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Oval and large and passion-pure And gray and wise and honor-sure; Soft as a dying violet breath Yet calmly unafraid of death;

Thronged, like two dove-cotes of gray doves With wife's and mother's and poor-folkes loves, And home-loves and high glory-loves, And science-loves and story-loves.

And love for all that God and man In art or nature make or plan, And lady-loves for spidery lace And broideries and supple grace.

And diamonds and the whole sweet round of little that large life compound, And loves for God and God's bare truth, And loves for Magdalen and Ruth,

Dear eyes, dear eyes and rare complete—Being heavenly-sweet and earthly-sweet, I marvel that God made you mine,
For when he frowns, "is then ye shine!
—Sidney Lanter, "My Springs."

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss.-Some good people called me over here and I came. My wife said I had better go, for the winter was at hand and the family needed clothes and she was obliged to play old Santa Claus, is usual, and provide some Christmas gifts for the children and grand-children. That is a good part of her life and happinesspleasing the children. She never asks for anything for herself. She don't have to. The girls tell me what she needs and I surprise her with it if I have the money, and if I haven't I terribly in earnest and always break me strain my credit and get it anyhow. Professor Lowrey called me here to talk to his college girls, for he is a noted educator and has 260 girls out here in some others are all wind. I hope they the woods and is building up an institution that is the pride of North Mississippi. He got four other towns to join him in the call, and so I lectured in be inspired with the presence of these Tupelo last Mcnday night to a large audience in a large house and found a be the cynosure of their beautiful eyes. warm welcome. It is wonderful how Yes, the cynosure. That word comes these old towns are looming up and taking on new life. Twelve years ago dog's tail, and so I will be the dog's brought about possibly by the reorgani-I was in Tupelo and I thought it was tail of the fair assemby. Professor pretty dead, I had only about 100 Lowrey's father was the brave old Morgan, the great financier of both the time there were near 400. Prosperity succeeded to General Claiborne as comhas done it. Ten-cent cotton and a mander of that corps in the Army of McKinley had nothing to do with it. and I shall visit his grave. I go from Last night I was billed for Ripley—a here to Pontotoc, the oldest town in the nice old courthouse town not far away. The evening betokened a storm and by located and the chief of the Chickasaws night the lightning was flashing incessantly all around the horizon and the and from there to my own home, where thunder pealed heavily. Country peo-le became alarmed and hurried home, for me and many happy ones to greet for everything seemed ominous of com- me. ing trouble. There seemed to be something in the elements that was brooding over us, and sure enough there was. The courtroom was about half full of men rushed to the rescue in haste and trusted to do the right thing. the lecture programme was broken up

What an awful thing is a cyclone! What a merciless thing it is! How quickly it comes and as quickly goes, leaving swift destruction in its track. Happily it gives no warning, for the terror and apprehension would be worse than death. This morning we rejoiced to learn that nobody was killed, though \$2,631.33; American Bible Society, many were badly wounded. Some \$396,063; support of presiding ellers, houses were wrecked and blown away \$11,685.79; support of preachers in chinery. and many were unroofed and some were set on fire. One man was lifted up and carried away and thrown to the ground number of houses of worship, 725; in the woods, with only a few bruises. value of houses of worship, \$891,245 dential, and this morning the question that the spirit of evil was still on the brought famine, pestulance, fires, storms erty, \$3,904.33; endowment; \$3331,750. and all disasters. Another said that all these things came from natural causes, and that neither God nor the devil had any agency in them. Another quoted from Job where the Lord delivered him Gastonia. over to Satan, who was going to and fro upon the earth and walking up and down in it. He afflicted . ib awfully, but was not allowed to take his life. Another quoted from the Savior's words when He said: "Think you that those upon whom the tower of Siloam fell was plowing in a large field near his Members of the committee have been you nay, but unless ye repent ye shall and his team was swallowed up, he foreign bills of exchange and bills of Evil," I have read it twice and found has such a thing occurred. Newton will remain. but little comfort or philosophy in it. was plowing with a double team and His argument is that evil is of divine both horses went in the pit. A num- present law will be in schedule B, which creation and designed to illustrate and ber of neighbors at once set to work practically will be wiped out and which exalt the good. That but for sickness digging, and after some time secured includes medicines and proprietary arwe would not appreciate or enjoy good the team, but one of the horses had to ticles. The tax also will probably be many other conveniences is beginning health. But for an occasional famine be killed. It is supposed that a large removed from conveyances, mortgages, we would not enjoy the blessing of underground waterway was the cause etc. These, with the abolishment of abundant food, and but for sin we of the cavein, but none was discovered taxes on express receipts, telegrams, would not enjoy heaven. His book in the chaem. One theory is that it bank checks and some other stamp leaves you just where it found you, and marks the outlet of the lake on the taxes will, it is said, secure the reducthe mystery is still unexplained. We mountain near by which seems to be tion of \$30,000,000, which is the amount

that is enough. Not a sparrow falls to bed of the Tennessee river.

their homes or to the scene of the dis-

THE POET TO HIS WIFE'S EYES. the ground without His notice, and He did not wish to destroy Nineveh. where there were 600,000 people and much cattle, "And much cattle." That was always a very significant expression to me.

> Well, I had to come here from Ripley had rained nearly all night. Mr. Pit-ner, an old Georgian, had the lines and did not anticipate trouble, but when we got to the river we found the lowlands mile, and after we crossed the bridge the horses plunged suddenly into a washout and submerged us into deep water. It flowed into the buggy and over it and up to the cushions, and for Lowrey is about my size and says he surrender or compromise. will lend me some garments white mine are being renewed at the laundry. Hard, hard, indeed, is the contest for freedom and the struggle for Christmas money. Cyclones and floods are pursuing me revival, for like a cyclone, they are up. Old Simon Peter Richardson says in his book that the Methodists are all some others are all wind. I hope they

But I am still hopeful and trying to keep calm and serene. Tonight I shall college girls and for an hour or so will from two Greek words which mean the people out to hear me then, and this soldier known as General Lowrey who cotton and a cotton mill has done it; Tennessee. He is buried near here, state, where the Indian agency was lived. From there I go to New Albany, BILL ARP.

won't all come upon me at once.

Western N. C. Conference.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 27 .- No The book is complete in every detail. people who had dared to venture out action was taken at the Methodist Conto hear me. Suddenly the storm came ference, which adjourned yesterday, Pleased With Negro Labor in Cotton with fearful fury. There was an awful with reference to the action of Barbee roaring sound from the southeast that & Smith, book agents. There was a was like the sound of many waters. It movement to secure an expression from After the annual meeting of the stock- editor," said Mr. Bryan. "He writes self on his back, he rolled it as he dehushed the audience into a solemn the conference, condemning Barbee & holders of the Vesta Cotton Mill, held what he thinks but he will not write it sired. Something seemed to snap in silence. I did not take the platform, Smith, but Bishop Morrison urged that in this city yesterday, it was announced without the money. I am not writing his anatomy and, upon rising, found but waited. In a few minutes some no action be taken, and that the whole that the owners of the property were wild, excited messengers came rushing matter be left to the next General Con- well pleased and satisfied with the out it. If I were to discuss subjects of vestigate and finall to the osteopathic up the stairs and called for the doctors ference. His advice was taken. It is operation of the mill with negro labor. importance I should wish to do so only practice." and other help, for the cyclone had come well known that Bishop Morrison has About two years ago negroes were em- after consideration and study and and torn up everything in the suburbs not hesitated to "ring clear" against ployed entirely in the mill and the should wish to prepare careful statement and killed men and women and children. Barbee & Smith's deception. He says experiment has been thoroughly tested, at my leisure. If I should be willing The night was intensely dark, but the that the General Conference may be with the result that the stockholders are

The full statistical report, presented in a twinkling. Everybody hurried to by Rev. R. M. Taylor, is as follows:

Local preachers, 180; members, 72,baptized, 1,477; Epworth Leagues, 91; inent capitalists from the east who have members, 3,529; Sunday schools, 711; money invested in the mill came here teachers, 4,912; scholars, 48,329; to attend the meeting and they were amount for Conference claimants, \$5,foreign missions, \$12,989.20; domestic They expressed the belief that the propmissions, \$6,225.96; Church extension, charge, \$85,932.87; support of bishops, \$1,498.63; number of societies, 823; How strange that so few people are indebtedness, \$39,507.02; number of sold, however, and reorganized under killed by a cyclone. It seems provi- pastoral charges, 184; number of par- the name of the Vesta company, negro sonages, 133; value of parsonages, d.scussed at the breakfast table was \$156,768; indebtedness, \$11,880.09; whether God or the devil was the author number of districts, 11; number district of these terrible visitations. One said parsonages, 6; value of district parsonages, \$9,800, number of charges damearth and was ever contending against aged during past year, 4; amount of the spirit of good, and this spirit it damage, \$1,565; value of school prop-

The conference decided to buy fiftyfive shares of the Christian Advocate, published at Greensboro. The next session will be held in

Earth Opened Up and Swallowed Team.

escape of his life a few days ago. He

GENERAL NEWS.

The Europeon powers have assured the United States that they not desire cotton mill. which she cannot comply.

Hon. William J. Bryan, while in National Democratic Executive Comby private couveyance. We had a good Chicago, said he would soon be heard mittee. team, but the road was fearful, for it from on the proposition to reorganize

received a letter alleging the existence pines on the 6th inst. flooded on both sides for a quarter of a of a plot to assassinate President Mc-Kinley. The writer of the letter gave in his communication the name of the alleged chief conspirator, which the police refuse to make public at this time.

President Kruger landed in Mara time we were both alarmed for fear of seilles, France, on the 22nd, amid imand here I am with a valise full of wet monstrations by the French people. clothes and no change for tonight. He made a speech and thanked the Here I am at the college and will have people for their interest in the Boer to stand up before two or three hundred cause, and their reception of himself Carolina. pretty girls tonight. Fortunately Mr. and declared that his people will not

United States Senator Cushman Kellogg Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations of the Senate, died at his home in St. Paul, Minn., But on the 27th, after an illness of two and disturbing my tranquillity. But on the 27th, after an illness of two months. He had suffered greatly during thing more may come which I cannot fight, and that is a Methodist ing his sickness and gradually sank away, being unconscious for several hours before death and so far as known, suffering no pain.

> the Pennsylvania railroad interests as the committee Heriot Clarkson, were about to absorb the Southern railway system has caused much talk and comment among local railroad men. It is the general opinion that the story is only a wild rumor from Wall street and has no foundation. The Southern railway system during the last year has had a great era of prosperity and is now in a strong condition financially, zation or manipulation of J. Pierpont Pennsylvania and Southern systems.

The Southern Railway is distributing among shippers the new freight tariff, which has gone into effect. The book is the most complete of its kind ever ssued by a railway company, and in ts arrangement the convenience of the shipper is the thing aimed at. It is a veritable shipper's guide, and all points reached by the Southern aud connecting lines find place in two well arranged lists-the alphabetical and division. Another great convenience to the shipper is to be found in publication of class and, commodity rates.

CHARLESTON, S. C., November 31 .wise. While the mill made money last practically all the time and I should year no dividend was declared, as the money was used in permanent improve-014; infants baptized, 1,607; adults ments for the plant. A party of promevidently impressed with the idea that 000; amount collected, \$3,986.82; negro labor could be made a success. erty would pay better hereafter, as the negro operatives are now familiar with the handling of the delicate mill ma-

Before the reorganization of the Vesta, mill negro labor was given a short experiment, but it did not seem to work well. After the property was labor was used altogether, and this has proved successful, as shown by the formal announcement from the management.

Stamp Taxes are Going, so the Republicans Say.

The sub committee of the Republican membership of the ways and means committee has not yet completed the tendency toward suburban residence draft of the bill to reduce stamp taxes but is making progress.

It is understood that in addition to reductions heretofore mentioned, the increase of 60 cents per 1,000 on cigars suburbanites pretty well into the will be removed; also that the stamp country. John Newton, a prominent farmer taxes on steamship tickets will be taken residing at Petro, Tenn., had a narrow off, because the revenue received does not justify the difficulties of collection. were wicked above all people? I tell house when the earth suddenly opened asked to remove the stamp taxes on Professor John Fiske, a very barely escaping going down with the lading, and it is possible that the matgreat and learned man, has written a team. The field has been in cultivation ter may be reopened. The tax on par-"The Mystery of for over sixty years, and never before lor car seats and sleeping car berths

The most important changes in the know that God loves His creatures, and bottomless and that the outlet is in the agreed upon by the treasury officials and the committee.

STATE NEWS

Charlotte is to have a new \$200,000

The Henderson Herald suggests Hon. . M. Simmons for chairman of the

Guy F. Wooten, a Winston boy, The police of Hoboken, N. J., have Infantry, was drowned in the Philip-

> A negro hospital is to be established the Slater Industrial School. Mr. R. J. Reynolds has contributed \$5,000 toward it.

The Legislature which meets in January will be composed as follows: Sena collapse. But we got out of it safely, mense enthusiasm and boisterous de- ate: 39 Democrats, 8 Republicans and 3 Populists; House: 101 Democrats, 17 Republicans and 2 Populists. It will said and done there is not room for mark the passing of Populism in North | these hundreds, these unfortunate chil-

> White hunting near Reidsville, Saturday, Will Rankin, 18 years old, in lives of usefulness; others who might shooting at a covey of patridges, lodged a full charge of shot in the brain of others who might not be restored sre-Wright Smathers, Jr. son of a prominent Rockingham county farmer, killing him almost instantly.

The Democratic State Committee, at a meeting September 5, adopted a resolution creating a committee to draft a bill to be submitted to the Legislature for a legalized primary for white voters. The report recently circulated that Chairman Simmons this week appointed Thomas J. Jarvis, Thomas W. Mason, Cyrus B. Watson and James S. Manning.

It turns out that the man who has set the cotton mill employes in Alamance county at enmity with the mill owners, their lifelong friends, is a Massachusetts man, J. F. Thomas, who was building a bridge at Haw river for the Southern railway. Thomas and three of his men beat a non-union cotton mill employe. He and one man were arrested. The other two fled. Now Thomas and the man arrested with him ler will not veto it and deprive practihave fled the State, leaving their bondsmen in the lurch.

Bryan Writes Now for Pay Only.

William Jennings Bryan says that he has ceased giving interviews to newspapers promiscuously or individually. He is now writing for pay. This policy, he says, he adopted at the close of the campaign and he intends to continue it till some matter of great and immediate portent to the nation or to the policy of its present managers renders his opinion necessary or advisable. When seen Sunday Mr. Bryan was jolly and talkative till approached on could only roll some solid substance unsome question of public interest, when der his left shoulder blade it would rehe immediately became silent.

"It is like the case of any newspaper for the money, but I will not write with- his disease cured. This led him to into give interviews on all these questions of the opinion that their judgment was the newspapers would keep me busy find when I came to write for myself that I had printed much of it before.'

Mr. Bryan said that his second reason for declining to discuss in the newspapers such subjects as he reduction of federal representation in certain of the southern states proposed by the Republicans was that he never believed in discussing a thing until it was existent or imminent and that no action had been taken in that matter as yet. "It is a nuisance." he said, "to be continually discussing matters which never come to pass."

Rural Free Delivery. Baltimore Sun.

In his estimate for the forthcoming fiscal year the Postmaster-General sets aside the sum of \$3,500,000 for the extension and maintenance of the rural free delivery service, a branch of the general postal scheme which has developed into magnitude and importance during the last few years. While it is essentially a losing venture it is nevertheless a convenience of broad scope and justified in most cases by the circumstances of its creation. The among taxpayers of moderate means which has been manifesting itself more

strongly year by year has also developed

an extension which carries some of the

Electric and steam railway service has kept pace with this natural sequence of urban growth and has furnished conveniences equal almost to those enjoyed in cities. It seems proper, therefore, that free delivery in the rural sections should be installed where conditions warrant it. The year about to close has brought nearly 4,300 rural routes, and plans now formulated contemplate the establishment of about 4,500 more during the next year. It is apt to prove costly, but the resident outside of the city limits who enjoys so

"Junson has developed into a confirmed kicker, but his wife can handle him every time. He kicked last night because his dinner was cold."

now to expect free delivery of his mail.

"What was his wife's play ?" "She made it hot for him."

The Voice of Humanity.

It is gratifying to note that the West-

Charlotte Observer.

ern North Carolina Conference, in session at Greensboro, adopted, Saturday, a memoral to the General Assembly in behalf of enlarged accommodations at the State Hospital at Morganton. The The number of insane persons in the member of Company G, Twenty-eighth district of this Hospital, who need its care and treatment but for whom accommodations cannot be found, is closely estimated at five hundred. Some of these wretched people are in county in Winston-Salem in connection with jails; others are in homes for the aged and infirm; others still are confined at their own homes, an unutterable burden upon their families, a constant source of auxiety, a constant menace to others of the same household. The very best possible is being done at Morganton with the means at hand, but after all is dren of the State, who should be there. Many of them could be restored to not be restored to lives of usefulness; tax-payers or their people are, and it is hard that they should be denied the care which they help pay to provide for others. The voice of humanity spoke through this memorial adopted at Greensboro Saturday. It is more than an appeal for humanity; it is at the same time a cry for justice. It is with the representatives of the people, soon to assemble at Raleigh, to heed or to disregard it.

Osteopathy.

The Augusta Chronicle gives a piece of encouraging information in connection with a very interesting explanation as follows:

"Rev. Sam Jones says he was cured of his recent serious illness by osteopathy, without drugs or any other medicament. Wherefore, he hopes that when another bill is introduced before our legislature and passed, as happened at the previous session, Governor Candtioners of this new healing art of a proper license. Osteopathy is, easentially, the manipulation of the human skeleton and its incidental environment. The contention is that many diseases originate from dislocation of the bony structure, and, this derangement being skilfully removed, the malady caused by it disappears. The discovery of osteopathy was by a regular allopathic physician who was pronounced to be suffering from chronic heart disease and incurable. One day while in his parlor he felt a twinge around his heart and thought if he lieve him. Glancing at the floor he saw a croquet ball and, prostrating him-

Disquieting News from China.

It is becoming apparent that the Ministers of the Powers are finding it difficult to arrive at a plan of rehabilitation of relations with China. The question of degree of punishment for the leaders of the rebellion, and the question of indemnity presents the certainty that China will have to borrow money. And of course that will give influence to the nation that lends it to her. Again, Russis has already gained territory in the North and this arouses the jealousy of Germany and England. Nothing is so much to be dreaded as a suspension of hopes of peace and s general "grab" for parts of the troublous Empire. The United States is hoping to win favor and power by kindness and consideration-a worthy part to play. We hear of rebellions and plots and sedition. No one really knows what are the relations of the Empress and the Emperor; nor do we know what a day may bring forth.

Baptist State Convention.

The Baptist State Convention, which meets in Raleigh December 5, will be the seventieth annual one. It met here last in 1892. Rev. Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, will preside. The number of church members with this conventtion is 167,000, an increase of 7,000 over last year. There are 140,000 negro Baptists in the State. The contributions for foreign, State and home missions during the year aggregate \$45,000, an increase of \$5,000 over last year. This does not include educational collections. All the Baptist educational institutions are flourishing and 1,200 students are flourishing and 1.500 students are attending them. They include Wake Forest College for Young Men, the Baptist Female University at Raleigh, Oxford Female Seminary, Chowan Baptist Female Institute and 49 academies, some of the latter having as many as 300 students.

First Lady (off for a journey)-I hope we've got the right train.

Second Lady-I asked 17 trainmen and 98 passengers if this train went to Blankville, and they all said yes; so I guess we're all right.

The length of the average public school term in the South is about onehalf of what it is in the north and west.

married life according to directions.

A CHINESE STATESMAN'S WARN-ING.

Ho Yow, in Leslie's Weekly.

Of course any man will fight against the invasion of his own country, but you must remember that in the interior of China are millions of peaceful people who do not even know that there is a

war in progress. We have as yet only 40,000 regular troops, and all the rest are irregular fighters. But even these 40,000 are poorly paid, and we have no pension system. They are poorly equipped and poorly drilled. Just wait until the allies have established garrisons—in Tientsin, for instance. Then you will see our people taking careful note of all that goes on. They will drill; they will copy modern methods and arm themselves in modern style, and in the end they will overthrow and massacre any garrison, however strong. The European nations cannot place strong enough garrisons to hold down these millions of people. They may hold them now just for a little while, but as soon as the Chinese shall be sufficiently civilized foreign occupation will not only be impossible, but the Orientals will be a menace to Europe itself.

I believe that the allies themselves will see this and that they will acknowledge the futility of attempting to hold this immense country. As soon as one province shall be subdued another will rise, and so on throughout the eighteen, when it will be time to begin over again. It does not require a statesman to see the futility of that. It can never be accomplished—not with millions of money, nor, I was going to say, in millions of years.

To sum up, China is a tremendous force, dormant now, but she is exceedingly quick to learn and amazingly intelligent and imitative. Her people love their country more, perhaps, than any other nation in the world. They have not yet been stirred and they do not understand true fighting methods; but when they do, look out, for there will be a new force in the world, and if the powers remain in China, whose territory they seem to covet, they will rouse a force which not all the power in the world can put to sleep again. The allies make a great mistake if they think that China will tamely or altimately submit to being sliced up. She is dazed now, but she will awaken, and nothing in the world can stop her then.

North Carolina Furniture.

Raieigh Times.

Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, in an interview with a Times man stated that there are 23 furniture factories at High Point, and all are doing well has been a devel past 10 years, for in 1890 one could almost count on his fingers the furniture factories in the State. It is in the development of such industries that the State is enriched and made prosperous. If we devote all our capital and energies to the manufacture of cotton, when a depression comes in that industry it means serious loss. But if our industries are diversified it would take the most severe and far-reaching depression to cause disaster. Mr. Cox himself has developed one of the smaller industries -the manufacture of shuttle blocks: and he probably makes more of them than any other man in the South.

A Woman, Though Only 20, Dies o

Miss Fannie O'Kennon, daughter of Peter O'Kennon, died at her father's home, in Matoaca, near Petersburg, this morning.

Miss O'Kennon, the doctors say, died of old age although it was in April that she celebrated her, 20th birthday. Her case was remarkable.

She had not grown in stature since she was 2 years old, and her faculties at the time of her death were those of a child. She was two feet, two inches tall, and could speak only such words as she was able to articulate at the age of 2 years. She played picture books and toys, and in all her actions was a perfect child. Her face was wrinkled like that of a woman who had lived many years. Her case has attracted the atttention of physicians for some

Ground to Beath by Engine Wheels. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 26 .- Mr. Ernest L. Adams, a brakeman on the South Carolina and Georgia extension railroad, was ground to a pulp under an engine at Catawba Junction, S. C., about 4:30 Saturday afternoon. Mr. Adams was riding on the cow-catcher of the freight engine, preparing to make a coupling, when he slipped, in some way, and was instantly killed. The pony-trucks and driving wheels passed over his body and his mangled form, lifeless, was drawn from under the

This death is a particularly sad one. It has been less than three' weeks since Mr. Adams was happily married to Miss Lillian Starr, of Blacksburg, S. C.

Grover Cleveland may be named by the Democrats of New Jersey as their choice for United States Senator from that State. There is some talk to that effect among Democratic members of the legislature.

-Mr. L. B. Wheeler and Captain Hopkins, of Lexington, have pur-Many a man is compelled to take chased the Paragon Drug Store, in Asheville, from Mr. Baxter Shemwell,