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BILL ARP'S LETTER.

The Barlow Philosopher Talks on History—Has Gotten Out a New Book—Mr. Arp Develops Some Historical Facts Not Heretofore Generally Accepted

Dr. Conway is right about James Madison's mother. She was Nellie Conway and not Fannie Taylor. Fannie was his grandmother. But the good doctor is wrong about Thomas Jefferson. He did not marry Miss Martha Skelton, for she was a widow and her maiden name was Martha Wales, as I said. Neither did Andrew Jackson marry Miss Rachel Roberts. She was not a miss, but a divorced wife and her maiden name was Rachel Donelson. Jackson had to marry her twice in different states to comply with the law. Of course George Washington married the widow Custis. Everybody knows that. It was the type that made it Curtis. Dr. Conway says that Millard Filmore never married. He is mistaken. His first wife was Abigail Powers and his second was Caroline McIntosh. It is singular how many of the presidents married widows. Madison's wife, Dolley Payne, was a widow Todd. Her maiden name was Dorothy Coles. I reckon we will get this matter straightened out after while. Mr. Thaxton, of Tennessee, writes me that the full list of mothers and wives can be found in the "World Almanac" of 1894. Friend Thaxton is not mad, but he is grieved that I said Johnson's parents were too poor and ignorant to be named in the biography. That was not my assertion, but was a bit of sarcasm on the compiler, who makes special mention of their poverty and lack of education and records that Andrew and his mother and stepfather moved from Raleigh, N. C., to Greenville, Tenn., in a two-wheeled cart drawn by a blind pony, but does not give their names. Mr. Thaxton says his wife's father was an own cousin to Andrew Johnson and Andrew's mother's name was Mary McDonough, but he does not mention the step-father. Who did Mary marry the second time? The biography in Appleton was written by James Phelan, editor of The Memphis Avalanche, and seems to be very fair and favorable to Johnson and his wife and children. It says that Johnson's father died when Andrew was only 4 years old, and Mr. Thaxton says his mother had many more children. Mr. Phelan says that Andrew learned his alphabet on the tailor bench, and his wife, Eliza McCardie, taught him to read.

My friend Thaxton says that he did not know that poverty and ignorance were tied together. As a general rule they are. That second husband must have been both foolish and ignorant if he couldn't provide any better transportation for his wife and stepson than a two-wheeled cart and a blind pony for a long journey. If Mr. Thaxton was to see such a cavalcade as that coming down the big road now he would say that poverty and ignorance were tramping along together. But this much we have learned from Mr. Thaxton—that Andrew Johnson's mother's maiden name was Mary McDonough. All honor to him who rose from poverty and obscurity and all honor to his devoted wife and to his accomplished daughter, Mrs. Patterson, who presided so worthily in the white house.

And Roosevelt married twice—that's right! He ought to have a good woman at his elbow all of the time. I reckon he must have been a widower when he wrote those slanders against Jefferson Davis and the people of the South. I am still waiting for him to retract and apologize. But now he is a candidate and is scheming for the solid Southern vote, and the Southern negroes throw in, he won't retract. If he is to be elected president, I want Miles to be appointed with him on the ticket for vice president. The champion defamer ought to be paired. One to work on live men and the other on dead ones. And here is a letter from Mrs. Lucy Harrison Gay Whitfield, of Siddonsville, Ala., who informs me that William Henry Harrison's mother was Elizabeth Bassett. She is Mrs. Whitfield's great-great-grandmother and was the wife of Ben Harrison, who signed the Declaration of Independence. His mother was Anne Carter, an aunt of Robert Lee, I believe that supplies all the missing links.

I've been enjoying some rich

and racy reading—the reply of Horace Greeley to the committee who summoned him to trial for signing the bail bond of Jefferson Davis that released him from prison. There were twenty-one who signed it, but Greeley was the first and the only Republican abolitionist. He volunteered to do it and did it willingly, going from New York to Richmond for that purpose, and it raised a howl all over New York and New England. The northern extremists demanded that Mr. Davis be tried and hung for treason, or for the assassination of Lincoln, or for something or anything, so he was hung. Greeley belonged to the Union Club of New York, a powerful organization, and they were outraged and enraged at his signing that bond and cited him for trial. His reply is a long one and some parts of it are most delightful sarcasm.

"You say you will give me reasonable time for reflection. I want none, nor shall I attend your meeting. It is not my habit to take part in any discussion that may arise among other gentlemen as to my fitness to enjoy their society. That is their affair, and to them I leave it. No, I shall not attend your meeting this evening. I have an engagement out of town and shall keep it. I do not recognize you as capable of judging me. You regard me as a weak sentimentalist. I arraign you as a set of narrow-minded blockheads who would like to be useful, but don't know how. Your attempt to base an enduring party on hate and wrath is like planting a colony on an iceberg that had drifted into a tropical sea. The signing of that bail bond will do more for freedom and humanity than you all can do though you live to the age of Methuselah. I ask nothing of you but that you proceed in a frank manly way. Don't slide off into a cold resolution of censure, but make your expostulations. Make it a square stand up fight and record your judgment by yeas and nays. I dare you and defy you, and I propose to fight it out on the line I have had ever since General Lee's surrender. I give you full notice that I shall urge the pardon and re-enfranchisement of all those engaged in the rebellion and those now in exile."

Well, they didn't expel him nor censure him. They were afraid. The pamphlet to which I have heretofore alluded is now ready. It contains Henry R. Jackson's great speech on the "Wanderer" and Daniel Webster's speech at Capon Springs, Va., the last and greatest he ever made. There is also a brief biography of General Jackson by Joe M. Brown and a few remarks by myself. There is enough in this little pamphlet to establish the faith and stimulate the pride of every Southern man. According to Jackson, the South was not responsible for slavery and according to Webster we were justified in seceding. And so the northern saints were in the wrong for violating the constitution and precipitating that most unrighteous war, and ought to make apology and restitution to us. They owe to our people millions and billions of dollars. They owe to me right now \$20,000, damages, and if Roosevelt don't retract and apologize I think I will attach his trunks and his bear grass when he comes in reach. He did not do the stealing, but he is an accessory after the fact and that is just as bad. Now I have no interest in the sale of that pamphlet, but I want every young man and woman to have one. The price is only 25 cents, postpaid. Apply to my friend Ed. Holland, Atlanta Ga., care of Franklin Printing Company.

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THE "GENTLEMAN" FROM PETERSBURG.

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If Bishop, who killed Wilson in Charlotte last week, really stayed at a hotel in Charlotte until next day after the tragedy and then walked through the streets to take a train out of town, as he claims, the affair is certainly not creditable to somebody. It has been said that public sentiment in Charlotte is in Bishop's favor. We prefer not to believe this, but granted that public sentiment is with Bishop, the police have shown themselves utterly incompetent (provided he tells the truth) in their failure to find him. Surely the officers of the law in Charlotte are not in sympathy with this man. According to the reports, Bishop seems to regard the whole matter as a joke; and if he has been treated with the leniency which the circumstances indicate he has grounds for the belief that he is in no danger. In order to make the force complete the officials of Charlotte ought to meet Bishop with a brass band when he returns there and accord him the freedom of the city.

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Of all that sinks or floats,
He's paying out the money that he saved before his raise. But prosperity's upon us, and his heart is full of praise.

The President has appointed Richmond Pearson to be minister to Persia. His name was sent to the Senate for confirmation Monday.

Studies of the Nude.

Richmond News.

Now Colonel Theodore Roosevelt may have the battle of his life. The Social Purity section of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union threatens war because he has hung in the White House the famous picture, "Life and Love," presented to the United States government twenty-five years ago. It hung in the White House in President Cleveland's first term, but the obese bachelor yielded to the pressure of the Social Purity section and had the painting sent to the Corcoran Art Gallery where it could be seen by about fifty times as many people as could have seen it in the White House; whereas Social Purity conceived that it had attained a vast triumph.

As we understand, the picture includes some very beautiful nude figures of both sexes. Exactly why it should corrupt public morals in the White House and be harmless in the Corcoran Art Gallery we are not informed. Probably there is some hazy idea that some kind of insult or degradation in the act of placing it in a public gallery instead of in the White House where nobody can see it but the President and his family and friends and visitors.

In these matters we are always reminded of the famous reply of Doctor Johnson to a woman who asked him if a picture was indecent. "No, madam, but your question is," was his answer; and therein is a whole volume of philosophy. People who look for filth can find it everywhere and in everything. Those who are not looking for it are not likely to suspect it. It is entirely conceivable and, we think, entirely true that there are people in the world who can look at a nude figure without salacious thought. Whatever else may be said or thought of the Roosevelts, nobody doubts that they are good, well-bred, clean-minded American people. In such matters we are entirely willing to accept the judgment and taste of the President and his wife, as to what they are willing to have their children see and know, even in opposition to those of the Social Purity section. Very likely the President will be bombarded by resolu-

tions and protests and his action will be the occasion for the discussion by many very good women of subjects of which they do not know and should not know anything, but which they are likely to leave a very unsavory taste in the public mouth. If harm is done by such things, much more can be and is done by discussion of them before miscellaneous audiences and in the newspapers than possibly could be done by any number of nude figures, such as we understand those in "Life and Love," to be.

Our President.

Our President has been down in Virginia to shoot wild turkeys and did not find one. We are glad of it and hope he will never try it again. Hundreds of thousands of American boys reading that the President of the United States goes hunting for the fun of killing and wounding animals that have never injured him are inspired to do the same. Our readers will remember how three small boys in Augusta, Maine, hired a shot-gun and shot five cows, killing two of them. Neither President Lincoln nor President Grant (who, by the way, would never go to see a horse race) found any sport in wounding and killing harmless animals.

Time for Renewal.

Philadelphia Record.
The following is illustrative of the ready wit of our "Street Arabs":
A young man, dressed to the height of fashion, with the exception of his shoes which were a shabby pair of patent leather, was strolling down Chestnut street the other day, when a bright-eyed bootblack, on the outlook for business, accosted him with the usual "shine 'em up, sir?"
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