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#### BILL ARP'S LETTER.

lina. Our most prudent statesmen ever since. feared to risk the people or the states but we will not fuss about the hall with the reins of government, but of fame as long as they leave out old

I am proud that he was a Virginian, nant verses. I was considering the list of those who have already been chosen for places in the hall of fame. I think those gentlemen who got up this show did pretty well considering the point of view. Up to date I believe that thirty have been chosen and our the list. He received sixty-nine votes and outranked eleven who received less. The list begins with Washington at ninety-seven votes. Then comes Lincoln, Webster, Franklin, Grant, Marshall, Jefferson, Emerson, Longfellow, Fulton, Irving, Jonathan Edwards, Morse, Farragut, Clay, Peabody, Hawthorne, Robert E. Lee, Peter Cooper, Horace Mann, Eli Whitney, Henry Ward Beecher, James Kent, Joseph Story, John Adams, Channing, Audubon, Gilbert Stuart and Asa Gray. The last named was a botanist of good repute and received fifty-one votes. No soldiers Grant and Farragut. Only five presidents are in. Madison, Monroe and Jackson are strangely left out. Henry Ward Beecher as strangely put in. I don't know what he ever did that was great or good. He is the man who

and the others scattered around.

Crawford Long. or not. He was a good-hearted sort ever is is right." of a man with a bulldog tenacity of P. S .- I have received one answer money to subdue 266,000 ragged con- dollar, for it is worth it. federates is no general. But he behistory of this war of ours is just be- edge and makes the new moon. him for it. Those impudent rascals Mrs. S. S." up north have had it dramatized and struck under our noses |for twentyfive years and lots of our fool folks go to see it and swallow it down. I was ruminating about these slanders and wondering what made those people hate us so; when I came across cotton for sale. Oh, mutations of If she will add one more important an explanation in an old book of time! Butler rode the down-trodden feature to her joint-smashing program your son was in training?" mythology which said that when two bags on his neck, one hung be- is about to step down and out it turns Jupiter first created man he hung fore and contained all his faults and up that your Uncle Matt, who wore a little sins; the other hung behind starched shirt and had good manners and contained all his neighbors' at the table and away from it, has beatfaults and shortcomings. The man en the whole kid and push a farming. got very sick in a few days and Jupiter couldn't tell what was the matter.

die, so he sent for Pluto, who was a head-devil and doctor to boot. Pluto Much ado has of late been made diagnosed the case and said that the over John Marshall. That he was a poor fellow was heartsick from having federalist has long since been well to look into that bag so much; that established, but that takes no lustre his sins were ever before him, and so from his name or fame. Nearly all he advised Jupiter to swap the bags of the great patriots of that day were around and put the man's sins befederalists-so was Washington, hind and out of sight and his neigh-Hamilton, Madison and Charles bors' in front. This was done and Cotesworth Pinckney, of South Caro- the man got well and has been well

wanted a strong central power. Not John Brown. When he is put in we until Jefferson's day were their ap- want Lee taken out. Speaking of prehensions modified and the people John Marshall being a federalist redeclared to be masters of the situa- mind me to say that Lee was not, for John Marshall could hardly he declared when he resigned from help being a federalist, for history the United States army that his highsays his father and all the Marshall est allegiance was due to his state. family were federalists. He grew up Many great men have differed over with the idea that no government was that question. Daniel Webster diffsafe that did not have power and ered with himself and in his last money and troops and a navy to de- great speech at Capon Springs adfend and protect it, and it would not mitted that a state had a right to do to rely on the States separately secede when there was sufficient cause when war or conflict came. No, and that the state must be the judge there never was a greater jurist or a of the cause. That was what Whittier purer patriot than John Marshall and lampooned him about in those malig-

I am revelling over old things and holding converse with some good old things and holding converse with some good old people. I received a letter today from an old gentleman of Atlanta who has written me fourteen pages in a large loud handwrit-Robert E. Lee stands eighteenth on ing, for he knew I was deaf. He says he is in his ninetieth year and just wanted to write about the good old schoolboy days and about the great men we used to have. He went to school to George White, who published the statistics and "Historical Collections of Georgia" over fifty years ago, and Charles Wallace Howard was his schoolmate. My friend is blind, but writes his own lettersthe lines are an inch apart and about four words to the line-and yet he writes in a most cheerful vein and tells how good God has been to him all his long life. His name is A. R. Wright and he was born and reared of the civil war are in save Lee and in Savannah. His favorite speech at school was-

"Lochell, Lochell, beware of the day When the lowlands shall meet thee in battle array."

I expect there are a thousand living men who spoke that speech, and that said that "Sharp's rifles were better other one, "On Linden when the sun plow mules and negro plowmen they the Southern Railway Company is than Bibles to send to Kansas and it was low." My neighbor, Rev. George will and can make in Texas this year interested, including the Georgia Southwas a sin against heaven to shoot at Yarbrough, is a man of memories, a slave-holder and miss him." He too. He is our Methodist Episcopal is the man whose conjugal creed was preacher now and it is a luxury to Mississippi in Louisana and the good Pacific, which make the aggregate what McCauly said of Lord Byron, talk to him. He helps me abuse the cotton lands of Texas can make fifteen 8,834 miles. The last-mentioned road, "Hate your neighbor and love your yankees and says he loves his enemies, million bales and not use a pound of it is true, is owned jointly with neighbor's wife." It will be observed but cannot suppress a feeling of holy guano, and with average seasons make the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Daythat twelve of these chosen men are indignation at their conduct. He a bale to the acre, one year with an ton, so that a deduction may from Massachusetts, five from New has a curious old book printed in other. Georgia, Alabama, South Caro- fairly be made of its mileage, but York, four from Virginia, two from 1825 called "The Wonders of Nature line and North Carolina must look to with this deduction the Southern Connecticut, two from Rhode Island and Providence." That part devoted their manufacturing interests and their still has over 8,500 miles of road, to Indians and their mounds and the farmers to diversified crops and home-extending through every part of the Well, if I had a vote I think I Lost Tribes of Israel is full of inter- made fertilizers or go broke in a few South east of the Mississippi. The would strike out ten from that list esting data. It seems to me that the years. and in their places I would insert older a man grows the more he learns Andrew Jackson, John C. Calhoun, and about the time he gets full of Dewitt Clinton, Alex Hamilton, knowledge and begins to run over he Patrick Henry, Stonewall Jackson, has to lie down and die. What a Sam Houston, Agassiz, Edison and pity he could not live on and on for I don't know the sake of the children and grandwhether I would strike Grant's name children. But as Pope says, "What BILL ARP.

purpose, but he was no general. Any to my Ohio friend's letter, but as no man who took four years with nearly money came for the orphans I have three million of men and billions of not sent it. Maybe he will send the

"Atlanta, Ga.-Sir: In answer to haved well after the surrender and your letter I'le tell what I think about 27 different nationalties, Austin, minus said: "Let us have peace!" I was the moon. Plant your taters and her dam, is dead. Waco ought to be conversing not long ago with a north- unyuns in the dark of the moon tho and refinement, and when I remarked groun'. I am a widow under 45 and slaves, for he was a slave-owner and credit for that cos I got hit from my and said: "Well, what upon earth The earth must move tord the sun was he fighting for? I thought the for we got the news of the queens war was about slavery and nothing death over here 2 hours before she else." And so I had to explain, and died. But if I ever marry agin I I told her how Lincoln issued a pro- must have vittels and close a plenty, clamation setting the slaves free in land or no land. If you want your her acreage in cotton very largely-January, 1863, but he excepted Mis- hog meat to get more bigger in the souri and Kentucky, and so Grant fryin pan you must kill hit before the held his slaves until January, 1865, new moon but if you want lots of and kept on hiring them out and gravy kill hit afterwards. I have got kept on fighting us to make us let no brothers or sisters and am powerours go. He didn't tote fair. "Can ful loansom. I dont think the moon it be possible?" she said; "surely you ar inhabited. It is flat like a plate are mistaken." The truth is the and once a month turns up on its girining to leak out. Those yanks dont think the moon effeks married

have abused us so long that some of life. Foaks can make it happy or our people have got discouraged and miserbul jest as tha pleese. Hit is begin to confess judgment. Some of either as happy as heaven or as miserthem are even apologizing for that bul as Dantys Inferno as they call hit. malignant book called "Uncle Tom's I think the moon have got a lite of Cabin." I was delighted to read its own. Foaks tell me that northern John Temple Graves's reply to Henry men make the best husbands and Im Watterson. It was the truth, every shore that Southern women specially word of it, and our good people thank | widows make the best wives. Address

## Farmer Ransom.

Gastonia Gazette.

Let it be noted in passing that your Uncle Matt Ransom has 1,500 bales of Nation, of Kansas, down here in Texas! "agricultural classes" to the Senate and go to smashing politicians, I bedoors in Washington, and now that he lieve I will join her myself.

He was afraid the man was going to she must lose.

SAM JONES IN TEXAS.

Says Texas is Prosperous and Boom ing, But Needs the Services of Mrs. Nation,

picking cotton every day now. Texas station laws. has, perhaps, one million bales of cotthe ground is too hard to plough.

saw such a glow of prosperity on Texas are on top, cotton on hand and money and Texas, and close my list of engageto lend, banks overflowing and mer-Denton, Tex., said to me, "I can't sup- to old Georgia again. ply my customers with implements. I've sold 100 buggies since January 1. Drummers from St. Louis tell me that

Texas' surplus this year in the pockets of the Galveston horror. of the farmers is just what the Georgia farmers would have but for the enormous,outlay for guano. Georgia must have commercial fertilizers. Texas don't need them. The tenants on these rich farm lands in Texas pay the landlords \$3 money rent per acre, and that's absorption of the Mobile and Onio Georgia. If I were a farmer 1 would largest railway systems in the world.

acre will buy the best lands ten miles To this total the road just named added

from towns.

Texas can produce her own wheat, corn, oats and ship millions of dollars' worth of cattle, hogs, sheep, mules, horses, etc., annually. Georgia is no Texas has the blue ribbon tied on her

The thing I marvel at in Texas is the other half, I am told, made up of operation. her dam, is dead. Waco ought to be named Wake-No-More. Houston, the

thousand. I have talked with farmer, merchant, cotton buyer, and the general impresmay be 10 per cent. Texas never raised a larger crop of cotton in much of the cotton belt than the crop of 1900.

they are in Georgia and Alabama, but for the man. a farm hand can produce more than double out here.

The Dallas News has done much to hold the Texas farmer down. It preaches smaller acreage in cotton and greater same for the Georgia farmer, with Harvie Jordan putting in his licks.

The Texas legislature is now in sescrowd think him hoggish, and so it its insane. goes. My, my, how they need Sister

My wife wrote me the other day, saying she wished Mrs. Nation would a band of drunkards' wives and moth- him and it wouldn't hurt him a mite." ers to meet all the trains and break all When woman cannot win with tears jugs as the express agent puts them off for?" the trains, and I do affirm there is no

unrighteousness in the drunkards' wives MARK TWAIN'S DESCRIPTION OF and mothers to take steps like that to protect their husbands and sons. The whisky-soaked and whisky-bossed legislature of Georgia has persistently re-

I do wish my triends in Atlanta ton piled in the cotton yards over the would quit quarreling and fussing so state unsold. Some of the towns have much. Atlanta was once a place of 5,000 bales in the cotton yards, some unity and brotherly love, and should 10,000, some 2,000, some 1,000, but always remain so. Quit it, boys. Let everywhere you see unsold cotton. I brotherly love continue. If a fellow have looked over the farms along the calls me a liar, I am a liar or I am way. The farmers are very late in the not a liar. If I am a liar, I will take it; preparation of the ground for a new if I am not a liar, I will let him stand crop. No rain in the Black Belt of and lie all day; it don't hurt me. Love that if this cousin of mine, Henry Wat- diana, to take the same weapon used by Texas since the 1st of November, and your enemies, do good to them that despitefully use you, is the advice of The wheat crop of Northern Texas is him who has conquered more enemics not looking well. The drought and and made more friends than any person Hessian fly is the cause; but I never who ever lived in this sin-cursed earth.

I have had a most pleasant tour as she manifests today. The farmers through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma ments and get home the 10th of Febchants busy. A member of a firm in ruary, and I shall be glad to get back Yours,

SAM P. JOMES. P. S .- Does prohibition prohibit? No. Does local option prohibit? No. their houses have instructed them to Does Sister Nation prohibit? You come from Col. Watterson it would have been cyclone had struck it. The inmates sell no more carload lots, but in small out to Kansas and see. Those joints accomplished. I told Watterson to scrambled through the back door. where she used her hatchet remind one surround the Eastern armies and wait Meanwhile the women had gained

Yours for Sister Nation. S. P. J.

A Comprehensive Railway System. Baltimore Sun.

The Southern Railway since its what it costs for guano per acre in ranks with the four or five rather rent land in Texas than own it in Before the addition of the Louisleorgia. ville and St. Louis railway, on Jan-The black cotton lands of Texas are uary 1, it "owned, leased or otherwise selling for \$30 to \$75 per acre; \$60 per controlled and operated" 6,434 miles. 374 miles, and Ohio now adds 875 miles, The question is not how much cotton making a grand total of 7,684 miles, can Texas make, but how much cotton But the Northern Alabama's 118 miles. can they pick out. I have traveled the Alabama Great Southern's 374 through Texas from Texarkana to El miles and the Danville and Western's Paso, from Texline to Galveston, and 85 miles-"controlled, but operated I stay within the facts when I say that separately"—add 527 miles more still, not one-tenth of Texas cotton lands ever making 8,261 miles. And there are had a plow on them. If you will furn- "other lines," as the annual reports of ish Texas with half a million more the Southern politicky say, "In which eight million bales of cotton, weighing ern and Florida, 285 miles, and the 500 pounds each. The delta of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas and passengers from such points of the ents, but if any are denounced, they Great West as St. Louis and Chicago to can find comfort in the following letter, longer the Empire State of the South. Charleston and Norfolk and must tend New South Wales by a man who applito promote the development of new business in the South. At the same time the traffic of Baltimore with the that her cities do not grow apace with Gulf States must be facilitated by every her towns and rural districts. Dallas improvement of the rallway lines run- could have got it for me if you wasn't scems to be full grown, Fort Worth is a ning north and south east of the dwarf, San Antonio a conglomeration, Alleghanies when such improvement ain't any more to me than 40 shilling is with her population half invalids, and leads to more efficient and economical

Gen. John B. Gordon Robbed. General John B. Gordon, who is deern lady, a mature lady of culture they do very well planted in the only city of growth and commercial en- livering a course of lectures on "The made an ass of youself. I bet him a terprise since the Galveston horror, put Confederacy," was robbed last week in that Grant did not fight to free the hav got sum land the I dont clame any that city in the background; but there Chicago of his overcoat, in a pocket of are a hundred prosperous, growing which were passes which entitles the saying you declined to ackt in the matlived off their hire, she was amazed Paw and he got hit from his Paw. towns in Texas, with growing popula- former Confederate general to transportions ranging from three to fifteen tation over all the principal railroads and checks and papers which he values at \$4,000. Gen. Gordon left his over- for you on poleday, and months befoar. coat on a chair in the writing room of You not only hurt a man's pride, but sion prevails that Texas will not increase his hotel while he added a few touches you injure him in business. I believe to a lecture he is to deliver in Iowa. you think you'll git in agen. I don't. When he finished writing the coat was gone and the young man whom the sequince than you amajin. I believe General had noticed in the room had you take a pleshir in cutting your best Farm wages in Texas are double what disappeared. The police are searching friends but wate till the clouds roll by

#### Why Does Insanity Increase. Gastonia Gazette.

The crowded condition of our already commodious and really magnificent diversity of crops, and the constant homes for the State's insane, suggests not licks of that paper has done much to only yet more ample provision, for this make the Texas farmer independent. unfortunate class, but should direct The Atlanta Journal is also doing the attention with still greater power to the prevention of insanity. What is the matter? What has happened to drive so many inhabitants crazy? What, what sion and they are having their usual can be done to make these great instituwarm times. Hogg at the end of the tions unnecessary? Did we read it, or line and Hominy at the other. Hogg dream it, or did we hear Dr. P. L. wants a constitutional convention, and Murphy say it, that one-third of the a whole lot of other things. The other State's revenue is devoted to the care of

## In Training.

"Did I understand you to say that

"Yes' he's hard at it. He has an exprize-fighter to coach him in slugging, and a rough-and-tumble wrestler to make him fight. Why, say, he's getcome to Georgia. We need her in all ting so hardened that a man might the dry counties in the state to organize jump out of a third-story window on "What in the world is he training

"He expects to go to West Point."

HIS MILITARY EXPERIENCE.

At the Lincoln celebration last week in New York, at Carnegie Hall, Mark I have spent about a week traveling fused to pass any law to protect the Twain who acted as chairman, in introthrough the cotton belt of Texas from dry counties from the greed of the wet ducing Col. Henry Watterson as the Sherman to San Marcos, from San Mar- towns. All whisky laws will soon be orator of the evening referred humorcos to Shreveport, La. Texas is still unconstitutional as well as all union ously to his own military career, as follows

> "I was born in a slave State. My father was a slave owner before the the question that they called a special Civil War and I was a second lieutenant meeting last night and determined to in the Confederate service-for awhile. [Laughter.]

> There was plenty of time. The trouble numbered more than a hundred. Mrs. was with with the weather. I never saw Snyder said that if Mrs. Nation could such weather. I was there, and I have smash the saloons of Kansas there was terson, the orator of the evening, who Mrs. Nation and drive the saloons out was born and reared in a slave State by force. and was a colonel in the Confederate service, had rendered me such assist- hatchet, axe, club and brick in the ance as he could and taken my advice neighborhood was collected speedily. the Union armies would never have With Mrs. Snyder in the lead the been victorious. I laid out the whole women advanced to the nearby saloon plan with remarkable foresight, and if of Dan Grimes, who had just opened a Colonel Watterson had carried out my new place with 'all moder orders I should have succeeded; in my ments." Without warning half a hunvast enterprise. [Laughter.]

> Grant into the Pacific Ocean. If I proprietor realized what was wrong the could have had the proper assistance front door of the saloon looked as if a sion! That's the way we treat people beat him almost to death. who save Unions for us. There ought

laughing and took the speaker seriously.

North and South, were in the war. We of the South, were not ashamed of the hour. part we took. We believed in those were fighing for our sweethearts, our

## The Troubles of a Legislator.

The life of a legislator is not altogether a bed of roses. It has not come to say if the saloons attempt to reopen recent acquisitions create improved us that any North Carolina legislator they will be dynamited, if necessay, in facilities for the movement of freight has been abused by any of his constitu-Mobile, Jacksonville, Fia., Savannah, written to a member of Parliament in ed for a job and failed to get it:

"Dear Sir: You're a dam fraud, and you know it. I don't care a rap for the billet or the money either, but you as mean as mud. Two pounds a week to you, but I object to bein made an infernil fool of. Soon after you was elected by my hard working a feller wanted to bet me that you wouldn't be in the house moren a week befove you cow on that, as I thought you was worth it then. After I got your note ter I druv the cow over to the feller's place and told him he had won her. That's all I got for howlin meself horse An what I don't think is of more konan they'll cut you-just behind the ear man. Yure only a tule for a few squatters. And i don't think yure much of a grafter either. Go to hades. I lower meself riting to a skunk even tho I med him a member of parlerment."

#### White's Pay Cut Off by Gov. Aycock. News and Observer.

In the face of an express legislative prohibition to the contrary, the Su-preme Court decided that Theophilus White was entitled to the salary of shell-fish commissioner and ordered him paid.

The court went even further. When Boy Dies of Lockjaw After Vacci the Treasurer declined to pay, it issued a mandamus to compel him to do so though the Constitution says no such last week at Springfield, Mass, of lockmandamus shall issue.

has decided that in view of chapter 21, that something happened to the arm laws of 1899, passed by the last Legis- after the scab came off. The physician lature, these payments to White ought who vaccinated the boy is not known, to cease. He therefore, on yesterday, but the authorities will investigate the directed that no further bills of this kind case. be audited unless first approved by the

in African jungles.

### SALOON SMASHING RIOTS.

100 Women Make a Raid on the Joints of Jacksonville, Ind.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 18 .- The women of Jacksonville, near this city, recently organized a Carrie Nation Club and passed resolutions advocating the methods of Mrs. Nation in her crusade against the saloons in Kansas. So wrought up did the league become over wipe the three saloons in Jacksonville out of existence. Mrs. James Snyder, "Oh, I could have stayed longer, president, addressed the women, who

Enthusiasm ran high and every dred bricks were hurled against the "It was my intention to drive General glass front, and before the astonished

until I came up. [Laughter.] But he the inside and demolished the large stood upon the punctilio of military mirror and emptied all the bottles upon etiquette and refused to take orders the floor. Faucets in whiskey barrels from a second lieutenant of the Confed- were turned open and the liquer and erate Army, and so the Union was wines were several inches deep. Grimes, saved. He was insubordinate. Now, realizing that his assailants were the this is the first time that this secret has newly organized Nation Club, rushed ever been revealed. No one outside of in the saloon and choked Mrs. Snyder the family has ever known these facts, almost into insensibility and dragged but they're the truth of how Watterson her from the place. Her friends were saved the Union, and to think that up quickly to the rescue, however, and to this very hour that man gets no pen- with clubs and what bricks were left

A large crowd soon gathered upon to be some blush on the cheek of those the scene and a free-for-all fight ensued present this evening, but to tell the between the saloon element and the truth, we are out of practice." [Laugh-sympathizers of the women. Grimes was sympathizers of the women. Grimes was knocked down and kicked insensible by Mark Twain then began to talk in a the husband of Mrs. Snyder. Mrs. serious vein. His tone and manner Stephen Garret was struck in the face changed. The audience soon stopped by a beer bottle and her head mashed. Meantime the women took to their heels and left the fight between the en-"The hearts of this whole nation, raged combatants. The police were powerless and the fight lasted half an

The condition of Grimes is serious days in what we were fighting for-the and he may not recover from his inright-and it was a noble fight, for we juries. Mrs. Snyder is also in a critical condition. The three saloons have homes and our lives. To-day we no closed and will not attempt to open till longer regret the result, but we of the law and order is restored. Jacksonville South are not ashamed that we made is a small place and has always borne a the endeavor. And you, too, are proud of the record we made." wide-open methods. The affair has made a sensation as the ne long to the Carrie Nation Club are the best known of the place. The citizens order to abolish them.

Warrants will be sworn out at once for leaders and those mixed in the fight. A message from that town says quiet has been established, but the citizens have all taken a hand in the affair and say any attempt upon the saloons to open

will result in a pitched battle. WINFIELD, Kan., Feb. 13 .- A mob of 200 men and women, armed with axes, revolvers and shot-guns, to-day totally demolished Schmidt's saloon, the finest in the city. Some one fired a dozen shots from a shot-gun through the front door that startled a general onslaught with rocks and guns on the windows and doors. Emma Denny received a pistol ball in her face and was slightly hurt. Although this was an accident, it served to enrage the mob and the crusaders swarmed into the saloon. They found Charles and Henry Schmidt, After driving them from the building through the rear door the mob created bavoc right and left. Cigar cases, mirrors and pictures were smashed and those that could not be reached with axes were shot full of holes. Rev. Charles Lowther prevented Charles Schmidt from entering the place by striking him with axe, inflicting a scalp would. As he fell to the ground Henry Schmidt made a gun play in defence of ware the butcher cuts the pig. Yure no his brother that nearly cost him his life. One of the crusaders, followed up the preacher's attack, had raised an axe to strike Henry Schmidt, when a companion wrested the weapon from his hands. For a time serious trouble seemed likely. The mayor called a special meeting of the council to plan means of quelling the disturbance and providing against further outbreaks. To-night the council decided that all joints must close immediately. The jointists are defiant and bloodshed is feared.

# nation.

Francis McCormick, aged 8, died jaw, which set in after vaccination. Governor Aycock, however, takes a The doctor at the hospital says lockjaw widely different view of the matter, and did not result from impure virus, but

Mrs. Carrie Nation, the Kansas W. Scientist blindly leave Fifth avenue C. T. U. crusader, met a cool reception behind and hunt for the missing link in Chicago and her lecture was delivered to a small audience.