



RILEY'S PHILOSOPHY.

The signs are bad when folks commence
A-findin' fault with Providence,
And bulkin' 'cause the earth don't shake
At every prancin' step they take.
No man is great till he can see
How less than little he would be
If stripped of self, and stark and bare
He hung his sign out anywhere.
My doctrine is to lay aside
Contentions and be satisfied;
Jest do your best, and praise or blame
That follows that counts jest the same.
I've allus noticed great success
Is mixed with troubles more or less,
And it's the man who does the best
That gets more kicks than all the rest.
—James Whitcomb Riley.

THAT INVESTIGATION.

Army officers generally do not approve of Mr. McKinley's powerless civil commission to investigate the War Department. It would be a commission without power created without authority to clothe it with judicial functions to enable it to achieve results of any character. It would be simply a mutual society of honor, intelligence and dignity in name, without a right to demand evidence and no machinery to punish. It looks too thin for service and had best be dropped. Make a military court martial and convict or vindicate those charged with misconduct.

Parties desiring power are already showing forms of organization in Cuba. There seems to be an inevitable clash between the sentimental independent party and the party of practical annexationists. On the one hand is the Cuban sentiment which desires a power to rule alone; and on the other hand is arrayed every material interest on the island, looking to establishment of order and future development.

It was an Ayrshire parson, and into the customary prayer for the royalties he had introduced a feeling reference to the accident which had befallen the Prince of Wales. "And now, brethren," continued the unwitting cleric, "we will join in singing hymn No. so-and-so, 'Courage, Brother, Do Not Stumble.'" The congregation saw the joke, though the minister did not.

We of the sunny South seldom chronicle numerous deaths from sunstroke. The recent hot wave has plainly demonstrated the fact that the South and not the North provides that even temperature which makes life a pleasure. True we have been warm, it might well be said hot, but swift, sudden prostration and death from heat is seldom known about Raleigh. It is a delightful natural sanitarium summer and winter.

There are 250,000 Indians in the United States, distributed throughout 25 States and Territories, the largest number, 72,000 living in the Indian Territory, with 35,000 in Arizona, 15,000 in South Dakota, 13,000 in Oklahoma, 12,000 in California, 10,000 in Wisconsin, 5,000 in New York and 2,000 in North Carolina.

MARKSMANSHIP IS ONE SHIP SPAIN NEVER HAD TO LOSE.

As yet General Hunger has not withdrawn his forces in Cuba.

Poor Sagasta, he is now appealing to the good woman, the Queen Regent for confidence.

Wilmington is preparing to receive Co. K, Second Regiment now here, as soon as the men are furloughed.

No more volunteers will be mustered out. The War Department will retain in the service all the volunteers in the army.

Germany, a Spanish report says, will take a coaling station in the Philippines. Well, she'll have a hot time doing it.

While 5 per cent of all Europeans are trained soldiers, there is only one soldier to every one hundred people in America.

"I do wonder how long he will stay," is the question a Raleigh girl is now asking herself since an admirer arrived with a Saratoga trunk.

Miss Winnie Davis passed another comfortable night, and no change for the worse is reported in her condition today. She is still, however, unable to retain nourishment.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard's condition remains about the same. The cool weather has helped him, but it is thought Mr. Bayard will be unable to survive his present illness.

Letters from ex-Governor Brogden announcing his allegiance to the Democratic party appear almost with the regularity of the weekly crop bulletin.

Senator George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, has been again tendered the post of Ambassador to London to succeed Hon. John Hay, who has been appointed Secretary of State.

Lorenzo Snow has been chosen president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of President Woodruff, by the Council of Apostles of the Mormon church.

The Secretary of War has ordered all orthodox Jews in the United States army in camp within the States to be furloughed to attend the celebration of the Jewish New Year.

"That's a mighty queer name for a hotel," said the rural visitor to another, as he indicated a sign over the door of a Fifth Avenue hostelry. "What is it?" asked the other. "Hotel Entrance."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A certain Wake county candidate is said to be pushing his claims for all they are worth, but if a perfect ratio is maintained between the "pushing" and the "worth" no vast amount of energy will be expended.

A tailor vainly tried to make clear his identity to the Duke of Wellington. "Why," said he, "General, don't you know me? I made your breeches." Recognition dawned in the great Duke's eyes as he cordially grasped his interlocutor's hand and exclaimed: "Why, Major Britches, how are you?"

The disappearance of another volcanic island—one of the Fiji group—strongly savors of imitativeness. So many choice islands have been swallowed recently by Uncle Sam that it would be curious if Father Neptune's mouth should not water for an occasional snack in the insular line.

Instructions have been sent to Admiral Dewey and General Otis, in the Philippines, of such a character that their execution will mean an end to insurrections in the islands. If fondling with diplomatic means will not succeed there the military and naval forces of the United States will be brought into play to maintain order.

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SOMETHING TO GROWL AT.

When the rain is gone and the sun comes out
In the beautiful garden plot
An' the rose is friskin' her buds about,
It's then—Too hot! too hot!
(Never know what we want, I say—
Sun an' stars, or a rainy day!)

When cyclone comes, an' the mule goes lame
An' the sheriff swoops on the lot,
It's heaven, you know, that is most to blame!—
Could a-spared us, well as not!
(Never know what we want I say—
Sun an' stars or a rainy day!)

BRIEFS FROM BILLVILLE.

The rain has ruined the cotton. This was providential, as it saves us from selling it at five cents.

The Billville boys have been mustered out, and have gone to Washington to join the pension department.
Now that the war is over, most of the generals have gone to fighting each other.

The war was so short that very few had the opportunity of being made colonel by simply fighting for it.

THE WELCOME.

When twilight bells are ringing sweet
And evening echoes greet me,
My happy heart seems singing sweet
Of some one who will meet me.
Of blue eyes 'neath a golden crown—
Dear eyes! that watch and wait—
And little footsteps pattering down
The pathway to the gate.

Though sad the toil, in barren soil—
Though fortune has not found me,
I know that night will bring me light
And twine two arms around me.
And let the day be gold or gray—
What thought so sweet as this:
"It drifts and dreams my darling's way,
Who keeps for me a kiss!"

O love of life, and strength in strife—
O joy to sorrow given!
O dear child eyes that make life's skies

And earth as sweet heaven,
I still can bear with grief and care,
And face the storms to be
If Love, the comforter, will share
The crust, the crumbs with me!

And now, Jonquin Miller, of Klondike fame, is annoyed because the critics insist on calling him "a miner poet."

It was thought by his friends that he was something more than a minor poet.

A PHILOSOPHER.

In winter time he's happy
When he's pelted by the snow;
In summer time he's singing
If he gathers one sweet rose;
And earth seems ever better
For the happy way he goes.
If dark the tempest's frowning
And no stars are in the night,
He thanks God for a shelter,
And sleeps and dreams of light.
And somehow, earth is brighter,
For he ever makes it right.

And so in joy and sorrow
He walks his earthly way,
And thanks God for tomorrow,
And does His will today,
And somehow, Earth is brighter
For that lesson—love—obey!

Books of "war poems" are now so numerous that they are becoming as popular as the measles.

HARD TO PLEASE.

They say that Spain ain't got enough of what her folks call "glory."
She wants a rockier road and rough—
A sequel to the story.
She's powerful unsatisfied!
Done lost the whole plantation,
Yet ain't content to know she's chased
Clean off the whole creation!
—Atlanta Constitution.

SPEAKING SPANISH.

An American says the Mexican Herald, who years ago served as minister to Spain, was fond of telling the following joke upon himself: Shortly after he had become settled in his new home he was bidden to a state ceremonial, where he was to be presented to the King. His knowledge of languages was limited to English and French, and being desirous of addressing the sovereign in his own tongue, he took pains to "coach" for the occasion. Several phrases were rehearsed until he felt that he had mastered them. When the critical moment arrived he saluted the King with great dignity, spoke a few words in Spanish, and passed on.

"What did you say?" asked an English gentleman. "I spoke in Spanish," was the reply. "I said 'I cast myself at your feet,' which I am told is the most respectful form to salute." "Ah, no!" corrected a Spaniard, who had been observed to smile at the ambassador's greeting. "You are mistaken, you transposed your words, and quite altered the meaning." "What did I say?" asked the American diplomat. With a twinkle in his eye, the Spaniard made answer, "What you really said was, 'I throw my heels at your head.'" But the King had not betrayed, by so much as the fluttering of an eyelid, that anything unusual had occurred.

"They say Lieutenant Hobson has shown considerable sharpness in looking after the business of raising those Spanish warships."
"Sharp as a raiser, eh?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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