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## BILKINS AT THE SEASHORE.

**Has Been Buncoed Again—Dancing Is no Longer a Wicked Diversion—The Major Describes a Blind Tiger.**

Seashore, N. C., July 12.  
Mr. Editor:—I'll be jimswiggered if I aint a havin' a picnick, a 4th of July an' three strate weeks ov Christmas awl at one time. What do I care erbout perlitercal platforms an' single standards an' tariff reform, now? I'm a listenin' ter what the sad waves are a sayin', an' pretty murmades are a flirtin' with me on both land an' water twenty-four hours per day an' several hours per nite.

They iz one thing I hain't seed yit an' that iz a seasarpent. I thought they allers had them at the seashore resorts. I've bin axin' erbout them purty nigh every day. The manager of the hotel sez hit iz a little early yit fer them. I guess I've bin buncoed, though. It iz sorter like when you go ter a circus; you never git ter see more'n half the anermals that was advertized.

I've bin a watchin' 'em dance here every nite, an' feelin' sorter skittish, I tole sum ov the gurls I'd like ter try it if I wasn't erfraid my feet would git tangled up. Then, too, I wuz erfraid the paster ov my church at Bethlehem would git onto the racket. The gurls sed I could larn in one or two lessons and my paster need never git wise. They was dead anxious fer me ter larn ter dance. I reckon they'd dance with a scarecrow rite outen ov the cornfield here, fer men are so skase. One ov the gurls that iz powerful purty an' likely lookin' sed she'd give me sum private lessons in the stepsiscorin' art, or sumthin' that sounded exakly like that. I tole her I hed belonged ter the KuKlux, hed bin skule cummitteeman, belonged ter the Amalgamated and Ansient Order of Red Shirts, an' belonged ter the home gard durin' ov the war, an' that I wasn't erfraid to go through a graveyard at midnite, but that I wuz erfraid ter begin ter take dansin lessons at this stage ov the game. She looked so purty, I know I blushed if I couldn't see myself. But she kept insistin'. I finally tole her if she'd promise not ter put her arm eroun me like they did in the ballroom, I'd try ter larn. So we went out on the piazza where the lite wasnt much brite two or three evenins an' you order a seed me larn ter danse. Blamed if it aint nicer than eatin' turnip sallad an' hog jaw in the spring ov the year. I hope the paster ov my church an' Betsy will overlook this letter.

After takin' sum lessons my purty teacher tole me I'd pass muster. I tole her I'd accept her statement an' would be in the ballroom with my trump suit an' yaller shoes on the next nite. She 'lowed: "What iz a trump suit?" Why, sez I, don't you know what a trump suit iz? That means my long suit, my Prince Albert. Columbus sprung that joke on the Injuns at the first recepshun they give him after he landed in America. They couldn't see the point ov the joke an' they immediately declared war on the white people an' hev kept it up ever sinse. Sum gurls don't know much history.

Well, I soon got the hang ov that dancin' game, an' I think it iz eg-squisit. The preachers don't know

whut they are runnin' down when they resolute erginst dancin'. Its nicer than strawberries an' cream. Sum say the round dance iz worse than the square dance. I don't think enny ov it is worse. It beats fallin' asleep just after a shower ov rain. If I knew everything wuz goin' on rite at home I'd stay here till Christmas enyhow.

I wuz strollin' erlong the beech with a luvly gurl frum Greensboro yisterday. She 'lowed, "Mr. Bilkins, why wuz the ocean filled with salt water instead ov fresh water?" Sez I, I don't know unless the proprietors ov the summer resort hotels put salt inter the sea ter keep their guests frum drikin' eny water. She 'lowed, "Why don't the hotel men want people to drink water?" "Bekase that would kill awl the blind tigers," sez I. "What iz a blind tiger?" sez she. "It iz a place whar you go in ter look at the seashore an' when you cum out you can't see the sea-shore. While you are in there you put on glasses with a view ter takin' a look at the seashore, but the more glasses you put on the less seashore you can see, an' the longer you stay in there an' the more you see of the seashore the less you care fer seein' the seashore." She 'lowed she wuz ready ter go back ter the hotel an' I never could git her ter understand erbout the blind tiger.

Yours fer a gude time,  
ZEKE BILKINS.

## Cream of the Press.

Dowie says he is for Roosevelt. Elijah is evidently able to distinguish a band wagon from a hearse.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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It is a pity that the State does not again need saving, considering the material that the party has on hand.—Durham Herald.

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Cortelyou poses as the man who has never failed in anything he has ever undertaken. He never ventured far from land.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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Senator Fairbanks says that he will manage his own campaign in Indiana. That will make it a lot easier on his barrel, anyhow.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

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Many a woman who poses as a Christian lies awake nights trying to concoct a scheme to get her neighbor's hired girl away from her.—Elizabeth City Economist.

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Japan announces that she rests her hopes in the glory of her arms. Russia is apparently resting hers in the glory of her legs.—Washington Post.

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Upon mature deliberation General Miles decided that from now until November would be too long for him to stick with the water wagon outfit.—Springfield (Ohio) Press-Republic.

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Mr. Cleveland is "out of politics"—but that fifteen-mile private wire to his summer home cannot be explained as disclosing his interest in race-track events or in the stock market.—New York Commercial.

## THE TWO-THIRDS RULE

**Mr. Crutchfield Has Written Some Interesting History—How Conventions were Held Many years Ago.**

Washington, D. C., July 12th.  
Correspondence of The Enterprise.

A history of the two-thirds rule and the unit rule, as applied to the Democratic National Conventions, has been prepared by Mr. Nathaniel T. Crutchfield, the well-known Kentucky Democrat, resident of Washington, who is especially well versed in political and parliamentary history. His paper is of a timely interest at present. As it traces the acts of the Democratic conventions since the birth of the party, Mr. Crutchfield's paper was used by the party leaders for reference at the St. Louis Convention. It shows that the two-thirds rule has been in use since 1832, and that the unit rule became a part of the Democratic Code of procedure in 1848. Following is the text of the paper:

The rule requiring two-thirds to nominate was adopted at the first Democratic National Convention, held in Baltimore in 1832. Prior to 1828 candidates for the Presidency and vice-Presidency were nominated by a Congressional caucus. In that year Jackson was placed in nomination by a resolution of the Tennessee Legislature, and with Calhoun as Vice-President, was elected by a large majority. In 1832 Jackson was again nominated, this time by the Legislatures of New York and Pennsylvania. He had become so identified with his party that the party itself was often referred to as the "Jackson party," the designation "Democratic" not being as yet fully accepted as the official title. As to the Vice-Presidency, no such unanimity existed. Jackson certainly did not desire Mr. Calhoun as a companion on the electoral ticket, and the concentration of the Democratic vote upon an acceptable candidate for the Vice-Presidency appeared to be no easy task.

For the purpose, therefore, of nominating a candidate for the Vice-Presidency, the Legislature of New Hampshire passed a resolution calling for a national convention of the Jackson Republican party to meet in the city of Baltimore. Mr. Sumner, of New Hampshire, in calling the body to order, concluded his address as follows: "They," referring to the originators of the movement, "believed that the example of this convention would operate favorably in future elections, that the people would be disposed, after seeing the good effects of this convention in conciliating the different and distant sections of the country, to continue this mode of nomination."

The second national convention of the Democratic party was held nearly a year and a half prior to the Presidential election of 1836, it being convened at Baltimore, May 20, 1835, when the new convention system was extended in its scope to embrace nominations for the Presidency as well as the Vice-Presidency. The two-thirds rule was again reported to the convention from the committee on rules by Mr. Saunders, of North Carolina, the author of the rule.

The rules of 1860 were adopted in 1864 and 1868. Governor Seymour,

chairman in 1868, was careful, early in the proceedings that the two-thirds rule should be clearly understood. After reviewing the proceedings at Charleston and Baltimore, he announced until otherwise resolved, the chairman would declare no candidate to be nominated who should not have received two-thirds of the vote of the full convention.

In the convention held in Chicago in 1896 the chair announced that under the rule adopted in 1852, and since continued as the rule of succeeding conventions, "in the opinion of the chair, two-thirds of the vote given will nominate a candidate for President and Vice-President of the United States." In the Kansas City convention of 1900 the nominees for both offices received the unanimous vote of the full convention and the two-thirds rule was not called into question.

This rule is of course, a rule of policy, and the fact that a majority can, if it choose, amend or rescind it at any time is a sufficient answer to the charge that it menaces the will of the majority.

At Kansas City no question as to the unit rule or any other rule was contested, the proceedings being conducted throughout with apparent unanimity.

## "Working the Tailings."

A man recently offered a gold mining company a certain price per ton for the quartz that had passed through their crusher, and from which they had extracted all the gold they could.

They accepted his offer willingly. At once he set up machinery, and by a modern chemical process he is making a large income "working the tailings."

Enterprise and perseverance in using what is "left over" will often bring large results. The "left-over" minutes of each day well used have placed many a man in a position of high effectiveness. The man who aids his fellows to find riches in the pile of unsightly left-over product of a crusher does a good service. But he who leads others to utilize the moments that would otherwise go to waste is placing deep in his debt all who accept his guidance.

And the "left-over" opportunities of life, who can number them? Opportunities for doing good to others and to one's self have been neglected hourly. Those who would yet accomplish much must spend no time in regretting the past, but must keep the face bravely to the days to come. For the coming days will be wonderful days of opportunity.

And the truly great men will be they who will struggle manfully to "work the tailings."—East and West.

A Cincinnati doctor says that any man can cure himself of the drink habit by eating five cents' worth of candy every time he wants a drink. But some men can't afford to eat \$2 worth of candy every day.—Boston Globe.

Senator Tillman's zeal always has his discretion beaten in a walk, but it is to be hoped that he will not try to get an endorsement of lynching into the Democratic platform.—Charlotte Observer.