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Who Was It?

We had just finished breakfast. Tom laid down the eggs upon he had been playing with and looked across to mother.

'Aunt Anne, I think I'll take a wife,' he said, exactly as he might have said. 'I think I'll take another cup of coffee.'

'Take a wife?' repeated mother, by no means receiving the information as tranquilly as it had been given. 'What for?'

'Well, I don't know,' answered Tom, thoughtfully, 'it's a notion I've got in my head somehow.'

'All nonsense!' said mother sharply. 'Do you think so?' said Tom doubtfully, but not in the least put out.

'Think so! I know it. What in the world can you want of a wife? After all these years we have lived so comfortably together, to bring home somebody to turn the house upside down! And then, what is to become of that poor child?'

'That poor child!—that was I—red-dened at being brought into the argument in this way, was about to speak for herself, when Tom interposed warmly:

'I'm sure May knows I would never have any wife who would make it less of a home for her; don't you, May?'

'Of course,' said I. 'And I'm sure she knows nothing of the sort, persisted mother, nor you either, Tom Dean. How can you answer for what a wife may take it into her head to do, once you get her fixed here? You can't expect her to forget, as you do, that May has no real claim on you.'

'That I have no real claim on her, I suppose you mean, ma'am? Tom put in for a second time, just as I was getting thoroughly uncomfortable.

'Aunt for all that I intend to keep her—that is added Tom, with one of his short-sighted blinks at me, 'as long as she will stay with me—eh, May? And whoever has anything to say against that arrangement will have to go outside of my house to say it—not that I am afraid of any such result in this case, and on the whole, Aunt Anne, I should like to try the experiment.'

Mother smiled grimly, but Tom was so evidently bent on his 'experiment' as he called it, that she gave up the argument.

'You can dance if you are ready to pay the piper,' she said. 'And pray, how soon do you mean to be married?'

Tom's face fell a little at this question. 'I suppose we shall have to be engaged first.'

'What?' said mother, opening her eyes, 'why, you never mean to say, Tom, you haven't spoken to her yet?'

'Not yet,' answered Tom cheerfully. 'Time enough for that, you know, after I have spoken to you.'

'Well,' she said, 'if it was anybody else, I should say he was cracked, but you never were like other people, and you never will be, Tom Dean. But, at least, you have fixed on the lady?'

'Oh, yes,' answered Tom, 'but if you will excuse me, Aunt Anne, I would rather not say anything about her just yet, for—if anything should happen, it wouldn't be pleasant for either party, you know? With which veiled allusion to his possible rejection, Tom took his hat and left the room.'

Our household was rather queerly put together. There was no particular reason why I should have been one at all; for I was not really related to Tom, nor even to 'mother' as I called her, though I am sure we were as dear to each other as any mother and daughter could be. She was the second wife of my father who, like most ministers, had been richer in grace than in goods, and left us at his death with very little to live on. Then it was that Tom Dean came forward and insisted on giving a home to his aunt and me, whom he had scarcely seen a dozen times in his life. That was exactly the queer Tom Dean, as his friends were fond of saying, 'who never did anything like anybody

else.' I suppose, in spite of his clear head for business, there is no denying that he was whimsical, but I am sure, when I think of his unflinching generosity and delicacy, I can't help wishing there was a few more whimsical people in the world.

Naturally at the time I am speaking, my opinion had not been asked; all I had to do was to go where my mother went, and while she gave her energies to the housekeeping, I gave mine to growing up, which by this time, I had pretty well accomplished. But, perhaps for that reason—for one sees through different eyes at twelve and eighteen—my position in the house had already begun to seem unsatisfactory to me, and the morning's words put it in a clearer light, since it had been used as an argument against Tom's marrying. I knew that mother had spoken honestly, believing that such a step would not be for his happiness, but was not he the best judge of that? I knew him, if reflection should bring him round to her opinion, to be perfectly capable of quietly sacrificing his own wishes for my sake, who had not the shadow of a claim upon him, so it must be my part to prevent his own kindness being turned against him now. Still it was not easy to see how I was going to provide for myself, in case it should become advisable. What could I do? Draw and sing and play tolerably, but not in a manner to compete with the hosts that would be in the field against me. Literature? I had read so many stories whose heroines, with a turn of the pen, dashed into wealth and fame. That would be very nice, only—I was not the least bit literary. I had never even kept a journal, which is saying a great deal for a girl in her teens. The 'fine arts,' though, being out of the question for me, what remained? There was some clerkship or a place in some family, and—and there was Will Bromley!

That may seem like going away from the point, but it is not. It was a matter of fact, but I could see well enough what was going on right under my eyes, and I had a pretty clear idea what was bringing Will to the house so often as he had taken into coming lately. There was a 'situation' then, that would give me the home life I liked best, and felt myself best suited for, but would it answer in other respects? I over-cast the long seam I was sewing twice over. I was so busy trying to make up my mind whether I liked Will Bromley well enough to pass my whole life with him, and even then I had not come to any decision, when I was called down stairs to see Letty Walters.

Letty was the prettiest, I think, of all my friends, and certainly the liveliest. Tom called her 'the tonic,' and used to laugh heartily at her bright speeches. I suppose it was this that made mother fix on Letty as his choice. When I came into the sitting room I found a kind of cross examination going on. It was amusing to anybody in the secret as I was, to watch mother's artful way of continually bringing the conversation round, as if by chance, to bear on what she wanted to know. But it all amounted to nothing, either because Letty was to good a fencer or because she really had nothing to betray. But when Tom came home mother took care to mention that Letty had called.

'What the tonic?' said Tom. 'Too bad I missed her.'

'But for your choice being already made,' said mother, with a covert scrutiny of his face, 'I dare say you might have as much of the tonic as you liked.'

'But I go on the homeopathic principle, you know,' answered Tom, with a twinkle in his eye. After that mother's belief in Letty's guiltiness wavered. Her suspicions were transferred from one to another of our acquaintances, but always with the same unsatisfactory result.

'It passes my comprehension,' she said to me despairingly, one day. 'I am positive I could tell the right one by Tom's face in a minute, and yet I have mentioned everybody we know.'

'Perhaps it is somebody we don't know,' I suggested; 'some friend of his we have never seen.'

'What! a perfect stranger?' said mother sharply. 'Never talk to me, child; Tom's not capable of that!'

I was silent, for I did not want to worry her; but that was my opinion all the same.

The same evening—it was rather more than a week since Tom had hurled that thunderbolt of his at us—mother began about openly.

'When are you going to introduce your wife to us, Tom? I suppose you have come to an understanding by this time.'

'Oh, there's no hurry,' Tom said as he said before, but this time he did not speak quite so cheerfully. 'The fact is,' he continued with a little hesitation, 'there is a rival in the case.'

'A rival?' repeated mother, with unfeeling briskness.

'Yes, a young fellow—yonger by a good deal than I am,' and Tom's face assumed a doleful look. 'He is always there now. I confess I don't see my way clear; I am waiting for her to make up her mind.'

'And she's waiting, most likely, for you to make up yours,' said mother, forgetting in her propensity to fight matters that she was playing the enemy's game.

'There's something in that that never occurred to me,' said Tom, his face brightening. Mother saw her mistake and made a counter move at once.

'But the ways of my time are old-fashioned now; young ladies, now a days take matter into their own hands. If she cared for you, you may be pretty sure she wouldn't have waited until this time to let you know it—that is, I judge by the girls I have been in the habit of seeing, but if this one is a stranger to me—' (here mother riveted her eyes on Tom's face; 'oh dear, my unfortunate words!') 'If she is an entire stranger I cannot pretend to form any opinion of her, of course.'

'Of course,' repeated Tom, absently.

'Not that I have any such idea,' resumed mother, growing warmer; 'I have again said and again, that to bring a perfect stranger under this roof is not my opinion of you, Tom.'

I felt mother's words like so many pins and needles, for Tom was looking meditatively across at me, and though that was just a way of his; it seemed now as if he were reading in my face that the opinion was mine and that I had been meddling in what did not concern me. I felt myself for very vexation getting redder every moment till it grew intolerable.

'It is so worn here,' I said, for an excuse, turning toward the French window, 'I am going out to get a breath of air.'

I went out into our little strip of garden ground; Tom followed. I thought I should never have a better opportunity to say what I had in my mind to say, so I waited for him by the bench under the old pear tree. 'Sit down here, Tom,' I said, 'I have something to say to you.'

'Have you?' said Tom; 'that's odd, for I—well, never mind that just yet. What is it, May?'

'Tom,' I said, still surer that he had misjudged me and more resolved to set him right, 'I want a place.'

'A place?' repeated Tom, puzzled as well he might be by this sudden and indefinite announcement, 'what kind of a place?'

'I don't know,' I said, for indeed my ideas were of the vaguest. 'I thought you might know, being in the way of those things. Now pray, Tom, I went on quickly, 'don't fancy I am disinterested, or—or anything of the sort; the truth is, ever since I left off school I have wanted something to do, and had it in my mind to speak to you about it.'

With this I looked at Tom, fearing he might be vexed, but he did not look vexed, only preoccupied.

'I do know of a place as it happens,' he said after a while, 'only I'm not sure how it would suit you.'

'That's soon seen,' said I. 'What is it like?'

'Well, it's a sort of general usefulness—' 'Why it must be run errands,' said I, laughing. 'And where is it, Tom?'

'Well,' said Tom, hesitating again 'its with me.'

'How very nice!' I exclaimed. 'How soon can I have it?'

'The sooner the better, so far as I am concerned,' said Tom, and with that he turned and looked at me, and directly I met his eyes I knew

all in a moment what it was he meant, and I knew, too, both that I could not have passed all my life with Will Bromley, and why I could not.

I am sure Letty Walters, who interrupted us just then, must have thought my wits were wandering that evening, and indeed they were, for I was completely dazed with this sudden turn things had taken. But Tom, who had the advantage of me there, took it quite coolly; and laughed and talked with Letty just the same till she went away.

'Wasn't that Letty Walters with you a while ago?' she said as we came up.

'Yes,' said I, with a confused feeling of explanation of something being necessary, 'she just came to bring the new crochet pattern she promised me.'

'H'm!' said mother, as much as to say she had her own ideas as to what Letty had come for.

Tom had been wandering about the room in an absent sort of fashion, taking up and putting down in the wrong places all the small objects that came in his way. He came up and took a seat by mother. I became of a sudden very busy with the plants in the window, for I knew he was going to tell her.

'Wish me joy, Aunt Anne,' said he, 'it's all settled.'

'Settled is it?' said mother in anything but a joyful tone. 'So it's as I suspected right along. Well, you have my best wishes, Tom. Perhaps you may be happy together, after all; I'm sure I hope so.'

This wasn't a very encouraging sort of congratulation, and Tom seemed rather taken aback by it.

'I'm sorry you're not pleased,' he said after a pause; 'I had an idea somehow you would be.'

'I don't know from what you judged. But, there, it's no use crying over spilt milk. You'll be married directly, I presume. I must be looking for a house,' and mother stroked her nose reflectively with a knitting needle.

'What for?' said Tom. 'I thought of keeping on here all the same.'

'I never supposed otherwise,' said mother. 'Of course I did not expect to turn you out of your house.'

'But what is the need of looking out for another, then?'

'Why, for myself.'

'For yourself?' repeated Tom, in a tone of amazement. 'Going to leave us—just now! Why, Aunt Anne, I never heard of such a thing.'

'Now, Tom,' said mother, speaking very fast and making her knitting needles fly in concert, 'we might as well come to an understanding at once on this subject. I am fully sensible of your past kindness—now just let me finish—I say I appreciate it, and have tried to do my duty by you in return as I hope I shall always be ready to do. I wish all good to you and your wife, and shall be glad to help her if I can, but to live in the same house with her is what would turn out pleasantly for neither of us, and once for all, I can't do it.'

'Aunt Anne,' said Tom, pushing his chair back and staring in mother's excited face, 'either you or I must be out of our wits.'

'It's not me at any rate,' retorted mother, getting nettled.

Amusement and a certain embarrassment had kept me a silent listener so far, but there was no standing this; I tried to speak, but could not, for laughing.

'I think you are all out of your wits, together,' said mother, turning sharply. 'What ails the child? It's no laughing matter.'

'You don't understand each other,' I gasped; 'it's not Letty—oh—oh dear!' and relapsed again.

'Not Letty?' repeated mother, turning to Tom. 'Then why did you tell me so?'

'I never told you so,' said Tom. 'Why, yes you did,' persisted mother. 'You came and told me you were going to be married.'

'Yes, so I am,' said Tom, still at cross purposes.

'Now, Tom Dean,' said mother, rising and confronting him, 'what do you mean? Who is going to be your wife?'

'Why, May, of course,' answered Tom.

'May! and then after a pause of inexpressible astonishment, it was mother's turn to laugh. 'Do you mean to say, Tom, it was that child you were thinking of all the while?'

'Why, who else could it be?' said Tom, simply.

'Well,' said mother, 'I ought to have remembered you never did anything like anybody else. But still, why in the world did you go to work in such a roundabout way?'

'I wanted to see how you took my idea,' said Tom.

'And how do you suppose we were to guess what your idea meant, May?' said mother.

'Who else could it be?' repeated Tom, falling back on what he found an unanswerable argument. It was no use talking to him. Mother gave it up with a shake of the head.

'And you won't want another house then, Aunt Anne?' said Tom suddenly. That set mother off again; Tom joined in with her, and altogether I don't think we ever passed a merrier evening than the one that made us acquainted with Tom's wife.

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For Congressman for the State at Large, HON. JOHN S. WISE, Of Richmond.

For Congress 9th District, CAPT. HENRY BOWEN, Of Tarzwell.

LIBERAL READJUSTER PLATFORM.

WHEREAS, the Readjuster party of Virginia, by its own victory of last year, interested by the people with the duty of reorganizing the government and policy of the Commonwealth, upon the advanced line dictated by the changes of the past and the necessities of the present, and

WHEREAS, the fruits of that victory have not been fully realized; and we, the Readjusters of the Ninth district, recognizing the fact that a great revolution cannot be completed in a single year, and that therefore its work should not be abandoned to those who have stubbornly resisted its consummation; the right to change the administration of State affairs carries with it the obligation to see that the changed condition be allowed to remain in operation, at least, until it be fairly tested.

We realize that the Bourbon Funder party, having admitted the failure of its own measures, to satisfy the public necessity, is now challenging our right to have the measures and the policy of the Readjuster party submitted to the test of trial. If the Bourbons are successful in their efforts, the government of Virginia and its representation in national affairs will be returned to those under whose care sectionalism flourished, public education languished and the freedom of elections was destroyed—in whose hands the sovereign power of taxation was divided between the State and commercial speculators, and the great charities of the Commonwealth abandoned and made secondary to the insatiable demands of brokers and money speculators.

WHEREAS, the Readjusters of Virginia are unalterably opposed to the Sectionalism of the Bourbon party in national affairs, and realizing the purposes of President Arthur as indicated in his messages to Congress to adopt a national policy for the government of the country, thereby giving us one Union and one Government for that Union and securing the restoration of our Southern States, and guaranteeing our Southern citizens equal rights and privileges under the government as wise, generous and patriotic and as such, fully deserving of approval, therefore be it

Resolved, That the said indications and acts of the President of the United States meet our hearty and unqualified support, and that we cheerfully accept his course in the past as a sufficient guarantee of the future policy of his administration.

2nd. That we endorse and extol the course of the true and tried Readjuster Liberals in the late session of the general Assembly, and condemn the treachery of those who were elected as pledged champions of our principles and measures, and afterward deserted our cause and league with our enemies to undermine those principles and to defeat the fulfillment of those measures.

3rd. That we believe in the doctrine of protection, and therefore favor a tariff that will build up our home industries and protect our labor from competition with the pauper labor of foreign and Kingly governments; that will encourage the investment of capital in Mining and Manufacturing and thus lead to the construction of railroads and the speedy development of our mineral resources.

4th. That we favor a total abolition of the entire internal revenue system of taxation.

5th. That we heartily endorse John S. Wise as our candidate for Congressman at Large.

6th. That the delegates to this convention hereby pledge themselves as well as the candidates who may be placed in nomination before this convention, by any of said delegates, to support the nominee of this convention.

GEN. MAHONE AND READJUSTMENT.

Funderism tries to flatter itself with the belief, and it tries to make others believe that Gen. MAHONE is the life and soul of Readjustment, that the principles we advocate and our party would surely die if natural death should fall upon the General. But this is not so. Gen. MAHONE is great as a political leader and organizer. He seems to have a peculiar aptitude for winning a devoted admiration from men who esteem him. Another evidence of his superiority is that he makes enemies bitter and unrelenting. It is only insignificant common place or very modest people who never have foes. We are willing to recognize Gen. MAHONE as the greatest political leader of the century, and give him full credit for what he has done, in organizing our party and conducting it to repeated victories. But if Gen. MAHONE should die the principles of the Readjuster party would live and perfect the work for which the party has been called into existence. Under the inspiration and direction of our able leader these principles have been brought suddenly before the political world crowned with laurel wreaths and resplendent with glory. Under his skilled leadership, the people of Virginia, the humble masses, the producers, who have for years been held under foot by a bloated, corrupt and inefficient political party, have risen up, asserted their rights and now controvert our State in the interests of good government and for the future prosperity of our section. For this we accord him due praise. For this we commend and love him. But even without MAHONE, Readjustment principles would assert their power and Bourbonism would die.

SEE that you are properly Registered so that you put in a vote the Readjuster candidates on the 7th of November.

REMEMBER.

Don't forget that the Readjuster party has given you prosperous free schools, where your children can be educated; Do not forget that Funderism would have destroyed the public schools by keeping alive the tax-receivable coupon and diverting the funds dedicated by the constitution to free education into the pockets of the bondholders. Remember that those men, MASSEY and FULKERSON, who are now running as the assistants of Funderism used to tell of those things and abuse the enormities of Funderism. They now run with the Funders and want you to vote for them. Remember that Readjustment will give to the people of Virginia free suffrage, and that Funderism fought to keep a price upon it as long as there was any hope of doing so.

Remember that the Readjuster party has reduced the tax on property twenty per cent. and relieved the State from the payment of thirteen millions of unjust debt.

Remember that since the Readjuster party gained control, capital has been flowing into the State, our resources are being developed, money can be borrowed at a living interest and peace and prosperity prevail in our borders. Tell Funders these things when they try to deceive and delude you with the false cry of "democracy."

If you have not registered do so at once. You can register at any time between now and ten days before the election. Do not fail to register so you can vote on the 7th of November for WISE and BOWEN, a free ballot, free education and honest government.

FULKERSON says he has not deserted the Readjuster party and yet he abuses our leaders, our policy and principles worse than any Bourbon-Funder we have ever heard speak. He is a disappointed man. He is mad, and his bitterness sticks out so plainly that the people will have but little confidence in his assertions.

FROM every quarter we receive favorable intelligence for our cause. The people are no longer to be deceived by the false cries of Bourbonism. They see what Readjustment has done for our State, and the conduct and policy of our party will be ratified on the 7th of November by an overwhelming majority. Let every Readjuster do his duty.

HERE is the ticket the Readjusters of the ninth district will vote:

FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE, CAPT. JNO. S. WISE.

FOR CONGRESSMAN NINTH DISTRICT, CAPT. HENRY BOWEN.

For the amendment to the Constitution which restores free suffrage.

The Issues of this Canvass. What are They?

(Communicated.)

The Tariff, Internal Improvements and Internal taxation are the three principal questions of a National character, involved. As to the first, Virginia is beginning to erect manufacturing and open mines, and is as much interested in a protective Tariff as Massachusetts is. But as our laws operate equally all over the United States, no Tariff act can be passed that will not benefit Va., just as much as the same can possibly benefit Massachusetts, and all the efforts of the Southern Bourbon Democracy to make it a sectional question, are mischievous and nonsensical. All of the States are interested alike, Southern and Western as well as northern and Eastern.

The improvement of our rivers and harbors also benefits each and every State, but it is only right and proper, that there should be system and equality among all, in the appropriations for Internal Improvements.

The liquor and tobacco tax, if necessary for the support of Government and to pay pensions and the interest on the public debt, should be continued. If however such is not the case it is simply a question of expediency whether to abolish the taxes on liquor and tobacco, or repeal the taxes on sugar, salt, woolen goods, iron &c., &c., so as to benefit the persons who use these latter articles and lower the prices of them to consumers, instead of lowering the price of a drink of liquor and thus make drunkenness more common, and also lower the price of a "plug" of tobacco or a cigar, in order to increase the consumption thereof, or lessen the annual cost thereof to the users of the "weed." These are practical issues of a National character to be acted upon by the men composing the next House of Representatives.

Another National question, or one partaking of a National character that has been brought in as an issue in this election, is: shall Virginia and her people accept the profers of good will and friendship made to us by President Arthur and his constitutional advisers; or shall we spurn those offers with the cry of "Star-wart radicalism," the "bloody-shirt" waved over us—"negro rule" &c., &c.? Is it better to have the ill will of the dominant party and the government it has established, than their friendship? The Bourbon Democracy and its new converts say, it is best to have

their ill will than their friendship. If Massey, Fulkerson, O'Ferrall, Geo. D. Wise Dezenoirff &c., &c., who are candidates for Congress, tell the people that it is best to have the country rather than the favor and friendship of the Government, it is for the people to decide whether these men will be proper representatives of our interest or not, to see to it, that they all stay out of Congress. "Anything to beat Mahone, the tyrant, the ruler, the Boss" of the Readjusters"—has been lugged into the canvass, particularly by the soreheads and regulars, who are candidates for Bourbon-Democratic support, but the question is asked what has to do with this election any more than the debt question? The Liberal Readjuster party favors a free ballot, free schools, low taxes, protection to our industries, friendly relations with the Federal Government &c., &c., and all of our candidates stand upon the Readjuster platform as against Funderism. The people can choose between them and the Funder "hirelings" who oppose them.

Some of the statements of my last communication having given offense to some persons who were not referred to or even alluded to therein, I only have to say that I claim the right to speak of public men and their public statements affecting the party I claim to belong to and its honored leaders, especially those who are candidates; in language more courteous but equally as decided as that used against us by such candidates. That is all. WASHINGTON.

Mr. Parr's Statement.

The following speaks for itself, and shews Massey in his true light:

PATRICK COURT HOUSE, July 4, 1882. Editor of the Whig.

A sense of duty, if not of public duty, impels me to make this statement: I went to Richmond a member of the House of Delegates from Patrick, Mr. John E. Massey's political and personal friend. He was my choice for the United States Senate inside of the party and its caucus, and during the active canvass of members at Richmond preceding the caucus nomination, and when all manner of efforts (as was generally known) were put on foot by Mr. Massey and his partisans to secure a sufficient number of the party to leave the caucus and to join the Bourbon-Funders to elect him, I saw Mr. Massey frequently one evening, just preceding the caucus nomination, I met Mr. Massey at the door of the tea-room of the American. After assuring me in pleasing terms of his confidence in my friendship and my partiality for his candidacy, he said: "Help me all you can, and if you need any money you can get it; you can get as much as five hundred dollars if you want it." I was so startled and confounded at this suggestion that I made no reply, and left him immediately. I really felt so humiliated in my own esteem to have been thus approached that for some time I did not mention this matter to any one.

When Mr. Massey came to insist upon his nomination to the Auditorship upon his own arbitrary terms, and when the atmosphere was pregnant with all manner of suggestions as to bribery of members—when a committee of the Senate was engaged in an investigation of the conduct of some of the Senate against whom were charges of an attempt to bribe members, I made known to Mr. Amos Dickerson, the member from Floyd, what Mr. Massey had said to me in the five hundred dollar matter, giving him the case and circumstances as previously stated.

Mr. Dickerson promptly said he would abandon Mr. Massey; that he would not give his support to any man who would thus approach a member of the Legislature.

Subsequently, and during the tedious contention over the Auditorship nomination Mr. Massey hearing that Mr. Dickerson had abandoned him, called on Mr. Dickerson to know why he was no longer standing by him. Mr. Dickerson frankly gave Mr. Massey the reason by telling him what I had made known to him in the matter of the five hundred dollars.

Mr. Massey denied that he had offered anyone any money. On being so advised by Mr. Dickerson, I went with him to Mr. Massey's office, and there, to Mr. Massey's face and in the presence of Mr. Amos Dickerson, repeated the statement I had made to Mr. Dickerson, of his (Massey's) proposal to me, in effect—"Help me all you can, and if you need five hundred dollars you can get it."

Mr. Massey then and there admitted to having spoken to me, but said his purpose was, as I was a poor man, to offer me money. My reply was that I did not understand why he should, at such a time, offer to lend me money; I had not intimated to him or to anyone else that I wanted to borrow any money. I believe now, as I did then, that Mr. Massey intended to bribe members to vote out of caucus and vote with the Funders to elect him to the United States Senate.

I make this statement because Mr. Massey is disposed to cast reflection upon the members of the Legislature by saying in his speech at Charlottesville that if he had all the money that had been used in this Legislature he would not want to work any more while he lived. I can only say that Mr. Massey is the only man that ever offered me any money in Richmond. I think his speech at Charlottesville coming from him is in bad taste.

EDMOND PARR, Member House of Delegates, Patrick County, Va.

REV. AMOS DICKERSON'S STATEMENT. I have read the foregoing statement of Mr. Parr; it is correct of my own knowledge, as it relates to me in that of my interview with Mr. Parr and of my conversation with Mr. Massey, and it correctly gives what passed when I went with Mr. Parr to see Mr. Massey about the five hundred dollars.

AMOS DICKERSON, Member House of Delegates, Floyd County, Va.

Enrich and revitalize the blood by using Bepw's Iron Bitters.

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DANCING IN A CATHEDRAL.

Curious Religious Ceremony Which Was Approved by the Pope.

Among the early Christians, as also the pagans, dancing has constituted a part of the religious ceremonies. The practice of dancing in churches was looked upon with favor in France until the twelfth century, and in Spain, in this very nineteenth century, it forms part of the Easter Sunday ceremonies at the Cathedral at Seville. Lady Louisa Tenison traveling in these parts, speaks of them as being most singular and quite peculiar to Seville. The principal actors are boys who are placed in the open space in front of the altar, five standing on each side opposite to each other. They begin a slow movement, singing hymns and keeping time with their castanets. A dignitary, disapproving of the custom, tried to stop them, but this so enraged the authorities that they suddenly slipped off the boys to Rome, so that the Pope might judge for himself. His holiness saw nothing against it, and continued the privilege, allowing them to dance, with their heads covered, before the sacrament, and this is done to the present day.—Sunday Magazine.

A Deadly Duel Among Cowboys.

St. Louis, Sept. 22.—A special from Denver, Col., giving the particulars of a six-sided combat between cowboys has just been received here. George Howard owner of a herd of 3,000 and John Keeley, owner of a herd of 4,000, were driving eastward in company from Arizona. North of Trinidad, Col., on the plains the two herds were to separate. Howard was to take the old Santa Fe trail to Kansas city, and Keeley was to take the northward trail to Denver. On the route accidental exchange of cattle had been made, and Howard insisted upon having his stock out, but was unwilling to deliver Keeley's and it was finally agreed to settle the matter by a battle, in which six picked men from each party participated. At the first fire four men were instantly killed, George Lester, of Keeley's party was shot through the breast. One of Howard's men fell with a ball through his head, and two others of the same party were shot through the heart. Dismayed, the Howard party, with the exception of their employer, fled to their camp. Keeley then read up to Howard and proposed that they should fight it out. Howard declined saying that he understood the matter to have been settled according to the terms of the battle made before-hand. This settled the matter, and an equitable exchange of cattle was then made. The dead were buried by the other men of both parties, and the drovers with their herds in charge separated for their respective routes.

Every man who enters a party caucus is supposed to enter it with the intention of acquiescing in its decisions and being bound by them if he remains in it. He is bound, however, only in honor, not with written pledges; and when discussion has ended and action has been taken, he still has the right to announce that he will withdraw from the caucus and not be bound by its acts. This right he never surrenders.—Dispatch.

The above is a new doctrine, especially invested for the "Big Four." Every gentleman—every man of "honor and honesty"—who goes into a caucus or convention is held to be bound by its action taken while he is in it, whether he remains in it or not. It has heretofore been held—and is now held by all reputable authorities—that any man who goes into a caucus or convention to claim its decision and power as to men and measures, if he wins, but to defy these, if he loses, in a dishonorable person, unfit for association with good and true men. Moreover, whenever a man accepts the nomination of a party for the Congress, or for the Legislature, and is elected as a representative of that party by its constituents, he is held in honor bound to abide by the decision of the party caucus, whether he actually goes into the caucus and participates in its action, or not. So men, as witnesses, are expected and required to tell the truth, whether they swear to do so, or not; but an oath is exacted of all alike—the honest and truthful, as well as the dishonest and untruthful—in hope that rascals may be restrained by the solemn adjuration.

There are fellows now in the penitentiary for perjury who are living witnesses to the necessity of a legal oath; and Lybrook, Williams, Newberry, and Hale are howling instances of the necessity of the pledge recommended by the Readjuster State Committee last year, and ratified by the people in nearly everyone of their county and district conventions. In several cases where the pledge was not exacted (taking the nominees "on honor") the Readjusters have had cause for keen regret.—Whig.

When Dautel appeared on the stump for Massey the last ray of hope left the Masseyites.

Now let Daniel take Dawson and Massey by their hands as he did Derick and Koane, and parade before the public and recite his old speech about good men of both parties and races. Daniel won't do.—He has learned by experience. They should keep him in the back ground. He will kill any party or candidate.—Whig.

Springdale Whiskey has a world wide reputation and can be had of J. Rosenblum, Baltimore, he being the exclusive patentee and proprietor of that celebrated brand. For sale by John Kavanagh, at Virginia Hotel, and by Bamb Brothers, Harrisonburg, and for sale by R. D. Candler, Rural Retreat.

All Over the South.

Selma, Ala., keeps her chicken coop in Tennessee.

A nickle is good for two stalks of sugar-cane in Lake City, Fla.

Preparations for the electric light at Montgomery, Ala., will be completed in about four weeks.

Land is in great demand in Loudoun county, Va., and it is very difficult to find a farm for sale.

The Granby street Methodist Church, Norfolk, has just received a very large new pipe organ.

The street railroad in Galveston is completed and new water pipes have been laid in the principal streets.

The comptroller of Texas recently paid into the treasury \$23,000 to the account of the drummer's tax.

Before the close of the year a dozen fine brick business houses will be built in Water Valley, Mississippi.

Savannah, Ga., has hopes of future profit from phosphate rocks in the beds of neighboring streams.

A large quantity of counterfeit silver coin has been put in circulation in Elbert and Hart counties, Ga.

The Pine street Baptist congregation, of Richmond, are building a new church, and their old one is to be sold at auction.

Ninety-two thousand and twenty-two pounds of dried fruit have been shipped from the depot at Barnesville, Ga., this season.

W. R. Johnson, of Lee county, Ark., made this year \$1,500 worth of oats on the same land that produced last year \$365 worth of cotton.

The people of Lynchburg, are trying to hasten the new numbering of streets and houses in order to secure the free postal delivery system.

Cincinnati capitalists have examined the water power near Barton Springs, Texas, with a view of establishing a cotton factory.

Ground has been broken at Dayton, Rockingham county, Va., for the erection of a large building that will be used as an organ factory.

There are twenty-two buildings going up or being repaired in Mobile and the Register calls attention to the fact as an evidence of the city's steady growth.

The Lynchburg Manufacturing Company have sued the Norfolk and Western railroad to recover damages sustained at the burning of the depot building.

The taxable property of Orange county, Fla., this year amounts to \$2,600,000, and is a gain over last of a little over \$600,000.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of Florida making all railroad property in the State liable for taxation will add about five million dollars to taxable property.

The citizens have flanked the municipal authorities of the city of Anderson, S. C. They pitch their tents outside of the city limits, and thus avoid paying the incorporation tax.

The Lynchburg papers say that a large amount of the Lynchburg and Richmond flour is finding its way to South America, where it stands the climate better than any other flour made.

Within the last three months the cotton factory at Prattville, Ala., has manufactured 515,561 yards of cloth, being 43,441 more than has ever been manufactured in the same time before.

Fort Worth Texas, is decidedly in favor of free schools. Out of a population of 13,000 there were but 18 negative votes on a proposition to levy a tax sufficient to maintain six schools.

A Tallahassee paper says that some of the large land owners in Leon county, Fla., have secured the services of a surveyor for the purpose of cutting up their large plantations into 40 acre tracts.

The rise in the Savannah river at Augusta, Ga., is said to have caused the planters in the river for thirty miles below the city to loose fully 200,000 bushels of corn, which will be unfit to even feed to hogs.

The Selma (Ala.) Times tells of a negro, Frank Vaughn, had his foot mangled between two flat cars near Marion Junction, while trying to board the train the other day, but whose pedal extremity was so flat and hard that it threw the train off the track.

In summer or winter, in heat or cold, day or night, the favorite delicacy with the southern negro is Washington pie. Watermelon comes and go, buffalo fish loses their attractiveness, pickled hog's feet have their seasons of disfavor, but Washington pie never.

There has been a large growth in the tobacco brokerage business in this city in the last few years. The larger amount of tobacco sold goes through their hands. They are a convenience to buyer and seller we think. The business could be largely augmented by advertising. To this feature they do not pay sufficient attention.—Lynchburg Advance.

A colored baby in Warnersville, N. C., was found last Saturday with a large rattlesnake around its neck. The mother had gone off to do some washing, and had fallen asleep near the door of the cabin, and when discovered by a neighbor was in the coils of a monster snake. On being discovered the snake uncoiled itself and made its escape, and the child was not hurt.

May the good work begun by St. Jacobs Oil continue until rheumatism and neuralgia have been banished from the earth.—Albany (N.Y.) Press and Enquirer.

Sugar Refinery Burned.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25.—The Franklin sugar refinery of Harrison, Havermyer & Co., an immense brick structure at Front and Almond streets, was partly destroyed by fire this morning. The fire broke out at 5:15 a. m., and although three alarms were rung it was not gotten under control until the block bounded by Delaware avenue, Swanson, Almond and Bainbridge streets was destroyed. This block contained two large buildings, that facing on Delaware avenue being a mould building three stories high, and that in rear of the mould house and extending to Swanson street, being the new building called the filler house. These buildings were filled with sugar in process of manufacture and ready for delivery, and both structures with their contents, were destroyed. The loss will probably reach half a million dollars. The centrifugal house and boiler houses in the block from Swanson and Penn streets and Almond to Bainbridge streets were saved.

Blaine was knocked in the head forever by the nomination of Folger, for Governor of New York. Maine is the extreme Northeast State which never has furnished, and never will furnish a President of the United States, nor a nominee for that office. The position of that State utterly precludes the idea; and if Blaine was twice the man he is, he could never be President by nomination and election to that office, unless he should move to some other State.—Whig.

Go to IRON & CO., to get the finest Tobacco and Cigars in town.

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At BRUCEVILLE with R. & D. R. R. for the South.

At LYNNCHBURG, with Va. Mid. R. R. to and from the South and North, and with Richmond & Albemarle R. R. for Buchanan, Clifton Forge and C. & O. Ky. points.

At ROANOKE, No. 11 makes close connection with the Shenandoah Valley R. R. Northward.

At BRUCEVILLE, with East Tenn. V. & G. R. R. to Knoxville, Dalton, Chattanooga and all points South, and Southwest.

No. 1 has Leighton Sleepers from Luray to Memphis and from Lynchburg to Knoxville. No. 3 has Pullman Sleeper to Houston and San Antonio, without change and from New York to Chattanooga via S. V. R. R. and Roanoke. Only one change from Washington to San Antonio in Pullman cars.

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Americans at a German Watering-Place.

A characteristic of Hamburg is that a large number of the visitors are from the United States. Several families cross the Atlantic yearly to drink Hamburg water. Wherever a few Americans are gathered together a "poker" table or temporary stock exchange is soon established. The small American colony here is no exception to the rule, and some of its members contribute no small sum to the cable companies in conducting speculation in their beloved land by telegraph. There is something pathetic in the complaint which a wealthy American made to me about the Atlantic trip. He was sometimes seasick, but this he could bear. What tried him almost beyond endurance was to be cut off from knowing the state of the market and from having a chance to make more money by speculation.—London Times.

Weather Wisdom.

Some time ago a New Jersey man of science gave the New York Farmer's Club the following weather facts and probabilities:

1. When the temperature falls suddenly, there is a storm forming north of you.
2. When the temperature rises suddenly, there is a storm forming north of you.
3. The wind always blows from a region of fair weather towards a region where a storm is forming.
4. Cirrus clouds always move from a region of fair weather towards a region where a storm is forming.
5. Cumulus clouds always move from a region of fair weather towards a region where a storm is forming.
6. When cirrus clouds are moving rapidly from the north or northwest, there will be rain in less than twenty-four hours no matter how cold it may be.
7. When cirrus clouds are moving rapidly from the south or southeast, there will be a cold rain storm on the morrow, if it be summer; and if it be winter, there will be a snow-storm.
8. The wind always blows in a circle around a storm, and when it blows from the north, the heaviest rain is east of you; if it blows from the west, the heaviest rain is north of you.

The Berlin Post wishes Germans to Boycott Paris, because "those who go there to work are insulted, and those who go to amuse themselves are both swindled and insulted."

Engravers are finding it difficult to procure good boxwood. The box forests of Turkey, upon which the bulk of the supply depends, are being wastefully cut, and few new trees are planted.

"Alcohol," said the professor, "has killed more people than the yellow fever." "That is true," said the somewhat bibulous student; "but that is only because more people have taken it, you know."

An English "Public Analyst" says that all cheeses should be washed before using, as a custom prevails among manufacturers of brushing them over with a solution of arsenic, to keep the flies away.

A Chicago girl of 13 is exposed as a professional burglar. Instructed in crime by an old woman, she entered some house nearly every night, and the booty recovered had been taken from numerous different places.

Shakespeare has drawn power in London, when well presented. Henry Irving's revival of "Romeo and Juliet" has run nearly 150 nights, interrupted only by a summer vacation, and still draws profitably.

Queen Victoria sent a yoke of Spanish oxen to a cattle show on the Isle of Wight. They were richly caparisoned, and were led into the judge's arena hitched to a decorated wagon. They were not entered for competition.

From a report of the accidents which occurred last year on the railways of Great Britain, it appears that the proportion of passengers killed and injured from all causes is 1 in 5,764,740 killed, and 1 in 335,577 injured.

A young nun escaped from a London convent by scaling the garden wall, a daring and difficult feat. Then she stole a dress and hat from a house in the neighborhood, donned them in place of the nun's clothes, and made her escape.

"The Green Ribbon Army," is the largest rival of the Salvation troops. The first meeting was held in London at the beginning of this month. It is a branch of the temperance "League of the Cross," and is presided over by Cardinal Manning.

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A New Bleaching Process.

At the last meeting of the British Chemical Society an interesting paper was read on a new process of bleaching. The basis of the new process consists in generating the chlorine which is the bleaching agent by the electrolysis of dilute hydrochloric acid or a chlorine salt solution. A low battery power gave the most satisfactory results in the experiments. The method adopted consists in passing the cloth to be bleached, for example Turkey red cloth, through sea water between two rows of carbon rollers, the upper row being connected to one pole, and the under row to the other pole of the battery. The rollers are caused to rotate slowly, and thus pass the fabric from one end to the other. Hypochlorite is formed, and on subsequent immersion in dilute hypochlorite or hydro-fluoric acid the cloth is effectually bleached.

Can't Recover.

"No, this town has never recovered from the war," said the Virginian, as he crossed his legs and looked up and down the deserted street.

"Was it burned?"

"No."

"Any of its people killed?"

"No."

"Have any great manufacturing establishments been removed?"

"We never had any to remove."

"Any epidemic frightened the people away?"

"Not as I know of."

"Then why is it that the town has never recovered from the war?"

"Well, some lay it to this and some to that, but it's my opinion that what ails this town is the fact that a man will come here from New York and peck around and ask questions and want to know all about everything and every body, and never ask a leading citizen if he is dry. I tell you such a line of policy, if pursued for ten or fifteen years, takes the ambition right out of men."

Sunbeams.

Women who ride tricycles in England are beginning to wear trousers.

Electricity displaces oil in forty-two lighthouses on the French coast. Queen Elizabeth, of Roumania, has written a drama, which is to be performed, after revision, at a Berlin theatre.

Betting on English race courses has of late extended beyond the ring provided for it. This is contrary to a law which is now to be strictly enforced.

C. N. Wharton, M. P. for Bridport, England, boasts that he was absent from his seat in the House only twenty minutes during the whole of the last session.

When the teacher asked, "what people live the longest?" a little fellow at the foot of the class promptly spoke up: "Barnum's giants."

"He who giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord." Some folks give so little one would think that they were afraid of lending to strangers.

A convict said he was sent to prison for being dishonest and yet he is compelled every day to cut out pieces of pasteboard, which are put between the soles of the cheap shoes made there and palmed off on the innocent public as leather.

An old colored minister not long ago sent up the following petition to the throne of grace: "Sum ob dis here congregation will go to the court house, some to de jail, some to de gallows, and some to de debbil, but, Lord, bless 'em where eber dey are."

The Lancet cites cases of "double suicides" to show that people may commit self-murder without being necessarily insane. "It is not impossible," says the editor, "but it is in the last degree unlikely, that a case of double suicide should have been one of double insanity."

A tragedy called "Francesca da Rimini," written and published by George H. Baker thirty years ago and not originally intended for the stage, has just been acted in Philadelphia with Lawrence Barrett in the principal part. The newspaper critics agree that it was a success in an artistic way, and the audience are described as enthusiastic.

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