

Anderson Intelligencer.

DEMOCRATIC BARBECUE!

The Central Executive Committee of the Anderson Democracy has determined upon a grand rally of the party at Anderson C. H. on

FRIDAY, 3RD OF NOVEMBER,

and provision has been made for a GRAND DEMOCRATIC BARBECUE, in connection with speeches from distinguished gentlemen from this and other States. It is intended to make this meeting the largest gathering of the campaign, and preparations are making to feed the multitude on a magnificent scale. The following gentlemen have been invited to speak:

- GEN. JAMES CONNER,
- GEN. SAM'L. MCGOWAN,
- JUDGE T. J. MACKEY,
- JUDGE T. H. COOKE,
- EX-GOV. B. PERRY,
- COL. D. WYATT AIKEN,
- COL. JAMES S. COTHREN,
- E. W. MOISE, ESQ.,
- GEN. JOHN B. GORDON, Ga.,
- HON. B. H. HILL, Ga.,
- HON. L. Q. C. LAMAR, Miss.,
- GEN. J. W. RANSOM, N. C.,
- EX-GOV. M. E. BROWN, N. C.

The management of the Barbecue has been entrusted to the following Committee of Arrangements:

- Messrs. B. F. Crayton, Jos. W. Keys, R. S. Bailey, N. K. Sullivan and A. B. Broyles.

The Democratic Clubs of Anderson and surrounding Counties in this State and Georgia are cordially invited to participate in this demonstration.

Further announcement will be made hereafter as to the order of procession and the place selected for the Barbecue.

JAMES A. HOYT,
County Chairman.

THE OAK CLOSET.

Margaret Gray was in some sort an over-pertinent in the household of Judge Wallace. The judge lived in a handsome house in the suburbs of the little country village of Thorndale.

Margaret was left an orphan at an early age, and the judge and his wife had taken her into their house to save her from being thrown on the charity of the town.

They had done their part well for her. They had two children of their own—Alice and Algernon, twins—and Margaret had enjoyed advantages of education in common with the brother and sister.

As she grew older, and began to realize how much she owed the judge and his wife, she felt a desire to be able in some way to make them a return for their kindness, and, as she was a strong, active girl, she soon became very useful about the domestic affairs of the household. Mrs. Wallace was a feeble woman, and very willingly resigned some of her cares and burdens to Margaret, and in due course of time the young girl came to be trusted and depended upon, until, by the time she was twenty, she was really the head of the establishment, although Mrs. Wallace still did the honors in her quiet, ladylike way, and poured the tea and coffee at the head of the table.

Alice had married early, and gone to the far West with her husband; Algernon was finishing his medical studies in a German University, and only the judge and his wife and Margaret—beside a man and a woman servant, who had been with them for years—remained at home.

Some unfortunate speculation, largely indulged in when the judge was young, had encumbered the old estate with a mortgage, and this it was the judge's ambition to discharge. He wanted to leave the place totally free from debt to his son Algernon.

The strictest economy had been practiced for years in the household, with this end in view, and at last the judge held in his hand the money, with which to liquidate the claim.

It was late on Saturday night when he brought it home, and said to his wife, as he swung the little black leather trunk containing it before her eyes:

"Well, Annie, at last we are to be free from debt. There are eight thousand dollars in that trunk, and on Monday I shall pay Jones in full, and we shall burn the abominable mortgage together, you and I, Annie. It will be the happiest day of my life."

"But if anything should happen, William," said Mrs. Wallace nervously. "Do not put the money in some safe place. It has cost us dear enough to scrape it together."

The judge bent down and patted the little woman on the head.

"I am going to put it in the little oak closet, and if by chance a burglar should enter the house, he would never dream of finding anything of value in that little stifed up closet at the head of the garret stairs."

And with a light heart the judge went off to deposit the treasure.

Margaret was sitting in the room darning the judge's stockings when the conversation took place, and of course heard where the money was to be placed, though at the time she gave little attention to it.

The next day John and Susan, the two servants, had a holiday to visit a married daughter of theirs, who resided fifteen or twenty miles away, and as it was in November, and as the days were short, they would not return until Monday night.

And sometime after they set out there came an imperative message to the judge from his sister, saying that she was very ill and desired to see him without delay. Her home was in Shelby, eight or ten miles off, and of course, he lost no time in obeying the summons. He took his wife with him, leaving Margaret alone in the house.

"It is barely possible, Margaret, that we may remain all night. It looks very much like a storm, and in that case we shall certainly stay. And if so, you will better get Sallie Turner to stay with you for company."

But, though Margaret would have liked Sallie's company well enough, she at once decided not to ask for it. Sallie's brother would be sure to come along, and the less she saw of Willie Turner, the better she was pleased. Willie was a honest, industrious sort of fellow, and he was Margaret's most devoted admirer; but, with the usual inconsistency of her sex, she utterly refused to see what was best for her.

The afternoon went slowly away. Margaret read a little, darning a few more of the old-fashioned pairs, played with the black and white kitten, and held the old cat curled up in her lap, like a sleepy cat, and at last it was sunset—time to milk the cows and shut the barn doors for the night.

It was evident enough that there was a storm brewing for the north and west, and that the evening would be a most gloomy one. The sky was dark and ominous, and the east winds sighed drearily in the pine woods back of the house. And indeed, before Margaret had done up the chorns in the barn, the great drops of frozen rain began to fall; and by the time she had eaten her supper and strained the milk, the storm had set in in good earnest.

She closed and barred the door—the windows were already fastened—drew the shutters, and piled the fireplace full of dry hickory. The kitten had gone to

sleep in a corner, and the old black cat to the hearth, blinking her eyes at the cheerful blaze.

Margaret read a little, and dreamed a great deal, as girls of her age are prone to do when left to themselves. She made a very pretty picture, if only there had been some one to see her. Her soft brown hair was unbound, and it rippled to her waist; her fair round face was lit up as delicately pink as the inside of a sea-shell; her brown eyes were dreamy and full of languor; and her red lips were sweet and womanly enough for any true lover to find his rarest happiness in kissing.

Slowly, at length, the old coffin-shaped clock in the corner struck ten. Margaret started up. She had not thought it was so late. The evening had gone off much quicker than she expected it would. It was not so dreadful to stay alone, after all, she said to herself.

She opened the shutter and peered out into the night. It was dark as Erebus, and the wind and rain beat against the pane in a perfect torrent. The judge would not think of returning on such a night.

"Well, Tommy," she said to the cat, "I guess you and I and kitty will go to bed. We must be up betimes in the morning, you know, since there is none but us to do the chores."

As she spoke, she stooped to stroke Tommy; but to her astonishment, she saw that the animal's back and tail were erect—his eyes had changed to a glossy green, and with panther-like tread, he was making his way toward the door which opened upon the cellar stairway.

And while she gazed, Margaret saw with horror, that the latch was slowly rising, and the next moment the door swung open with an ominous creak, and a man stepped into the room. He was a short, thick set fellow, with sandy hair and whiskers, a pale, ferocious-looking blue eyes set far back in his head.

"So-ho, my dear," said he, "you are sole proprietor, it appears; she stood still, but she was naturally brave, and she was proud as well, and would not let this man see that she feared him.

"I have that honor," she said, coolly; "who are you, and what do you want?"

"I trust you will excuse me if I neglect such courtesy. As for business, I am quite happy to inform you about that. I want the eight thousand dollars that the judge brought from Ridgeby last night, and I depend on you to point it out to me."

The indignation blood rushed to Margaret's face, as she answered him sharply: "I will die before I will do as you say."

"You shall have your choice!" He produced a pistol, which he cocked deliberately, and pointed it at her head. "Show me where the tin is, or I will blow your brains out."

Like lightning a varied train of thought passed through the head of the young girl. In an instant, time she thought of a score of plans to evade the rascal, and as soon as entertained, discarded them as impracticable.

There she was, alone and helpless, a weak girl almost a mile from any other human habitation, and in such a storm it was by no means likely that any one would be passing by from whom she could claim assistance.

For a moment she thought of risking everything to escape by the outer door, and, trusting to the darkness and her knowledge of the way, to attempt to reach Mr. Turner's protection.

But the man seemed to divine her thought, for he stepped between her and the door.

"No, my beauty, you can't play that game on me!" he said, with a sardonic smile. "And now I'll give you just three minutes to decide what you'll do. If you show me where the money is, I swear to leave you alone; if you wear to kill you, and trust to luck for finding it without your help."

He took out his watch, and stood regarding it and Margaret, alternately. As she stood there, faint and giddy with fear, a new idea penetrated her brain, and she was just in time to snatch her pocket from him, and to utter, however great, "Come life or death, she must save the money for which her friends had toiled so long and earnestly, and the loss of which would involve them in ruin.

And she thought she saw a way to it, though it would compass her death. "You may have your pistol," she said, calmly. "I will show you where the money is concealed."

"That's sensible, my dear. It's not often that sense and a pretty face go together. But you are an exception. Come, be lively."

She took a candle from the table, selected one of a bunch of keys from a basket hanging on the wall, and bade him follow her. She led him up stairs and opening the door, pointed to a black box in the corner of the closet.

She stepped back for him to enter, but he seized her by the wrist and pulled her along with him.

"I know your game," said he; "you would get me into that hole, and then lock the door on me. Take out that key and fling it down stairs, and then come in with me. I shan't eat you."

She obeyed him literally, and as they stood together in the stinging place, which was scarcely bright enough to countenance the man, Margaret, with a hand which the man had left free, seized on the door and pulled it to. It shut with a sharp click—stun and looked at the same time.

A fierce oath burst from the lips of the burglar. "What do you mean?" cried he. "Hell and furies! I shall suffocate! Open the door, or I will shoot you!"

"Do as you please," said Margaret, defiantly. "The door is sprung, lock, and can only be opened on the outside, and unless some one comes to release us, we shall remain here until we die, which will be only a few hours at the most."

"You she-devil, why did you do this?" he demanded, hoarse with rage. "Don't you know that you will die, too?"

"Certainly; but I prefer death to the ruin of my best friends. If we die here—and we shall without a doubt—the money will be saved."

The oaths and threats and curses of the man were fearful, but Margaret felt no fear. Something above and beyond herself sustained her, and she was happy in the consciousness that her kind would purchase the old home for her kind benefactor.

The close, torpid air weighed upon her like lead. Already had the wretch, who was her companion, sunk stupefied to the floor. All her past life came up before her—she remembered things long forgotten—she saw faces dead and buried, and she heard a muffled voice beneath the grave cloth, and then life and sense faded, and she knew no more.

Judge Wallace found his sister better, but the storm coming on, it was deemed better to remain all night, and early next morning set out for home, accompanied by his wife.

A rivine, in sight of the house, he was surprised to see the shutters still closed, and the chimney giving out no smoke of welcome. At the gate a young man was tying a horse, and the judge exclaimed to his wife:

"Bless my soul, Margaret! He's there! There's no mistaking him. He's ten months earlier than we expected him. But I greatly fear there's something amiss with Mag! She's an early riser, and the shutters are yet closed."

He whipped up his horse, and roared had his long absent son by the hand. The first word greeting her, but eliciting no response, his alarm increased, and after shouting for Margaret at the top of his voice and receiving no reply, with Algernon's help he burst open the door and entered the kitchen.

"Where's she had left it the night before?" he asked, as he left the night before?

for, and the black brands covered the hearth; the chamber door stood suggestively open; Father and son ascended the stairs, and half way up the judge stumbled over the key of the oak closet.

"Good heavens!" he exclaimed; "the key to the closet where I left the money! I greatly fear that something has befallen Margaret!"

He found the closet door locked, and to his repeated knocking there came no response from within.

Algernon applied the key, and the open door revealed a fearful sight. With frightfully distorted, purple face, the robber lay on the floor, stone dead, and the little removed from him, pale and quiet, for no other object than to select a portion of his, contrary to the will of a majority of the people of the State.

Here are the republican managers using the most dangerous and unconstitutional measures, not merely to perpetuate their own power, but to support and re-elect in the Southern States a set of men who have for years kept these communities in turmoil, have robbed them and have misled and misused the poor negro in his own destruction and their selfish advantage. Nothing is more certain than that if the republican party is to continue its league with the Parkers, Kelloggs, Spencers and Chamberlains, it ought to be beaten. No party deserves success or can safely hold power over the country which deliberately continues its alliance with and support of such men. If Gov. Hayes cannot now control his followers, his fellow-leaders, how can he, with the best intentions, be expected to control them after the election? If by silence he now consents to such dangerous and violent interference, he is not fatally committed to it? And is it safe to elect a President who is silent at such a time, and thus consents beforehand to the most extreme policy of the most extreme wing of his party? If not, why should he, the republican party, be so dangerous to the country? The iniquitous habeas corpus and Force bill was defeated with great difficulty two winters ago. But the very men who then favored and urged that monstrous act, and who have ever since regretted that it was not passed, are now the leaders, the controlling managers, of the republican party. If they are successful in November will they not regard their policy as approved, and go on for those four years with Southern legislation whose only consequence would be to create permanent civil disorders over a large part of the Union, to prostrate industry and perpetrate hatred and discord? Will they stop with the South? Will they hesitate hereafter to attempt that in Northern States which now they so reluctantly do in the Southern?—N. Y. Herald.

Whether the negroes are right or wrong in voting for Hampton, we do not profess to have a right to do so; but this federal interference attempts and is meant to deprive them of that right. It not only deprives them, but it also interferes with the rights of those negroes, very considerable in number, who mean to vote the democratic ticket outright. Tilden and his friends are not in the least to be feared; but the federal interference in any of its shapes are felt in the South through the intolerant and lawless republican negroes are encouraged to persecute their brethren who manifest democratic or independent leanings, and these fellows go about very freely and openly, the living and breathing agents of the South, who are even suspected of an intention to do anything but "vote de straight republican ticket." This kind of intimidation is going on now in South Carolina, as it has been carried on in Louisiana, in Alabama, in every Southern State. 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