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GANDERBONE'S April Forecast.

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The April rains will put a bit
Of Irish in the lawn,
And a new and brighter augury
Will paint the east at dawn;
The songs of birds will fill the
day,
And the night be full of frogs,
And every time a cloud blows up
It will rain cats and dogs,
And water newts, and other
brutes,
And also pollywogs.

The brown thrush will return
to sing its song at even hush,
and the kind-eyed cow will
moult and rear and redder plush;
the young man's thoughts will
love to dwell upon his lady-love,
while he is not the one at all that
she is wotting of.

The railroads, meanwhile, will
relieve
Their spirits and elate
Upon the knock-out blow the
courts
Have dealt the 2-cent rate;
They'll all re-bait their hooks
again,
And drop them in the pool,
And when T. R. gets after them,
They'll all cry "April fool!"

And then there will be doings
in the presidential race, for
everybody in it will accelerate
the pace. The hoofs of Mr.
Johnson will put up a cloud of
dirt, and Mr. Bryan will put off
a most terrific spurt. The presi-
dential bee which has been up
in Bill Taft's hat will be removed
by Roosevelt from that high
habitat; and when it seems the
field behind imperils Teddy's
bets, the bee will be slipped in
the seat of William's trouser-
ettes.

Whereat the very earth will
rock,
And sod and bits of loam
Will obfuscate the sky each time
The sting is driven home;
And while to all the others' once
They pass the grand-stand
twice,
Bills T. and R. will blandly ask,
"Whom shall we run for
vi-?"

April was named for Venus,
the Roman goddess of spring,
She was the mother of Aeneas,
and attended the first Mothers'
Congress with that young man
in her arms. She was a very
fashionable woman, and invent-
ed divorce. She was at differ-
ent times the wife of Vulcan,
Mars, Mercury, Adonis and An-
chises, and held the matrimonial
record until Lillian Russell. The
planet Venus was named for
her, as was the city of Venice.
She is also the author of "Three
Weeks."

The baseball player will resume
With letters on his suit,
And the fan will sit out in the
sun
And violently root.
His supper will grow cold and
stale,
His wife will wear a bit,
And the cook will make a chalk
mark on
The kitchen door and quit.
The straw hat season will
come in, and the ovate will go

out; the last few flocks of buck-
wheat cakes will sort of hang
about; the spring will reflect red
fire against the sky, another
good share of the earth will sud-
denly go dry, and the Congress
will debate upon relief laws for
the losers, and lay a reservation
out for our unhappy boozers.

The milliners will meanwhile
show
Those gorgeous Easter hats,
With large soup bunches pinned
to them,
And various dingbats;
And while the ladies dance for
joy
Before this line of goods,
Their lords will pack an extra
shirt
And light out for the woods.

The moon will look like Bill
Taft on the 16th. The big
leagues will soon be under way.
American and National will
brain about the 15th, but the
Anti-Saloon League will get
started a week later. Easter
will occur on the 19th, and the
20th will be devoted to discuss-
ing what everyone had on. Per-
sons who didn't have anything
on to speak of will, of course,
be unmentionable.

The sweet Elvira will to church
In rustling silks and tulle,
Which she will lift up to her
knees
In passing little pools;
And just because a few men
look,
No one commits a sin,
For else it were not known her
clothes
Are now clear to the skin.

After the 23d. April will be
under the influence of Taurus,
the bull. Wall street, which
has so long been under the in-
fluence of Teddy the Bear, will
be emancipated. Mr. Harriman
will give a dinner, at which he
will make public the details of
his plan to lock all square-deal
fanatics up in round-houses.

Persons born under Taurus
are bull-headed, and have double
cowlicks. They are suspicious,
and think the gas-meter is fast.
They are self-willed, but their
wives can make them vote dry.
They are very intelligent, and
understand railroad time-tables.

The children will take Easter
eggs
And play upon the floor,
And the baby will down one
made green
With R2S04.
The doctor will come on the
jump,
And lighting, sprain a leg,
And the whole household will
weep and pray
Till baby lays the egg.

And then the buds of May will
ope their fair and fragrant eyes,
and a promise of the coming
June will glimmer in the skies;
the crickets and the katydids in
sweeter songs will join, and the
mint will put "In God We
Trust" upon our wicked coin.

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Farmers' Union Bureau of Information.

—Conducted by the—
South Carolina Farmers' Educational and
Co-Operative Union.
Communications intended for this depart-
ment should be addressed to J. C. Stripling,
Embleton, South Carolina.

The Organized Farmer.

Ever think about this? One
small strand of a spider's web or
silk, will scarcely hold down a
house fly, but many thousand
of these infinitely small strands
properly combined or woven to-
gether will make a rope strong
enough to hold down a lion, the
king of beasts; or anchor an ele-
phant to a tree! Farmers, single
handed and alone you have no
more strength than one lone
strand of silk; but many thous-
ands of you well organized and
woven together for your mate-
rial benefit can tie down the
greatest trusts giant or corpo-
ration mogul on earth. Farmers,
hush talking and grumbling,
come together in a compact,
then you can talk less and do
more.

Some farmers say they cannot
spare the time to attend farmers'
organization meetings, but if
you notice these same chaps are
forced to spare large profits to
others that can be saved to the
farmer by concert of action
among farmers.

Go to the insane asylum and
you will see one lone sane man
controlling and subduing a large
body of strong, insane men with-
out the use of arms; ask this
keeper of the insane if he is no
afraid that these strong men
will combine and kill him, the
keeper will tell you no, that
fools never organizes.

Farmers' Union, the great in-
egrator of the farmer is growing.
Six new counties to be organi-
zed in South Carolina soon,
North Carolina, Kentucky and
Colorado are to form State
Unions within the next thirty
days.

The "Rubes have not cut
their own throats," but are hard
at it strengthening the panic-
stricken places in her finances.

There is nothing new in the
gag that the Farmers' Union is
the cause of the recent panic.
Way back yonder Aesop in his
fable tell about the hungry
wolf that wanted lamb meat,
raising a row with the lamb for
muddying the water when the
lamb was drinking out of the
stream below the wolf.

The wily politician will soon
be out in the field stamping and
pawing 'ot air, trying to win
the fascinating farmer's vote
by saying good things about the
farmers' organization. Let
him talk on while you wrinkle
up your nose at him.

If you were not a Farmers'
Union man what would you be?
If you were in distress on your
farm and needed help at once,
you would call on your neighbor
to join in and help you out and
a good union man will do it.

COTTON.

The biggest cotton bear on the
market is the cotton grower-
dumper, who produces more cot-
ton than he can control.
Are you going to control your
cotton crop this season, or will

your cotton control your whole
farm and family?

Henry Grady said, "Cotton is
a fool." Don't follow a fool
and then blame Wall Street or
cotton exchanges for getting
you into trouble.

Prices for cotton shirts are un-
usually the same yesterday, to-
day and the whole season. But
cotton gamblers' chips push
prices of cotton up or down as
though the real value of cotton
was worth more or less in the
morning or evening of the same
day.

Quicksilver is used by miners
to gather in the small particles
of gold. There is more gold in
three inches of the top soil of the
south than all the mines in the
world contain, but the cotton
growers that are digging down
into mother earth for his hidden
treasure must use home grown
food stuff to collect or coin the
gold extracted from southern
soil through cotton crops.

Gentle Play.

His Mother—"What are you
moping about the house for,
Tommy? Why don't you go
over and play with Charley Pin-
afore?"

Tommy—"Cause I played
with Charley Pinafore yester-
day, and I don't s'pose he's well
enough yet."—[Judge.]

Notice of Wage Reduction.

New Bedford, Mass., March 24.—
Notice of wage reduction averaging
10 per cent, will be posted in all the cot-
ton cloth mills in this city Monday.
The reduction will become operative
on April 6. The yarn mills which are
operating in New Bedford cotton man-
ufacturing are 10 in all, it is under-
stood, take similar action. About
22,000 operatives will be affected, 10,
000 in the cloth mills and 12,000 in the
yarn mills.

Fatal Explosion.

Essex, March 21.—Mrs. Florence
Eller, aged forty, and her son, aged
thirteen, were fatally injured Mon-
day in a kerosene explosion at their
home. The boy tried to hasten the
fire in the stove by pouring kerosene
over the scorching blaze, and there
was a terrific explosion. Both were
terribly burned, and are dying in the
hospital from their burns. The wo-
man tried to rescue her son.

Senator Tillman Improving.

Augusta, Ga., March 24.—Over a
long distance telephone from Tren-
ton to Augusta Herald Monday morn-
ing, Dr. Hunter, physician attending
Senator B. R. Tillman, made the
following statement: "Senator Tillman
is much improved. He is resting
well, relishes his food and should
be able to leave his bed within a few
days."

Wedding Fixed for May 3.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—The wed-
ding of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden to
the Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna has
been fixed for May 3. Prince Wil-
helm is the second son of Crown
Prince Gustav of Sweden. He visited
the United States last summer. The
grand duchess, whom he is to marry,
is a daughter of Grand Duke Paul
Alexandrovich.

Officer Awarded \$45,000.

Chicago, March 24.—The final de-
cree in the case of Oberlin M. Carter,
former captain in the United States
engineer corps, was entered Saturday
by Judge Kohlsaat, in the United
States circuit court. Practically all
the findings are in favor of the army
officer. By the decree Carter is award-
ed \$45,000.

War Veteran Dead.

Baltimore, Md., March 24.—Briga-
dier General Jacob Kline, U. S. A.,
retired, died Monday at Johns Hop-
kins hospital of kidney disease. He
served in the civil and Spanish-Amer-
ican wars.

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A Leap Year Invitation.

Well, young ladies, I hereby
wish to say
That another leap year is fast
passing away;
Being a year in which you are
allowed to call,
You should be so doing, one
and all.

A quarter of the time is almost
passed;
Look out, or you'll find it's too
late at last;
"Too late! too late!" will be your
sad cry,
If you put off speaking till the
year's have gone by.

You'll all feel then as lost and
offcast as I,
When you find all your chances
are forever gone by;
This is just the reason why I have
no helpmate—
In starting out to hunt one I
waited too late.

This always kept me just a lit-
tle behind,
And the fellow just ahead al-
ways got mine;
If in time I had started I would
have been—
Could have reach'd the place my
rights to defend.

"I said the lordly bird is the one
that gets the mate
And nothing then is left for one
who starts too late;
As one who is now lonely for
starting out too late,
I bid you make a start and no
longer hesitate.

So just make up your mind to
make a leap year call,
And before the year is out attend
the bach'lor's ball,
Who will entertain you lively
and you feel O. K.,
And as long as you live you
won't forget the day.

I have almost decided my call-
ing's all in vain,
And would be glad the ladies
would take up the strain;
So if you will try your luck and
therein don't succeed,
Just do as I have done, and pa-
tiently proceed.

My papa says, "My boy, there's
a sock for ev'ry shoe,
And also there is a helpmate
for you;"
Altho' to purchase her I never
yet have done,
But I will keep on trying until I
do find one.

If you'd all get busy and help
out in the race,
It would surely help us to decide
the case;
So don't wait any longer]but be
on the go,
And let's both be willing to nice-
ly hoe our row.

So now don't be bashful, but use
your leap year right,
And in the game of sporting treat
us fellows white;
For before another leap year you
may be so old
That your affections will have
grown too cold.

E. W. PICKENS.

Z. W. Kelley is erecting a
nice, substantial and commo-
dious 7-room house on his lot in
Pickens. He will have large,
airy rooms and three large rooms
in the basement. It will be for
rent for a time.

Handwritten note: Z. W. Kelley