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OUR EXCHANGES

The Kershaw Era.

It was a very gracious act on the part of the railroads in South Carolina to announce that they will transport Confederate veterans free to and from the State Fair. Sometimes the railroads get accused of being soulless corporations, but occasionally some event transpires in their experience which indicates that they are not altogether soulless and we take pleasure in calling attention thereto in this instance and add a word of commendation for this fine consideration shown the old Vets. We believe the old fellows of the '60s will appreciate it.

The Journal and Review.

The reac[illegible] has set in. During the past two weeks of the many cases heard in the Aiken court of General Sessions there was but one acquittal. Two important murder trials were completed with a conviction of the defendants and each was denied a new trial and received a life sentence for his crime promptly. The people have at last awakened to a realization of the deplorable situation the Southland has been placed in by its scarlet list of homicides, and the day seems here when a proper regard for human life and just punishment for its destruction shall be demanded of all men. Without reference to the two Aiken cases in particular, there has been [illegible] all over the State a set [illegible] on the part of petit [illegible] to stamp out crime by [illegible] offender as his [illegible] deserves, and beyond all doubt it will bring about its good effect.

The Spartanburg Journal.

Everybody is praising governor. Harvey for the fight he has been making for the enforcement of law and the punishment of crime in South Carolina. One of the men in this community who has watched his course with high satisfaction, said yesterday: "I do not think anything that could be said in approval of Governor Harvey's course would be extravagant. For the first time in years the Law has found voice and the people rejoice. I did not think he would do it; but he has done it. The fact that he has kept his oath of office, that he has not thought of what effect his official course might have on his political future, would suggest that a legislative or constitutional provision providing that no Governor of South Carolina should be eligible to more than one term in that office.

Such a provision would make the occupant of the office indifferent to whatever clamor might be made by spiritual advisors, deserving dependents, "conscientious objectors," impressionable females bearing flowers to bloody-handed men condemned by the law to long imprisonment or execution. The judges have spoken with splendid spirit from the Bench; the Press almost without exception has joined in the crusade against Crime; the Pulpit will soon add its powerful influence to the movemet which under the leadership of Governor Harvey has set the state on fire.

"We" Editors

"Ma," said a newspaper man's son, "I know why editors call themselves "we." "Why?" "So's the man that doesn't like the article will think there are too many people for him to tackle."

IT IS SAID

Care is an enemy to life.—Shakespeare.

A work of real merit finds favor at last.—A. Bronson Alcott.

That which is everybody's business is nobody's business.—Izaak Walton.

It is not what he has, nor even what he does, which directly expresses the worth of a man, but what he is.—Amiel.

Heaven sometimes hedges a rare character about with ungainliness and odium, as the burr that protects the fruit.—Emerson.

The eye of an avaritious man cannot be satisfied with wealth, any more than a well can be filled with dew.—Saadi.

The Bible stands alone in human literature in its elevated conception of manhood, in character and conduct.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man; but for one man who can stand prosperity there are a hundred that will stand adversity.—Carlyle.

To judge human character rightly, a man may sometimes have very small experience provided he has a very large heart. —Bulwer-Lytton.

Humility is the true proof of Christian virtue; without it we retain all our faults, and they are only covered by pride to hide them from others, and often from ourselves.—La Rochefoucauld.

Every man who can be a first-rate something—as every man can be who is a man at all—has no right to be a fifth-rate something; for a fifth-rate something is no better than a first-rate nothing.— G. Holland.

Degrees infinite of lustre there must always be, but the weakest among us has a gift, however seemingly trivial, which is peculiar to him, and which, worthily used, will be a gift also to his race forever.—Ruskin.

It Does Not Pay

1. To "have a good time" at the expense of an uneasy conscience the next morning.
2. To lose our temper at the expense of losing a friend.
3. To cheat a corporation at the expense of robbing our own souls.
4. To go to church in the morning if we are planning to go to the devil in the evening.
5. To have an enemy if we can have a friend.
6. To sow wild oats if we have to buy our own crop.
7. To spend the last half of life in remorse or regret for the first half.
8. To be discourteous, irreverent, cynical, cruel, or vulgar.
9. To give God the husks instead of the heart.
10. To live at all unless we live for all.

—Charles M. Sheldon.

An Apt Reply

A bright youth, undergoing examination for admission to one of the departments at Washington, found himself confronted with the question:

"What is the distance from the earth to the sun?"

Not having the exact number of miles with him, he wrote in reply:

"I am unable to state accurately, but I don't think the sun is near enough to interfere with a proper performance of my duties if I get this clerkship."

He got it.—Texas Siftings.

High Tariff Hurdles

Columbia Record

Although the Republican ta[illegible] boosters postponed that blun[illegible] to the very eve of the congr[illegible]sional election, there is eve[illegible] sign today that the voters of t[illegible] nation will rise in their wrath a[illegible] rebuke the party at the comin[illegible] battle of ballots, as they did o[illegible] a former occasion. The women now armed with the sufferag[illegible] weapon will doubtless use it, [illegible] we may judge the future by [illegible] past.

The present campaign remin[illegible] one forcibly of the McKin[illegible] tariff which went into effe[illegible] about 1890. The Republica[illegible] were then in power and had [illegible] majority in the House of Rep[illegible]sentives of 150 or more. Th[illegible] people then, as now, began to r[illegible]bel against the higher price bu[illegible]den. A spool of thread that ha[illegible] previously sold for 5 cents wa[illegible] boosted to 8 or 10 cents, an[illegible] other necessary items followe[illegible] the upward price trend.

The women, then, as now pro[illegible]tested, but they were impoten[illegible] at the ballot box. But th[illegible] women had enough influenc[illegible] with the men to turn the "rascal[illegible] out of power," and the Democra[illegible]ic party defeated the Republica[illegible] in the succeeding fall electi[illegible] overwhelmingly, winning t[illegible] House of Representives by ne[illegible]ly 200 majroity. This year [illegible] would appear is a splendid ti[illegible] for history to repeat itself. Negro workmen, who lost their jobs as a result of the dull times cau[illegible]ed by the tariff law in 1880, were mobilized on the streets, following the Democratic victo[illegible]

Un[illegible]e to account for [illegible] as they called their [illegible] allowed that they couldn't expect anything but defeat since their party chiefs had sternly refused to "pay off the McKinley bill." Angry sounds, constantly gaining momentum at this time from all angles of the hinterland indicate that somebody is preparing to pay off the Fordney-McCumber bill this fall.

Ranks of Confederate Vets Rapidly Thinning Out

Only 75,066 Confederate veterans, out of the more than a million who fought for the South during the Civil War, are now living, according to statistics compiled by Col. Francis M. Burrows, of the staff of Gen. Julian S. Carr, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans

Of this number 65,707 are drawing pensions, 1,859 are in soldiers' homes and 7,500 are unknown. The statistics show that 58,987 widows of Confederate soldiers are receiving pensions and 667 negro veterans are in home.

Texas leads in the number of surviving veterans with 14,959 on the pension rolls and 256 in homes. Georgia and Arkansas stand next with 9,000 pensioners and 105 and 100 respectively in homes.

Statistics by states follow:

States	Pensioners,	In Homes
Alabama	4,306	70
Arkansas	9,000	100
Florida	1,471	33
Georgia	9,000	105
Kentucky	1,00	190
Maryland		25
Mississippi	5,632	164
Missouri	1,200	286
Louisana	2,298	43
North Carolina	6,250	120
Oklahoma	1,411	73
South Carolina	3,732	56
Tennessee	2,456	84
Texas	14,969	256
Virginia	4,982	214
West Virginia		
	65,707	1,859

Dryness Come To Stay.

Charlotte Observer.

[illegible]r all the row that France, [illegible]and, our own or any other [illegible]try may make over the re[illegible]dry ruling for the seas, liq[illegible]as gone from the vessels [illegible] ocean as surely as it has [illegible] from the saloons on land. [illegible]ne thing yet to be done is [illegible]e Shipping Board to ad[illegible]elf to the new conditions [illegible]vise ways and means by [illegible] the lost revenue may be [illegible]ed. The suggestion is ad[illegible] that lower rates might [illegible]e for the dry American [illegible]—and undoubtedly the [illegible]ap" ticket is a great Ameri[illegible]inducement. But after all [illegible]he revenue from sale of [illegible] of a really consequential [illegible] Henry Ford's paper. [illegible] Dearborn Independent, [illegible] a high official of the [illegible]owned White Star line as [illegible] reported a falling off in [illegible] from the ocean saloon, [illegible]ng a change in attitude [illegible] of the seagoing public in [illegible] to the matter. The argu[illegible]s that formerly the tourists [illegible]d a continental tolerance [illegible]se of wines and spirits. [illegible] the adoption of prohibition, [illegible]ver, ocean liners have been [illegible]ted with a small but noisy [illegible]ele of bibulous persons [illegible] conduct has been as of[illegible]ve as their mouthing of [illegible]onal liberty" protests. The [illegible]ral result has been a falling [illegible] the popularity of the bar [illegible]ng the more contained trav[illegible]

[illegible] shipping men report [illegible]ctment of the [illegible] Ameri[illegible]cans, supposedly eager [illegible]ake the most of their rare [illegible]ortunities to obtain prohibit[illegible]verages.

An Automobile Conscience

[illegible]m a big, red auto, and if I had [illegible] way ever car would be red. [illegible] such an inviting color, and, [illegible]n I speed up an go through [illegible] country like a streak, there is [illegible]ing sombre about me. An [illegible] should suggest the power [illegible] joyous abandon of life any[illegible]. I'm a high-powered car, of [illegible]y model and paid for without [illegible]rtgage, and what's more I go [illegible]hurch regularly, as every de[illegible] self-respecting car should. [illegible]didn't always go, but I've re[illegible]ed. When my owner first [illegible]me he could hardly wait un[illegible]unday came. He was up at [illegible]tuning me up and getting [illegible]y for a run into the country, [illegible]ishing, golf or a picnic. He [illegible]rally invited some other [illegible]ch members, and I'm not [illegible]g that it did them much [illegible], yet the day's pleasure al[illegible]s ended with a question [illegible]—was that really the best [illegible] to which I could be put on [illegible]est day of week?

[illegible]oming home one Sunday [illegible] a fishing trip, I was caught [illegible]rainstorm without chains. I [illegible]ded on the country roads (I [illegible]t mean to) and slipped over [illegible]nk and pitched the whole [illegible] out. Fortunately, none [illegible] hurt, but my owner was bad[illegible]aken. He was quite sober, [illegible]his only remark on the way [illegible]e was, "Thankful I didn't [illegible]k my fool neck."

[illegible]xt Sunday he surprised me [illegible]oing to church. The service [illegible]t have gripped him, for I [illegible]d him say to the missus, [illegible]ve missed a whole lot re[illegible]ly, haven't we?"

[illegible]w every Sunday I go load[illegible]icking up tired children and [illegible]g old people home from ser[illegible] and out for a ride in the af[illegible]on, if the weather is pleas[illegible]—Earnest Worker.

WITH THE POETS

Autumn

Western winds of autumn, sighing
Long and low beneath the trees,
Where the tinted leaves are lying,
Scarcely rustled by the breeze.
Friend of sorrow! bring thy balming
To the weary sons of strife,
Lay thy quiet hand of calming
On the fevered pulse of life.

Golden autumn, how I love thee!
With thy low, deep, mellow song,
Chanting round, beneath, above me.
Lessons thou hast taught me long;
Lessons of the heart's submission,
Breathing out a holy calm,
Solemn chords of soul-contrition
Blending into one deep psalm.

Teaching that in life's great myst'ry
There is autumn time for me,
Where its dim, perplexing hist'ry
Merges into melody;
Bright the blooms of hope supernal
Youth's sweet hours before me spread,
Fragrance that I dreamed eternal
Round my feet their petals shed.

And no more I weep, and wonder
How all loss evolveth gain,
Though life's hollow echoes thunder
To the chaos of my pain;
'Neath God's autumn winds of sorrow
Lies the promise of His spring!
Hope shall find in that glad morrow
Bright, eternal blossoming.

—Selected.

The Empty Place

A homeless Bad Habit went searching one day
For a spot where it snugly could settle and stay;
It hung round Fred's door for three hours by the clock,
But never found courage to step up and knock.

The place was too busy and crowded, you see,
There was really no minute that [illegible] time to be [illegible] from breakfast to bed.

"I might push my way in," thought the Habit, "but then,
Every corner is filled, I'd be turned out again.
It's no use to hang round; this is no place for me,"
And it went off as downcast as downcast could be.

But Jim's door stood open, not far down the road;
No crowd was about it, no bustle it showed.
The hall was deserted, the study was bare,
And the habit stepped in with a satisfied air.

"Ah, here's what I want," it remarked with a grin;
"I can settle in peace, and grow into a Sin.
Jim's life is so idle and empty, I see,
That it's just the right home for an inmate like me."

So it stayed and it grew till it filled the whole place,
And owned Jim in the bargain, and brought him disgrace.
Poor Jim: Other boys, too, should keep a lookout
For many Bad Habits go searching about.

—Exchange.

Be Kind to the Old

Be kind and be gentle
To those who are old,
For dearer is kindness,
And better than gold.

Two Friends

"In-a-minute" is a bad friend. He makes you put off what you ought to do at once, and so he gets you into a great deal of trouble.

"Right-Away" is a good friend. He helps you to do pleasantly and quickly what you are asked to do, and he never gets you into trouble.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS

A Higher Destiny

We are born for a higher destiny than that of earth; there is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread before us like islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beings that pass before us like shadows will stay in our presence forever.—Lytton.

A Neglected Bible

A neglected Bible means a starved and strengthless spirit; a comfortless heart; a barren life; and a grieved Holy Ghost. If the people, who are now perpetually running about to meetings for crumbs of help and comfort, would only stay at home and search their Bibles there would be more happiness in the Church, and more blessing in the world. It is prosaic counsel; but it is true.—F. B. Meyer.

Keeping the Heart

If we are to keep our hearts with all diligence, we must be kept by the power of God and that power is not merely to make division outside the beleagured fortress which may force the beseigers to retreat and give up their effort, but is to enter in and possess the soul which it wills to defend. It is when the enemy sees that new succors have, in some mysterious way, been introduced, that he gives up his seige. It is God in us that is our security.—Alexander Maclaren.

[illegible] dictionary does not define ha[illegible] so intelligibly as we define them for ourselves. What is it to be patient? It is in your experience and in mine a practical exercise for which life gives us daily opportunity. We are not patient when we are unamiable, although we may bear up against hardships with grim fortitude. To be patient and fretful at one and the same time is impossible. Whoever would be patient must be cheerful, and to be cheerful in the face of discouragement, to be patient when things go wrong and to maintain optimism when physically depressed are about as difficult as to walk into a den of lions or, in the words of the hymn, "to face a frowning world."

Giving Is Getting

Giving is getting. This principle is true in many departments of life. Bodily strength comes from its expenditure, not from its hoarding. Every wise use of a muscle adds to the power of that muscle. An arm carried in a sling for its preservation stiffens and withers. An arm which swings a great hammer takes on largeness and vigor with every generous sweep through the air. It is use, not the possession of any material treasure, that gives it the highest value. Merely to have it bears no comparison in pleasureableness with its right employment. Well-filled library shelves are of no benefit to their owner so long as the books remain there unopened. But the best volume on those shelves would have an added value to its user if it were "read to pieces," as one might say. Money gathered and kept for its own sake increases the discontent and cravings of its holder; while money sought and handled for its beneficent uses gives pleasure and satisfaction to him who employs it.—G. T. B. Hallock.