

HE OWNED BLIND TOM.

The Late General Bethune and the Wonderful Pickaninny.

The death of General James N. Bethune, which occurred in this city yesterday, removes a man who was a leading figure in Southern affairs for many years.

Public interest will now naturally recur to this phenomenon, and the question will arise as to his whereabouts. For years he was one of the most familiar figures before the public, and the source of continual amazement to the thousands who went to see and hear him.

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ing musicians to come and play for Tom, and the prodigy would almost go into spasms of delight. Then he would be placed on the piano stool and would repeat everything that he heard.

Out at home it was with great difficulty that Tom was kept under observation. Sound owned him absolutely. He would follow the birds' songs out into the woods, and frequently, when he was lost in this way, he was brought back by the sounds of the flute, produced by one of General Bethune's sons, who performed excellently on the instrument.

By the time the war broke out Tom was 10 years old, and his fame had spread all over Georgia. His mental cloud still remained, and he knew no sentiment. There was no gratitude about him, and he was moved only by music.

Pretty soon the news of the miraculous character of his performances attracted attention in the North, and it was not long before Charity, poor, trusting creature that she was, was approached by wily agents of far-seeing managers.

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Worse Men than Printers. Printers and newspaper men are sometimes classed as bad men, remarks the Allentown Chronicle.

Statistics, however, do not bear out the idea. Of 3,890 convicts in the State penitentiary of Texas, there is not a printer or newspaper man, while there are ministers, doctors, bankers, barbers, photographers, bookkeepers, cooks and members of all other professions and callings.

"The child is music crazy, poor little thing," he said. "Let it enjoy itself. Perhaps it may learn to play one day and make its life bearable."

Naturally his daughters objected to such an object as a slave baby in the house, but General Bethune prevailed upon them to let Tom touch the piano keys. Charity dressed him up and he was taken up to the house. His little fingers could hardly bear down the keys, yet his touch brought forth harmony—a faint echo of the air that was being played when he first heard the piano.

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GAY LIFE BY THE SEA.

Pleasure-Seekers and Health-Hunters at Atlantic City. Remarkable Railroadings on the Royal Route.

(From a Special Correspondent.) ATLANTIC CITY, March 20, 1895.

The gloomful and depressive pessimist who persistently croaks of "hard times" and dolefully asseverates that the nation's prosperity has gone to the demnition everlasting bow-wow, is shamed out of his dismal bewailings as soon he finds himself in the briny and brilliant atmosphere of this great seaside cosmopolis.

A stroll on the thronged boardwalk just now is an inspiration and a delight. This magnificent esplanade, skirting the white beaded edge of the horizon reaching sea for four unbroken miles, is the daily rendezvous of beauty and fashion, as well as the daily resort of the invalid and valetudinarian.

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The facilities for getting to and from this enchanting bit of Lotus Land are superb in their completeness and in every detail—for have we not the "Royal Route to the Sea," that magnificent branch of the Reading Railroad System, the fame of which extends from the eastern coast to the placid waters of the Sun-Down Seas?

"The people reaching here on Saturday last on the 2 o'clock P. M. Reading train have it to say that they traveled the entire distance at a rate of a mile in less than a minute.

By reason of the ice blockade in the Delaware the train left twenty-two minutes late, and yet, including stops at Hammonton, Egg Harbor and Pleasantville, it pulled up to the depot here only one and one-half minutes behind time.

In other words, twenty and one half minutes had been made up in the fifty-five and one-half miles, which distance, inclusive of the three stops, was covered in fifty-seven and one-half minutes. Certainly five minutes at least were consumed in the slowing up, stopping and getting off again at three stations, so that the actual running time was more than a mile a minute.

But the Star man is in error in setting this down as a "record breaker," the same fifty five and one-half miles having been covered at least once in fifty-two minutes. On the Reading's straight smooth track a speed of a mile a minute is not deemed notably rapid, and a mile in less than fifty seconds is no uncommon achievement.

The elegant train equipment of the "Royal Reading Route," not less than the phenomenally quick time, attracts to it a very large preponderance of the travel, and I am informed that through tickets to Atlantic City are now sold almost everywhere along the lines of the Reading, and also on those of its connections, such as the B. & O., Lehigh Valley, New Jersey Central, Beech Creek, Fall Brook and other roads.

Are you ever Annoyed by a buzzing or roaring sound in your head? Have you difficulty in hearing distinctly? Are you troubled with a continual dropping of mucus, irritating the throat and causing you to cough? Is your breath unpleasantly affected and accompanied with bad taste? Is your hearing less acute? If so, you have catarrh and should at once procure a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm, the best known remedy. The Balm will give instant relief.

Office State Board of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Penna.

The following is a recent report of the State pomologist:

To the Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture:

GENTLEMEN: As Pomologist of your honorable body, I would report the appearance in Pennsylvania of that very pernicious insect known as the San Jose Scale, which is generally acknowledged to be one of the most destructive pests that the fruit grower of the United States has to contend with.

The San Jose Scale first appeared in the United States in California, about the year 1870, it having been brought to the Pacific coast on trees received from Chili. Fruit shippers first noticed it in 1873 at San Jose, and from this it derived the name by which it is now known.

Pears and prunes shipped from states on the Pacific slope have carried the San Jose Scale, and it has thus obtained a foothold in the Atlantic Coast States, and bids fair in a short time to spread over the entire country.

Twigs infected with this scale, obtained from a Central Pennsylvania fruit grower, are exhibited at this meeting, and are thus described by the grower from whom they were received: "A serious pest which multiplies beyond anything that I have ever before seen in insect life. It will cause much trouble unless checked. It makes pears unsalable; it is worse on the Bartlett pear than on others, and this is our most common variety."

Specimen twigs from the orchard of the same fruit-grower were submitted to Prof. Howard, Acting Entomologist of the National Department of Agriculture, and he paid a visit to the premises where it was first discovered in this State, and he has pronounced it the San Jose Scale beyond a doubt.

Prof. Howard states that the San Jose Scale belongs to the same group of scale insects as the common and well-known oyster-shell bark louse of the apple family. It differs from this insect, and in fact from all other eastern species from deciduous fruit trees, in that the scale is perfectly round or at most very slightly elongated or irregular. It is flat, pressed close to the bark, resembles the bark of the twig in color, and when fully grown is about one eighth of an inch in diameter. At or near the middle of each scale is a small, round, slightly elongated, blackpoint, or this point may sometimes appear yellowish.

Prof. Howard recommended that where trees have been badly infested, the safest and, in the long run, the most economical course to pursue is to cut and burn trunks and branches. Where infestation is less marked, insecticide washes and sprays may be used. He favors the kerosene emulsion for destroying the young lice, and a preparation of resin and caustic soda for the older scale. The formula for the latter preparation is as follows: Resin, 20 pounds; Caustic Soda (70 per cent. strength), 5 pounds; fish oil, 3 pints; with sufficient water added to make 100 gallons. This is to be applied to the trees by means of a sprayer.

Prof. Howard, in continuing his experiments with spraying mixtures for the destruction of the San Jose Scale, writes to me as follows: "I have found that while kerosene emulsion treatment during the summer time is good enough, so far as it goes, the habits of the insect prevent it from being very effective, since they are continually hatching throughout the entire summer, and two days after hatching have formed enough of a scale to be nearly impervious to the emulsion. By these sprayings with the emulsion at intervals throughout the summer, the insect can be kept from increasing, but its numbers cannot be greatly decreased. The proper spray is a strong whale oil solution immediately after the leaves fall in the autumn, and again just before the buds burst in the spring."

The matter of appearance of the San Jose Scale was made known to the State Horticultural Association at its annual meeting at Reading, January 15th and 16th last. Prof. Brinton, late of the New Jersey Experiment Station, who was present, made an examination of the insect under the microscope and pronounced it the genuine San Jose Scale.

Having had experience with it in both the orchard and nursery, he stated that its period of incubation is in June, and again in the latter part of the summer. After the insects are hatched, a speedy application of the kerosene emulsion will destroy them, but after the hard shell has been formed, caustic potash alone will answer. Owing to the danger connected with the use of this article, the hands had better be protected with rubber gloves.

CYRUS T. FOX, Pomologist, State Board of Agriculture.

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