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Poetical.

HILL AND JOE.

Come, dear old comrade, you and I Will steal an hour from days gone by— The shining days when life was new, And all was bright with morning dew— The busy days of long ago.

The weary idol takes his stand, Holds out his bruised and aching hand, While gapping thousands come and go— How vain it seems, this empty show!

Danton.

Danton, more than any man whom the French Revolution threw to the surface, realizes the popular idea of a revolutionist. In person he was almost gigantic—tall and muscular.

The Bad Mill.

A minister had a miller in his parish who was very proud of his mill. It was a very busy mill, grinding and whirring the whole seven days of the week.

A late dispatch to a Memphis paper, says that Clayton, the Carpet-bag Governor of Arkansas, shipped the face of Catorson, the commander of his militia, a few days since.

Crops and Labor.

We publish the following to avoid disputes and litigation which may result from the division of crops.

An Act to Protect Laborers and Persons Working under Contract on Shares of Crops.

Sec. 1.—Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That all contracts made between owners of land, their agents, administrators and executors, and laborers shall be witnessed by one or more disinterested persons, and, at the request of either party, be duly executed before a Justice of the Peace or Magistrate whose duty it shall be to read and explain the same to the parties.

Sec. 2.—That whenever labor is performed under contract on shares of the crop or crops such crop or crops shall be gathered and divided before it is removed from the place where it was planted, harvested or gathered.

Sec. 3.—That whenever laborers are working on shares of the crop or crops or for wages in money or other valuable consideration, they shall have a prior lien upon said crop or crops, in whosever hands it may be.

Sec. 4.—That whenever such contract or contracts are violated, or attempted to be violated or broken, or whenever fraud is practiced, by either party to such contract or contracts, at any time before the conditions or the same are hereby fulfilled and the parties relieved therefrom, complaint may be made before a Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, or may be carried before any Court having jurisdiction in such cases.

Sec. 5.—Any Justice of the Peace or other officer before whom complaint is made and whose duty it shall be to see such cases as is hereinbefore provided, who shall offend against the true intent and meaning of this Act, or shall refuse to hear and determine, impartially all the cases that may be brought before him under the provisions of this Act, and all Peace officers, whose duty it is to apprehend all offenders against the laws of the State, who shall refuse to perform their duty in bringing to justice any and all offenders against this Act, shall be liable to a charge of malfeasance in office, and upon proof to conviction shall be forthwith removed from office, and fined in a sum not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.

Sec. 6.—All Acts and parts of Acts in any way conflicting with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7.—This Act shall take effect and have full force of law from and after its passage. Approved March 10, 1869.

Masonic.

Bro. Martin at Jerusalem.

We extract the following interesting paragraph from an article by Bro. Robert Morris, in the Evergreen, for March 15th. One of the most agreeable episodes in all my visit here was an assemblage of Freemasons in the vast quarries that underlie the northeastern quarter of the city of Jerusalem, and the opening of a moot lodge there.

Some of the incidents attending the arrival and sojourn of ex-President Jefferson Davis in Baltimore, are striking indicative of the interest and love in the hearts of the Southern people, that still follow him who is the impersonation of their "lost cause."

The great moral ideas of the party in progress are practically carried into effect in proportion to their exaltation to positions in the gift of the State and nation, and the multiplicity of rings organized for the stealing from the highest to the lowest official are not only reliable but appalling.

Late telegrams inform us of quite a disturbance in Columbia occasioned by the horsewhipping of one James Kavanah by a colored man, one R. B. Elliot, Assistant Adjutant General, on account of an insulting note written to his (Elliot's) wife.

Exceedingly bad! No tobacco user is fit for a bed companion. He is giving forth pestilential vapors from the pores of his skin. He is embodied of perpetual miasma.

The Hon Beaufort T. Watts, who had filled many important positions, died at his residence in Laurens, on the 15th, after a lingering illness. He was in his eighty-first year.

A Chinaman in California, thinks that when one man is hit by another, and the assailant is fined \$20, the money ought to go to the hit man, instead of the Government. This is the way they do things in China.

Ambergris.

WHALE-CATCHING BY ELECTRICITY.

A London firm has just obtained a patent for a method, startling to "old salts" in its originality, for catching whales by means of electricity. By their plan every whale boat is provided with a galvanic battery.

This is a grayish substance frequently found floating on the sea or thrown upon the coasts of warm climates, supposed to be the results of decomposed whales.

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Job Department.

The above Department will be promptly attended to, and all work in this line executed on the most satisfactory terms. We will furnish at short notice

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