

Legally Dead

(Original.)

In the days when Mexico was in a chronic state of revolution Signor Herrero lived on his hacienda doing his best to avoid being entangled in any of the various strifes that succeeded one another for the possession of the government, for to be on the wrong side meant death. Dona Marina, Herrero's eldest daughter, was courted by Signor Juan Bustamante, a neighboring hacienda owner who had done a great deal to establish the government then in power. He was more than twice Marina's age and was especially disagreeable to her. But she was urged by her family to accept him on the ground that if she declined him he might seek revenge by impugning her father's loyalty to the government.

But Dona Marina loved Phillippe Mendoza, the son of a neighboring planter. Urged to give him up for Bustamante, through fear she consented, but not for long. She confessed to Bustamante her love for Mendoza and begged him to release her. He did so at once, with many expressions of grief and wishes for her happiness. By this course Marina turned what had been feared for her father against her lover. Bustamante, thinking that if he got Mendoza out of the way Marina might yet become his wife, secretly accused his rival of plotting with one who was known to be fomenting a new revolution. Mendoza was arrested and taken to a new place.

As soon as the news of the arrest reached the Herreros, not suspecting Bustamante, Marina implored him to use his influence with the president in behalf of her lover. He promised to do so and set off at once to the capital ostensibly for the purpose. He knew very well that Mendoza would have been executed before his arrival, for he had so arranged with the government. What he wished was to conceal his own part in the murder and gain credit with Marina that would benefit his suit in the future.

There is a law in Mexico that one executed shall be left where he falls till friends or relatives come and take away the body for burial. But at Mendoza's execution there was no one to claim the body. Bustamante had arranged that he be taken to a distant province from which the news of his execution would be long in reaching his friends, especially Dona Marina.

Mendoza was taken out in the gray of the morning and was stood up before eight soldiers, who at the word of command fired a volley at him. He fell. The commander of the firing party took a look at the body and saw that it had several wounds in the thorax and two in the head, any one of which might be expected to kill him. The soldiers were marched away and a written report handed in that Phillippe Mendoza was dead.

But Mendoza was not dead. Notwithstanding his wounds after the firing party had marched away he revived. For a time he supposed that he had awakened in another world. Yet there above him was the same blue sky he had lived under, and he could hear cattle lowing. Making an effort, he raised himself on his elbow, looked about him and down on his blood-stained clothing. Then, making another effort, he got up and walked several miles to a hospital.

He could not keep the secret that he had been executed, and word soon reached those who had been charged with his execution. Fearing that they would be blamed for neglect of duty, they proposed to shoot him again, but before they could agree upon this course the news of the strange case reached the governor of the province. He had been on the bench, and the only thing in the world he respected was the law. He took the matter under consideration, at last deciding that Mendoza had been executed, had been reported dead and was therefore dead. That is, he was dead in law. Therefore those who had been ordered to execute him had nothing further to do with him. He was without legal existence in the republic of Mexico. No further report of the matter need be forwarded to the government, for there was nothing to be said about one who had been reported legally dead.

One evening as Signor Bustamante was returning from a visit to the Herrero hacienda he heard a voice from bushes beside the road ordering him to halt. He stopped, and a man stepped into the road a short distance before him. His cheeks were hollow, his lips were thin, his eyes were wild, his face was white. Bustamante saw his rival, or what he considered his rival's ghost.

"Are you of the living or the dead?"
"I am dead—legally dead. But that you shall not again have me executed I am a firing party to execute you."
The ghost raised a rifle and shot his enemy dead.

When Mendoza appeared at the Herrero hacienda no one there knew what had become of him. He told the story of his execution and that he had executed the man who had brought it about. His visit was brief, and no one except the Herreros knew that he had been there. The slayer of Bustamante was never known. Soon after all this occurred a new leader of the party opposed to the government arose, marched to the capital, took it, executed every member of the government and was proclaimed president. He was none other than Mendoza.

GWENDOLIN ADAMS.

OLD FASHIONED CANVASS IS ON

Andrews For a Campaign of Vim and Patriotism.

Recruits Called For From the Rank and File of the Great Army of Pennsylvania Republicans, and a Prompt Response is Anticipated All Along the Line, With Victory in November Assured.

[Special Correspondence.]
Philadelphia, Sept. 29.
Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, as chairman of the Republican state committee, has sounded the slogan to Republicans of Pennsylvania for the inauguration of a campaign for the closing days of the state canvass which must appeal to every stalwart Republican in the land.

The colonel, himself a veteran of the Fremont campaigns in the cause of true Republicanism, has called for a revival of the spirit of the old days, of a recruiting of the Republican hosts as in the memorable struggles in which the "Wide Awake" clubs, by their patriotism and party fervor, stirred the nation from end to end, and for an expression of sentiment which shall be emphasized by bringing "Old Glory" to the front as the Republican forces march on to victory.

Colonel Andrews has just addressed the following letter to each of the chairmen of the Republican county committees throughout Pennsylvania:

A Call to Action.
"Dear Sir—We have reached a period in the national campaign when party lines are tightly drawn, the issues well defined, and the voters rallying around the banners of their respective parties.

"Republicans of Pennsylvania have reason to be proud of their candidates and all can consistently and cordially endorse the platform upon which they have been nominated.

"It devolves upon the county chairmen, in the closing days of the canvass, to marshal the Republican hosts in their respective bailiwicks, and I suggest that we have an old-fashioned canvass, along the lines of the campaign of 1860, when the young men of the country gathered in 'Wide Awake clubs,' supplying at their own expense their uniforms and making demonstrations at all political meetings in their neighborhood.

"What was done in 1860 can be done now.

"The country is fully as patriotic today.

"In later years contributions have been depended upon to meet expenses, but in the old times each man not only contributed his time, but also his share of the expenses of the meetings which were held.

"These thoughts are suggested by the calls upon the Republican state committee for financial assistance to provide for meetings, with which it is not possible to comply. This prompts the inspiration to recall the faith of the fathers of the Republican party, who, without outside aid of any kind, rallied everywhere and overthrew the Democratic party, then strongly entrenched in power, and elected the immortal Lincoln, through whom the Union was saved.

"What was done in 1860, I repeat, can be done now.

"In this day, when in Philadelphia and Pittsburg and elsewhere the past is being recalled in Founders' Week and like celebrations, it is fitting that an old-fashioned marching and singing campaign be inaugurated to rouse the voters throughout the length and breadth of the state.

To Have Campaign Glee Clubs.
"Additional interest will be given to the meetings in many localities if a musical program shall be arranged in connection with the practical work of expounding the principles of the party and discussing the live issues of the campaign.

"In such cases, you are advised to enlist the services of one or more soloists, and, where possible, a quartet or glee, to intersperse the proceedings with musical selections.

"For this purpose there will be forwarded to you a compilation of campaign songs, written to popular tunes, which can be distributed among the audiences that all may join in the singing.

Anthem For Pennsylvania.
"In connection with this collection of songs is presented the new state anthem, 'Pennsylvania,' in the chorus of which all loyal Pennsylvanians can readily unite.

"It was given with great success at the recent gathering of the State League of Republican clubs at Wilkes-Barre, and the convention adopted a resolution endorsing a proposition to make it the 'Official Song of the Keystone state.' The aim of the composer is to give what has long been lacking, a song that shall be typical of the commonwealth, and which shall become as affectionately associated with Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians, wherever they may be, as have 'Maryland, My Maryland,' 'My Old Kentucky Home' and like state songs to the citizens of the states with which they are respectively identified.

"Let this and the songs lauding the party and its candidates be sung upon all appropriate occasions.
"Get the 'First Voters,' those who will, in November next, cast their first presidential vote, to form in line and march to the meetings, if only with a

five and drum at their head, and with 'Old Glory' always carried proudly in the van.

"Let us have enthusiastic, patriotic Republican rallies everywhere and roll up an unprecedented majority for our gallant standard-bearers, Taft and Sherman, and the full Republican ticket.

"Let the spirit of the days of Lincolin pervade the entire party, and a record-breaking victory will be the result. Respectfully,
"WESLEY R. ANDREWS,
"Chairman."

There was a very successful gathering of active Republicans from all parts of the state here yesterday, in attendance upon the meeting of the Republican state committee, which was called primarily to fill a vacancy upon the electoral ticket, but which was principally valuable for the opportunity it afforded men of the several congressional and senatorial districts to get together to confer upon plans for the closing days of the canvass.

Senator Penrose met the committeemen and gave them very encouraging reports, as a member of the national committee, about the outlook throughout the country for Republican victory in November.

Dangers of Bryanism.
Will Mr. Bryan please inform all the people to what particular class of people he refers when he assumes the people do not rule? Is it the poorer classes and those largely infected with socialist and anarchist ideas and theories with whom Bryanism greatly sympathizes, professionally at least, or is it the farmers, merchants, manufacturers and the great national railroads and their employees? Were Bryanism (with his superficial and wild ideas of banks, currency and finance; his hostility to all corporations and his determination to destroy all manufacturing industries, which he denominates as trusts, by inaugurating another German and Wilson tariff bill for revenue only, and strike down the protective principle) to dominate the country, surely the majority of the people would not rule. The administration, with his extraordinary views of his powers as president, and with his vagaries and chimerical theories of government, would be in a state of chaos; and the collapse of all industries, of the farmer and the wage earner, would be such as to cause a further trend toward socialism and anarchism.—Keystone Gazette.

Church and Clergy.
The German Baptist Brethren have organizations in forty-one of the states with 1,154 churches, an increase of fifty-eight over the last report.

Rev. Dr. Albert H. Newman of Texas, the church historian, addressed the recent congress of European Baptists at Berlin on "Baptists as Pioneers in Liberty of Conscience."

Bishop Ibarra of Pueblo, Mex., has received a letter from Pope Pius offering him the archbishopric of Mexico, made vacant by the death of Archbishop Alakon. The Pueblo prelate has accepted the office.

The official statistics of the strength of Congregationalism, so far as they can be ascertained, show that there are 12,801 churches, chapels and stations throughout the world, with a church membership of 1,433,659, and 1,674,854 scholars in the Sunday schools.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.
Closing Stock Quotations.
New York, Sept. 28.
Money on call, 1 1/2 per cent; time money and mercantile paper unchanged in rates; clearing house exchanges, \$29,783,671; balances, \$11,689,438.

Amalg. Copper...	72 1/2	Norfolk & West...	72 1/2
Atchafalaya...	37	Northwestern...	106 1/2
B. & O.	95 1/2	Penn. R. R.	121 1/2
Brooklyn R. T.	47 1/2	Reading	127 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	40	Rock Island	19 1/2
C. C. & St. L.	53 1/2	St. Paul	133 1/2
D. L. & W.	59	Southern Pac.	102 1/2
D. & H.	16 1/2	Southern Ry.	29 1/2
Erie	29 1/2	South. Ry. pf.	51 1/2
Gen. Electric	137	Sugar	127 1/2
Ill. Central	137	Texas Pacific	25
Int.-Met.	11	Union Pacific	137 1/2
Louis. & Nash.	102 1/2	U. S. Steel	44 1/2
Manhattan	136	U. S. Steel pf.	108 1/2
Missouri Pac.	53	West. Union	61
N. Y. Central	108		

Bryan As a Rider.
It is to be presumed that Colonel Bryan could easily pass the "riding test" for admission to the army service if again required. He has ridden so many hobbies in the past few years that he is getting to be a past master in the art.—Brookville Republican.

Chanler's Campaign Manager.
New York, Sept. 28.—It was announced that Congressman Francis Burton Harrison would head the executive committee, which will act as an auxiliary committee with the state committee in the conduct of Lewis S. Chanler's campaign.

Another Plot Against Alfonso.
Budapest, Sept. 28.—The police here arrested two anarchists suspected of plotting an attempt on the life of King Alfonso.

Brooklyn Deadlock Broken.
New York, Sept. 28.—The deadlock in the Republican convention in the Eighth senatorial district in Brooklyn was broken by the substitution of a compromise candidate, Alvah W. Burlingame, Jr., was nominated without opposition.

Bryan and the Crusher.
Bryan wouldn't run a steam roller over Guffey just now. Oh, no. He will first try to squeeze a \$10,000 contribution out of the Pennsylvania voters by gentler means. But if that don't succeed, look out for the crusher again.—Mount Union Times.

POMONA GRANGE.

Wayne County Pomona Grange, No. 41, held its third quarterly meeting with Hope Grange, No. 898, at South Canaan on Thursday, September 10th. A short session was held in the morning when several candidates were initiated in the third and fourth degrees.

A good portion of the afternoon session was taken up with the reading of the minutes and Grange reports. Sixteen out of seventeen Granges were heard from; the largest number of reports probably ever received at one time since Wayne County Pomona Grange was organized.

The reports show that the several Granges throughout the county, with one or two exceptions, to be in a healthy and prosperous condition. They also show that Hope Grange had taken in the largest number of new members for the quarter just ended. They have therefore captured the Pomona Grange Honor Banner, held by the Enterprise Grange at Torrey for the last six months.

Hope Grange is the oldest in the county and at the present time has the largest membership, 102, while Beech Grove and Labor Granges are close rivals, and undoubtedly this was the largest number of Patrons of Husbandry ever assembled in the history of Wayne county.

An invitation was sent to W. F. Hill, Master of Pennsylvania State Grange, to be present at this time, but for some unknown reason he failed to put in an appearance.

The long tables were laden with all the good things of the season and considerable time was consumed in administering to the wants and comforts of the large number present.

There was a large delegation present from Labor Grange at Calkins, several of whom rendered valuable aid in the evening's entertainment. There were also good delegations from Beech Grove, Union and Pleasant Valley Granges, and a few from most Granges throughout the county.

Rev. H. L. Kenville extended a cordial welcome to the visiting members in behalf of Hope Grange. Rev. J. B. Cody, of Bethany, responded in a very pleasing manner.

W. H. Bullock, read a paper giving a brief history of Wayne and Lackawanna county Pomona Grange, which was organized May 23, 1890, at Sterling, with 40 charter members, which later terminated into what is known today as Wayne County Grange, No. 41. The first name on the list of charter members is that of Russell Swingle, of South Canaan, and the only member identified with Pomona Grange today. He was also the first at this time to settle for dues, always paying in full and sometimes in advance. During the short existence of the Wayne and Lackawanna County Grange only five meetings were held which covered a period of about thirteen months when, on account of the large area and long distance necessary to travel to attend the meetings, it was thought advisable and advantageous to all concerned to dissolve, consequently at a meeting held at Madisonville, Lackawanna county, June 9th, 1891, a committee of six were appointed, namely, Loren Reed, E. E. Blake, E. Watrous, W. H. Switz, J. W. Hatherill and S. S. Swartz. The committee reported as follows: "That on account of the large territory comprising the two counties, making it very inconvenient for patrons to attend meetings, therefore, your committee, after due consideration, would respectfully recommend a dissolution of the said Pomona Grange." The first meeting under the name of Wayne County Pomona Grange after the separation of the two counties, was held with Hope Grange at South Canaan, Sept. 9th, 1891. Just 17 years and one day from

the date of this meeting, Sept. 10th, 1908. No list of the officers appears but the records show that F. L. Benjamin occupied the Master's chair and W. H. Alt acted in the capacity of secretary. During the year, 1892, 78 new members were added. From that date we find, according to records, a gradual decrease in new members until in 1904. Since that date there has been a decided increase every year and the prospects in old Wayne today in regard to Grange activity are certainly very encouraging.

At this time the literary program was in order and Worthy Lecturer M. G. Noble presided. F. W. Stephens was introduced for an address and humorously responded. E. E. Kinsman read a paper on "Local Option," one of the important questions of the day. A recitation by O. N. Bates, of Calkins, was loudly applauded. He responded with another recitation.

S. B. Murray, of Lake Ariel, offered the following resolutions:

WHEREAS: The Grange stands for all rightful motives which tend to promote the farmers' welfare, and

WHEREAS: The Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Honesdale is practically a farmer's institution, having for its directors and stockholders many of our prominent Grangers and farmers, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we extend to the above bank our hearty appreciation for the efforts they have made in placing their stock among the tillers of the soil, thereby making them part owners of the institution.

Also the following resolutions:
WHEREAS: It is one of the cardinal principles of American government that associated bodies with legislative functions shall be constituted of a proportionate representation of the people and

WHEREAS: Our National Grange is pre-eminently a legislative body and by right and in justice ought to be a representative body, in which membership should be represented as widely as possible, and

WHEREAS: The States having 50,000 to 60,000 members have no more voice in the National Grange than States having less than 1,000 members, hence the National Grange is not fairly represented, therefore

Resolved: By the Michigan State Grange, in annual session assembled, that we favor the Constitution of the National Grange by increasing the number of delegates on the National body in proportion to membership in the various States by adding to the Master and his wife from each State as is now provided an additional delegate and his wife for each 100 over and above the first 100.

At 7:30 p. m. Grange opened in the fifth degree when a short session was held. Ten candidates were obligated into the mysteries of this degree by W. W. Baker, assisted by Theodore Kleine. Other business pertaining to this degree was also transacted.

At 8 o'clock Grange opened in the fourth degree, and after a few preliminary remarks by the Worthy Master, M. G. Noble, lecturer, occupied the chair and the following program was nicely rendered:

Opening song, Grange; recitation, Ward Wall; recitation, Edna Hawks; solos, Claud Martin, accompanied by Anna Noble; recitation, Lillie G. Sheard, "How to Make Poultry Pay" by F. W. Stephens. In a few words Mr. Stephens told the story of feeding a bantam hen that he owned that in a comparatively short time laid a barrel full of eggs. The barrel was then headed up and laid on its side. The bantam took in the situation but would not be beaten, so she sat on the bung hole and in due time hatched a barrel full of young chicks that came out of the barrel like a swarm of bees. He also told how this famous hen was afterwards taught to lay large eggs none smaller than a goose egg. Solos, Harry Samson; recitation, Anna Noble; recitation, O. N. Bates, encored her recitation a song; solo, F. M. Shaffer; recitation, Grace Wall; recitation, H. Samson.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was given to the members of Hope Grange for their kind and generous hospitality extended to the visiting members during this meeting. A vote of thanks was also tendered to the Worthy Lecturer for the excellent program furnished through his untiring efforts. This very interesting and profitable Grange meeting closed with a song by the Grange choir.

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