

WHEN THE TIDE IS COMING IN.

Somehow, love, our boat sails lighter, smoother, faster on the bay— Somehow, love, the sun shines brighter. Softer, warmer thro' the spray— Somehow, love, the sky is clearer, God and man seem nearer kin— Somehow, even you are dearer When the tide is coming in.

"OUR WIFE."

The following story, written by the late Bill Nye in his earlier days, is taken from a collection of his sketches just published by F. Tennyson Neely. It presents a curious mixture of Nye's peculiar humor and the pathos that did not often enter into his writings, but which touched the heart none the less because of its burlesque accompaniment.

The story opens in 1877, when, on an April morning, the yellow-haired "devil" arrived at the office of the Jack Creek Pizenweed, at 7 o'clock, and found the editor in. It was so unusual to find the editor in at that hour that the boy whistled in a low contralto voice, and passed on into the "news room," leaving the gentlemanly, genial and urbane editor of the Pizenweed as he had found him, sitting in his foun- dered chair, with his head immersed in a pile of exchanges on the table and his venerable Smith & Wesson near by, noting as a paper-weight. The gentlemanly, genial and urbane editor of the Pizenweed presented the appearance of a man engaged in sleeping off a long and aggravated case of drunk. His hat was on the back of his head, and his features were entirely obscured by the loose papers in which they nestled.

Later on, Elijah P. Beckwith, the foreman, came in, and found the following copy on the hook, marked "Leaded Editorial," and divided it up into "takes" for the yellow-haired devil and himself: "In another column of this issue will be found, among the legal notices, the first publication of a summons in an action for divorce, in which our wife is plaintiff and we are made defendant. While generally deprecating the practice of bringing private matters into public through the medium of the press, we feel justified in this instance, inasmuch as the summons sets forth, as a cause of action, that we are, and have been, for the space of ten years, a confirmed drunkard without hope of recovery, and totally unwilling to provide for and maintain our said wife.

"That we have been given to drink we do not, at this time, undertake to deny or in any way controvert, but that we cannot quit at any time we do most earnestly contend. "In 1857, on the 4th day of July, we married our wife. It was a joyful day, and earth had never looked to us so fair or so desirable as a summer resort as it did that day. The flowers bloomed, the air was fresh and exhilarating, the little birds and the hens poured forth their respective lays. It was a day long to be remembered, and it seemed as though we had never seen nature get up and hump herself to be so attractive as she did on this special morning—the morning of all mornings—the morning on which we married our wife.

"Little did we then dream that after ten years of varying fortune we would to-day give utterance to this editorial, or that the steam power-press of the Pizenweed would squat this legal notice for divorce, a vinculo et thoro, into the virgin page of our paper. But such is the case. Our wife has abandoned us to our fate, and has seen fit to publish the notice in what we believe to be the spiciest paper published west of the Missouri River. It was not necessary that the notice should be published. We were ready at any time to admit service, provided that plaintiff would serve it while we were sober, or could not agree to remain sober after 10 o'clock a. m. in order to give people a chance to serve notices on us. But in this case plaintiff knew the value of advertising, and she selected a paper that goes to the better classes all over the Union. When our wife does anything she does it right.

streets, in the Briggs building. We hope that our citizens will accord her a generous patronage, not so much on her husband's account, but because she is a deserving woman, and a good laundress. We wish that we could as safely recommend every advertiser who patronizes these columns as we can our wife.

"Unkind critics will make cold and unfeeling remarks because our wife has decided to take in washing, and they will look down on her, no doubt, but she will not mind it, for it will be a pleasant relaxation to wash, after the ten years of torchlight procession and Mardi Gras frolic she has had with us. It is tiresome, of course, to chase a pillow-case up and down the washboard all day, but it is easier and pleasanter than it is to run a one-horse Inebriate Home for ten years on credit.

"Those who have read the Pizenweed for the past three years will remember that it has not been regarded as an outspoken temperance organ. We have never claimed that for it. We have simply claimed that, so far as we are personally concerned, we could take liquor or let it alone. That has always been our theory. We still make that claim. Others have said the same thing, but were unable to do as they advertised. We have been taking it right along, between meals, for ten years. We now propose, and so state in the prospectus, that we will let it alone. We leave the public to judge whether or not we can do what we claim."

After the foreman had set up the above editorial, he went in to speak to the editor, but he was still slumbering. He shook him mildly, but he did not wake. Then Elijah took him by the collar and lifted him up so that he could see the editor's face. It was a pale, still face, firm in its new resolution to forever "let it alone." On the temple and under the heavy sweep of brown hair there was a powder-burned spot and the cruel affidavit of the "Smith and Wesson" that our wife had obtained her decree.

The editor of the Pizenweed had demonstrated that he could drink or he could let it alone. Mrs. Youngwife's Economy. The other day Mrs. Youngwife came in to borrow the mullage. Mrs. Youngwife had written a letter, put her last stamp on the envelope, and then addressed it wrong. "I was so provoked," she said, "and I made up my mind I'd save that stamp if it took me all the afternoon. I've been at it an hour, but I got it off. Don't you think I'm economical?"

Some one suggested that there was a saying about a penny saved was as good as two earned, but there was another saying about "penny wise, pound foolish." "Ah!" said Mrs. Youngwife, "that's my husband! He is always complaining about the size of our bills. He said to me this morning, 'What do you do with all the coal? Do you eat it?' I assured him I didn't; but what do you think he does? He comes home Saturday night with two or three dollars' worth of the most expensive fruit, which spoils before we can eat it. They make him pay a dollar a dozen for oranges and tell him they are from Spain. They are no more from Spain than I am! But so it goes!"

The other day he met an old acquaintance down town. They hadn't seen each other since we have been married. "Well," said the man to my husband, "have you a good boating place, now?" "Just fair," said my husband. "Cheap?" asked his friend. "Umph! not exactly!" said my husband. "Where is it?" asked his friend. "Up near Sixty-fifth street and Tenth avenue," said my husband. "How much do you pay?" asked his friend. "Well, it costs me about \$150 a month," said my husband. "Great Scott! are you crazy?" said his friend. "Up near Sixty-fifth street and near Tenth avenue! And it costs you \$150 a month! Why, what in heaven's name makes you do it?" "I'm married!" said my husband. "Oh! was all his friend said.—New York Sun.

Earl Grey's Latest Experiment. Mr. Albert Grey always had a weakness for curious economic experiments; and, now that he has become Earl Grey, he has an opportunity of putting some of them into practice. He has commenced with one which is calculated to revive that feeling of joint responsibility which some of us feared was almost extinct in these days of cut-throat competition.

A batch of north country miners are being taken out by him to South Africa, each receiving an advance of \$50 for outfit and expenses. The men bind themselves, jointly and severally, to repay the advances by certain installments; each man is responsible, up to double the amount received, not only for his own share, but for that of the defaulters, if there are any. The men come from the same district, and they all know each other, and we presume that there was a right of veto, so that no doubtful character should join the band. We doubt whether the system could be safely tried on a large scale; but it has a certain fascination as an experiment.

DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE.

John M. Garman Elected Chairman. John M. Garman of Nanticoke, has taken the place of Robert E. Wright of Allentown, at the head of the State Democratic Committee. His selection was made Thursday, at a meeting of the committee in Harrisburg, and he at once entered upon the duties. It also decided to recall the Allentown convention to meet in Harrisburg, September 10, to adopt a platform in accord with the national declaration of principles and fill the vacancies on the electoral ticket.

The candidates for chairman were Mr. Garman, Hon. James Kerr of Clearfield, former chief clerk of the national house of representatives, and John L. Spangler, of Bellefonte. Garman was elected on second ballot after Spangler withdrew. Chairman Garman was a silver delegate to Chicago and gave Harry much trouble by insisting that the unit rule be abrogated and that Pattison withdraw. The new chairman says he will not recognize or favor any faction. He counts all loyal Democrats his friends and expects them to work to get out the vote in November.

Resolved. That the State Democratic Committee of Pennsylvania cordially endorse the nomination of William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska, and Arthur Sewall of Maine, for the offices of President and Vice-President respectively by the National Democratic Committee, and that we heartily approve the platform adopted by that body, and that we appeal to every citizen of Pennsylvania who loves his country to support our national ticket.

Thomas F. Emmens of Easton, offered a resolution that the committee fix a time and place for the reconvening of the state convention for the purpose of filling vacancies on the state ticket, amending the resolution of the Allentown convention and taking such other action as may be necessary at present. The resolution was amended by providing for a meeting of the state convention at Harrisburg, September 10, at 12 o'clock noon, and then adopted.

John M. Seigfried of Warren moved that a sub-committee of four be appointed by the committee to confer with a similar committee from the Populist state committee looking to a fusion by granting the Populists two places on the electoral ticket. Mr. Howley, after much discussion, moved that the motion be laid on the table. This carried, and the committee adjourned. Mr. Seigfried argued that if the Democrats fused with the Populists they could elect their local tickets in such counties as Westmoreland and Warren.

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