

A Poem for Today

A CHILD'S LAUGH

By Algernon C. Swinburne

THE poem given below is a good example of the use of alliteration in which branch of metrical composition Swinburne is the acknowledged living master.

All the bells of heaven may ring, All the birds of heaven may sing, All the wells on earth may spring, All the winds on earth may bring

Sweeter far than all things heard, Hand of harper, voice of bird, Bonds of wood at window stirred, Well waters wholesome word,

Soft and strong and loud and light, Very sound of very light, Heard from morning's rosiest height, When the soul of all delight



OUT FROM A PRISON

GOVERNOR FREES JAVAN LONG FROM CELL.

Jury and Hundreds of Citizens Plead For a Man Who is Only Technically Guilty of Manslaughter.

After being in prison for six months, convicted of manslaughter on a compromise verdict, a prisoner sentenced for five years has been given his freedom by Governor Aycock.

It was at the November term, 1903, of Macon Superior Court that Javan Long, a young white man of Jackson county, the case having been moved to Macon by the State, being found guilty was sentenced to five years for manslaughter by Judge Hoke.

The case had been twice tried. At the first trial the jury was unable to agree. The second jury was out for several days, standing six for manslaughter, and six for acquittal. A verdict was only reached upon agreement to recommend the prisoner to the mercy of the court.

The careful examination of the evidence, taken stenographically, convinces me that the prisoner was only technically guilty at all. The deceased had shot down the prisoner's father and had begun to shoot the prisoner before he fired at all.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Acting Secretary Olive today directed the discharge, "without honor" of Private John T. Smith, hospital corps, stationed at Fort Mott, N. J., who is said to have married a negro, and whose discharge was recommended by General Grant, commanding the department of the east.

A Prize Puzzle.

CANDY HOUSE YNESSC

The above is an example in simple addition, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 0, being substituted for the letters but not in the order in which they are given.

By virtue of a power conferred upon me by the will of L. Howard Deceased, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash on Monday the 6th day of Feb. 1905, at the court house door in Franklin, the following lands and mineral interest, to-wit: All the lands described in a deed of W. H. Higdon to L. Howard, recorded in Book P, page 305.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination.

TO CURE A COLIC IN ONE DAY TAKE LAXATIVE BROWN QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

COLEY'S HONEY-TAR

Special Notices.

Notices in this column five cents per line for each issue. In regular local columns, ten cents per line for each issue. Seven words make about a line.

Salt 90¢ a sack at Wright & Robinson's.

A new line of trunks, telescopes and satchels at Sloan Bros.

I will pay cash for dry hides. T. W. ANGELO.

Shoes at cost at Wright & Robinson's.

FOR SALE: An old time musket gun. WILLE CURTIS.

If you want a good suit of clothes reasonable, call and let us show you through our line. SLOAN BROS.

Extra quality oatmeal 10¢ package at Wright & Robinson's.

We now have the best line of shoes we have ever carried and can suit you in style, quality and price. SLOAN BROS.

Come and examine our line of dry goods. We can sell you a pretty dress in anything from a 5¢ calico to the best grade of broad cloth. SLOAN BROS.

Half patent flour 80¢ sack. Sheeted, 64 cts. yd. Cotton (checks, 5¢ yard. WRIGHT & ROBINSON.

20 cts. a dozen for eggs at Wright & Robinson's.

Our constant endeavor is to give you the best goods at reasonable prices, for we think we serve our interest best when we serve our customers best. SLOAN BROS.

For Sale.

A small place with building on it near Franklin for sale. J. C. WRIGHT.

Special Excursion Rates to Havana, Cuba, Jan. 4 and 5, 1905.

Account of the above occasion tickets will be sold from all points in North Carolina to Havana, Cuba, and return on January 4th, 1905, with final limit Jan. 19th, 1905, rate one fare for the round trip plus \$2.00. Tickets limited to continuous passage on going journey.

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Yours very truly, J. H. WOOD, Dist. Pass. Agent, Southern Ry. Co.

Stallcup Furniture Co., FRANKLIN, N. C.



Furniture, made and repaired, and kept for sale. Coffins, caskets, and undertaking goods of all kinds furnished promptly on demand. Terms right and reasonable.

THE WINTER WINDS

Bring chafed hands and faces and this calls for something to heal them.

Smith's Fragrant Cream Lotion and Glycerine Jelly with Violets.

Each makes the skin smooth and soft. I also carry the Camphor Ice and Cold Cream.

FRANK T. SMITH, PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST, Franklin, North Carolina.

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NOTICE.

A tract of about 60 acres, bounded on the South by John Bradley, on the North and East by I. T. Bradley, on the West by G. W. Dillard in Smith's Bridge Township.

Also one half mineral interest in the following lands to-wit: A tract conveyed by Jas. Saunders and wife to Sam A. Soule, Book "N" page 88.

And a tract bounded on the South by J. C. Shipe on the West by Jas. Saunders and Sam Soule on the East by E. H. McDowell, and being the lands known as the Joseph Anderson home place, This Dec. 3, 1897. Geo. W. DILLARD, This Dec. 3, 1897. Geo. W. DILLARD.

Annual Statement of Macon County Finances.

I, D. W. Blaine, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, do hereby certify that the following is a true Statement of the receipts and disbursements of all the County Revenue, (except the School Fund, which is controlled by the Board of Education), from Dec. 1st, 1903, to Dec. 1st, 1904, as shown by settlement with County Treasurer.

Table with 2 columns: Receipts/Disbursements and Amount. Total Receipts: \$13,426.90; Total Disbursements: \$11,792.94; Balance in Treasury: \$1,633.96.

I further certify that the following is a correct list of all accounts audited by said Board for the year ending Nov. 30, 1904. D. W. BLAINE, Clerk of the Board.

Large table listing individual accounts, names, and amounts. Includes entries like 'ORDINARY CLAIMS', 'December 1903', and various names such as 'H. L. Anderson', 'J. T. Corbin', etc.

FRANKLIN, N. C., Dec. 7, 1904. W. A. CURTIS, Editor. F. P. CURTIS, Associate Editor.

Editorial.

The Bank of Franklin has recently received a new Rand Patent Loose Leaf Ledger, and all accounts are being transferred to it.

Judge Alton B. Parker appears as an attorney in a big lawsuit to argue the case before the court of appeals from which he resigned when nominated for the presidency.

The thousands of friends which "Wee Macgregor" has made in America will want to read Mr. Bell's new story in the December "Woman's Home Companion," "Wee Macgregor Goes to the Sunday-School Soiree."

Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army has an article in the December "Woman's Home Companion" describing "The Greatest Christmas Charity in the World."

In view of the fact that President Roosevelt has been invited to visit Knoxville and Atlanta there is an excellent opportunity for the Asheville Board of Trade to "do the handsome."—Asheville Citizen.

The news of the pardon of Javan Long by Governor Aycock came to us last week just as we were closing the forms to go to press, consequently we had not space nor time to give more than a brief item of the action taken by the Governor.

The New County Officers.

The newly elected county officers commenced their terms of office Monday. The county commissioners were delayed in getting to business until about noon on account of the failure of Mr. C. S. Ray to arrive.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1905 Almanac.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for 1905 is now ready, being the finest edition ever issued. This splendid and costly book of 200 pages is a complete study of astronomy and storm and weather for 1905.

The movement was represented by Attorneys H. H. Dean and H. H. Perry of this city, and R. E. A. Hamby of Clayton. The State was represented by Solicitor General W. A. Charters and Attorneys A. H. Cox of Atlanta, and Howard Thompson.

After a preliminary legal skirmish the evidence was heard by the court. The first witness was Miss Ida Duncan. The substance of her testimony was as follows:

She went to Tallulah Falls on the same train with Mr. Paris on Aug. 13, and stopped with Mrs. C. C. King, who had run a boarding house, intending to remain for a week.

She heard knocking at the front after she had dozed awhile and heard Mrs. King go to the door, use violent, abusive and angry language to some one on the outside, and heard the party addressed as "Paris."

She then heard Mrs. King say, "Col. Paris," and then three, or as she afterwards learned, four shots. She then with one of the King girls got a light and ran to a neighbor's for help, taking a lamp, the only one she saw, which had been burning in the room she occupied.

A Good Appointment.

The State is to be congratulated that Mr. M. L. Shipman, editor of the Hendersonville Hustler, has accepted the position of Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing to succeed Mr. Geo. B. Justice, who resigns to return to his position on the Charlotte News.

Soldier Who Married a Negro Is Discharged.

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Another Hill Taken.

Tokio, Nov. 30.—It is reported that the Japanese today assaulted, carried and retained the southeastern portion of 203 Metre hill.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

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