New Orleans Daily Crescent.

[From the Texas Observer.]

The Freedman's Complaint.

I am dying—Andy—dying!
Corn and bacon will not last,
And the dark Plutonian shadows
Gather on the evening blast;
Issue rations to support me,
Not working orders—how thine ear—
Listen to the freedman's secrets,
Not for thee alone to hear.

Though overseer and driver
Raise on high the lash no more,
Though Old Abe Elmkum's proclamation
Lauds me safe on freedom's shore,
Though no irons now surround me,
To make me do the white man's will,
Yet I'm sick, and faint, and hungry,
And there's nothing left to steal.

Let not Southern servile minions
Mock the lion thus laid low;
'Twas no foeman's hand that felled him,
'Twas the Bureau dealt the blow.
Here then, pillowed on this bosom,
Ere too late, this freedman say—
"Give me rations, give me franchise,
Ere the life tide ebbs away!"

Hark ye, Howard, tell the rabble,
Who demand that I should sweat,
"That my noble spouse, poor Dinah,
Weeping in her lone retreat,
Has had dreams, the gods have told her,
Alters, augurs, circling wings—
That our blood with Yankees' mingled
Yet shall mount the throne of kings."

As for all those freedmen mockers,
Home and foreign, rank and file,
Light their paths to Stygian horrors
With the splendors of thy smile;
Give the freedman crowns and arches,
Let his brow the laurel twine,
I can scorn all labor contracts
Triumphing in a love like thine.

Yes, I'm dying—Andy—dying!
Hark, the insulting Provost's cry!
They are coming! quick, my falchion,
Let me front them ere I die.
Now no more, mid desolation,
Shall my name contention swell;
Phillips, Sumner—devil take ye!
Brownlow, Hamilton as well!

Bill Arp, the Roman Runagee.

[The following letter, as its date indicates, was published before in the Atlanta Confederacy, now defunct, but as it is a necessary prelude to an original one now in our hands from "Bill Arp," we give it, the better to enable our readers to appreciate and understand the communication which will appear in our next issue. The subjoined letter refers to a character well known in Georgia as "Big John," who is, to use a familiar but expressive phrase, "a regular trump." The original letter which, as we stated, shall appear in the next number of the Record, will refer more at length to this celebrated individual, and also relate how "Bill Arp" returned to Rome, his experience and that of the Arp family on the way, and what he saw and did when he arrived in "the Eternal City."—[Metropolitan Record.

ATLANTA, May 22, 1866.

Mr. Editor—"Remote, unfriended, melankolly, slow," as somebody sed, I am seekin' a log in some vast wilderness, a lonely roost in some Okefenokee swamp, where the fowl invaders can not travel, nor their pontoon bridges phloat. If Mr. Shakspeare were correct when he writ that "sweet are the juices of adversity," then it are reasonable to suppose that me and my folks and many others must have some sweetnin' to spare. When a man is aroused in the dead of night, and smells the approach of the fowl invader; when he feels konstrained to change his base and bekum a runagee from his home, leavin' behind him all those necessary things which hold body and soul together; when he looks perhaps the last time upon his lovely home, where he has been far many delightful years raisin' children and chickens, strawberries and peas, lie soap and injuns, and all sich luxuries of this sublunary life; when he imagines every unusual sound to be the crack of his earthly doom; when from sich influences he begins a dignified retreat, but soon is konstrained to leave the dignity behind, and git away without regard to the order of his going—if there is any sweet juice in the like of that, I haven't been able to see it. No, Mr. Editur, sich scenes never happened in Bill Shakespeer's day, or he wouldn't have writ that line.

I don't know that the lovely inhabitants of your butiful city need any fourwarnings to make 'em avoid the breakers upon which our vessel wrecked; but for fear they should some day shake their gory locks at me, I will make publike a brief allusion to some of the painful sirkumstances which lately okkurred in the regions of the eternal city.

Not many days ago the everlastin Yankees (may they live always when the devil gits em) made a violent assault upon the sitty of the hills—the eternal sitty, where a hundred years the Injun rivers have been blendin their waters peacefully together—where the Cheoktaw children built their flutter mills, and toyed with frogs and tadpoles, while those majestick streams were but little spring branches, a babblin along their sandy beds. For 3 days and nights our valyunt troops had beat bak the fowl invader, and saved our pullets from their devourin jaws. For 3 days and nights we bade farewell to every fear, luxuriating upon the triumph of our arms, and the sweet juices of our strawberries and cream. For 3 days and nights fresh troops from the South poured into our streets with shouts that made the welkin ring, and the turkey bumps rise all over the flesh of our people. We felt that Rome was safe—sekure against the assault of the world, the flesh and the devil, which last individual are supposed to be that horde of fowl invaders who are seeking to plunk us out of both bread and existence.

But alas for human hopes! Man that is born of woman (and there are no other sort that I know of) has but few days that ain't full of trouble. Altho the troops did shout, altho their brass bound muskits swelled upon the gale, altho the turkey bumps rose as the welkin rang, altho the commanding General assured us that Rome was to be held at every hazard, and that on to morrow the big battul was to be fought, and the fowl invaders hurled all bledlin sand bowlin to the shore of the Oldo, yet it did git a spire somehow that on Tuesday night the minary evakuation of our sitty were peremptorily ordered. No note of warnin—no whisper of alarm—no hint of the morrow came from the muzzled lips of him who had lifted our hopes so high. Calmly and slowly we smoked our killy kinick, and surveying the embarkation of troops, konstrain it to be some grand manoover of military strategy. About 10 o'clock we retired to rest to dream of to morrow's viktory. Sleep soon overpowered as like the fog that kivered the earth, but nary bright dream had kommanary vision of freedom and glory. On the kontrary, our rest was uneasy—stray berries and cream seemed to be holdin secession meetins within our corporate limits, when suddenly in the twinkln of an eye a friend aroused us from our slumber and put a new face upon the "situation." General Johnston was retreatin, and the blue-nosed Yankees were to pollute our sacred soil next mornin. Then came the pig of war. With hot and feverish haste we started out in search of transportation, but nary transport could be had. Time honored friendship, past favors shown, everlastin gratitood, numerous snarll and lively children, kumbole ate kurrency, new ishees, bank bills, black bottles, all, all influences were urged and used to secure a korner in a kar, but nary korner—too late—too late—the pressure for time was fearful and tremenjious—the steady clock moved on—no Joshua about to lengthen out the night, no rollin stock, no steer, no mule. With reluktant and hasty steps we prepared to make good our exit by that over and fine which railroads do not control, nor A. U. M's. do not impress.

With our families and a little clothing we crossed the Etowah bridge about the broke of day on Wednesday, the 17th of May, 1864, prezakly a year and two weeks from the time when General Forrest marched in triumph through our streets. By and by the bright rays of the mornin sun dispersed the heavy fog which like a pall of death had overspread all natur. Then were exhibited to our afflicted gaze a highway crowded with wagins and teams, kattle and hogs, niggers and dogs, women and children, all movin in dishevelled haste to places and parts unknown. Mules were brayin, kattle were lowin, hogs were squealin, sheep were blatin, children were cryin, waggoners cussin, whips were poppin, and hoses stallin, but still the grand kavan moved on. Everybody was kontinually a lookin behind, and drivin before—everybody wanted to know everythin, and nobody knew nothin. Ten thousand wild rumors filled the circumambient air. The everlastin kavalry was there, and they dashed to and fro and gave false alarms of the enemy hein in hot pursuit.

About this most kritikal juncture of affairs, some philanthropick frend passed by with the welkum news that the bridge were burnt, and the danger all over. Then ceased the panik; then came the peaceful calms of heroes after the strife of war is over; then exklaimed Frank Rabb, my demoralized frend, "thank the good Lord for that. Bill, let's return thanks, and stop and rest. Boys, let me git out and lie down; I'm as humble as a ded nigger. I'll tell you the truth. I sung the long meter doxology as I crossed the Etowah bridge, and I expekted to be a ded man in fifteen minutes. Be thankful, fellers—let's all be thankful; the bridge is burnt, and the river is three miles deep. Good sakes! do you rekon them Yankees kan swim? Git up, boys—let's drive ahead and keep movin. I tell you there's no akkountin for anything with blue close on, these days. Dinged if I ain't afeered of a blue-tailed fly."

With most distressin flow of language, he kontinued his rapsody of random remarks.

Then there was a tramp of good fellows. Big John—as clever as he is fat, and as fat as old Falstaff—with indefatigable diligence, he had secured, as a last resort, a one-horse steer spring waggin, with a low flat body a settin on two ricketty springs. Bein mounted thereon, he was orgin a more speedy locomoshon, by layin on to the karkass of the poor old steer with a thresh pole some ten feet long. Havin stopped at a house, he procured a two inch anger, and borin a hole through the dash board, pulled the steer's tail through and tied up the end in a knot. "My runnin gear is weak," sed he, "but I don't intend to be stuck in the mud. If the body holds good, and the steer don't pull off his tail, why, Bill, I am safe." "My frend," sed I, "will you please to inform me what port you are bound for, and when you expect to reach it?" "No port at all, Bill," sed he. "I'm goin ded strate to the big Stone Mountain. I am goin to git on the top and roll rocks down upon all mankind. I now foreswarn every livin thing not to kum thar until this everlastin foolishness is over." He were then but three miles from town, and been travelin the livelong night. Ah! my big friend thought I, when wilt thou arrive at thy journey's end? In the language of Patrick Henry, will it be the next week or the next year? Oh, that I kould write a poem, I would embalm thy honest face in epik verse. I kan only drop to thy pleasant memory a passing random rhyme:

Farewell, Big John, farewell;
Twas painful to my heart.
To see thy carcass of escape,
With that old steer and kart.

Methinks I see thee now,
With a shiver all broke,
And weeds with nary hub at all,
And hubs with nary spoke.

But though the mud is deep,
Thy weal will never fail;
That faithful steer will take the cut;
If thou will hold his tail.

Mr. Editur, under such varygated scenes we reported progress, and, in course of time, arrived under the shadow of thy sitty's wings, aboundin in gratitood and joy.

With sweet and patient sadness, the tender hearts of our wives and daughters beat mournfully as we moved along. Often, alas, how often, was the tear seen swimming in the eye, and the lip quivering with emotion, and memory lingered around deserted homes, and thoughts dwelt upon past enjoyments and future desolation. We plucked wild flowers as we passed, sang songs of merriment, exclaimed wit with children—smoothering, by every means, the sorrow of our fate. These things, together with the comick events that okkurred by the way, were the salty valves that saved the poor heart from bursting. But for them, our heads would have been fountains and our hearts a river of tears. Oh, if some kind friend would set our retreat to musick, it would be greatly appreciated, indeed. It should be a plaintive tune, interspersed with okkasional comick notes and frequent fages skattered promiscuously.

Our retreat was konducted in excellent good order, after the bridge was burnt. If there were any straggling at all, they straggled ahead. It would have delighted Gen. Johnston to have seen the alakrity of our movements. The great struggle of our contest seemed to be, which army could retreat the fastest. Gen. Johnston or ourn—which could outpikkank the other, and I know as how if were pull Dick pull Devil between 'em. It are a source of regret, however, that some of our households of African scent have fell back into the arms of the few invaders. I 'spose they may now be kalled missin-genators, and are by this time inkreasin the stock of Odour d'Afrique in Northern society, which popular perfume have crowded out of the market all those extracts which made X Bazin, Julus Haul, and Lubin famous. Good bye, sweet otter of Roses—farewell ye bolms of a thousand flowers; your days are numbered.

But I must klose this melankolly narrative, and hasten to subskribe myself,

Your Bussum, BILL ARP.

A Bloody Affray—Several Persons Killed—Gen. Forrest.

CAIRO, Jan. 29.—Last Friday, at Sulphur Springs, Williamson county, two lately returned soldiers indulged in drinking freely, and then armed themselves and commenced to hunt up democrats, whom they denounced as worse than armed rebels. They finally swore they would kill them all, and commenced a murderous attack on D. B. Ward, who was accompanied by a small boy. Ward and the boy defended themselves bravely, when the two rowdies retreated for reinforcements, and a few citizens and some respectable soldiers went to Ward's defense.

The soldiers returned, and again commenced attack. They were repulsed, and two were killed dead and six badly wounded. Those that were killed were Wm. Burton and McMahon, the original starters of the disturbance. A citizen named Dallivan and Ward were wounded. The conduct of McMahon and Burton is condemned by every good citizen, especially all respectable returned soldiers. At latest accounts all was quiet in the country, and the people were united in the determination that no more such bloody and fatal affrays should occur.

Gen. W. B. Forrest having heard, upon what he supposed reliable authority, that the Secretary of War had issued an order for his arrest and deportation to Washington for trial by a military court, has fled the country, and, it is supposed, has gone to Mexico.—[Missouri Republican.

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