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THE SOUTH AND VICTORY.

ITS POSITION UNDER A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION.

Senator Pugh, of Alabama, Makes an Appeal for Northern Patriotism and Declares that the South is True.

Montgomery, Alabama, Nov. 24.—In a speech before the caucus Senator Pugh, referring to the part borne by the southern democrats in the late election, said: "This grand result thus consummated has placed the democratic party, and especially the white people of the south, in a position of the gravest responsibility. Shall we prove ourselves equal to the trying emergency and worthy of such trust and confidence? Shall we justify and sustain our friends at the north by justice, wisdom and moderation of our action? Or shall we make good the prediction and hopes of our republican enemies that we will favor rash, reactionary and revolutionary changes in the currency and tariff laws that will shock public confidence, derange business interests and relations and paralyze American industries?"

I know the white people of the south are capable of self-government. I know they are keenly sensible of their public duties and their obligations to discharge them with prudence, wisdom and fidelity. And I know the people of the north may rest assured that we will do nothing to cause them to regret that they have trusted us as allies in the common cause of securing reform and honest government; reform that will make office holding a public trust for public objects and not a personal holding for private gain; reform that will lessen the cost of judicial and executive administration; reform that will reduce the burden of tariff taxation down to the economical standard of honest government; reform that will lessen the expense and correct the abuses of collecting the internal revenue; reform that will prevent the unequal operation of the existing tariff laws by a wise adjustment of duties on the imports in their rate and application, produce no more revenue than is needed for honest government, and encourage no free trade in taxable imports than can be carried on legitimately under the public burden of such revenue duties.

The existing tariff laws must be revised for the sole purpose of preventing an unnecessary and oppressive surplus revenue and to correct inequalities without affecting, unjustly and injuriously, any American industry. My last appeal to my countrymen is to be patient and to wait with confidence the coming of the grand result that may be worked out gradually by the slow but sure processes of restoration to a wise, safe and honest government."

FROM THE REVEREND CLERGY.

Among the many ministers of the gospel, who have been helped by Brown's Iron Bitters, the Rev. E. A. Spring Corydon, Iowa, says: "I used it for general ill-health and found it a great help." Rev. Jas. McCarty, Fort Stephenson, Dakota, says, "It cured me of severe dyspepsia and increased my weight twenty-five pounds." Rev. Olney, New Bern, N. C., says he has taken it, and considers it one of the best medicines known. Rev. Whitney, Hingham, Wis., says, "After a long sickness from lung fever, I used Brown's Iron Bitters and gained strength." So throughout the States with hundreds and hundreds of other clergymen.

ENOCH ARDEN REVERSED.

An Albany Man's Surprise After an Absence of Eight Years.

Albany, Nov. 21.—Eleven years ago James Kehoe and Kate Welch were married in this city. Three years later Kehoe was called to Ireland to settle up an estate in which he was interested. He left his wife and two children, Mrs. Kehoe saying that she preferred not to make the journey across the Atlantic. This was eight years ago. On Thursday last Kehoe, who had regularly corresponded with his wife during his absence, returned to Albany. He was recognized by Luke Dunn, one of his former friends, who made to him the startling announcement that soon after his departure his wife had married Peter Smith, an old admirer of hers before she became Mrs. Kehoe. The astonished husband decided to call on his wife, but as soon as he presented himself she seized a kettle of water and hurled the contents at him. He retreated hastily and returned to his friends, undecided exactly what course to pursue.

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ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

The 11 o'clock train, says the Lock Haven Democrat of last week, brought down from Philipsburg the body of a man named Fry, who was accidentally shot and killed in the vicinity of Philipsburg, by another man who mistook him for a bear. Fry was out hunting and the supposition is that he stepped down for some purpose and while in this attitude was seen by the other man who took aim and shot him in the side, killing him instantly. The dead man's home was in Tyrone, to which place his remains were conveyed.

Adolf Halloz, carriage manufacturer, 119 Carroll Street, Buffalo, N. Y., states: I was troubled with nausea of the stomach, sick headache and general debility. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me.

WHERE LUNATICS COME FROM.

Says the London Sportsman: For many years past we have made statistics our especial study. We revel in statistics of such an entertaining character as those relating to bankruptcy, criminals, rainfall, atmospheric pressure, railway rates, thunder-storms, duration of sunshine, etc., but we have never hitherto found anything so much to our taste as the statistics of insanity and occupation. Some one has gone to the trouble of compiling a list of statistics showing the particular occupation followed by the inmates of the different public and private lunatic asylums in England before their incarceration. From this it appears that the professional and commercial groups yield by far the largest proportions, varying from five per 1,000 in soldiers to 3.4 in civil engineers, and 2.4 in artists to 1.0 in the teaching and lecturing class. In the commercial group, travelers stand high, 1.3 per 1000. In the agricultural, farmers and veterinary surgeons head the list, 1.3; while shopkeepers and gamekeepers are the lowest, 0.5. Of manufacturers, paper-makers are lowest, 0.8; while of handicrafts, plumbers, painters, and glaziers are highest, 1.0. The group of persons employed in the heavier kinds of manual labor yields a lower proportion than any other, 0.48, miners being the lowest of its constituent classes, 0.3. We can understand soldiers going wrong in the head, because they have frequently to go into burning hot climates, where they are exposed to sunstroke and other evils. We can also understand artists getting astray in the upper story when their pictures are rejected, but we cannot understand the civil engineer, who as a rule, has about the pleasantest occupation amongst the profession, unless it be a struggling and unrecognized man. Plumbers, painters, and glaziers, of course, go wrong through remorse at the way they have served a confiding public while, as a rule, the lower class of laborers have not brains enough to find the percentage of journalists and parsons is too small to be recognized. This is doubtless due to the highly moral lives led by these two branches of the intellectual professions.

HOW FLUFF IS REMOVED FROM YARN.

"The first operation in converting the yarn into thread," writes Mr. David Bremmer, who may be regarded as a specialist on this subject, "is the passing of it through a flame in order to remove the 'fluff' and protruding fibres. The gassing machine consists of a frame supporting a rack for the cops containing the yarn to be singed, and a beam with winding gear to draw the yarn from the cops and wind it on the bobbins. Between the cops and bobbins are a series of gas-jets, through which the yarn has to pass on its way from the cops to the bobbins. The speed at which the yarn travels is in any case necessarily great, but it is modified according to the substance of the yarn—the heavier the yarn the slower the motion. The speed at which the bobbins are driven varies from 2,500 to 3,500 revolutions per minute. On emerging from the flame the yarn is cleaned by a brush and passes through a notch in a piece of brass, which is arranged to detect any knot or lump. A defect of this kind depresses the brass, and instantly the gas-flame is turned aside and the bobbin stopped. The attendant, on observing the stoppage, removes the obstruction and puts the bobbin and gas again into position.

THE HISTORY OF THE DRUM.

A contemporary devotes a column to the history of the drum. It is amusing to find that the Greeks ascribed the invention to the god Bacchus. In every country in the world but one we find the drum, and that one is China. The Chinese do not find it loud enough to represent their emotions, and go to the battlefield to the sound of war gongs. Even drums, it appears, have some romance about them. John Lisa, the avenger of Huss, bequeathed his skin to his gallant companions in arms to form the covering of the drum which was to summon them in case of danger. Oddly enough, the drum has been abolished in the French army. We say oddly, because it was in that country of martial ardor that it attained the greatest pre-eminence. There are no less than twenty-seven distinct combinations of beat in use, some of which have odd and appropriate names, as "The Sick Call," which summons all invalids to appear before the surgeon; "The Roast Beef Call," "The Pass Upon a Trencher," or supper call.

WHAT FORGETFULNESS DID.

At a wedding breakfast in England, recently, one of the bridesmaids expressed a wish to see that mystic document, a wedding license, which she had never beheld. The request occasioned a fearful discovery. The clergyman had quite forgotten to ask for the license; the bridegroom had left it to his "best man" to procure it, and this the "best man" had forgotten to do. Of course the marriage was no legal marriage at all. The wedding party broke up in dismay, and the ceremony was performed again next day.

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TERRA FIRMA NOT FIRM.

Many persons imagine the earth under their feet to be a rigid immovable mass. It is found by scientific tests to be anything but that. It is as flexible and yielding as india-rubber, almost. It is never really still. It quivers and throbs and warps and bends night and day, and even in the absence of all merely local agencies that can be detected. Not only is this the case on the surface, but it is the same when a position in a deep mine is taken. This instability of the earth or the constancy of its tremors is attributed to causes directly connected with the varying intensities of atmospheric and oceanic pressures. The placing of a great weight—as a mountain, for example—on any portion of the surface will naturally tend to produce a depression of the surface at that point, and consequently movement; but it was probably never imagined till now that when the barometer rises an inch over a land area like that of Australia, the increased load of air sinks the entire continent two or three inches below the normal level. Over a like sea area, the water surface may be depressed a foot or more. Thus, as the mass of air sweeps in wind or creeps by slower convection from place to place, the yielding earth sways up and down beneath its weight. The increased accumulation of air over a given locality is found to influence the pendulum in the manner of (although, of course, to a much less extent,) a solid mass, as a mountain. The tides exercise a disturbing power similar to that of the atmosphere; thus, the heaving waters of the flood depress the shore, whereas the ebb permits it to rise again.

THE COW-BOY OF FLORIDA.

Visiting one of the stores for the sake of provisioning the craft, the principal business of Fort Myers was at once discernible from the array of saddles and bridles exhibited. Around this point and from many a jungle and prairie in the neighborhood cattle are brought in from thence to Key West and Cuba. A good many gaunt lads, lounging around in high boots, with jingling spurs, showed the peculiarities of their calling, for they were the cow-boys of this region. I doubt whether the cow-boy of the West is recruited entirely from the country where he herds or drives his cattle, but the Floridian cow-boy is indigenous to the soil. Hard work and plenty of it, at times with poor food, a debilitating climate and many mosquitoes have made them fleshless. Driving cattle in the West is certainly no child's play, but in this portion of Florida the task must be a particularly difficult one from the nature of the country. To scamper at full speed across the country in quest of a "bunch" of cattle must endanger their necks. Through the palmetto cabbages and tangle of vines, across the boggy flats, driving into the pine thickets, the soil burrowed by the gophers, the cattle-hunter spurs his horse. Perhaps it is the mount, which ought to be as much pitted as any of the animals, the horse, the boy, or the bull. Western horses barely stand the hard work, and are used up in a season. Anything like a high-legged animal comes to grief in very short order. The horse wanted for work is the small, scrubby animal born and bred in Florida. He seems to be capable of withstanding any amount of hard service. Certainly the Florida cattle of this section are the poorest specimens of the bovine race known. They present, save about their legs, few traces of merit. Having not much weight to carry, their speed is for a short burst enough to blow a horse. Fancy cattle whose live weight will average three hundred and fifty pounds!

DISEASE OF MONEY COUNTERS.

A Washington correspondent, visiting the Treasury Department, noticed that many of the women employed in counting the bank notes looked ill, and had sores upon their hands or heads. The superintendent gave the following account of the trouble: Very few who spend any considerable time in counting money escape the sores. They generally appear first on the hands, but frequently break out on the head, and sometimes the eyes are affected. We can do nothing to prevent this. All the ladies take the greatest care of themselves in their work, but sooner or later they are afflicted with sores. The direct cause of the sores is the arsenic employed in the manufacture of the money. If the skin is the least abraded, and the arsenic gets under the flesh, a sore will appear the next morning. The habit that every one has of putting the hand to the head and face is the way the arsenic poisoning is carried to those portions of the body. One of the officials, stopped by the side of a young lady and picked up a glass vessel containing a sponge; this sponge was wet, and is used to moisten the fingers while counting the money. It was quiet black from the arsenic. Every morning a new piece of sponge is placed on the desk of each employee, but before the day is over it is black. There were three ladies who were six years before they were afflicted with sores. About three months ago they were so visited with them that they had to quit work. They have been away ever since, and the physician's certificate in each case says that their blood is poisoned with arsenic.

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