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THE POOR MAN'S DAY.

BY EBENEZER ELLIOT. Sabbath holy ! To the lowly ' Still thou art a welcome day ; When thou comest, earth and ocean, Shade and brightness, rest and motion Help the poor man's heart to pray.

Sun-waked forest. Bird that soarest O'er the mute, unpurpled moor ! Throstle's song that stream-like flowest ! Wind, that over dew-drop goest ! Welcome now the woe-worn poor!

Little river, Young forever! Cloud, gold bright with thankful glee! Happy woodbine gladly weeping! at within the wild rose keeping ! Oh, that they were blessed as ye !

Sabbath holy! For the lowly, Paint with flowers thy glittering sod; For affliction's sons and daighters, Bid the mountains, woods, and waters, Pray to God, the poor man's God.

Pale young mother! Gasping brother ! Sister toiling in despair ! Grief-bowed sire, that life-long dyest ! White-hpped child, that, sleeping, sighest ! Come and drink the light and air.

Still God liveth! Still He giveth What no law can take away; And, Oh Sabbuth! bringing gladness Uuto hearts of weary sadness, Still art thou "The Poor Man's Day!"

SUDDEN DEATH OF A SLAVEHOLDER.

Twenty-Nine Slaves Emancipated:

|From the Cincinnati Cazette, May 22] Over a year since, Mr. Elijah Willis,

she obtains that bequeathed to her. The funeral of Mr. Willis will take place to-day.

will please make a note of the above case. [From the Cincinnati Columbian, May 22.] On the 23d of February, 1854, a fine looking, corpulant gentleman, apparently about sixty years of age, came to this city in search of Dr. Brisbanc, from whom he wished advice an inquest, when a verdict was re-as to the proper course to pursue to turned in accordance with these facts. speeches, and lash to fury the pas-such resolutions as the leaders want, as to the proper course to pursue to effect the manumission of a number of his slaves. Not readily finding Dr. Brisbane, he obtained the advice of John Joliffe, Esq., and had , duplicate wills drawn up. One of these he took with him, and the other he deposited with Mr. Joliffe, to be used if he should die suddenly, and the will in his possession be accidentally or purposely destroyed. He stated that one of his brothers had died very suddenly. and that he himself, being subject to palpitation of the heart, was liable to be also summoned to another world at a moment's notice.

Elijah Willis-that was his namestaid only a few days in Cincinnati, but his bright, benevolent countenance and mauly frankness were not soon forgotten by those whom circumstances had thrown into contact with him.

Returning home, he drew up a complete inventory of all his property, and making two of his neighbors his confidants, he deposited this inventory with them, to be used in case of his sudden death, at the same time making his hireling presses upon that paper, arm to save our country from ruin. them pledge themselves not to make it public previously.

He was largely engaged in the lumber business, and raised no crops except what were necessary for the support of twenty-nine full-grown D. R. Atchison, B. F. Stringfellow, some talked of defending their homes; the South, who have given credit and slaves, and the numerous slave child- J. T. V. Thompson, and others, then but they were threatened with thou- character to St. Louis, driven by the ren that he owned. The lumber got organized a secret association. I am sands of armed men, which this secret force of circumstances to New Orleans, out by his slaves was rafted down the informed its members are sworn to Edisto river. In this business Mr. secrecy, to turn out and fight when notice. Willis had amassed a large estate. called on from head quarters, to con-He was noted for the kindness with tribute money to carry out the objects which he treated his slaves, who were of this association, to share equally "that the danger was imminent," and merce-the seat of American empire never driven with the whip, nor shut the damages that may accrue from the asked protection for our lives and pro- - she will dwindle down to the little out by a lock from the stores of pro- overt acts of any of its members, and perty. None was given us. We then border town she once was. More visions. They are in the kitchen part to carry these points even at the price telegraphed to the President, but had anon, of the same food that Mr. Willis ate of disunion. They are bound not to received no answer when we left.

in the parlor. cuted in the office of Joliffe & Gitchell seldom visited his residence. His ous uprising of the whole people, country.

did not answer, and was threatened | There is no doubt but some good men | His servile tools, the Examiner, Platte a gold watch and other valuables. The nomination of D. R. Atchison for disobeys them. She was taken with the trunks and the Presidency, is ominous. Public the body of Mr. Willis to the Dumas | meetings are called at all the promi-House.

Mr. Ball, of the legal firm of Chase | sious of the multitude. & Ball, being called in, the will of Mr.

From the St. Louis Democrat, May 16. THUGGERY IN KANSAS.

Letter from the Editor of the Parkville Luminary.

Believing D. R. Atchison a dangerous man, the Luminary steadily opposed his reelection to the United States Senate, and supported Colonel Benton.

The consequences were he let loose but they got battle to their hearts' content, and retired discomfited from

nent points, where B. F. Stringfellow,

Mr. Patterson telegraphed Governor Sterling Price at Jefferson city of becoming the great mart of com-

divulge the names of members. Thus ; Had one company of troops been or-A number of the relatives of Mr. their clan can act in concert every- dered from Fort Leavenworth, nineof Williston, Barnweli District, South Willis, who are all in comfortable where at once, and lead the uninitia- tenths of our citizens would have an itinerant preacher in West Ten-Carolina, came to this city and exe- circum-tances, lived near him, but ted to suppose that it is the spontane- rallied to sustain the law of their nessee, who, possessing considerable

a will, bequeathing to his wife and her housekeeper was a dark, but very when they number only a corporal's | It is a libel on the fair fame of our heirs and asignees all his property. shrewd mulatto woman, when he pur- guard. When a nam is projectibed citizens to class them all as mobocrats he was also a great Eiblical Echolar. real and personal, to the value of chised with her mother, brother, and they act in concert to destroy his and ruffians. The great masses are Under this delusion he would very \$150,000, consisting of two planta- sister, about thirteen years ago. This business and character ; and the poor right. They are paralyzed by the cri- frequently, at the close of his sermon, tions well stocked, and from forty to housekeeper's name was Amy Elmore man is ruined without knowing the sis so suddenly precipitated upon ask any member of his congregation. fifty negroes. His wife, Mary Amy Turner. Her father, who was owned cause. All northern men are pro-furner, and children, six in number. by another master, had deserted her scribed and ruined in their business hang their neighbors and destroy their unrayel, to speak it, and he would excountry, who do not subscribe to their or sudden strife. But when the con- have troubled "less distinguished di-Amy, as the housekeeper was or- most ultra doctrines. In this manner stituted authorities of our own country vines." On this occasion, in a large dinarily called by Mr. Willis, while whole communities are overawed. | call, they will quickly step forth to audience, he was particularly press-The whole force of this secret asso- No one presuming to do so, he was piere;" others said that this was the the Luminary. They acknowledge tunity of showing his learning, when a first time they were afraid to avow that they could get no hold of it, and chap by the door announced that he shrewdness, soon acquired great in- their real sentiments. No one knew nothing was left but brute force which had a Bible matter of "great consarn," Yesterday morning he arrived from fluence over Mr. Willis, by whom she when his business would be destroyed they were not willing to use, especial- which he desired to be enlightened the South on the Jacob Strader, with had three children. She watchfully or he be ordered out of the country. Iy when they numbered more than upon. The preacher, quite animated-In this way citizens are paralyzed and one hundred to one. Dr. Liebe of ly, professed his willingness and ability, children. After securing a back to tended to the wants of the slaves, and subdued. They call upon other coun- Leavenworth informed me some time and the congregation was in great exties and St. Louis to cooperate and ago, that Wm. W. Miller was placed citement. Mr. Willis, feeling concerned for carry on the work. Unscrupulous- down to Parkville to drive me off. held by each hand, approached the the future welfare of his children, and they use any means to accomplish Stringfellow and he were so counsel-From certain indications we are the foundations of all social order, of led to believe that the destruction of and the congregation tattered, as the the Luminary press was determined questioner capped the climax, by ex-Emissaries have been through the upon mouths before it was put into South to organize these associations. | execution. Letters were received After his return home, he arranged One Harvey was sent into Texas last asking the price of our press. We question."

with being kicked into the river. | are induced to join this association, | Argus, Squatter Sovereign, and Kan-Some one urged Amy to go on the and get involved in its meshes before sas Herald, are the recipients. But Those who affect to believe that the boat again, and she refused. By the they understand its objects. So by they are ready the moment they have abolition of slavery would lead to advice of a friend she at once secured some overt act, or by bloodshed and obtained all the patronage at the disuniversal amalgamation at the North, the money (about \$530) in Mr. W.'s murder, they hope gradually to get posal of the President, to turn against will please make a note of the above possession, notes and due-bills amount- the North and South to take sides, him. Even now mutterings are heard. ing to three or four thousand dollars, and bring on civil war and disunion. He will catch thunder the moment he

How so small a party exercise so much control I cannot conceive. A half a dozen members of the secret Dr. Menzies being called in, held J. T. V. Thompson, or other speakers, association, acting in concert all over and the impression goes abroad that Even Rev. Mr. Kere, chaplain to the all the world and the rest of mankind Willis found on him was opened and army at Fort Leavenworth, left his are moving, when not one in twenty read, when it was found that he had post, and came over into Platte county, are favorable to the movement. The willed his entire estate to Amy and and in a public speech, urged the citi- meeting got up in Parkville, that sancher children, and had appointed John | zens to extreme measures. Bible in tioned the proceedings of the mob, was Joliffe, A. H. Ernest, and Edward hand, "he scouted the idea of using of this character. All good citizens Harwood as executors. This will is honorable means in this war." H. Rich, in Parkville are opposed to the mob a duplicate of that left in the care of suttler at Fort Leavenworth, was and their action; they did not go out Mr. Joliffe, which has not been opened, ready to mob the man if he did not to the meeting. Colonel Summers, If the property is obtained, each of sanction extreme measures. "He that who was wrung in as explaining the these colored children will have a is not for us, is against us," is their object of the meeting, voted against fortune of twenty-five or thirty thou- motto; there can be no middle ground; the resolutions. He advocated a ressand dollars. The body of Mr. Willis and they are now busy dragooning the olution declaring that the citizeus of will be buried to day. The executors whole community into duty. Envy, Parkville considered their slave pro-of the will are all residents of this city. prejudice, and interest seem mixed up perty safe in my hands. F. H. Mcand foremost in everything. The Donald, W. H. Miller, J. B. Ewell, spirit of honor, so highly lauded in the are mere drones-blood-suckers on days of chivalry, is discarded by these the community; they own little or no leaders; selfishness, a desire to enjoy property, and have done nothing to and appropriate the labor of others build up the country; but they and a without an equivalent, falsehood and few others are the willing tools of their detraction, blindness of intellect and an masters. Are any of the presses ininfuriated passion that thirsts for blood- St. Louis apologizing for upholding shed and all the horrors of civil war, this association? Do they want to see now governs in that devoted region .--- the same state of things exist in St. May the Almighty God make bare his ; Lonis, as the "work goes bravely on ?" Do they want to see southern nich re-The day I left Parkville, Captain fusing to trade with northern men, and Wallace was busy notifying citizens to northern men refusing to trade with the field. About this time the self- leave. I understand one lady who was southern men, till confidence is dedefensive association was formed at teaching school was ordered to close stroyed, and that noble class of busi-Weston, but the masses put it down. | doors and be off. Some were going, ness men, both from the Nor.h and association could collect at the shortest | Memphis, Cairo, Alton, Quincy, and Barlington? Then farewell to St. Louis and all her greatness. Instead

> GEO. S. PARK. St. Louis, May 10, 1555.

A KNOTTY TEXT.-There was once i natural eloquence, had gradually become possessed with the idea that ing for some one to propound a text. "What I want to know," said the outsider, "is whether, Job's turkey was a hen or a gobbler?"

It is commonly said that the sovereign people rule in this country.

JUDGE-WORSHIPERS.

There is, however, a large and highly reputable class among us, whose po litical theory either does not acknowledge at all this popular sovereighty, or admitting it in words, yet seeks to enact and in fact to nullify it in favor of quite another sovereign. In the political mythology of these wise men of the East-for New-England is an eminent and principal seat of this doctrine-the people play precisely the same part that Ahriman, the incarnation of the principle of evil, does in the old Persian theology. They are in part the source of all mischiefs : to guard against their motives and their folly requires perpetual effort and ceaseless watchfulness. The Ormusd of those sectaries, the principle of good, to whose henevolent sentiment and enlightend wisdom they look exclusively for social order and harmony, and protection against popular ignorance and wickness, is-the Judiciary. "While the rest of mankind are led away captive in the chains of their infernal enemy," says Gibbon, "the faithful Persian alone reserves his religious adoration for his friend and protector Ormusd, and fights under his bauner of light in the full confidence that "he shall, in the last day. share the glory of his triumph. At that decisive moment the enlightened wisdom of goodness will render the power of Ormusd superior to the furious malice of his rival. Ahriman and his followers, disarmed and subdued, will sink into their native darkness, and virtue will maintain the eternal peace and harmony of the universe." For the word Persian substitute American Judge-worshipers, and our American sectaries may be so called with even more of propriety than the Persians were denominated Fire-worshipers-and for Ormusd read "the Judiciary," and the above quotation will exactly describe the sect of which we speak.

As the ancient Persians, not content with worshiping Ormusd alone, distributed their devotions among a countless number of genii of various ranks and orders, through whose agency Ormusd was supposed to act, so our American sectaries bow down to and worship with profound adoration individual Judges of all sorts and sizes, from your slave-catching Commissioners, like Edward G. Loring, up to that remarkable embodiment of placid rectitude and serene justice, Judge Grier of the Supreme bench of

the United States. A Judge, big or little, and especially a Federal Judge, is invested by the superstitious reverence of these votaries, with remarkable attributes. The more appointment to a seat on the bench, at once transforms to their minds an acknowledged and admitted blockhead, into an inexhaustible fountain of wi-dom-a shrewd, mercenary attorney into a pure source of unmixed truth and incorruptible justice-a bar-room blackguard into a guardian of peace and order. They invest a Judge with all the infallibility which the most ultra montane Catholicism ascribes to the Pope, and with all the freedom from personal liability which the most Tory loyalty bestows upon the English monarch. They are as much horrified at the notion of the removal of Judge Loring, for instance, as English loyalists were at the idea of the execution of Charles I-that great act of retributive and political justice which first taught the princes and the people of modern Europe the much-needed lesson that Kings and rulers are but men. and as men must answer for their acts as Kings and rulers. Surely there is no less need that these American Judge-worshipers of ours should be taught that Judges too are but men. So long as they confined their worship to Judges of the Supreme Courts, State and National. their idolatry, however gross, might perhaps be tolerated ; but when they take to bowing down to slave-catching Commissioners as to personifications of the principles of justice, peace, and order, something is surely necessary to rouse them from so pitiable a delusion, and to keep so detestable a worship from spreading. The worship of a noble animal like a bull, however gross the superstition, has yet something respectable about it. The ox plows, the cow gives milk-one can easily see how most animals come to be worshiped. But what apology can possibly be made for adulations paid to a crocodile, even though he may drop tears as he devours his victim ?- Tribune.

are mulattoes, and were held by Willis mother, and for this was sold to a and character, or driven out of the property, or for blood-hed, disunion plain it at once, however much it might as slaves. Mr. Willis agreed with cotton planter in Alabama.

Messrs, A. H. Ernst, Edward Harwood, and John Joliffe, whom he made his executors, that they should be the slave of a former master, a Mr. One man said to me in Parkville, sustain its laws and its honor. manumitted, and that the executors Kirtland, had a colored husband, by might dispose of the remainder of his, whom she had three children before were in France in the days of Robes- ciation was brought to bear against about to sit down without an opporplayes at his death as they deemed he was sent South.

best. Mr. Willis returned to his plantation.

his wife, her mother, and the six superintended his domestic affairs, atconvey the family up to the Dumas advised as to the business." House, Mr. Willis, with a daughter | carriage, and was in the act of stepping in, when he was seized with a palpitation of the heart, to which he was subject, and falling backwards, ex- sister. When he came to Cincinnati, confidence and public honor. pited in about five minutes. Coroner one year ago, and had his will written, Menzies held an inquest over the body, it was to carry out this intent. and the jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. Mr. Willis was about sixty years of age, a very respectable old gentleman, and has been married to Mary Amy about thirteen years, and always manifested towards her and the children a warm affection.

He has been in bad health several years, and his relatives, who reside in the Barnwell district, have frequently importuned him to give up his business and travel with his family. He left home about four weeks ago, not, as they supposed, to make said trip, but to come to this State, free his family from slavery, and provide them with comfortable houses on free soil. Having done this, it was his intention to return to South Carolina, settle up his affairs, and live the remainder. of his life free from all care and anxiety. Bad health for several years was an additional inducement for him to pursue this conrse.

The remains of Mr. Willis, accompanied by the family, were taken to the Dumas House. The family appears to be deeply afflicted at Mr. Willis's sudden death. They are kindly cared for. His last will is in the possession of Flamen Ball, Esq., counsel for the wife of Willis, who will

This woman, by hor faithfulness and

urged thereto by Amy, at last de- their purposes. Thus this secret en- ing in his presence. termined to free her, her mother, her giue of hell is at work undermining six children, her brother, and her

all his business as rapidly as possible, winter, endorsed and recommended offered to sell at a reasonable price : and taking notes of outstanding debts by twenty-three members of the Mis-due him, made preparations for dis- souri Legislature. From what I could T. V. Thompson was heard to declare avoided. posing of his entire estate and moving learn his mission proved a failure. I that the Press should be thrown into to Ohio, where he proposed to locate heard of but nine members in the the Missouri river, and its editors on a farm, with Amy, her mother, and State. He was anxious to return to hung. (By the way, we had opposed

pense of bringing Amy's brother and McGee of Jackson county, was travel- to the office of Governor of Kansas, considerable, and that there might be Lycurgus Shepherd of Platte county, home. Mr. Willis concluded finally to whole South was organized-that they and returned to Missouri, letters were come north with Amy, her mother, had decreed the destruction of every said to have been received in Parkfor them a residence, return to close tion of the Whig presses; that they that the State no longer desired his On last Tuesday week, they left a moment's warning, and millions of perform-certain individuals in Parkhome as thus proposed. On reaching money-that five hundred thousand Louisville, they got on board the dollars were subscribed at Missouristeamer Jacob Strader, and reached that the destruction of the hotel at here at six o'clock yesterday morning. Kansas, and presses at Lawrence, had ed; but we did not alter its tone, nor Soon after the beat touched the wharf, Mr. Willis and his company went on cannon along to demolish them from We have reason to believe that the

just as he went to reach one of the by the kegs of powder said to be unsmall, children into it, he breathed der the building-they would not stop | Liminary, and its editors spoken to better than slavery, will have become heavily. Amy asked him if he had until every free soiler and abolitionist before it was destroyed. R. S. Kelly victims to the fury of the incensate another attack, of palpitation of the was driven out of Missouri and Kan- of the Squatter Sorereign, received rabble by which they are pursued .heart. He nodded affirmatively, gave | sas-they were prepared for disunion | \$700 at one time, and expected \$1,300 two or three heavy breathings, and or anything." He was then just out more. Besides, Atchison gets for

"Times are worse here now than they

been decreed—that they had taken believe it till the deed was done.

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ville needed his attention.

Indeed, from that time rumors thickened that the press would be destroy-

Just at this moment some one asked | meetings' are generally held once a the United States. Government patattend to her business, and see that where they came from; Amy's mother week, or at the call of their leaders. ronage appears to be at his disposal. sheep in the State of Ohio.

The "expounder" looked confused. claiming in a loud voice: "I fotched him down on the first

From that time forward, the practice of asking for "difficult passages" was

THE KANSAS EMIGRANTS-ACTION OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD the children. Finding that the ex- Jefferson City when last heard from. the appointment of that corrupt man | COMPANY .- In all parts of Illinois the belief that the New England emigrants sister and their families would be ing in Arkansas on the same mission. and thereby enkindled his wrath.) will be swept out of Kansas by the About the 1st of March last, after mob of armed men who have sworn some difficulty in at once securing a | said to me a few days since, "that the | Atchison had left his seat in Congress | to plant slavery in the Territory, is so strong that the Illinois Central Railroad is influenced by it to send an and the children, and having secured Benton press in the State, and a por- ville, signed by D. R. Atchison, stating agent to Kansas for the purpose of inducing those emigrants to move to up the business and bring the others. | could command any amount of men at | services, but he had other duties to | the company's lands in this state. That agent, a prominent and influential citizen of Southern Illinois, left this city on Monday evening last, and will proceed to Kansas without delay .---This action is timely. Perhaps before he arrives with the company's liberal offer, the infamous work will be done, shore, and he called a carriage, when, a distance, so as not to be blown up money was made up to establish the and those settlers who are guilty of no Southern Democrat on the ruins of the crime except that of loving liberty Great Heavens! what next will slavery demand.-Chicago Tribune.

A PICTURE .- A.tall ladder leaning against a house-a negro at the top, and a hog scratching against the bettom. "G'way, g'way dar! You makin' mischief."

.There are nearly five millions of