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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.'

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 she has 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.'

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 & 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 WINTHROP.

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 smile shall care. Those suns shall set in night.

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, it (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'Angoulême. 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, whose path 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. Gibbons 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:

- 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.
Maj. 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, Reah 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. Bost " 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 " 17
Champneys " 6
John Forney, withdrew the name of B. Champneys.
Mr. M. Manos moved that the convention adjourn until 8 o'clock this evening. Lost.
Mr. Karns moved that the convention now proceed to a third vote, which, after some discussion, was determined in the affirmative; and the vote being taken, resulted as follows:
Longstreth had 60
Bigler " 27
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 publication of the proceedings of the convention, which was agreed to, and Messrs. English, Gibbons and Forney, were appointed said committee.