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JOHN BROWN'S BODY.

Authentic Story of Origin of the Famous War Song.

Oshkosh (Wis.) Banker, Who Was One of the Original Quartette That Sang It in 1861, Talks About Its Composition.

Efforts by veterans of the great civil war to discover the authors of "John Brown's Body" from the ash heap of time...

A man in Oshkosh is able to tell the story for he was one of the original quartette that sang it over 40 years ago...

This is how Mr. Jenkins tells of the birth of the song: In the early spring of 1861 the Boston light infantry, a battalion of three companies...

When the demand for troops became pressing the battalion offered its services, which, however, could not be accepted, save as it could be incorporated in one of the regiments then forming...

Among its members were many excellent singers. One of the male quartettes was composed of four sergeants—Jenkins, Brown, Ederley and Eldredge—who were continually on the lookout for a good marching melody upon which to construct a regimental war song...



JAMES HOWARD JENKINS. (One of the Four Original Singers of "John Brown's Body.")

ody upon which to construct a regimental war song. From some unknown quarter came a verse:

"John Brown's body lies a mouldering in the grave," "His soul is marching on," "Glory, glory, Hallelujah!"

In searching for a fitting tune they adapted an old camp meeting melody sung by the colored Methodists at the Martha's Vineyard camp meetings...

The song "took" at once, and the simplicity of the chorus, with its swing and lift, made it at once popular. The verses that followed were improvised from time to time.

"We lament the death of Col. Ellsworth, And his pets (his Zouaves) met him on the way."

The second tenor of the quartette was a short, broad-shouldered Scotchman named John Brown. When he put on his knapsack for the first time, with his red-lined overcoat rolled on its top, he looked so topevay that the boys laughed at him...

This was straightway added to the list of verses. "We'll hang Jeff Davis to a sour apple tree" was the natural expression of a rampant Massachusetts man.

On Saturday afternoons Gilmore's band came to the fort to play at dress parade, and large numbers of visitors were also present. One Saturday the quartette went with Gilmore into one of the casemates and sang the song to him, he following with his cornet till he had fixed the air in his memory...

On his return to Boston he had it arranged for his band. The following Saturday it was played for the first time in front of the Twelfth Massachusetts volunteer infantry at dress parade at Fort Warren, Boston harbor.

On its way to the front the regiment passed through New York and dined on City Hall square. When the line was formed to march down Broadway to the ferry the band struck up "John Brown," and the regiment sang it to the cheers and shouting and excitement of the thousands that lined the street.

Of the original quartette, John Brown was drowned while crossing a swollen stream near Fort Royal. Eldredge died some years ago. Ederley at last accounts was living in Boston. The fourth member of the quartette, J. H. Jenkins, has lived in Oshkosh since 1865, and has presented the foregoing as what he conceives to be the correct version of the origin of the most famous of the northern battle songs of the civil war.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, May 25, 1903.

If any further evidence were needed that Postmaster General Payne was seeking by every means at his command to prevent the revelations of corruption in the Postoffice Department, it has been furnished by his treatment of the charges of Seymour Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city postoffice.

When Tulloch's charges, which had been prepared at the special request of the Postmaster General, were received Mr. Payne characterized them as "hot air," a "stump speech," "nothing but words," etc. Taking the verdict of the Postmaster General the public was prepared to believe that Mr. Tulloch had failed to make good his charges. Then, in defense of his position, Tulloch made public his statement and the public were amazed to find that his charges were of most serious import and were accompanied by abundant detail.

Later the Postmaster General announced that in any instances where he could ascertain that alleged employees of the Department had enjoyed a sinecure, performing no work, which Tulloch alleged in a number of instances, the Department would immediately begin prosecution to recover the salaries paid. While on its face this appeared to be an expression of great virtue, the inspectors are aghast at the announcement which they say will mean the absolute closing of every avenue of information that might have remained open to them. It will be recalled that when Mr. Payne removed Machen, a step which the inspectors looked to as absolutely essential because it would give employees sufficient confidence to enable the inspectors to get information from them, the Postmaster General immediately took occasion to discharge an employee who had made charges which he could not substantiate, so as to nullify the effect of Machen's removal.

Now, say the inspectors, the Postmaster General has rendered all their efforts futile by his latest pronouncement. The question everyone is asking is, "Will the President sanction this sort of proceeding?" but it is admitted that only the removal of the Postmaster General would efface the impression he has so studiously created, that every person who imparts information regarding the scandal will get into trouble.

According to a memorial which will be presented to the President on his return from the west, thirty-three trusts are squeezing the life out of an important industry, the manufacture of agricultural machinery. There is, it seems, one agricultural machinery trust which, because it mines the ore and provides the raw material from which it makes its products, is independent of the trusts and it makes 90 per cent. of the agricultural machinery of the country. The remaining 10 per cent. is made by various independent companies and these are the President's petitioners. The lists of thirty-three trusts, to which these independent manufacturers claim they must pay "tribute," is too long for reproduction here. The petitioners claim that these trusts have put up the price on everything they had to buy, "arbitrarily and unnecessarily" until they have become "as mere errand boys" for the large concerns. They say this has even curtailed the crops of the country because of the enhanced price of necessary machinery. The chief grievance is against the Steel Trust and the President and Congress are urged to take remedial steps.

The United States is to have a standard of purity for all food products. This is to result from a hitherto unnoticed provision in the agricultural appropriation bill which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture in conjunction with the Agricultural chemists of the country to prescribe and make public such a standard for the use of the various states and the courts of the country.

Some remarkable figures regarding pension applications have been prepared by Pension Commissioner Ware. These show that over 22 per cent. of the men enlisting for service in the Spanish war have filed applications for pensions and this, notwithstanding the fact that less than 10 per cent. saw actual service. Thirteen thousand and 342 applications have been rejected, and 34,210 claims are still pending. New applications are, moreover, coming in daily by the hundred and it is estimated that before the close of the fiscal year fifty per cent. of the men so enlisted will have filed applications. Some of the experts in the Pension Office assert that unless the brakes are speedily and effectually applied the cost of pensions growing out of the Spanish war will exceed that for the war of '60-'64.

The government is going ahead with its preparations for the establishment of a naval base at Guantanamo with every confidence that the treaty now pending will be ratified. This work proceeds with the sanction of the Cuban Government which is taken to argue the ultimate success of the treaty, although it may not be finally ratified before next year, possibly not until after the Cuban reciprocity treaty goes into effect. The question of sovereignty over the Isle of Pines has now become involved and there is a faction in the Cuban congress which believes that both subjects should be treated in one convention. Meanwhile, the surveys of the land site and the channels leading to Guantanamo harbor are being completed.

The question of the disposition of some ordinance which belonged to Spain but was not removed from Cuban forts is occasioning some trouble to the State and War Departments. Spain failed to remove these guns during the occupation by the United States because she hoped this country would buy them. The United States did not want them and now Cuba claims the title which claim Spain disputes.

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Old Fellows Make Gains. Figures presented at the annual state convention of the Odd Fellows of Lebanon show that the order increased in membership from 115,000 to 121,000 during the last year. Among the matters to be considered is a place to care for aged members of defunct lodges, the fixing of the per capita tax and the proposition to erect a monument marking the grave of James B. Nicholson who was a Past Grand sire.

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