

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30, 1896.

Judge Gary Sustained.

The Supreme Court of this State has sustained Judge Ernest Gary's decision that Magistrates "have jurisdiction," and announced that "the reasons therefor will be filed later." We must confess that we were in the outset prejudiced against Judge Gary's decision. But after reading his reasons we are satisfied that they are sound, and it may be that the Supreme Judges might not do better than adopt the same, with a little elaboration, as their own.

A Christmas Reminiscence.

As the closing days of the dying year glide swiftly by mid the festive joys of Xmas times, the jingling toys the blazing fireworks the shouting children, the beaming countenances of the older ones, the joy of the joyful advent of the birthday of our King. Oh blissful season Oh happy hour when the hearts of the young and old, blind in the choral glory of a world's jubilee. How sweet kind reader, when the Xmas fires are burning low, when the silent house is softly sleeping dreaming perhaps of the morrow, of Xmas and of Santa Clause how sweet as you gaze on the dying embers on the hearthstone, to fly on the wings of memory to the happy days that were, to exist for awhile in dreamland, and to live again in the scenes of long ago.

21 years ago, I was a pupil of the Georgia Institution for the blind. The autumn winds had died away December's month had well advanced. Already the sound of horns, the blaze of bonfires and the explosion of fire-poppers announced the near approach of Xmas. Eager were our anticipations, subdued and many were our mutual questionings. Brightly dawned that Xmas Eve. So mild the weather, you would almost deem it springtime. So blithe the song of the birds, so genial the merry submissives. But oh! the odor of fruits and sweetmeats that filled the air. What did it mean? It was said that Misses G. and K. had gone down town. It was whispered that they had actually seen Santa Claus. The day was gone. The twilight had faded into night when the bell called us to prayer. Cheerily were the words of the Principal that night. Santa Claus would leave parcels over the chimney. Be strong, ye treasurers!

Mr. W. affectionately dismissed us to rest. I was told that in the past the house was roused on Xmas morn by the merry song of the girls as they marched through the chapel and corridors. On this occasion it was to be different. It was agreed by the members of our orchestra, that we would rise early, and as the girls commenced their song, and march we would astonish them by blasting forth the stirring strains of "Josephine polka." Yes, they were to meet with a great surprise. But did they? O woman, even in the days of thy childhood, how hard it is to out-thieve these.

I said that on the night of Xmas eve, our principal after prayer dismissed us to bed. The bustle of retiring over, in peace the house was silent my roommates seftly sleeping. Vainly I closed my waking eyes, oblivious slumber was to me denied. In meditations sweet I wandered back through the centuries gone. I thought on the star of Bethlehem, that led those eastern sages to the cradle of the infant blest. It seemed that the scales had fallen from my sightless orbs, and through the cloak of darkness, I beheld the light. Oh star of Bethlehem, star of hope immortal, tell many a weary traveler hast thou'te guided home, Pilgrims many and tired hast thou bidden rest. Shine on thou glorious star, shine on till all the millions from their guilt redeemed, bow the knee in worship to the Saviour born.

Through fancy's eye, I saw the distant plain. The blazing watch-fires and the sleeping flocks. The peaceful shepherds meekly standing by perhaps with heavy hearts, conversing of a Nation's woes. I heard with fancy's voice the angel choir, with harp and song to praise attuned, the first Xmas carol on the shores of time, "peace on earth, to men good will. Glory to God in the highest." Thus musing, I huddled the time away, till lost in sweet forgetfulness I slept.

Longere the morning star his course had run, our slumbers ended by the call of Burke's, each rose in haste, and in haste his instrument grasped, and like pale specters, dark and fitting, softly to the chapel stole. There on the stage, the orchestra its position took and stood like guardian sentinels of the night, on the ramparts of some fort besieged. Scarcely one short hour had passed, when hark, at the door a sudden crash. The beating drum, the jingling tambourine the merry shouting of the girls, all told of our secret known. As suddenly our orchestra blasted, but right onward came the girls through the chapel, round and round the corridors, they wended their triumphal way:

happy rivalry amid the crashing jarring chaos of the merry "Josephine," the drums, the tambourines the banjos, my piccolo was heard above the din. Never had I so played before, never shall I so play again. Amid the chaotic morning jubilee, the voice of Burke's rang out. From attic to deepest cellar its echoes rang. It sounded as the yell of the pursuing huntsman, it sounded like the rebel yell. Onward roared the mirthful contest, on with joyous outcry rushed those merry girls. Right lustily was sounded the "Josephine" till the voice of a herald proclaimed a truce. "To the basement, to the basement. Santa Claus has been and left parcels for one and for all." With tumultuous joy, we hurried to the basement, where each from the hand of Miss K a package neat received. On opening there were fruits and sweetmeats found. In each was there a present. Toys for the children, for the older ones handkerchiefs, ties, and things too long to mention here. Forth we sallied to receive the greeting of the rising sun, and to exhilarate in the playground broad, nor returned till the clanging bell announced a breakfast waiting. Patient reader, 'tis not mine that morning feast to describe; suffice to say 'twas an offering of hearts tender and true, their names why mention here? Not now must thou with me that feast enjoy. 'Twas for us children, not for thee. In mirthful converse and with happy hearts, digestions best of aids, we ate, till hunger well appeased, the breakfast hour was passed.

High was the day advanced, almost to noon, when as we children exulting o'er our Xmas toys, basking in the sunshine of that mild December day, the school bell rang, but not to school it called. Each in the school-room on his accustomed bench was seated, Mr. W. between the folding doors. "You are here said he to look in the cover of Fortunatus old." Round the prize-boxes were handed a present to each was given besides. * * * So onward sped those happy hours, each day its sports, each night its merry games. With joyous hearts, with golden deeds ripe, the week rolled by, the old year passed away. But lo, the fire is out the spell is broken, the alluring phantom gone, the beardless youth of long ago, is now a man in the struggling arena of life. * * * Friends of my childhood gone; across the chasm of years to you I send my greeting. Do you like me, dream sometimes of the long ago? of a world that indeed was kind? Does the lamp of hope for ye sometimes burn low? Do the dark lowering storm-clouds overcast your sun? Be strong, ye treasurers!

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