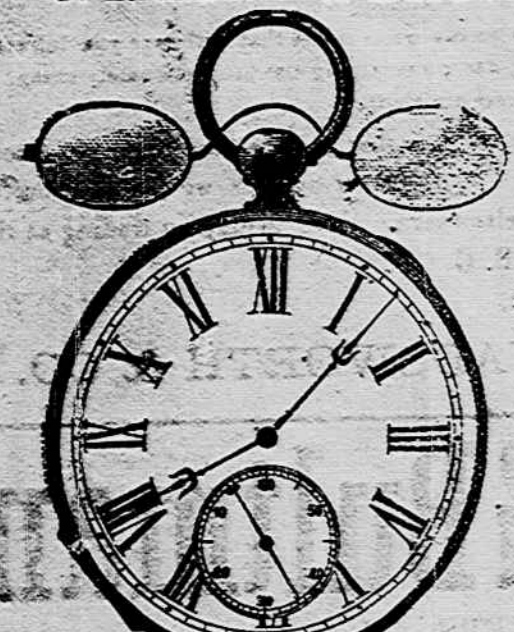


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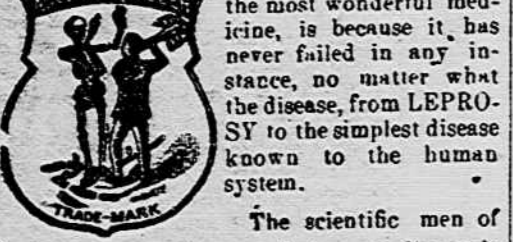
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Has now in store the finest stock of piece
goods ever offered by him, which will be made
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March 26.

THE DESERTER.

By Capt. CHARLES KING, U. S. A.
Author of "Dante's Ranch," "The Colo-
nel's Daughter," "Marion's
Faith," &c., &c.

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CHAPTER II.



Their fellow traveler on the Pullman.
Eryn in the excitement attendant upon
their reception at the station neither Mrs.
Rayner nor her sister could entirely re-
cover from the surprise and pain which the
stranger's singular words had caused.
So far from feeling in the least rebuffed,
Mrs. Rayner well understood from his
manner that not the faintest discourtesy
was intended. There was not a symptom
of rudeness, not a vestige of irritation or
haughtiness, in his tone. Deep embarrassment,
inexpressible sadness even, she read in
the brief glimpse she had of his pallid
face. It was all a mystery to her and to
the girl seated in silence by her side.
Both followed him with their eyes as he
hurried away to the rear of the car, and
then, with hushed breaths, three or four
bursts of unimpeded came bursting in
the front door, and the two ladies,
the baby, and the kitten were pounced
upon and surrounded by a group that
grew larger every minute. Released
finally from the welcoming embrace of
her stalwart husband, Mrs. Rayner found
time to present the other and younger
officers to her sister. As many as half a
dozen had followed the captain in his
wild rush upon the car, and while the
latter, by a lucky chance, was returning
again, after a separation of
many long months, Mrs. Travers found
herself the center of a circle of young
officers who had braved the wintry bliz-
zard in their eagerness to do her proper
homage. Her cheeks were aflame with
excitement and pleasure, her eyes dan-
cing, and despite the fatigue of her long
journey she was looking dangerously
pale, as Capt. Rayner glanced for a
moment from the baby's wondering
eyes, took in the picture like an instan-
taneous photograph, and then looked
again into Mrs. Rayner's smiling face.

"You were wise in providing against
possibilities as you did, Kate," he said,
with a significant nod of the head.
"There are as many as a dozen of them,
or at least there will be when the—"
gets back from the field. Stannard is
out yet with his battalion."

"Oh, yes; we saw them at a station
east of here. They looked like a dozen
and there are ever so many of
the soldiers from. The baggage car is
full of them. Didn't you know?"

"Not a word of it. We have been
here for three mortal hours waiting at
the station, and any telegrams must
have been sent right to the fort. The
colonel is there, and he would have all
arrangements made. Here, Graham!
Foster! Mrs. Rayner says there are a
lot of frozen cavalrymen forward in the
baggage car. Don't they have any more
of them?"

"I'll be there in a
minute, as soon as we've got these ladies
out of the train."

Two of the young gentlemen who had
been hovering around Miss Travers took
themselves off without a moment's delay.
The others remained to help their senior
officer. Out into the whirling eddies of
snow, bounding them up in the big,
warm capes of their regulation over-
coats, the officers half led, half carried
their precious charges. The captain took
his own and his. Capt. Ross escorted
Mrs. Rayner; two others devoted them-
selves exclusively to Miss Travers; a
fourth picked up the Maltese kitten. Two
or three smart, trim looking in-
fantry soldiers cleared the section of
bags and bundles of shawls, and the cen-
tral party was soon within the doorway
of the waiting room, where a red and
black store-groom fervidly welcome. Here
the ladies were left for a moment, while
all the officers again bustled into the
storm and fought their way against the
northwest gale until they reached the
little crowd gathered about the doorway
of the freight sheds. A stout, short,
burly man in beaver overcoat and cap
pushed through the knot of half-naked
speakers and approached their leader.
"We have only two ambulances, cap-
tain—that is all there is at the post
when the dispatch came—and there are
a dozen of these men, besides Dr. Grimes,
all more or less crippled, and Grimes
has both hands frozen. We must get
them out at once. Can we take any
wagon?"

"Certainly, doctor. Take anything we
have. If the storm holds, the driver
won't try to come back for us. We can
make the ladies comfortable here at the
hotel for the night. Some of the officers
have to get back for duty this evening.
The rest will have to stay. How did
they happen to get caught in such a
freeze?"

"They couldn't help it. Stannard had
chased the Cherokees across the range,
and was ordered to get back to the rail-
road. It was twenty below here, and the
start, and they made three days' march
in that weather; but no one seemed to
care so long as they were on the trail.
Then came the change of wind, and a
driving snow storm, in which they lost
the train a matter of course; and then
this blizzard struck them on the back
track. Grimes is so exhausted that he
could hardly hold out until he got here.
He says he never could have brought
them through had Buff Siding just for
Mr. Hayne, he did everything."

"Mr. Hayne! Was he with them?"
"He was on the train, and came in at
once to offer his services. Grimes says
he was invaluable."

"But Mr. Hayne was cast on leave. I
know he was. He was promoted to my
company last month, and he's been
sent to have six months' leave be-
fore joining. I wish it was six years
before joining."

Twenty-One Farmers

From as Many Counties Hold a
Conference on the Political
Situation.

The Past and Present Democratic
State Administration Defended.

Columbia Register April 24.

City of Conventions and Meetings as
Columbia is, the gathering here yester-
day of representative farmers of the
State to hold a conference on the political
situation was in many respects an
extraordinary event.

Though comprising but twenty-one
persons, from that number of the Coun-
ties of the State, and though they came
not by election by any meeting of voters,
but by selection an unofficial committee
of private citizens, the gathering in-
cluded so many gentlemen who have
been prominently identified with South
Carolina affairs, and entitled to be con-
sidered as representatives of the best
and most conservative elements of their
respective sections, that the views ex-
pressed and the action taken at this con-
ference must necessarily have weight
and a direct effect with the people of
South Carolina.

THE INITIAL PROCEEDINGS
of the conference, which assembled in
the old Senate Chamber of the agricul-
tural building, were not marked by any
special feature beyond the defeat, or
abandonment, of the idea first suggest-
ed of holding the meeting with closed
doors.

Besides the members of the confer-
ence and a half-dozen newspaper men,
there were present a small number of
Columbia's citizens, who were in a ten-
dence as spectators.

On motion of Senator Woodward,
Capt. Ireddell Jones of York was called
to the chair, and Col. J. Dargan of
Sumter was elected as secretary.

Senator Woodward stated that from
the views he had heard expressed at
the preliminary caucus he judged it to be
the sense of the most of those present
that the meeting be held with closed
doors; he would therefore make a mo-
tion to that effect.

An interruption here occurred and
Mr. Woodward's motion was not put.
Later, Mr. Smilie Gregg, of Florence,
stating that the conference had nothing
to conceal from the public, moved that
the meeting be held with open doors.
Senator Woodward promptly seconded
this motion and it prevailed.

A CALL OF THE ROLL
from a list of those invited to attend,
showed the following present, twenty-
one in all:

Anderson, J. E. Campbell,
Barwell, L. W. Youmans,
Beaufort, T. R. Heyward,
Charleston, W. G. Hinson,
Chesterfield, A. McQueen,
Clarendon, C. S. Land,
Colleton, D. L. Redish,
Darlington, E. W. Cannon,
Fairfield, T. W. Woodward,
Florence, Smilie A. Gregg,
Hampton, R. T. Causey,
Kershaw, A. H. Boykin,
Laurens, S. P. Byrdington,
Lexington, T. F. Holtzhauser,
Marion, D. W. Bethea,
Newberry, J. R. Davidson,
Orangeburg, J. A. Paterkin,
Richland, J. C. F. Sins,
Sumter, J. Dargan,
Williamsburg, Edwin Harper.

York, Ireddell Jones.

REPRESENTED BY LETTER.
All the other Counties but two, Abbeville
and Marlboro, were reported as
represented by letter, in that those
invited from those Counties had writ-
ten approving the object of the con-
ference and expressing regret at in-
ability to attend, which in some cases,
Chairman Jones stated was due to
sickness or imperative business engage-
ments.

A COMMITTEE ON ADDRESSES.
On motion of Col. L. W. Youmans
of Barwell a committee of five was
provided for to draft a suitable address
to the Democratic voters of the State
expressing the views of the conference.
Messrs. J. Dargan, L. W. Youmans,
Ireddell Jones, T. W. Woodward and
C. S. Land, were nominated from the
floor and appointed on the committee.

On motion of Senator Woodward it
was voted that the conference take a
recess until 5 o'clock p. m., when it
was expected that the report of the
committee on addresses would be ready.

Colonel Dargan invited all the mem-
bers to come before the committee and
submit their views to assist in the
drafting of the address.

So, after barely twenty minutes in
session, the conference temporarily ad-
journed. It will thus be seen that the
opening of the doors did not let the
general public very deeply into the
inner workings of the conference.

AFTER THE RECESS.
When the hour for reassembling ar-
rived, the Senate Chamber was well filled
with an audience of spectators several
times as large as the conference itself,
and the members of which, indeed,
were a little slow in putting an ap-
pearance, by reason of the committee
still having to put the last finishing
touches on the address prepared.

At 5:21 Chairman Jones again called
the conference to order, and Colonel
Youmans read the report of the com-
mittee, which comprised the following
ADDRESS TO DEMOCRATIC VOTERS.

The situation of political affairs in
South Carolina demands the immediate
and earnest consideration of every good
citizen.

As Democrats and farmers seeking no
personal gain, but influenced by strong
convictions as to the good of our State,
we desire to present our views to the
Democratic voters of the State, and ask
for these views a fair and thoughtful
consideration.

The Democratic party is indicted by
some of its own members for favoritism;
for relinquishing its functions to an
obligatory aristocracy; for betraying the
confidence placed in it by the people;
for wasteful extravagance—even for
corruption. Our natural foes have not
alleged so much.

Men within the party, claiming to
represent eighty per cent of the Demo-
cratic voters and having aspirants for
office, have not submitted their claims
according to the usual methods upon
their merits and the judgment of a

The Atlanta Constitution

Accused of Treachery.

The Macon Telegraph prints an in-
terview with Buck, the Georgia Radical
leader, containing the following state-
ments, which the Constitution has not
denied:

Mr. Buck says that far from repelling
recruits he has invited all men believ-
ing in Republican principles to vote the
Republican ticket. He says that in
1888 he brought Mr. McKelvey to
Atlanta to help divide the white and
negro vote on the tariff question, but as
the Democrats continued by drawing
the color line to keep all white men
from voting the Republican ticket, and
"negroes" from voting the Demo-
cratic ticket at the November election
in 1888, he took the issue to the
press.

Seeing that without the independent
press we could not induce protectionists
to vote with us, I undertook to make
terms with the Atlanta Constitution,
then suffering under its defeat in the
free trade Democratic convention, to
come gradually to the support of the
Republican administration upon its
inauguration upon the line of protec-
tion. I had reason to believe that the
paper would do so, and that the indepen-
dent protection Democrats and Republi-
cans would join in opposition to the
regular Democratic party, by which it
was thought we could elect several
members of Congress in 1890. But
this paper could not stand the pressure,
and to recover good standing in its
party, dropped its strong support of
protection and began to howl about
"negro supremacy," and straightway
turned its wrath upon the Republican
leaders.

William D. Jackson, a well known
lawyer of Augusta, Ga., has solved the
jute bagging problem that has agitated
cotton circles so long. Jackson has
perfected mechanical appliances for
making bagging from cotton stalks,
and he has just returned from New
York with a roll of bagging.

Expert men say that it is in every
respect equal to cotton bagging. He
will buy the bare stalks from the farmers
and can afford to pay about \$2 a ton
paid down. An annual stalk yield will
bale three years cotton crop. The
machinery comprises heavy corrugated
rollers with sets of running white,
coring wheels and bagging looms. It
is estimated that in making bagging
from cotton stalks two millions dollars
annually will be put into the pockets of
farmers for what is now cleared from
the field at an expense.

Augusta will be headquarters for the
company's mill and offices, which will
extend from Virginia to Texas. Jack-
son had the roll of bagging which is
exhibited there by the jute bagging
looms of J. C. Todd, Patterson, N. J.,
and he says that experts pronounce it
equal to its jute rival. Cotton stalk
bagging is less inflammable and is only
a shade darker than jute.

Amateur entertainments are given
in places where there are no regular
stages, and in such a case a platform
should be built about three feet high and
ten or more deep, the full width of the
room. Curtains of cotton flannel cast
be used, or large screens, if such are
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