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SELECT POETRY.

SOUTHERN COASTWIDE.

THE SONG OF THE OLD BLACKSMITH.

BY CHARLES REESE.

Suggested during a visit to Winans' extensive establishment for the construction of locomotive engines...

No ear have I for the melody Of a harp in a mistress's hand...

And then by the dingy and dusty forge, To list to the roar of the blast...

Miscellaneous Matter.

LORD AND LADY BYRON.

A correspondent of the Home Journal asks the editor to state the cause of the rupture between Lord and Lady Byron...

On the second of January, 1815, Lord Byron—then in his twenty-seventh year—was united in marriage with Miss Milbanke...

On the tenth of December of the same year, Augusta Ada, their child, was born...

About six weeks after, Lady Byron left London on a visit to her father, in Leicestershire...

On the journey, Lady Byron wrote him an affectionate and playful letter...

Marriage was continually recommended to Byron as an "antidote" to dissipation...

At length he took the prescription—and a bitter dose it proved...

Mr. De Saussure moved to amend by providing that the eastern terminus of the road should be north of Memphis, Tennessee...

Mr. Cass spoke in favor of the bill generally, but designed to confine the road to the Territories, leaving the States to make roads to connect with it...

Mr. Dodge of Iowa, moved to amend the bill by providing that the eastern terminus of the road should be south of St. Louis...

Mr. De Saussure and Mr. Chase both disclaimed any intention of making this a sectional question...

Mr. Butler moved an adjournment. Lost—Yeas 18, Nays 27.

Mr. Dolge's amendment was rejected—Yeas 11, (Mr. Pettit,) Nays 40.

The bill was then reported to the Senate.

Mr. Soule suggested that the bill would be now printed as amended in order that on Monday Senators might be prepared to vote on it.

Cries of "Vote now!"

Mr. Soule asked whether gentlemen expected a vote to-night or intended to force one. If so, they might find that they would not succeed in so doing.

Mr. Badger said the friends of the bill ought not now to yield, after the threat of the Senator from Louisiana.

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MARRIAGE OF LOUIS NAPOLEON.

CIVIL MARRIAGE.—On Saturday evening about 8 o'clock, January 29, the Grand Master of the Ceremonies went with two court carriages, each drawn by two horses, and escorted, to the Elysee to fetch the Imperial betrothed...

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EARLY OPENING OF NAVIGATION.

Arrangements have been made, under the direction of the Canal Board, for commencing business on the State canals on the 1st of March...

This will be about two months in advance of the usual opening of the Hudson and Erie canals. All the superintendents have been industriously preparing their several lines, and we understand, that all will be ready in season...

The work on the Sunbury and Erie Railroad is progressing rapidly. While conversing with one of the Engineers, yesterday, he told us he had instructions to push the completion of the road with all possible dispatch...

Workmen will commence on section 12, which runs through this town, on Monday. Extra forces will be put on all the bridges, in order to have the road completed to Williamsport at an early day...

One year from the present time and the fleet iron horse, snorting, will astonish the good people of this town. —Milanion of the 18th Inst.

TELEGRAPH TO THE PACIFIC.—A bill has been reported in Congress, proposing to grant to Messrs. Allen & Eddy the right of way, and a grant of lands for the construction of a telegraph to San Francisco...

The report on this subject, made to the Senate by Mr. Weller, states that competent parties will undertake to construct an underground telegraph within the time we have mentioned, and give the United States a priority in the use of it forever, on condition that the Government will grant them 1,000,000 acres of the public lands after the telegraph is completed.

THE NEW COURT COSTS.—A Paris correspondent of the Tribune writes:—Paris is dancing harder than ever. The balls at the Tuilleries are spoken of as wonderfully brilliant—in the matter of dress—Our countrymen here show a laudable desire to attend them. There are already on the list of applicants at our embassy more than enough names to fill out all the tickets which will be sent to the American Minister between now and Lent. Even the exposure consequent, or rather subsequent to short breeches—the threatened court costume—does not deter them, though, as you may imagine, the prospect of having to appear in shorts and stockings, causes some anxiety in the thin-legged circles.

TRIAL OF THE SPIRITUALISTS AT CHICAGO.—The County Court was occupied yesterday in the trial of two of the parties—Messrs. Pilgrim and Arnold—connected with the Bank of South Paine, on an indictment for inciting to riot. The following is a portion of the testimony of Mrs. Herrick, one of the mediums:—I had been in Chicago some months; had been employed in the bank to take money and pay it out; gave advice to Mr. Paine in a time; this advice was given by the spirit of George Washington; did not know of any other communications; might have received one from Henry Clay; does not know who got a communication about the smoking; Henry Clay's spirit told them to receive all the bills and redeem them; received communications three or four times a week; a rule of the bank was not to redeem money for any revelation not to redeem money for dishonest persons. The jury in the case were out all night, and came into Court this morning—could not agree, and were discharged.—Chicago Jour., 16th.

In the following lines the writer has put into verse some thoughts which he found in prose:—

Harsh words are like the hail, which beats the herbage to the ground;

Kind words are like the gentle rain, which scatters freshness round.

As polished steel receives a stain From drops of acid from a fang;

So does a child, when words profane fall Drop from a parent's tongue.

The rust eats in, and oft we find it To that naught which we can do, To cleanse the metal or the mind, The brightness will renew.

THE RAFFING MANIA.—The report of the Indiana Lunatic Asylum shows that the "Spirit Rapping" is a fruitful cause of insanity in that State. During the past year 18 persons have been admitted whose insanity is ascribed to this cause. The reports from nearly all the insane asylums tell the same story.

THE HUNTINGDON "GLOBE" says the senator Feyer is prevailing in that neighborhood.

SUGAR-MAKING IN HAVANA.—Mr. Fuller, the editor of the Evening Mirror, has been visiting some of the sugar estates in Havana, and concludes one of his interesting letters as follows:—

I must here end these hurried notes of my five day's ramblings among the sugar estates in the north of Cuba, having seen of this short period a sufficient quantity of "saccharine matter" to sweeten the Atlantic Ocean from the mill at Amistad, the "juice" flows from the rill of sixteen hundred gallons per hour—in a stream almost equal to the water-power that turns the wheel. At the Alabama estate, they are preparing to send the juice a distance of three miles, in iron tubes to be boiled. On a plantation of two thousand acres, you will see cane enough growing to fill the Croton Reservoir with sap. I have seen stalks upon the Alfonso estate fifteen feet in length, and large round in proportion. When it is added that ninety per cent, in weight of the cane, is juice, some idea may be formed of its marvellous richness. The best mills such as the Amistad, only obtain from seventy-five per cent. It is quite probable that some chemical means will yet be discovered of extracting the last particle from the be-gaze.

AN INCIDENT IN THE CAPITOL.—A Washington correspondent of the Concord Democrat says:—

Yesterday, in the House, a poor lady over 60 years of age, who had been for six years prosecuting a claim on Congress, in the name of her mother, a woman 80 years of age, was the occasion of quite a scene. The bill at last, after so many days of hope deferred and anxious poverty, was brought up. The lady herself, who was present, in scant attire of sable, listened to the debate with painful interest, and when at last the indications that the bill would pass became too evident to be doubted, the long pent emotions of her heart were stronger than her strength, and she fell insensible on the floor. The claim, amounting to some \$2,000, was put through instantly. Never did woman faint in better time. There was hardly a show of opposition.

PARIS, JAN. 30.

THE RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES.—You have had by the early mail of today an account from the *Moniteur* of the ceremony of the civil contract, which took place last evening at the Tuilleries. The religious ceremony was performed to-day at Notre Dame with great splendor, fine weather favoring the procession to and from the Cathedral, and a people with their expression of good feeling and delight animating the whole. Much in the way of description has already been anticipated by the published programmes.—It is only necessary, therefore, to remind the

SALE OF COAL LANDS.—We learn that Mr. Joseph S