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Orthodox Marriage Notices.

There is often something funny about the way in which marriage notices are printed. There are some which merely state the names of the contracting parties, the name of the preacher, and the date upon which the event occurs.

But then there are variations. The art in which some of the parties may correct any report that may have gone abroad to the effect that the contracting parties contemplate a runaway match is notable. Without referring to any such proposed act on the part of the lovers the notice will simply state that they were married "at the home of the bride."

But the correction of reports as to contemplated runaway matches is as nothing when compared to the ordinary local notice of those marriages which must be written up. The custom now is, to say that a marriage is "solemnized," and the word seems out of place with all that follows. The elaborate decorations, the floral belt, the way the bridesman skipped down the aisle and "crossed over," the manner in which the bridesmaids danced toward the altar—are all described with very little variation.

When the marriage is a home wedding of the "grooming" of the tables, the catalogue of presents, or wedding gifts, furnish incidents for another chapter. Brides are usually lovely, while the bridesmaids are always one of the best young men of the town, nearly as well connected as the average defaulting bank teller.

Humor in the Legislatures. In all assemblies there are men with a keen sense of humor, but the great mass of the members never suspect a joke.

For instance: In the South Carolina Legislature somebody proposed a law regulating marriages. The author of the bill thought his sleeve. Of course a number of members take him as serious, and in all earnestness, fight or advocate the measure, never recognizing the joke.

Of all the needless bills that have ever been presented, except to make fun for the boys, the marriage license takes the cake. No man has ever produced a reason or fact which demands the enactment of a law to regulate the marriage of the States which apply directly to the injury of woman. All marriage licenses and all divorce laws, or other laws interfering with marriage is against woman, and against public policy.

A preacher sometimes undertakes to regulate marriage by assuming to say that from certain men and women the right of marriage should be denied as far as his ministerial office is concerned. In case of runaway matches, for instance, it may be said that these extra good ministers of the gospel will withhold the right of marriage. Marriage is honorable among all men, and if a woman runs away with a man for the purpose of marriage, the preacher assumes a fearful responsibility, in refusing to perform the ceremony, and the act should be condemned by all right-thinking people.

But the funny men are all disposed to throw obstacles in the way of marriage. New members propose to repeal the lien law. Of course this is an old gag for which there is no excuse, and of course the practical members set down on it—generally very hard.

That variety of statesmen who annually brought up seed cotton, seems to have died out. There is a variety of zealous servants of the people who would tinker with the law in reference to interest. Such efforts generally die still born.

One of the best bills that has been presented to the Legislature was that of Mr. DeBruhl which purports to protect innocent and weak people from the temptations of hot peppers and other articles from the irresistible beauty, loveliness and grace of those who, on occasion, serve a nickle's worth of oysters for a quarter. Mr. DeBruhl will win the hearts of all the susceptible young men in all parts of the State.

Consumption-Infected Homes.

We received a few days ago a private letter from a correspondent in one of our lower counties in which he stated that consumption was prevalent among the negroes in his neighborhood, and that it was a contagious disease relative to the disease, and it is well known in medical circles that it obtains to a distressing extent among the same classes of population in a number of country districts as well as in many of the cities and towns.

Some helpful light is thrown upon the disease and the cause of it, we are sure, by the leading article in the current number of the Bulletin of the North Carolina Board of Health, in which an interesting report is given by Dr. F. J. Garrett, of Richmond County, in that State, where a whole negro family was afflicted with the disease, and seven or eight healthy children, died of the disease in rapid succession as the result of moving into an infected house.

Summarizing the report in a few words, Dr. Garrett reports that a negro man brought his sick wife, having consumption, into the house and she died there. A few months later, the family first mentioned moved into the house and three months afterward, the father showed signs of having contracted the disease. A little later "five or six where down" at once, and the rest soon followed. In the end, all of the ten members of the family died. Dr. Garrett adds: "I never saw negroes in more 'perfect health than these before moving into the infected house; they had no hereditary 'taint at all.' Our negro population 'being rapidly thinned out by this dreadful disease, and the sooner the people are taught that consumption is contagious the better it will be for all of us.'"

The moral which the bulletin points from this concrete example of the infectiousness of the disease is the simple but pertinent one that: "No one should ever occupy a house, or sleep in a room, in which there has been a case of consumption, until it has been thoroughly disinfected."

When it is considered that this is seldom if ever done in our cities and towns, in the case of houses or rooms in which a colored victim of the disease has died, and is never done in country districts in such case, it is not surprising that the disease is committing such ravages among the colored people both in towns and country. It is not more infectious in North Carolina than in South Carolina. The lesson is plain, that all local sanitary authorities, attending physicians and humane employers and landlords who desire to aid in arresting the deadly ravages of the disease among colored people subject to their care or supervision, will see to it that the epidemic recommendations of the Board of Health are carried out in every case that comes under their attention. Intelligent colored people will gratefully aid in the same cause by warning their people generally to avoid all infected houses, and rooms, and places of residence as they would a pest house, until they have been thoroughly disinfected and pronounced safe by some competent authority.

THE INDIAN SHOW.

Interview With Mr. Chapman—His Gratitude to Charleston, Whose Modesty Saved the State \$50,000.

The Country is Sure to Grow and Prosper. A Report on the Exhibition—Results from Abbeville's Street Carnival.

In a recent interview with Mr. W. G. Chapman, a good business man, of this city he expressed great respect for the exhibition in Charleston. He stated that he benefited the whole State by her great Exposition. He thought the city was really unselfish in her generosity in suggesting that Charleston had considerable interest in Abbeville, that it would be cheaper and more profitable for the State to have the Big Indian Show, if the Exposition should be held in Charleston, as now contents of the exhibition will be put to great expense in providing a sufficient quantity of good water for visitors. Abbeville has secured the largest and the greatest quantities of the purest water can be had at the lowest prices.

Greenwood has organized a bank, built an oil mill, and the growth of her cotton factories has been rapid. She has built over 500 cotton mills, and thousands of people have flocked to her. Woodruff is building a big cotton mill. A big bank with Mr. A. W. Smith, as president, has been organized. The mill at Honea Path will go on. Two banks are in successful operation in that town.

West caught the inspiration and organized a bank. McCormick built an oil mill, and opened a bank. Many half dozen mills at Greenville are going up and the people are spreading out, and putting on city airs.

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Anderson's head is just dizzy as a result of progress. The overflow advantages from Abbeville's Street Carnival are not going to be lost. It would have existed today in the neighboring counties, if it had not been for the great industrial enterprise in Abbeville. Great industrial enterprises are being started in the county. All visitors to this city would be taken out for a ride around the harbor, if a sufficient number of boats could be had. Distinguished guests could in addition, be entertained at a banquet or taken out for a ride to Little Mountain.

There is absolutely no show of forecasting the advantages of a Big Indian Show at Abbeville. If our little Street Carnival for a week in Abbeville is a success, it will be a great property to the surrounding country, which may expect a Great Big Indian Show in Charleston in the near future. Do not deny that the improvements just enumerated were the result of our Street Carnival. If so, I would remind you that the "broad-minded editor," though it may be that some narrow-minded citizens may doubt it. You know that some people doubt everything, even the birth of our Saviour.

Upon the subject of taxation Mr. Chapman said he agreed with the Press and Banner in his gratitude to Charleston for not asking for \$100,000 for the Big Indian Show. He felt perfectly certain that the people had saved \$50,000 by the modesty of Charleston.

Mr. Chapman believes that there is no sincerity in declarations against high taxes. He is a man of his word, and he believes that the people always vote to pile on the taxes when there is an opportunity. In the Legislature, he says, the biggest sum named in the appropriations by the Legislature is \$500,000. The Legislature refused to reduce the appropriation for the Big Indian Show from \$50,000 to \$10,000. The House of Representatives resolution was promptly laughed out of court.

Somebody wanted to reduce the appropriation for buildings at Wiltrop. He left like a Silly Billy after the vote had been taken. The proposition to appropriate \$200,000 for Confederate veterans passed the House so quick that their heads are in a whirl of glory. When the Senate reduced the appropriation to \$100,000 for the old soldiers, the House of Representatives will realize that they have been beaten at their own game.

No, Mr. Chapman said, neither the people nor their Representatives in the Legislature are to be blamed. If Mr. Chapman could induce Charleston to move her Big Indian Show to Abbeville, he would be the greatest benefactor of the State. Our biggest gullies would team with Cherokee roots, and the people would be clothed in the best of what are now red barren wastes, while new and better cities would rise on the great and distant hills. Our great water powers would be harnessed, electricity would light our highways, while the hum of spinning and the hum of the loom would make delightful music by day, and their sound of soothing lullabies at night, and the sweetest of the weary pilgrims. Banks would cease to require security for the loan of money. Lean backs would be clothed in the best of what are now red barren wastes, while new and better cities would rise on the great and distant hills.

To recur to the Charleston Exposition or Great Big Indian Show. The benefits of that show will spread all over this State. From the mountains to the sea, and from the Georgia Cotton Mills to the North Carolina Mountains Distilleries, there will be nothing but prosperity in all lines of pursuit. The articles of trade will be quickened and the channels of commerce will be opened. The industrial and manufacturing interests will receive an impetus that will astonish the world, by the great development of our waterways, on whose banks the ships and flags of every country will be seen, and the great cities of the world will be brought away all our surplus of wheat, flour and corn. We rely on Charleston's industry, and the fact that the State is so well secured from Congress an appropriation to make Long Cape navigable for the largest of the great merchant vessels, and the great which lies in the way of a successful result, is to be found in the fact that, where the Savannah and the Altamaha are in the way, great piles of rubbish are in the way.

Another good result of the Charleston Exposition will be the fact that the State will have an opportunity to give them an airing. You see this country was settled many years ago, and it may be that some specimens of timber have escaped the edge of the axman's weapon. In such cases it is well to let the world know what we once had. Another good thing about great exhibitions of things which we have been hiding away, and look lies in the pleasure which the exhibit brings out of the act. It also furnishes evidence of the public spirit and patriotism of the people. The State Fair Association party former decided. The Society is now sixty-two years old, being organized in 1839. Among his domain are some of the prominent men in church and state throughout the South.

PRAYER—by Rev. F. Y. Pressly, D. D., Address of Welcome—C. E. Morris, Ga. Pres. FRESHMAN DECLARATIONS. Expansion—J. L. Caldwell, S. C. Women, Victims of War—R. L. Patrick, S. C. SOPHOMORE DECLARATIONS. Uniqueness of Southern Literature—J. F. Eggs, S. C. What Constitutes Great Men—T. H. Moffatt, S. C. SENIOR ORATION. Century Significance—J. W. Simpsom, S. C. Debate—Query: Resolved, that the Democratic party will succeed again.

JUNIOR DEBATE. Affirmative. Negative. R. A. Lummas, Ga., J. P. Pressly, S. C. SENIOR DEBATE. D. P. Pressly, Tenn., J. B. Kulkath, S. C. COMMITTEE OF DECISION. C. E. Morris, (Ex Officio). I. H. Linton, D. C., W. M. Carlton, Ga. MARSHALS. M. H. White, S. C., (Chief). J. H. Pressly, Texas, J. S. Rainey, S. C.

REDUCED RATES To Washington on Account Inauguration. The Southern Railway, the Great Trunk Line from the South to Washington, D. C., has reduced its rates to Washington, D. C., for the inauguration of President McKinley, March 4, 1901, as follows: For individuals, (single tickets) rate of one first class fare for the round trip, to be sold March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with final limit March 9th, 1901. For regular organized military companies, rate of one first class fare for the round trip, to be sold March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with final limit March 9th, 1901. The service of the Southern Railway is by the most complete and latest of any line from the South. For detailed information as to rates, reservations, etc., apply to any Agent of the Southern Railway or connections. W. H. Taylor, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agent, Atlanta, Ga.

Locals. Hams, shoulders, breakfast strips, oat meal, buck wheat, and the syrup. Corn, peas, beans, okra and tomatoes, pickles, catsup, olives and can meats, currants, raisins and citron, spices and extracts. Tea, cocoa, chocolate, gelatine, evaporated peaches and apples. Good soups, 3 bars for cents. Soda almost given away, tobacco 30 cents. Try a setting eggs from J. R. Glenn's fine B. P. Rock chickens, prize winners from State fair.

Democratic Primary Election.

Tuesday, February 12th, 1901.

FOR SHERIFF.

Table with 5 columns: Name, J. E. Jones, C. J. Lyon, B. J. Martin, Total. Rows include Abbeville No. 1, Abbeville No. 2, Abbeville Cotton Mill, Antreville, Bradley's Mill, Calhoun Falls, Cedar Spring, Cold Spring, Donalds, Due West, Hampton, Keweenaw, Lebanon, Level Land, Long Cape, Lowndesville, McCormick, Mean's Chapel, Mountain View, Mt. Carmel, Rock Spring, Willington.

DUE WEST.

Her Colleges, Her Schools, and Her People—Loving Friend.

Mr. R. A. Haddon entered a daughter in Erskine College to-day. She boards in the Wylie College to-day. She boards in the Wylie College to-day.

In a few days Dr. C. B. Cowan will appear in a new buggy. A new buggy is waiting for a good looking gentleman to go well together.

The Misses McAdams were among the attendants at the Epiphany Celebration on Friday night.

Mr. A. M. Erwin and Miss Lillian Erwin were married on Friday afternoon at the Epiphany Celebration of the Epiphany.

Mr. A. M. Erwin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hogan out on Long Cape.

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A Sacrifice.

Amidst the morning's glistening frost, Where winter winds blow cold and wild, A flower grew—the rooked and lost, A blue-eyed pansy rose and smiled.

Sweet, dainty, rainbow-tipped she grew, Brightly by the frosty breeze blown, Of icy blasts that round her blew, And chilled her sisters cold in death.

A laddling child, with curls of gold, Kissed her with his rosy lips and own, Espied her trembling in the cold, And whispered: "Poor pansy, all alone."

"Out in the cold and blowy storm? Here, take my glove, 'twill keep you warm, I'll wear my handkerchief instead."

And tender low, with elfish grace, She snugly gloved the pansy's face, Three rattle-rattle kind-kisses more, And whispered: Please, God, don't blow no more!

THE COTTOT MILL.

Items in Reference to Abbeville's Greatest Enterprise—Personals.

Editor Press and Banner: We will give you some of the Cotton Mill news of the group.

We are delighted to see President Bailey able to be out again. He always has a pleasant word for every one.

This writer had talk with Superintendent Thompson about a church and school house for the poor people of the town. It is in accord with the best interest of his people. He said he would best soon to erect a good building for church and school. The building will be on Main Street, just below Mr. Miller's store, in rear of Mr. Ethredge's house.

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