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**THE MOCKING BIRD.**  
Among the bedtime stories of the nest of the old south, was a beautiful legend telling how the mockingbird absorbed the music of other birds, became the wonderful mimic that it is. It ran like this: "Way back in the world was young, all the birds came together in one vast assembly, to have it decided once for all, which one was the sweetest singer. The owl, being considered the wisest of the feathered folks, was asked to decide, and make the final decision. He snapped his beak a few times, and he forth the stern decree that the bird that failed to sing, should forever be the slave of birds who could sing the most musical of the birds had stepped forward and taken seats in the midst of the others, each one anxious to show what he could do in the way of sweet sounds. The owl had heard of them sing, while he was half-asleep in his doorway, and already a pretty fair idea who among them could sing, and those who only thought they could sing. So he turned his head slowly around, until his big, brown eyes were shining right in the face of the golden-breasted lark, and, with a sudden "hoot-to-hoot," ordered him to step forward and give them a song. She did not wait to be urged, at once, shook out her brown mot-dress, tilted back her head until she could see the sun, opened wide her eyes, and from her swelling throat bubbled a flow of melody. The air seemed to thrill with the lilt and rhythm of the marvelous song. When the last note had died away, and the great assembly sat entranced; the owl forgot under his "hoot-to-hoot," but simply uttered: "For purty of tone, and tiess rendition, we rank you first! If there are others in all this as-

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sembly who can rival the song we have just heard, let them come forward and make the trial." But after they had all sung their best, they only ranked as second, when compared with the lark. When it seemed that all the birds had been to the front and had their chance, and when the meeting was about to disperse, a slim, gray bird, with a manner sweet and shy, came nervously forward, opened wide his throat, but no sound came forth—the poor bird was tongue-tied! "Hoot-to-hoot!" cried the owl, "this is a disgrace to everything that wears feathers! and, my decree is, that for all times he shall be the slave of other birds!" Turning to the lark he said: "To you I give this miserable creature, who fails to utter a note, to be your slave, and do your work, so you will have nothing to do the livelong day, but sing your beautiful songs!" "Sad was the life of that stent gray bird, as he toiled from morning until night catching crickets for his silver-tongued mistress. But all the while she was collecting sticks and grass for her nest, he was repeating over and over again in his head, the wonderful notes that dripped like honey from her beak. One day the lark was seized with a sudden sickness, and was too weak to leave her nest. As she lay gasping and panting for breath, a robin-dreaded flew by, holding in his bill, a twig loaded with ripe, red cherries. The poor lark begged him to give her the luscious fruit, as she was dying from thirst. For one single cherry she offered to give her faithful slave. So the sad, grey bird changed masters, and worked from crack of day until sunset, hunting grubs, and gathering sticks for the red-vested master. But his work was made lighter by the sweet tones, "Cheer up! Cheer up!" of the robin's song. In his heart he treasured all the thrills and quavers of his master's voice; and, sometimes, even at night, would wake to repeat them again and again. The fame of this faithful servant spread far and wide, and he was sold to many masters. But no matter to whom he belonged, while faithfully performing his arduous tasks he listened with delight to the songs he heard, and treasured them all in his memory. The blue-jay bought him and then the wren. The wren traded him to the cuckoo, who in turn, sold him to the crow. Pulling up corn was the hardest work he had ever done, but so "faithful, sweet and kind was he," that the crow taught him how to caw, and how to give the call that meant, "Here's an owl! Here's an owl!" With his ears open to every sound, be it harsh or mellow, he was very happy. At last he came into the possession of a mean old, bad tempered sparrow hawk, who treated him shamefully. When the silent gray-bird failed to catch mice and sparrows for his cruel master, he was beaten and pecked, until it seemed he would die. One day the sparrow hawk thought him dead and flew away. The poor grey bird dragged his weak and bruised body to a little stream, thinking to quench his burning thirst. As the first drops trickled down his throat he opened his mouth to give thanks to the Creator for the cooling draught, when, lo! a burst of melody, such as the world had never heard, poured from the throat, that heretofore, had been silent. His tongue was loosened, and all the songs of all his masters came tumbling over each other, in the wild medley, that has won for him the name of mockingbird. All the days of drudgery and hardship were but golden opportunities for picking up a scrap of melody here and there to add to his repertoire. So every hour of weariness was but another bead added to his rosary of song. On that glorious day when all the woodlands echoed and resounded, with the marvelous song, the birds all wished him for their own, and his latest master, the sparrow hawk, cried out: "He's mine! He's mine! I will have him!" The owl rose up and with many a "hoot," and many a "toot," yelled out, that a bird with so wonderful a gift of song, should be the slave of no one, but forever should be free, and, more than that, he made a decree that whenever the voice of the mockingbird was heard, all should hold their tongues and silently stand, to show their reverence and respect for one who could pass through years of hardships and slavery and still retain a kindly gentle spirit, and a heart free from bitterness. So it happens, to this very day, when a mockingbird sings his song on the summer air, other birds keep silent.—C. A. David in the Greenville News.

**THE IDEAL OF THE SCREEN, TO BE SEEN AT MAJESTIC WEDNESDAY.**  
Mary Pickford, the idol of the screen, is presented in another photoplay that will increase her fame and popularity. If such a thing is remotely possible, in the Famous Players Film Company's four-part photo-adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's great human drama, "Esmeralda," the latest release on the Paramount Program at Majestic next Wednesday.  
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"The Dawn of a Tomorrow" and "The Pretty Sister of Jose" in the former of which "Little Mary" scored one of her greatest screen triumphs since "Tess of the Storm Country." In "Esmeralda" the gifted authoress has cleverly interwoven real pathos, simple and beautiful sentiment and a quaint originality and humor that will reach both the heart and soul of people of all ages and temperaments, which the always charming and wonderful little star interprets in a manner at all times supreme.—adv.

**To Avoid A Breach.**  
The report from Berlin, said to have been made by Ambassador Gerard, that the German government will "go to great lengths" to avoid a breach with the United States over the submarine controversy is easy to believe. There is no thought that Germany desires to enroll this country in the catalogue of her enemies, and there has never been a suspicion that the submarine warfare was directed against Americans, the incidental character of its injury to them being fully admitted though not, perhaps, sufficiently considered in the synthesis of the issue that has reached such high developments between the two governments. It is readily understood that Germany would do much to preserve amicable relations with the United States. But the "certain concessions" Germany is said to be willing to make to satisfy the demands of Washington do not come so easily to mind. It is not a case for concessions at all. The United States is not asking Germany to recede from and insist on policy. On the contrary, no more—though no less—than a compliance with principles already agreed upon between the two governments and to the practice of which Germany has pledged itself in formal declarations is required by the United States. In stating that Germany can not continue her present methods of submarine warfare and retain amicable relations with the United States, President Wilson, in effect says that Germany is not keeping to the code she herself has subscribed to. A reaffirmation of that code and a scrupulous compliance with it is all that is necessary, and no concession is involved in that course. It is possible the German government intends to demonstrate its adhesion to the code for an effective period and, in reply to the "ultimatum" disavow departure from it. There has been a marked falling off in submarine activity during the past ten days, the period of extreme tension between the two governments, and practically a cessation of it since the American note reached Berlin. This may be a coincidence but it may, also be design. If the latter, the German reply may point to the recent record as proof of its keeping of the pledges formerly given, reassert its purpose to maintain them, and admitting error in the Sussex case, as it has probably been prepared to do all along, satisfy all the demands that have been presented by Washington without entering upon any new engagements for restraint of the submarine in the face of strong popular infatuation for that engine of war. Thereafter it would depend, as it has always depended, upon practice rather than upon profession whether or not the two governments can keep upon working terms, with the difference now that the first departure from a rigidly defined conduct would probably operate automatically to break friendly relations. The whole affair is simple enough—save for the jingoism of Germany, among whom, perhaps, are some of the U-boat commanders.

**REMBERTS NEWS NOTES.**  
Remberts, S. C., April 25.—A nice light rain fell here yesterday which will help the crops. Cotton planting is over. Oats are needing a heavy rain, and unless they get one soon will be a failure.  
Misses Ila and Lula Baker are visiting their sister, Mrs. S. B. Hatfield, of Oassat. These popular young ladies are always missed when they go away from home.  
Easter was not observed here Sunday. Mr. Roton, the Pisgah pastor, preached a fine sermon to a large audience.  
The many friends of Mr. H. H. Evans, Sr. in Kershaw county, will be pleased to hear that he is in good health. He is in his 87th year.

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**FOR CONGRESS.**  
Mr. W. F. Stevenson authorizes us to announce that he will be a candidate in the Democratic Primary during the coming summer for Congressman from the Fifth Congressional District, and to thank his many friends for their very substantial support in the last primary for the same position.

**FOR SOLICITOR.**  
We are authorized to announce the name of W. H. Cobb as a candidate for re-election as Solicitor of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, comprising the counties of Kershaw and Richland, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.

**For Sheriff.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County in the Primary election to be held in August, and promise to abide by the result of said primary.  
Ben. P. DeLoache.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules of the coming Democratic primary. I shall appreciate the support of all the people, and if you honor me with this high office, I promise to fill it to the best of my ability.  
H. D. GOFF  
(Better known as Policeman Goff)

We hereby announce the name of E. L. Truesdel of Kershaw for Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.  
Many Citizens.

I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff for Kershaw county and will abide the result of the primary election.  
J. F. BATEMAN.

After considerable thought and meditation, I have concluded to make the race this summer for Sheriff of Kershaw county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary, and I will appreciate the support of the voters of the county.  
Yours truly,  
R. B. WILLIAMS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw county. I will abide the result of the Democratic primary.  
G. C. WELSH.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County in the primary election to be held in August, and if the voters of Kershaw County give me this office I shall fill it to the best of my ability and will try to make them a Sheriff they will be proud of. I also pledge myself to abide by the rules governing the Democratic Primary.  
J. R. BELK.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules and regulations of the county primary.  
W. W. HUCKABEE.

At the suggestion of some of my friends, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw county at the ensuing primary election and will abide the result of the same.  
D. G. FLETCHER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules of the Primary election.  
S. H. MICKLE.

At the solicitation of many friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.  
K. T. ESTRIDGE.

To the Voters of Kershaw County:  
At the solicitation of friends throughout the county, and following my own inclination and ambition, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the high and honored position of Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules and regulations governing the primary. I shall make a clean race, and expect to win on my own merits, and not by the shortcomings of any one. I solicit the support of the voters of my county, and pledge a faithful performance of the duties of Sheriff, should I be so fortunate as to win. Respectfully,  
R. B. HUMPHRIES.

After due consideration I have decided to enter the race for Sheriff of Kershaw county, and if elected I will endeavor to serve the people in such a manner that they will never regret having given me their support. I will abide the result of the Democratic primary.  
J. D. SINCLAIR.

**For Supervisor.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Supervisor of Kershaw County, subject to the rules governing the primary.  
J. ROBT. MAGILL.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Supervisor for Kershaw County. If re-elected I promise the same faithful attention to the affairs of Kershaw county in the future as in the past.  
M. C. WEST.

**FOR CLERK OF COURT.**  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of Court for Kershaw County. I pledge a faithful discharge of the duties pertaining to said office and will appreciate the support of the voters of the county.  
JAMES H. CLYBURN.

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives for Kershaw County. I will appreciate the support of the voters of the county.  
D. T. BLACKMON.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives from Kershaw County, subject to the rules and regulation of the county primary.  
T. K. TROTTER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives for Kershaw County, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary.  
GEORGE G. ALEXANDER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives from Kershaw County, subject to the rules of the primary.  
J. M. MARTIN.

Mr. Editor—Please announce the name of Mr. Norman S. Richards for the House of Representatives. We feel that Kershaw county would be well represented in sending such a man as Mr. Richards to the Legislature.  
MANY FRIENDS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives from Kershaw County, subject to the rules and regulations governing the Democratic party.  
NEWTON KELLY.

**For Superintendent of Education.**  
We, the many friends of Mr. Allen B. Murchison beg to announce him as a suitable candidate for Supt. of Education. Mr. Murchison is well qualified to serve the people of our County in this capacity.  
Friends.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Education of Kershaw County, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary. I am thoroughly competent to fill this position, and if elected I shall do all within my power for the advancement of education in our county and state.  
GROVER C. GASKIN.

Appreciative of the call of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Superintendent of Education for Kershaw County. My preparation and experience fits me for good work and if elected I pledge my best efforts for our educational advance. Your support will be appreciated.  
I. J. MCKENZIE.

The friends of Mr. Thos. H. Young do hereby announce him a candidate for Superintendent of Education. Mr. Young has been teaching for the last fifteen years and we believe he, if elected, will make us a good and faithful Superintendent. Many Friends.

**For Magistrate.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Magistrate of DeKalb township, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary.  
SAM'L N. NICHOLSON.

At the solicitation of many friends and voters throughout the Township I announce myself as a candidate for the office of Magistrate for DeKalb Township and will appreciate the support of the voters.  
D. F. DIXON.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Magistrate for DeKalb Township, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.  
H. M. FINCHER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Magistrate for Flat Rock Township, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.  
FLETOHER M. JORDAN.

**For Township Commissioner.**  
The many friends of Mr. D. S. Trapp do hereby place his name in nomination as a candidate for Township Commissioner for DeKalb Township, and solicit for him the support of the voters of said Township. Mr. Trapp is a thorough-going young man and if elected will make us a good and up-to-date officer.  
Voters.

**Flat Rock Township.**  
At the solicitation of friends I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Township Commissioner of Flat Rock Township.  
J. S. BARFIELD.

We hereby announce Mr. L. B. Ogburn as a candidate for Township Commissioner from Flat Rock Township, subject to the rules of the primary.  
Many Friends.

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