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Bread upon the Waters.

BY T. S. ARTHUR.

A lad was toiling up a hill, near the city, under the weight of a heavy basket, on the afternoon of a sultry day in August. He had been sent home with some goods to a customer who lived a short distance in the country. The boy was light built, and his burden seemed almost beyond his strength. Many times he had sat down to rest himself on his way up the hill. But it seemed as if he would never reach the summit. Each time he lifted the basket it felt heavier than before.

The boy was about half way up the hill with his basket, when a gentleman overtook and passed him. He had not gone many paces, when he stopped and turning round to the lad, looked at him for a moment or two, and then said kindly—

"That's a heavy load you have. Come let me help you."

And the gentleman took the basket, and carried it to the top of the hill.

"There. Do you think you can get along now?" said he with a smile, as he set the basket down. "Or shall I carry it a little further?"

"Oh, no, thank you, sir," returned the boy, with a glow of gratitude on his fine young face. "I can carry it now very well; and I am very much obliged to you."

"You are right welcome, my little man," said the gentleman, and passed on.

Twenty years from that time, a care worn man, well advanced in life, sat motionless in an old arm chair, with his eyes fixed intently on the glowing grate. He was alone and appeared to be in a state of deep abstraction. In a little while, however, the door of the room opened, and the light form of a young and lovely girl glided in.

"Papa," said a low, sweet voice, and a hand was very gently laid on the old man's arm.

"Is it you, dear?" he returned with a sigh.

"Yes, papa," and the young girl leaned against him, and parted with her delicate fingers the thin, gray locks that lay in disorder about his forehead.

"I would like to be alone this evening, Florence," said the old man. "I have a good deal to think about, and expect a person on business."

And he kissed her tenderly; yet sighed as he pressed his lips to hers.

The girl passed from the room as noiselessly as she had entered. The old man had been calm before her coming in, but the moment she retired, he became agitated, and arose and walked the floor uneasily. He continued to pace to and fro, for nearly half an hour, when he stopped suddenly, and listened. The street door bell had rung. In a little while a man entered the room.

"Mr. Mason," he said, with slightly perceptible embarrassment.

"Mr. Page," returned the old man, with a feeble, quickly fading smile. "Good evening," and he offered his hand.

"The visitor grasped the old man's hand and shook it warmly. But there was no pressure in return.

"Sit down, Mr. Page."

The man took a chair, and Mr. Mason sat down near him.

"You promised an answer to my proposal to-night," said the former, after a pause.

"I did," returned the old man; but I am as little prepared to give it as I was yesterday. In fact, I have not found an opportunity to say anything to Florence on the subject."

The countenance of the visitor fell, and something like a frown darkened upon his brow.

There was an embarrassing silence of some minutes. After which, the man called Page, said—

"Mr. Mason, I have made an honorable proposal for your daughter's hand. For weeks you have evaded, and do still evade an answer. This seems so much like trifling, that I begin to feel as if just cause for offence existed."

"None is intended, I do assure you," replied Mr. Mason, with something deprecating in his tone. "But you must remember, Mr. Page, that you have never sought to win the young girl's affection, and that, as a consequence, the offer of marriage which you wish to make to her, will be received with surprise, and it may be disapproval. I wish to approach her, on this subject, with proper discretion. To be too precipitate, may startle her into instant repugnance against your wishes."

"She loves you, does she not?" inquired Page, with a marked significance of manner.

"A child never loved a parent more tenderly," replied Mr. Mason.

"Give her, then, an undisguised history of your embarrassment. Show her how your fortunes are trembling on the brink of ruin, and that you have but one hope of relief and safety left. The day she becomes my wife you are relieved from all danger. Will you do this?"

The old man did not reply. He was lost in a deep reverie. It is doubtful

whether he has heard all that the man had said.

"Will you do this?" repeated Page, and with some impatience in his tone.

Mason aroused himself as from a dream and answered with great firmness and dignity:

"Mr. Page, the struggle in my mind is over. I am prepared for the worst. I have no idea that Florence will favor your suit, and I will not use a single argument to influence her. In that matter she must remain perfectly free. Approach her as a man, and when her if you have the power to do so. It is your only hope."

As if stung by a serpent, Page started from his chair.

"You will repent this, sir," he angrily retorted, "and repent it bitterly. I came to you with honorable proposals for your daughter's hand; you listened to them, gave me encouragement, and promised me an answer to-night. Now you meet me with insult!—Sir! You will repent this. Mr. Mason ventured no reply, but merely bowed in token of his willingness to meet and bear all consequences that might come."

For a long time after this angry visitor had retired, did Mr. Mason cross and recross the floor with measured step. At last he rung the bell, and directed the servant who came, to say to Florence he wished to see her.

When Florence came, she was surprised to see her father was so strongly agitated. "Sit down, dear," he said in a trembling voice. "I have something to say to you that must be no longer concealed."

Florence looked wonderingly into her father's face, while her heart began to sink.

Just then a servant opened the door and ushered in a stranger. He was a tall, fine looking young man just in the prime of life. Florence quickly retired, but not before the stranger fixed his eyes upon her face, and marked its sweet expression.

"Pardon the intrusion, sir," he said as soon as the young girl had left the room; "but facts that I have learned this evening have prompted me to call upon you without a moment's delay. My name is Greer, of the firm of Greer, Miller & Co."

Mr. Mason bowed, and said—

"I know your house very well, and now remember to have met you more than once in business transactions."

"Yes, you have bought one or two bills of goods of us," replied the visitor. Then after a moment's pause, he said, in a changed tone—

"Mr. Mason, I learned to-night from a source which leaves no room to doubt the truth of the statement, that your affairs have become seriously embarrassed. That you are in fact on the very verge of bankruptcy. Tell me frankly, whether this is indeed so. I ask it from no idle curiosity, nor from a concealed and sinister motive, but to the end that I may prevent the threatened disaster, if it is in my power to do so."

Mr. Mason was dumb with surprise at so unexpected a declaration. He made two or three efforts to speak, but his lips uttered no sound.

"Confide in me, sir," said the visitor. "Trust me as you would trust your own brother, and lean upon me if your strength be indeed failing. Tell me then, is it as I have said?"

"It is," was all that the merchant could utter.

"How much will save you? Mention the sum, and if within the compass of my ability to raise, you shall have it in hand to-morrow. Will twenty thousand dollars relieve you from your present embarrassments?"

"Fully."

Then let your anxiety subside, Mr. Mason. That sum you shall have. To-morrow morning I will see you. Good evening." And the visitor arose and was gone before his bewildered auditor had sufficiently recovered his senses to know what to think or say.

In the morning, true to his promise, Mr. Greer called upon Mr. Mason, and tendered him a check of ten thousand dollars, with his note of hand for thirty days for ten thousand more, which was almost the same as money.

While the check and note lay before him on the desk, and ere he had touched them, Mr. Mason looked earnestly at the man who had suddenly taken the character of a disinterested, self-sacrificing friend, and said—

"My dear sir, I cannot understand this. Are you not laboring under some error?"

"Oh, no. You once did me a service that I am now only seeking to repay. It is my first opportunity, and I embrace it eagerly."

"Did you a service! When?"

"Twenty years ago," replied the man. "I was a poor boy, and you were a man of wealth. One hot day I was sent a long distance with a heavy basket. While toiling up a hill, with the hot sun upon me, and almost overcome with heat and fatigue, you came along, and not only spoke to me kindly, but took my basket and carried it to the top of the hill. Ah, sir, you did not know how deeply that act of kindness sunk into my heart, and I longed for the opportunity to show you by some act of kindness, how grateful I felt. But none came. Often afterward I met you in the street, and looked into your face with pleasure."

But you did not remember me. Ever since I have regarded you with different feelings from those I entertained for others; and there has been no time that I would not have put myself out to serve you. Last night I heard of your embarrassments, and immediately called upon you. The rest you know."

Mr. Mason was astonished at so strange a declaration.

"Do you remember the fact to which I refer?" asked Mr. Greer.

"It had faded from my external memory entirely; but your words have brought back a dim recollection of the fact. But it was a little matter, and not entitled to the importance you have given it."

"To me it was not a little matter, sir," returned Mr. Greer. "I was a weak boy, just sinking under a burthen that was too heavy, when you put forth your hand and carried it for me. I could not forget it. And now let me return at the first opportunity, the favor, by carrying your burden for you, which has become too heavy, until the hill is ascended, & you are able to bear it onward again in your own strength."

Mr. Mason was deeply moved. Words failed him in his efforts to express his true feelings. The bread cast upon the water had returned to him after many days, and he gathered it with words of thankfulness.

The merchant was saved from ruin. Nor was this all. The glimpse which Mr. Greer had received of the lovely daughter of Mr. Mason, revealed a character of beauty that impressed him deeply, and he embraced the first opportunity to make her acquaintance. A year afterward he led her to the altar.

A kind act is never lost, even though done to a child.

Written for the Banner.

BY THOMAS WORTH.

Beauty! what avails the rose,
That decks thy dimple cheeks?
Age on thy head shall strew his snows,
And death his vengeance wreak:
And what avails thy form so fair,
Or eyes so dazzling bright?
That form shall waste, that beauty cease,
Those suns shall set in night.

But blest Religion; such avails
Thy hope of bliss in heaven!
For though thy bark by adverse gales,
On death's dark shore be driven;
Yet thou canst smile, thy steady eye
Can pierce the cheerless gloom,
And view through dark eternity,
The day spring of the tomb.

Clearfield, August 30, 1848.

PRIVATE PROPERTY OF LOUIS PHILIPPE.

The Spanish government having presented a claim to the French government for restitution of the 30,000,000 of rials which constituted the dowry of the Duchess de Montpensier, the Republic has replied, 1st, that the money brought to her husband by the Infanta was, as was his custom, *encaissed* by his Majesty Louis Philippe; & that consequently the claim of Spain was good against his Majesty only; secondly, if the French nation be responsible, if (the nation) has a little unsettled account of ninety or hundred millions of francs to set off against the demand in question, being the cost of the far-famed expedition of 1823, under the command of his Royal Highness the late Duc d'Angouleme. The wines, horses and carriages, &c. &c., of the Ex King have been sold, but have not brought a large sum. It is believed that the proceeds of Louis Philippe's private property will not be sufficient to meet the demands of his creditors.

TEMPERANCE FACTS.

There are in Great Britain and Ireland 1853 temperance societies, with 1,640,000 members; in Germany, 1500 societies, with 1,300,000 members; in South America there are 17,000 persons who have signed the pledge; in the Canadas, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick 370,000, in Sweden and Norway 120,000; in the Sandwich Islands 5000; at the Cape of Good Hope 900. Upwards of 7000 persons perish annually in Great Britain by accidents resulting from intemperance, and the loss to the working classes is \$350,000,000 per annum. Last year \$690,000,000 were expended in Great Britain for wines and liquors, and 520,000,000 gallons of malt liquors were brewed.

In the U. States there are 3710 temperance societies, with 2,615,000 members.

BIT OF ROMANCE.

Among the most devoted advocates of the Ten Hour System in Allegheny city, is a young and strikingly beautiful girl, who passes among her companions as the "Unknown." She attends all the meetings, exhibits deep interest in the proceedings, and is said to be the master spirit among the girls—directing all their movements, but without partaking in any illegal acts. She is a pale, dark eyed girl, with flowing tresses, delicate features, and an expression of peculiar intelligence, dignity, and self-possession. Her figure is correspondingly good. She is said to be a native of Kentucky, & takes part in the movements from purely disinterested motives—not being herself an operative.

From the Democratic Union. 30th August Convention.

HALL OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Harrisburg, August 30th, 1848.

This being the day fixed by the State Central Committee for the meeting of the meeting of the Democratic Convention to nominate a candidate for Governor, at 10 o'clock Mr. English, of Philadelphia, called the meeting to order, and on his motion JAMES C. MARSHALL, of Erie, was appointed Chairman for temporary organization.

Francis Wharton, of Philadelphia, John Kulp, of Lancaster, and Peter Strohecker, of Berks, were appointed Secretaries.

On motion, the list of delegates was called over, when 132 answered to their names.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the contested seat from the 8th Senatorial district.

Mr. Gibson moved that J. H. Walton be admitted to a seat as the Senatorial delegate, from Schuylkill, Carbon, Monroe and Pike.

Mr. Hughes moved to amend, by referring the whole subject to the representative delegates from this district.

Mr. Wright, of Bucks, moved to amend the amendment, by referring the whole subject of contested seats to a special committee on that subject, to be appointed by the chair.

After a discussion, in which Mr. Walton, the contestant, Messrs. Hughes, C. E. Wright, J. F. Cox, Francis Wharton, John M. Read, V. L. Bradford, J. S. Gibbons, and James Dunley participated. The amendment to the amendment was disagreed to—39 to 54.

Mr. Hughes' amendment was then agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. C. E. Wright moved the appointment of one delegate from each Congressional District, to appoint officers for the permanent organization of the Convention.

Mr. Magraw moved to amend, so that the delegates from the Senatorial districts appoint a number of delegates equal to the number of Senators, to which said districts are entitled, a committee to select officers for the permanent organization of the Convention, which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was agreed to.

The delegates from the Senatorial Districts then appointed the following gentlemen a Committee to appoint officers for the permanent organization of the Convention:

1st Dis. Michael M'Nenny, V. L. Bradford, Francis Dimond, Wm. English, Hugh Clark.

2 Daniel Fry.

3 Oliver Allison.

4 William Kerns.

5 C. E. Wright.

6 J. B. Anawake, Dr. N. Ranck.

7 John Fatzinger.

8 John S. Gibbons.

9 S. S. Winchester.

10 Chester Thomas.

11 H. T. Beardsley.

12 A. Beaumont.

13 Samuel Faunce.

14 Isaac Stenker.

15 Samuel Wherry.

16 George Hammond.

17 James Nil.

18 Geo. R. McFarland.

19 J. G. Given.

20 John Fausold.

21 Chas. A. Black.

22 J. D. Leet.

23 Jas. A. Gibson, Chas. Barnet.

24 Walter J. Hunter.

25 Joseph Douglass.

26 Harley Sherman.

27 J. Y. James.

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Mr. Hughes moved that when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at half past two, which was agreed to.

Adjourned to 2 1/2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At half past two o'clock the Convention again met.

Caleb E. Wright, from the Committee to select officers, reported the following officers; which report was adopted by the Convention:

President.
JAMES C. MARSHALL, of Erie.

Vice Presidents.

Districts.
1 V. L. Bradford, Philad'a city.

2 John T. Smith, " county.

3 Mehelen M'Gathery, Montgomery.

4 Riter Boyer, Chester.

5 W. Heidenrich, Berks.

6 Wm. Stevens, Bucks.

7 John Forney, Lancaster.

8 Joseph W. Cake, Schuylkill.

9 Joseph Hillman, Northampton.

10 George Bush, Wayne.

11 George W. Babb, Tioga.

12 John A. Gamble, Lycoming.

13 Stephen Baldy, Columbia.

14 Isaac S. Waterbury, Dauphin.

15 George Gundrum, Union.

16 George Sanderson, Cumberland.

17 James M. Anderson, York.

18 Dr. W. R. Stewart, Adams.

19 Gen. James Burns, Bedford.

20 James R. Donnelly, Armstrong.

21 Wm. Ross, Westmoreland.

22 Westley Frost, Fayette.

23 David Riddle, Washington.

24 William Beatty, Butler.
25 R. F. Baskin, Mercer.
26 D. W. S. Cook, Venango.
27 John Brawley, Erie.
28 C. B. Curtis, Warren.

Secretaries.
Francis Wharton, Philad'a city.
Peter Strohecker, Berks county.
John Kulp, Lancaster.
James A. Gibson, Allegheny.
Muj. F. L. Bowman, Luzerne.

Mr. Hughes, from the Committee to whom was referred the contested seat from the 8th district, made report in favor of admitting Charles Fraley.

Mr. Coolbaugh from the minority of said Committee, made a report in favor of J. H. Walton.

The report of the majority was then adopted by the Convention, and Charles Fraley admitted to a seat.

Mr. John M. Read, of Philadelphia, moved that a Committee of seven be appointed to draft an address and resolutions for the adoption of the convention, which was adopted; and John M. Read, Resh Frazer, J. F. Cox, F. M. Crane, J. G. Jones, H. S. Magraw, and C. B. Curtis, were appointed said committee.

On motion of John M' Reynolds, the rules of the House of Representatives were adopted for the government of the convention.

On motion of J. Glancy Jones, the convention proceeded to make nominations; when the following gentlemen were placed in nomination:

Mr. Fatzinger nominated N. B. Eldred, Mr. Barnett " J. S. Black.

C. E. Wright " M. Longstreth.

J. P. Anderson " E. Banks.

J. A. Gamble " R. Fleming.

D. C. Bosl " Wm. Bigler.

John Forney " B. Champneys.

The convention then proceeded to a first vote, which resulted as follows:

Morris Longstreth had 49

J. S. Black " 28

William Bigler " 27

N. B. Eldred " 19

B. Champneys " 6

E. Banks " 2

R. Fleming " 1

On motion, Wm. S. Picking was appointed an additional Secretary.

The names of Ephraim Banks and R. Fleming, were then withdrawn.

The convention then proceeded to a second vote, which resulted as follows:

Longstreth had 53

Bigler " 29

Black " 25

Eldred " 18

Neither of the gentlemen having a majority of all the votes cast.

Mr. Fatzinger moved that the convention adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning—lost.

The convention then proceeded to a fourth vote, which resulted as follows:

Longstreth had 63

Black " 30

Bigler " 21

Eldred " 16

Neither of the gentlemen having a majority of all the votes given.

Mr. Cox moved that when the convention adjourn it adjourn to half past eight o'clock to-morrow morning; which was agreed to.

And the convention adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 31, 1848.

The Convention again met, at half past eight o'clock.

Mr. Read, moved that the convention proceed to a fifth vote, agreed to.

Mr. Fatzinger, withdrew the name of Hon. N. B. Eldred.

The fifth vote being taken resulted as follows:

Longstreth had 83

Black " 25

Bigler " 23

Morris Longstreth, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly nominated.

Mr. Magraw moved that the convention unanimously confirm the nomination, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Wright, moved the appointment of a committee of three to wait upon Judge Longstreth, and inform him of his nomination, which was agreed to, and Messrs. C. E. Wright, J. M. Burrell and Charles Fraley, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Fraley moved the appointment of a committee, to collect funds to defray the expenses of the convention, which was agreed to, and Messrs. Fraley, Waterbury and Forney, appointed said committee.

Mr. English, moved the appointment of a committee of three, for the publication of the proceedings of the convention, which was agreed to, and Messrs. English, Gibbons and Forney, were appointed said committee.