ALPHA and OMEGA, Or the Beautiful Twins—a Story of the Future.

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bring. We have read Edward "I will order you a lunch, upon the head which knocked him Bellamy's Novel, entitled "Looking Auntie," said Alpha, and going to senseless, then the cowardly scoun-Backward," and several others of the wall she touched a button, and drel, Louis Dorn, raised the cry: the same class. To get the full in a moment a metallic click was meaning of this story, a person heard and a panel in the wall slid cry was repeated from lip to lip, should read it through carefully back, disclosing to view a steam- hang him, string him up!" and not skip about over it and ing lunch which Alpha placed uphunt for the most interesting on the waiter and gave to her aunt. bound his arms so that he could passages. For it contains a She slowly ate the food, talking do no more harm, and carrying moral that every one would do volubly all the while. When she him to a tree near by, they put the well to observe. Some of the had finished Alpha placed the noose around his neck and he was characters here represented, are waiter back in the opening and strung up, and left hanging while persons that we have known, and closed the panel, then turning to his cowardly assassins jumped on who, at this moment, live not a her aunt she said: thousand miles from "E-" It

CHAPTER I. -ALPHA AND OMEGA. "Oh, 'Mega, come here one

is intended to represent.

moment, please.' The speaker, a girl, tall, slender, ga. "I am very anxious to know and divinely fair, with curling something about him and-.' But golden tresses that fell with a she didn't finish what she started careless grace upon her shoulders to say, for the door opened and a and encircled her throat in their tall, broad-shouldered man walked glittering radiance, made a pic- in. He was stern, dignified, and true that a goddess might have of about fifty years of age, with envied, as she stood leaning glittering, steel-blue eyes, that against a rustic bower, her hat seemed to penetrate to your very held loosely in her left hand, soul when he looked at you. Kindwhile in her right she held a ness, benevolence, and strength of paper, in which she seemed to be greatly interested.

In answer to her summons, another girl stepped from among aiways called her Beta, which was the interlacing vines that formed her real name, but the children the bower, who was almost an ex- called her by the more familiar act counterpart of the former.

"What do you want, Alpha?" "Read this," she said, giving

It is not our purpose in writing elegance it eclipsed the hall. A finished his sentence, for some this story to copy from any soft, pink glow filled the room, cowardly member of the party other author, but to give our which as in the hall seemed to he had not noticed, slipped up beview of the future and what it will come from the ceiling and walls. hind him and dealt him a blow

"Would you like to see papa?

the reader to realize what the "Bottomless Pit of Kanta Klorn"

"Very well." And touching another button on the wall she sat down, and they resumed their con-

"Auntie, when do you intend to tell us of that nephew?" said Omewill were depicted on his counten-

"Why, how do you do, Beta? (he name of Aunt Bettie.

"When did you come down?"

Loraine, "but let's go to the study where we will be free from intru-

So, going to the elevator, they ascended to the second story, where Mr. Loraine led them to his study, When they were all seated, Aunt Bettie began her story.

AUNT BETTIE'S STORY.

19th century there lived in the little town of E-, a family by the her, she walked into the hall. name of Loraine; they were our When they reached the room, Aunt

the father and mother and one son, bidding each other good night,

Kent was a good boy, loved by his neighbors, and almost worshipped by his mother. The happy days of his childhood were spent in E-, amid the wholesome influence of a mother's love, and the love of his friends. From childhood up he was a daring, spirited

awhile; but first let me get some- He finally rose to some prominence thing to eat, for it is way after in home politics, and became Kent's body was buried there. dinner time and I am hungry as I mayor of the town of E-. But They, however, did not care to "Why, certainly," said Alpha, munity that hated Kent with his body, and left it there. So when

house, which was an entirely Dorn, who did every thing in his My men went there and redifferent structure from the houses power to get people to dislike him, moved the body. The casket was of the 19th century. Great, wide that is Kent, but without success. still intact, which I thought very pot of flowers, rustic seats, otto- shouldered and muscular, hand- it, expecting, of course, only to mans, divans and easy chairs some and kind. And as is the mistaken, for when the coffin was going to write "your legislature" the convention. scattered around in profusion. case with nearly all young men of opened my kinsman lay there as a platform, and he called upon One thing more noticeable than his age, he fell in love, or thought perfect as he must have been in the people to make candidates take very frequently by questions, and may be put at fully twoall the rest was an entire absence he did, with a girl named Marie chatting gaily of the things that less; indulging in strong drink, cept a dark-red ring about his attacking Governor Tillman's election of Governor Tillman. He time, he believed the audience had happened since they had last going with evil companions, until neck, which I supposed must have effort at tyrany as shown in a declared that the State taxes were liked him better each time beseen each other. When they at one day he was found missing.

last reached the top, Alpha walked And on the same day the body of across the portico, and touching a Joel Aldrich a disreputable charconcealed spring, a panel rolled acter, was found in the woods you gave me?" addressing Mr. Loback, disclosing to view the hall back of his house with his throat raine. within, which, although it was cut from ear to ear. Suspicion at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, once fastened upon Kent. A band

covered the walls. In niches preparing to start for New York stood statuary of the most costly He was seized from behind, but kind. After giving the statuary threw his assailants from him, and if they were nothing out of the ordered his pursuers to throw up common, Aunt Bettie followed their hands. Every hand went up. Alpha to the parlor, or drawing "Now," said he, "throw down room. In beauty of finish and in your arms and re-," but he never

will not be a difficult thing for If so, I will call him."

"I came down vesterday" re

"Hang him! hang him!" The A rope was produced. And they

their horses and rode homeward. A stranger riding by the next morning saw his body hanging "Yes; I would like very much there and cut it down and buried



posed, he had departed this mortal sphere, never to return. The years rolled on and he was forgotten. But five years after his death it was proven to the satisfaction of all that he was innocent of the crime laid at his door. The murderer of Joel Aldrich was found.

Louis Dorn, Kent's enemy, was taken seriously ill one morning, so much so that his life was despaired of. He was told that he must surely die. Then he acknowledged the killing of Joel Aldrich, Managed Kent guiltless of

BARNWELL MEETING.

BAD AGAIN.

T WAS MARKED BY FEW PERSONALITIES.

A Quiet, Calm Meeting, Largely Tillmanite-A Friendly and Good-Natured Feeling Being Evinced.

first of the series of the thirty-five result if they were left to cool campaign meetings to be conducted judgment. in South Carolina up to August 25th, opened here to-day. The utmost good order prevailed, and ute remaining. good nature and good temper were preserved. The public park in the center of the town was the can know whether to vote for you. scene of meeting, where the 600 isten to the speeches of the [Appleuse.] candidates. There is positively not as much interest in the manin cloising, for his declaration campaign this year as in 1890. that he would rather go to hell would be nominated by the Demo declared that this was an insult to the Christian people of the State, stay in Columbia and not make a which they should and would single speech. But he advocated resent. the policy of having candidates go feeling thus do not muster their comparitively a small attendance | Men. McLaurin defended the ad-

and pictures a cursory glance, as jumping back, drew a revolver and TILLMAN DOES 'EM UP wanted to abolish the lien law, to get it at that. (he's right, right, right.) "Right" said the speaker, right, for you who owe the land, but not for the law? [Loud applause.] those who work for you for \$4 a month. (Applause.)

Col. Orr declared that the question for the people to decide was which side was the representative body of the people of the BARNWLLL, S. C. June 7 .- The State. He was satisfied as to the

> The chairman informed the speaker that he had but one min-

A Whice to Col. Orr-Tell us something about yourself so we people who had collected grouped 21 years old, and under the tongue

Col Orr attacked Governor Till-Govennor Tillman said in his with his own people than to heaven speech upon this point that he with the other side. [Cries of was satisfied he and his friends Tillran and applause.] Col. Orr

GEN. M'LAURIN. before the people. It did The next speaker was Attorney-immeasurable good and prevented General McLaurin, who took the stagnation. It is hardly to be place of Lieutenant-Governor Gary doubted that the anti-admin- who though present had not instrationists feel that they are tended to be, and whose place had therishing a forlorn hope and been supplied by Gen. McLaurin. Chairman Duncan informed the full strength at the meetings, and and ence that Gen. McLaurin was South Carolina to do, but he should the administration side feeling a the voungest attorney-general not do that himself, which he has sense of security show So h Carolina had ever had.

ministration. He attacked the Barnwell can show at least 3000 people at a meeting. There ininical to 'the administration were present and on the stand representing the administration, in a compared Col. Orr to Goliah

Gov. Tilman's \$3 poll tax idea, that he, as president of the Edge Sheppard of making a trade in policy?" "Is this for the best good and declared that such law smack- field Bank, lent the people money 1888 not to run against Richardson of the people of the State?" If he ed of oppression. Gov. Tillman at 10 per cent, and they were glad if he (Sheppard) would be sup- got two affirmative answers he

> Governor Sheppard-Yes. Governor Sheppard answered

this in this way: -Mary had a little lamb,

Its fleas was white as snow, And every time the fleas would bite, The lamb would do just so! and the Governor rubbed one foot with the other. [Applause.] Every time I touch you in a soft place

you flinch.

The speaker took item by item the expenditures in the State departments, showing in most cases that the present expenditures were in excess of former expenditures. He showed in one case that Gov-Cold Orr-I am free, white and ernor Tillman had designated the amount of expenditures in one around a newly erected stand to of good report in my county. department as extravagant, and the point. The records show that the expenditures in this department under the present administration was in excess of what it was formerly.

The speaker read extracts from speeches of Governor Tillman, in which he attacked the kid glove it? wearers of the department at Columbia and reminded the audience that the Governor had gotten into himself since his residence in Columbia. [Cries for Tillman.]

Sheppard-I do not blame Governor Tillman for wearing kid gloves. It is nothing but right for the Governor of the great State of

The speaker attacked the Governor for his early speeches against the State officers, accusing them of being imbecile, etc. He inflicted a blow upon South Carolina which lynching had brought the State she has felt most sorely. He asked into. He declared that he should Governor Tillman, Lieut. Governor with his six cubits of height and Gary, Attorney General McLaurin, he heavy coat of brass. But the go to the State of New York to live and should read in the press that Superintendent of Education David of Edgefield has come with the audience if they intended to have the right to remove sheriffs Mayfield, and Col. W. J. Talbert, a cw Coosaw rocks and will de- its candidate for Governor had rape the punishment should be porish the giant. (Applause.) made declarations against the in- lycheing, and that he, as Governor Sheppard came to Co- tegrity of the State and its officers, of the State, would lead a party to if they would go there. [Cries of lynch for this crime.

istration had abolished the intended to continue to act.

established Clemson College, wanted a man as Governor who which, when completed, would be would do what he thought was the best college for the education right, though the heavens fell, he of farmers and mechanics in the asked that they vote for him, and South, and for the slight cost of he promised fidelity; but if they \$100 per annum.

on free passes last year and I am Sheppard. not ashamed of it, I saved money to the State by it too. He asked the Governor's speech were heavy

The speaker was proud of the result of the farmers movement. had made campaign capital out of The people were now a reading fact that the country people of people and were alert.

influence the Legislature.

Governor Tillman said that the City of Columbia was endeavoring to make the State spend before his audience is frank and tem in Columbia.

and their people to the Legislature and they will build this sewerage the practice of kid glove wearing system for Columbia and make After the adjournment several you pay for it. Voice-We won't speeches from prominent gentle-

The speaker reminded the audience that it was not in his power to have laws made-it was the province of the Legislature. The Legislature would not make the laws necessary. "Give me the Legislature."

The Governor his action in removing sheriffs who allowedlynchings. He deplored the condition that the practice of

ported in 1890. Gov. Sheppard, would act in the affirmative, sotto voce, denied this. Gov. though every man in the State Voice-Well, ain't that against Tillman said that his admin-said "no." That was the way he agricultural Department and If the people to whom he spoke

wanted a man who would change A voice asked about free passes. with every wind to gain popular Governor Tillman-Yes, I rode favor to ride into office, vote for

The cheers at the conclusion of if it had not been proven that Jno. and he was begged from all parts of C. Haskell had distributed free the audience to continue, but, passes in the Legislature to promising to come to the first picnic he could get to, he took his seat.

There can be no denial of the every county to which Governor Tillman goes look upon him with admiration and love. His manner \$100,000 to build a sewerage sys- warm. He seems to bare his breast and to keep it bared. - He A Voice-That's Haskell, aint impresses his audiences with a feeling of fellowship, fellow-feel-Tillman-You elect this crowd ing, and fellow-interest. At the conclusion of Governor Tillman's speech the meeting -adjourned. men were made. The party go from here to-night to Hampton, where they speak to-morrow. 'HUGH C. MIDDLETON, in Au-

> gusta Chronicle. Looking Backward and Forward.

A writer for the Milledgeville Union and Recorder compiles the following array of facts and figures, which are very interesting

just at this time, especially as one of the big conventions is in session to-day. The writer says: Our younger readers, doubtless, would like to have presented to them the proceedings of the past four Presidential Conventions.

In 1876 the Democratic Convention met at St. Louis, June 18, and nominated Mr. Tilden on the

her nephew, Mr. Kent barton." "Well," said Alpha, "what do help from you." you think of that?"

"I think there is some mistake, because Aunt Bettie has no nephew. And then, besides, we invited her to come here and spend a week or so, and if she were to come it strikes me she would come here instead of going to the Pavilion."

"Well, suppose we go over to the Pavilion and see if it is really the, or some one else of the same name."

"I don't think there any necessity in doing that girls, for it is really I, stopping at the Pavilion," broke in a pleasant, musical voice. And from among the shrubbery stepped a lady, who appeared to be about fifty or sixty years of age, but without a wrinkle or line upon her face, and who resembled the girls very

"Why it is Aunt Bettie," exclaimed Alpha. "Why did you go to the Pavilion instead of coming here?"

"I had a good reason, which I will reveal to you later on." "Explain to us about that

nephew of yours. I didn't know you had a nephew." "Well, thereby hangs a tale, was known far and wide as an upon my land, near X-, where which I will relate to you after honest, industrious young man.

and they walked towards the whole soul. That man was Louis his body removed and cremated.

of anything like a door. walls and ceiling. Costly pictures about three miles from E-, just

serious thing, unless I recieve some

"It shall be given," said Mr.

CHAPTER II.

During the latter part of the duct you to your room."

Well, the years rolled on. He grew up to manhood's estate. He Loraine,

Flint. He proposed to her, but had lain for over a century, and

a soul to mourn his deal... Aunt Bettie drew a long breath

and covered her face with her hands, and sat in silence for a mo-

> Aunt Bettie?" said Alpha, her eyes of the State. sparkling with interest.

you the rest to-morrow, but must administration cadidate for lieu- paign speeches, being close, com- administration had exceeded all the results of these exercises. rest now, as I am very tired and tenat governor.

"Then," said Alpha, "I will con-

And, telling her aunt to follow they retired to their several rooms.

CHAPTER III.

Bettie was awakened by the sound arguments and be governed by of chiming bells. She arose, and dressing herself, descended to the

dining room. lad, though doing nothing rash or breakfast they went again to the methods, and declared that the

once more as follows: "Well, George," addressing Mr. "you know that place that milestone stands? there was one man in the com- take the trouble to disinter his ness.

Figure was now a man, broad-

was hung. Then suddenly a thought struck me.

"You remember that chemical

Besides these, were on the stand, ex-Governor Johnson Hagood, executive gardens at Columbia and of the columbia

large, open-faced, frank-looking, he meets the people for the first ment. handsome man, who speaks with time. earnestness, directness, and can never be accused of smallness or pressed his admiration of "Barn- favor. During his speech, howwell, the banner county of South Care' " He pointed to the court use and called upon the AUNT BETTIE FINISHES HER STORY. audience and all the voters of Early the next morning Aunt Barwell County to listen to

reason as jurors at the holy panel of justice. He attacked the When they had finished their administration for unbusiness study, where Aunt Bettie began administration was the cause of the depreciation in the value of the State securities. He noted instances of this in the case of bonds. He declared that what Louis Dorn, before dying told the South Carolina , needed was less people that were with him that politics in the administration of State affairs and more busi-

> he (Orr) did not believe the people took some moments to silence. of Barnwell country would bow entire body of the people.

was lit up by a subdued radiance, was organized to search for him. the library, I secured the vial of Gov. Tillman was re-elected. der his administration. which seemed to emanate from the They found him in the next town, liquid you gave me and followed. and if the will of Gov. Tillman A voice asked Governor Shep- Columbia State. prevailed. The speaker attacked pard if he did not say at Greenville Gov. Tillman accused Gov. God and man?" "Is this sound meets at Chicago on June 21st.

"You have not finished, have you prominent gentlemen of this part (Laughter.) This had been a ernor Tillman's early speech resulted about as the former vote, flagrant extravagance. (Laughter.) which he attacked the conduct of except that only one hand went up County Chariman Duncan Gen. McLaurin made a strong the Attorney General's office for in favor of the continuance of the Bellinger introduced as the first speech, different from the usual employing outside counsel at law. up that I must rest. I will tell speaker Col. Jas. L. Orr, anti-order of rough and tumble cam-great expense Yet the pesent The utmost enthusiasm attended pact, logical, ordered and direct. previous administration in the Col. Orr was received with He made a decided impression. empolyment of outside help for hurt the State's credit. He had some applause. The Colonel is a This is his first campaign year and the Attorney General's depart- tried to obey the law and enforce

EX-GOVERNOR SHAPPARD.

Governor Sheppard next spoke. He was received by considerable has very frequently been necessary There were three in the family; then went back to the study and pliments to the ladies, and example applause, but no evidence of dis-

Gov. Sheppard recalled the fact that in 1866 he had come to Barnwell to do what he could by tongue or act to help the people of Barnwell to throw off the Republican yoke. He declared that he was a candidate for Governor of South Carolina. He said that he was a business man, and if there was all considerations, however, white an office in the State which needed supremacy in South Carolina was to be conducted according to busi- of more importance than the ness principles, that office was that winning of offices within the of governor, and he hoped to show Democratic party, and he appealed and calling them anarchists, etc., and Blaine 284. On the 36th ballot He attacked the "tyrant" power standard, was not the man for the happen. Governor Sheppard closed tried to be exercised by Gov- office. Counter cries here arose for with a beautiful peroration. He ernor Tillman and declared that Tillman and Sheppard, which it took his seat amidst considerable might buy the bonds up and make 819 delegates (necessary to a

declared at Greenville that he was Tillman if he were nominated by APPEARANCE OF GOVERNOR TILLMAN.

The speaker was interrupted according to the platform. Col. Orr lar speech. He declared that taxes brought out applause on this point, were higher now than before the had come to Barnwell the fourth stong light in this instance where higher than those of Georgia and cause he liked them better. He he would dictate to and rule the North Carolina without reason. said that he was at Barnwell not to Charleston went up anti-Tillman He attacked Governor Tillman for excite passion but to discuss Gov. Tillman called himself the advocating during his first can-principle. A question to the speaker people of the State would have called attention to the fact that laration that all the arguments of of his office as Governor, he al-"poor man's governor." The poor didacy a reduction of salaries, and from the audience elicted the decordering them to take his body to

The speaker rehearsed Gov- wisdom of abolishing the nen law

The speakers did not object to the employment of, additional the State as long as negro lynchings counsil for this department, it countined?

pard aad against me, because I Gov. Sheppard attacked the seemed demanded a division and recent Democratic nominating extended the time for paying for Sheppard and Tillman counter convention in Columbia for taxes, for which they attack me, refusing to pass a resolution condemning Third Party spirit in hand went up. the State. He said that Gov. Tillman had kissed the rod in Columbia in the Alliance caucus by declaring that if the Allance would not collect his salary unless the not follow him, he would follow

The speaker declared that above before he was through that Gov- for unity among the white peoornor Tillman, according to this ple of the State, whatever might the bonds of the State held by 399 votes. applause, which was followed by Governor Sheppard declared louder and more continued ap-

The complexion of the audience was at this first time demonstrated,

Gov. Tillmam declared that he

He asked what he had done to

When would emigrants come to A hand vote was taken to this

The Governor declared that in regard to expenditures, the people should know that even he could Comptroller put his name to a paper. How could he, Tillman) be

responsible for disbursements? He declared that he believed the purpose of that portion of the assaulting him and his friends widows and orphans, in order that these men (antis and capitalists)

saying that there were laws to impeach the Governor when he got "too big for his breeches," and the trouble with the ring was that he was the only man who had ever

filled the breeches. He turned to Governor Sheppard and laughingly said that he would beat Gov, Sheppard in Charleston this year as sure as there was a free vote and a fair count, though

The Governor said in conclusion

vention met at Cincinnati, June 23d, with 738 delegates (492 necessary to a choice.) Gen. Hancock was nominated by acclamation after the second ballot. Bayard of Delaware received the next highest vote.

In 1884 the Democratic Convention met July 11th, at Chicago with 820 delegates (necessary to s choice 547) Grover Cleveland received 683 votes on the second ballot, Bayard receiving lhe next highest vote. In 1888 the Democratic Con-

and Cleveland was nominated by acclamation without a ballot. CONTRA. In 1876 the Republican Convention met at Cincinnati with 756 delegates (necssary to a choice 376). Rutherford Hayes was nominated on the seventh ballot. He had only 65 votes on first ballot, while Mr. Blaine received 261 on first and 308 on sixth ballot. The

vention met again at St. Louis

opposition went to Hayes on seventh and gave him 384 votes. In 1780 the Republican Conven tion met at Chicago with 755 South Carolina press which was delegates (necessary to choice 378) On first ballot Grant received 304 were doing it to affect the value of Garfield was nominated, receiving

In 1884 the Republican Convention met again at Chicago with The Governor created a laugh by first ballot 3841 and was nominated on the fourth ballot with 541 votes. Chester Arthur received the next highest vote.

In 1888 the Republicans met again at Chicago with 830 delegates (necessary to a choice 416.) Sherman of Ohio received the highest vote for six ballots Harrison of Indiana was nominated on the eight ballot with 544 votes. He received only 80 on the first and 91 on second.

In the Democratic Convention a two-thirds vote is necessary to a that in the conduct of the business choice, while in the Republican a

echoes of editor Gonzales of the self when a question came before at Minneapolis, Minn., on June. him. "Is this right as between 7th. The Democratic Convention"