotony. mothers.

But the highest heaven is reserved for them, and an eternal fame that will and let him sleep, for I expect he is almost worn out." It was 8 o'clock acquire in this cliangeable world. Alas, dreaming of the soldier boys drilling and the officer said left, left, left at ev-ery sten. Rousing up. I soldier at ev-Brumby and Holeser in Schley and Brumby and Hobson left, and a have been up in Kentucky. I have ery step. Rousing up I received the host of lesser lights that illuminate the heard about that Goebel election BILL ARP.

Not Holding Back Cotton,

### Macon Telegraph.

that the room had been repapered with deal of the otton is being held back by divided on political lines to run the a tinted olive green paper and the bor- the farmers of the South has not yet thing like we do in Georgia and Tenbeen substantiated. On the other hand, nessee and Mississipi. It will take votes doors to the parlor were wide open, and a careful investigation by reliable par-that room had been repapired, too, and ties has developed the fact that there is lution by a corrupt legislature by a cau-

Somehow I never could make as the farmers in any section of the South times padded returns. We can run that needed returns and nearly all the members of the board ones. Is not the great majority to be rest are wicked, and were it not for my female folks expect, but I did my trary seems to have been true; the solutely necessary for the good of the best and have expressed my admira-tion several times since. Before I left better than last year, and, in fact, bet-tion several times since. Before I left better than last year, and, in fact, bet-tion several times since. Before I left better than last year, and in fact, bet-tion several times since. Before I left better than last year, and in fact, bet-tion several times since. Before I left better than last year, and in fact, bet-tion several times since. Before I left better than last year, and in fact, bet-tion several times since. Before I left better than last year, and in fact, bet-tion several times since. Before I left better than last year, and in fact, bet-tion several times since. Before I left better than last year, and in fact, bet-tion several times since. Before I left better than last year, and in fact, bet-times since and virtue and manhood of the sickness are better than last year. they talked about the old paper that than many farmers expected, that, with the State is about as much on one side to be commended. they talked about the old paper that than many farmers expected, that, with had gotten dirty and was falling off and sevent took advantage of said that if 1 would get the paper they the good weather and hurried their cotwould put it on, and I assented. I am ton to town as rapidly as possible, fear- me the other day that the Georgia legis- health, received to-night a telegram certain to be a widow and several chil- his mother was in a state of much said he, "just look at me-I am fifty- of the speculators, who are persistent.

fodder's in the shock.

North Georgia was never so full and flowery in the products of nature as at this time-peavine hay, corn, fodder, cotton, cotton seed, potatoes, turnips, etc. This is certainly a year of plenty

and a fall of beauty. An idle farmer is I am still at home, and in addition game." to other physical complications and difficulties, I was mixed up in a cyclone in my lot the other day. For a moment I was looking on the cyclone in the shape of one horse hitched with one trace only to a two-horse wagon; another moment I was lying down on the ground, prosperous, why, even Cartersville is two wheels of a wagon running over my arm and shoulders, another wheel running over my heel. A Georgia cyclone would not have done me up much worse in a shorter time, and my friends all say I needed rest. I am getting it. somehow and is swelling in spots. Then I have got one good leg and one good arm and a tolerable fair pair of shoulders, a chin very much disfigured, and soul full of gratitude that I am what I am, and that I am no ammer than I am. When I do get well and the soreness has passed away I shall be glad. I have no broken bones, but I broken but my bones.

Coming up on the train the other day prospects for being rich at the end of from Atlanta an old negro at Big every month was worth to him all that Shanty selling apples, called my wife "sissy," and told me to buy some ap-'sissy, He knew 1 was her husband. I "This is a gay widow I am sitting said. ought to retire to the cemetery, and He plied, "Boss, then take her by. in; she looks like she has got money behind her." to the merriment of all As I expected, they are preparing for a near being a widow in a few hours, picnic in Kentucky. Four thousand leaving off the "gay," but I am still

people with their numbers increasing were gathered at Barberville, Ky., yesman." terday clamoring for a fair count. "Nose to nose," the newspapers report the race between Goebel and Taylor. I

law, and if a man's own election law does not elect him then his law is a failure. I no more believe that Goebel is elected governor of Kentucky than I

no disposition whatever on the part of cus the night before the election, some-

Charlotte Observer ing, the whisky crowd has one eye open "The frost is on the punkin and the day and night. The temperance people go to sleep early, and are not in a hurry

about getting up in the morning. I sympathize with the temperance ma-They need sympathy.

see how utterly powerless they are in promise, and it was asked why he should has been here for some time of the other, the presence of the mighty minority. thus dispose of himself, and the reply tending the publication of a history of was, "O, well, he was tired of the his life and labors. ame." Sunday morning he attended the First Baptist church and was called on the game. They have worried and sermon on "Christian Growth," for a struggled. Perhaps they have reared, prayer.

"TIRED OF THE GAME."

A certain man died in North Caro-

or tried to rear, children who have been a disappointment to them. Perhaps to erable preacher with bowed head seemed them "fortune had looked backward." to be talking familiarly with God, tell-They have worked hard and seen no ing Him of the sins of the people, man result of their labor; the past has been by man, and asking the Almighty for unfruitful, the future is unpromising. mercy and indulgence till they could They have thought upon the problems be called to repentance. of life and they see nothing in it for "Oh, God," he said, "Thou knowest

them. They are tired of the game. Charlotte a year or two ago his lecture on "Money and Morals." It was not worthy of him, and was a disappoint-also that a great many members high ment to his audience, but it contained up in the church drink beer and whistoward its conclusion this striking in- key and go to dances. Oh, Lord, they quiry, What is the use? A man who call them germans, but that's just to had become President of the United fool the people. They are regular old think everything about me looked States said to him that this was the dances-nothing in the world but fidgoal of his ambition; that for years he dling and dancing. We read the paper had looked forward to the presidency; this morning and there they had printthat when he finally reached it, he ed the names of all the gals and their found that his former friends had be- partners. Oh Lord, have mercy on come his enemies and that his former these miserable rascals.

he was unable to reward his friends or into saloons, visiting places of ill-fame punish his enemies. The question was, and playing the devil generally. No wherefore had he expended his ener- wonder that when they ask a sinner to the passengers. My wife came mighty gies; why had he spent restless days turn from his evil way, he replies, 'Go and sleepless nights in seeking some- 'way, you old devil, we know you.' thing that brought no pleasure in the We heard only this past week of a sttainment? The answer was, of prominent church member who had course, Solomon's-Vanity of Vanities. been drinking beer ten years and who But we lose our course and yet not went home and found his little boy altogether. Is the game worth the can- dead drunk and as limber as a dish rag. dle? That is the question which hun- Ob, Lord, have mercy on these miseradreds of thousands of human beings all ble sinners who pretend they are fol-Gougan, of Robeson county, a student over the earth are asking themselves, lowing Thee, but who go around with at the Normal, died this morning of and the answer they get is in the nega- their breath smelling like an old swill typhoid fever. She had been sick about tive. If they are in public life and try tub. We have a little grandchild, Lord, ten days. During the last days of her to follow the popular caprice they find that we were thinking of sending here themselves involved in all sorts of ab- to school, but, oh, Lord, this is such a The claims of the bears that a great believe I am; Kentucky is too evenly who today carried the body of her surdities; if they follow the dictates of degraded, fearfully wicked city, that we daughter to her home at Lumber Bridge. conscience and of right, they lose caste. are afraid to send her here. Then The total number of deaths from the If, far from "the madding strife," pur- there is a college here where the young fever at the Normal is seven. There is suing the even tenor of their way, they men are encouraged to give dances. an improvement in the condition of often find toil unrequited and effort Oh, Lord, have mercy on the president most of the patients, though several of gone for naught, they get tired of the of that institution. the girls remain critically ill. The di- game,

are present. They are still silent. Their so classified? It is a world of toil and these few good people the whole city we have run our little race; when all down hre and brimstone and destroy it life's duties have been done. It may like Sodom and Gomorrah."

RALEIGH A MODERN SODOM.

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Raleigh News and Observer.

A sensation was created here Sunday lina the other day. It was asked of in church circles by Rev. F. M. Jordan. one of his friends of what he died, and Mr. Jordan, who has preached the sympathize with the temperance ma-jority of the Georgia legislature when I phine. He was a man of gifts and in the State at one time or the other,

world is full of people who are tired of by Dr. Carter, at the conclusion of his

And such a prayer it was! The ven-

the majority of Christians are like Hon. Henry Watterson delivered in wasps-larger at birth than at any other

enemies had become his friends, and so the chief value of the office had gone— giving card parties around here, going

"Thou knowest there are only a few

Willie had swallowed a penny, and alarm. "Helen," she called to her sister in the next room, "send for a all through the medium of whiskey or doctor; Willie has swallowed a penny!" morphine; it is not quite the thing to The terrified and frightened boy looked leave to others the care of children up imploringly. "No, mamma," he "The minister?" asked his mother, inpresent answer, I am tired of the game. ter?" "Yes; because papa says our minister can get money out of anybody." Mrs. Newlywed: "I was going to have letter to the Governor of each Southern some sponge cake as a surprise for State, asking for united effort to get you, dear, but I must confess it was a Southern Representatives in Congress failure." Mr. Newlywed: "What was to work for the passage of a bill refund- the matter?" Mrs. Newlywed: "I ing eleven million dollars to Southern don't know for shure, but I think the people from whom cotton was seized by druggist sent mo the wrong kind of-

day, for I am the boy.

the women of this country and putting new burdens on the men. "Why," five years old and weigh nigh on to 200.

pounds, and yet my wife wanted me.to . climb up a step ladder yesterday and RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 30 .- The Camhis wife and plants flowers and straw- the richest and largest deposit of mag- to that effect. too.'

immensely. and good obeer and pictured what home | 20,000 acres of land in its vicinity. sught to be. Said he, "We have nine bildren at our home, all under age, od my greatest pleasure is in meeting od for his tender mercies. Runa train half night and half day is closed and through seven walls. work, but I enjoy my home and

mother is its dearest inmate we have an ideal com. onwealth. oleridge says:

"A mother is a mother still The holiest thing alive."

Lyttleton says:

"The lover in the husband may be lost But the wife is dearer than the bride."

to the home and the mother, for nome vault to an adjoining room. is not home without a mother. Of With them children are in- had 24 wars. to be.

Large Lease of Dre Land.

couldn't and wouldn't, for the ladder cured 10,000 acres of magnetic iron ore and temperance growth of the last 20 was old and rickety and I might fall lands in Ashe county, embracing the years would be immediately wiped out 1900. and break my neck or some of my Ballou ore bank, which is 67 per cent. of existence, and that whisky would arms and legs. Well, sir, she langhed pure. The revalty to be paid is 25 flow ankle deep over the State with a and said : Bill arg claudes indices for bests a top. It is declared that this is dipper hanging on every gate, or words

berries and nurses the grandchildren, netic ore in the Southern States. It is 'Yes,' said 1, 'that's what he said that the Southern railway will ex- nal force are all teetotalers and practical He thinks that you women are going to Bristol, directly through the ore theory and sentiment. If I looked with

#### Wireless Telegraphy.

om when my run is off, and in help-them and their mother to fight the made a successful test in this city of the minority has got more sense than the measure of relief, that the Secretary of de of life and be contented and en- wireless telegraphy. They succeeded in majority. I mean chicanery and legis- the Treasury shall either deposit \$50,what we have got and be thankful telegraphing without wires through a lafive sense and parliamentary power. 000,000 with the national banks, or

Another test was made when the sig- ance element has plenty of force and all the more when I get with nals were conveyed through three fire- power until it collides with the whisky , and they are all the gladder to proof vanits and an ordinary telegraph power. I have tested the strength, switchboard, in which thirty wires were chicanery and power of the whisky

like that man and that kind of connected up and about 40 dead wires traffic on one side until I was twenty-When our people realize that were located. Notwithstanding the fact four years old, and on the other side I e is the best place on earth, and that this switchboard contained live have tested it for twenty-eight years, wires, the current passed through all of and I know something about it. They the vaults and through this board. This are awake when we are asleep. They is one of the most severe tests that has are like the fellow who bragged on his

father as a physician and surgeon. He ever been given wireless telegraphy. A third test was made in which the said a man camp to his father one day sending instrument was placed inside who had knocked one of his eyes out of one of the steel vanits and both doors with a piece of lightwood. He said his were closed and the combination lock father made him catch the big old tom turned. The signals were then trans- cat, and he took the cat's eye out and

All the great poets have paid tribute mitted clearly from the inside of the put it into the fellow's head. The man asked could he see out of that eye. "Yes," said he, "it was a fit, and he hear that piano going,"

course there are many married women During the reign of Queen Victoria, could see as good out of it as he could Fogg, as - who are not mothers and do not wish beginning in 1837, Great Britain has out of his other eye, and the only difference was that the cat's eye was awake to th

glad that I did, for if I had been at ing that the price might go off and not lature was in session at this present from Dr. Anderson, one of the bacteri- dren. home they would have put the harness caring to risk the chances of an ad- time and that there was a Hall bill up, ologists of the board, stating that the on me and made me wait on them all vance. While the fact is well estab- and I either dreamed or heard that there water in the wells at the Teague house, tablished that there has been no general was a Willingham bill up, very much a rented dormitory, and at that of the I met a man down in Alabama who movement in the way of holding back up when it isn't down. I learn that it central well, which was used by all the said that my letters were demoralizing cotton, the unsupported assertion of the is either now on the table or under the students of the State Normal and Inbears that such a policy has been table. We will see what we will see. I dustrial College, recently afflicted with But there is the ever-recurring quesadopted continues to serve the purpose read a ponderous, logical, resistless edi- a serious outbreak of typhoid fever, is tion, Is it worth while? and the ever- credulously. "Did you say the ministorial in The Constitution the other day bad. This fully explains the epidemic warning the people against the disasters | and is a cause that can be promptly and which would come to Georgia from the completely removed, so that this most Cotton Seized and Sold During the War. Willingham bill; that if that bill was useful and popular institution can be fix the curtains back, and I told her I bria Steel Company and others have se- passed all the temperance legislation re-opened with safety on the date to which it was suspended, January 2,

Financial Stringency. Nashville Advocate

In spite of the good, times of which nearly all the papers are talking, the

here and my wife is not a "widow wo-

Seventh Fever Victim at Normal.

illness she was nursed by her mother,

GREENSBORD, Nov. 30 .- Miss Mc-

Yours truly, SAM P. JONES.

supply of money, in the great centers, I expect the Constitution and Jouris hardly sufficient to meet the demands. writes, but I don't believe a word of it. tend its line from Wilkesboro, N. C., temperance men, but they are off on The New York bankers are not able to meet all the demands that are made to be allowed to vote pretty soon, and lands. The Norfolk and Western may disfavor upon temperance legislation upon them, and it is feared that condihe is just fixing to be elected.' Now, also hold a branch line there from a and saw the thing as I see it, I would uons will grow worse before they grow see here, Mr. Arp, I fought four years point named Chestnut Yards." A Penn- not feel uneasy enough to write on the better. As to the causes that bave proin that dogone old war and now I am sylvania firm has also purchased the subject. The Willingham bill ought to duced this stringency there is a great gettin' old and fat and I'm not gwine Gambill copper mine, only six miles pass and become a law, but I no more variety of opinion. But it can scarcely to climb ladders and tend the flower from the Ballou ore bank, and will put believe that it will pass and become a be doubted that the reckless speculation Darden just because you do; that is, if in at once an extensive plant. Opera- law than I believe that the temperance of the past year is at least partly reju really do it, which I don't believe." tions are resumed, after some ten years' crowd in the legislature are as smart sponsible for it. Another fact of im-And the good, jolly old veteran laughed idleness, at the Ore Knob copper mines and cunning as the whiskey gang in portance is the growing surplus in the in Ashe county, and a New York Syn- the legislature. A bull yearling can de- Federal Treasury. Though the expendi-Next day I made acquaintance with dicate is negotiating for them. A Mil- rail and wreck a whole train of cars, tures necessitated by the war with a condutor on the Alabama Great wankee firm has bought for \$40,000 the engine and all. A fellow can derail the Spain and the present hostilities in the Southern, and he comforted me by say- Elk Knob copper mining property, also whole business again at a switch. I Philippines have been enormous, the ing that my letters gave good example in Ashe county, and has also purchased don't doubt the temperance majority, government now holds in its strong or the willingness of the Georgia legis- boxes nearly \$300,000,000 in gold. To lature in its majority forces to pass the subtract so large a sum as this from the Willingham bill, but I doubt their ordinary avenues of trade without ef-

CHICAGO, Nov. 30 .- Prof. W. S. John ability to do it. I believe in the un- fecting some disturbance, is a manifest suite of seven rooms with all doors Whisky has just got to have brains and else buy up large quantities of its own money to carry it along. The temper- bonds. But neither of these schemes seems to be altogether feasible.

### Emphatic Enough.

The angry parent strode into the

"Girls," he said, "who are these young men ?" "Papa," replied one of the daught\_rs, "this is Mr. Young and this is Mr.

Whereupon the old gentleman invi-

And they got. A word to the Y's

"I never thought the time would ever come when I should be delighted in

"instrument" mrried de

It is not quite heroic to get out of it

COLUMBIA, S. U., Nov. 30 .- Governor

Miles B. McSweeney today addressed a United States troops during the War sporges." between the States.

The cotton was sold by the Collector of Customs of New York, and the funds placed in the United States Treasury. The United States Supreme Court has decided that the Government has no right or title to these funds, which are held for the ultimate return to those entitled thereto.

But these funds cannot be recovered except by Congressional action, as legislation is necessary before action can be brought against the sovereign Government. By special legislation some few claims have been granted, but it is desired that Congress remove all restraints so that lawful owners or heirs may be reimbursed. A Senate bill was introduced last year, and was reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Claims, but was lost sight of in some way.

A Thirty-Six-Pound 'Possum. Spartanburg, S. C., Free Lance

A Spartanburg man traveling in the harness and sadlery business, is responsible for the following, the truth of which he vouches for: The negroes of Greenville county held a stock show at Pine Hill, in that county, on October 6, and a 'possum, weighing 86 pounds and having tusks 6 inches long, was placed on exhibition. Its tail had been cut off and marked in Puddy Cl mark. He would not ing on his lands an

have been mark life-time. He

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## Look in Your Mirror

Do you see sparkling eyes, a healthy inted skin, a sweet expression and a grace al form? These attractions are the resul of good health. If they are absent, there a nearly always some disorder of the dis ly always y leminine organs present. If trusl organs mean health and



parlor.

Yates."

and "Git!" he thundered.

was sufficient.