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THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

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And unguarded it stands in its shadow...

And as the moonlight creeps nightly...

was it strange that Harry Chamberlain for the time lost his mien...

Harry Chamberlain soon attached himself entirely to Lottie Warren...

HARRY CHAMBERLAIN

BY ORINIA.

Chapter I.

Her story takes us back twenty-five days when Misspaul was in her last days of affliction...

Why were they not devoted of the impulses and glowing sentiment...

He was the only child of wealthy parents, and though they were deservingly rich...

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about to exclaim out at his untimely appearance, when the flash upon his brow...

The sympathetic face for a moment put on a thoughtful look...

Mr. Chamberlain, I have not yet sent out the invitations you left...

And the first smile since the fatal evening broke over his handsome face...

His aunt and cousin were beaming, so that a few days sufficed for his return with them...

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"Why, my bright little coz, you do not say that you will miss me!"

"I should like to know how I am to get along without you, you wild, harem-scarum, worthless fellow you!"

"Well, my sweet cousin, I did not know there were any tears in the world for me, since my mother lay in the cold earth."

"Oh! I am, come then, and God will bless you. Yes, she is a good mother. And so white and pretty, she!"

The little one had stolen out upon the streets to see if some one would not give her a few pennies with which to buy her sick and famishing mother an orange...

The streets are brilliantly lighted up, every house seems illuminated, and not a half block but comes from within happy homes...

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He reaches Broadway, and he wonders why he let his room upon such a night...

The little faces pressed forward until they touched the icy glass, then started back with a cold shiver running through their thin frames...

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THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

A Resolution Adopted to Support Congress.

At a grand encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the state of Louisiana, held at Mechanics' Institute, at 7 o'clock P. M. January 11, 1868...

General H. C. Warmoth, grand commander. Captain L. A. Sauer, senior vice grand commander.

Delegates to Philadelphia--General A. Sheldon, Dr. J. B. Cooper, Captain S. B. Packard, Captain J. A. Raynal.

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic of Louisiana stand by and support the plan of reconstruction proposed by the congress of the United States.

AMUSEMENTS. New Opera House. The last representation of Gounod's grand opera, "Faust," was given at the New Opera house last night to a fair audience...

On Monday Mr. Joseph Jefferson, the famous comedian, will make his appearance at the Varieties theatre in his great character of "Rip Van Winkle."

The Crescent City museum contains a great variety of attractions for people of all ages. On entering one is struck with the beautiful miniature glass engine in operation...

Notarial blanks, lawyers' briefs, and all kinds of legal forms accurately printed at the office of the Republican, No. 57 St. Charles street.

LOUISIANA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Thirty-sixth Day's Proceedings. The convention met at eleven o'clock. The order of the day was called up at twelve o'clock...

Section first of the judiciary was taken up, and after a long discussion was adopted.

Section second was taken up, and several amendments were proposed and voted down, when the convention, without coming to a vote, adjourned until Monday at eleven o'clock.

Durant's Inconstancy. The noble Durant, who gave up his life in the cause of liberty and equal rights, thus wrote of the Tribune's candidate for governor in a letter to Hon. Henry L. Dawes...

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BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

A New Reconstruction Bill.

The President's Powers to be Abridged.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT.

FROM EUROPE.

IMPORTANT FRENCH MILITARY BILL.

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS ACKNOWLEDGED.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE FENIAN.

PROCEEDINGS OF SOUTHERN CONVENTIONS.

Removal of Gov. Jenkins, of Georgia.

River News, Markets, Etc.

(Despatches to the Associated Press.)

Congressional Proceedings. WASHINGTON, January 11. Senate--Mrs. Jessie Fremont petitions for restoration of property in San Francisco, which was taken by the military authorities.

Mr. Sumner presented a petition from negroes of Polk county, Georgia, setting forth their miserable condition and asking relief.

Mr. Sumner introduced a joint resolution declaring the adoption of the fourteenth article of the constitutional amendment. Referred to the judiciary committee.

After unimportant business, the senate went into executive session and adjourned. House--House entirely devoted to speeches.

From Washington. WASHINGTON, December 11. The agricultural department promulgates the following: The returns relative to cotton increasing fully twenty per cent aggregate increase over last year.

The house committee on reconstruction this afternoon agreed upon a bill to be reported on Monday, declaring that there are no civil governments in the lately rebellious states...

The bill further declares that the interference by any person with the intent to prevent by force the execution of the orders of the general of the army shall be held to be a high misdemeanor...

The bill repeals all parts of the reconstruction acts inconsistent with the above provisions, asserting that it was intended to effect Grant.

Pope had a prolonged interview with Grant.

This evening's Express has the following: The house judiciary committee will on Monday report the senate bill defining a quorum of the supreme court with an amendment providing that it should be necessary that two thirds of the court shall concur in any law of congress...

Internal revenue receipts to-day \$390,000; for the week, \$7,744,000; for the year, \$107,500,000.

The executive session of the senate was devoted to Senators. Nothing has transpired as to the result of their proceedings.

Foreign News. PARIS, January 11. The bill reorganizing the army is still pending.

An article obliging every Frenchman to serve in the national guard was adopted by 300 to 70. An amendment exempting the police was opposed by M. Rouher.

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was almost exclusively occupied during the day's session in debate.

A series of resolutions were introduced petitioning congress to remove the present state officers or give the convention power to do so, with authority to fill the vacancies thus made, pending the discussion of which the convention adjourned.

A general order appeared from General Meade this morning validating an ordinance to stay the collection of debts in Alabama up to the 1st of January, 1869, except claims for labor and hire, adopted by the late convention in that state.

A similar order is looked for as to this state when the convention adopts a permanent relief ordinance.

There is considerable excitement here to-night, occasioned by the report that Governor Jenkins has been removed, and General Duns, formerly of General Pope's staff, appointed as governor.

Mississippi Reconstruction Convention. JACKSON, January 11. In the reconstruction convention a communication was received from the superintendent of the gas works asking the ratification of money in advance, or personal security, for gas to be used by the convention.

A resolution was adopted to appoint a standing committee of five to consider what legislation was necessary to afford adequate relief and protection to the state and the people thereof, and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers.

A resolution to appoint a committee of five to take into consideration whether the public lands may not be disposed of to pay the indebtedness of the state, etc., was adopted.

A resolution to appoint a committee of five to take into consideration the destitute condition of a portion of our citizens, and the means of affording present and permanent relief, was adopted.

A resolution was introduced that this convention memorialize congress to amend the reconstruction acts so as to allow all persons who hold certificates of registration to vote on the ratification of the constitution wherever they may be. Laid on the table for reference to the proper committee. Adjourned.

Organization of the Pennsylvania Legislature. HARRISBURG, January 11. The bolters have receded, and the house organized on the Republican basis.

From New York. NEW YORK, January 11. Five steamers sailed to-day for Europe.

River Intelligence. VINCENNES, January 11. Passed up last night: Luminary at 9 P. M., St. Marys at 3, and the Kate Kinney at 8 A. M. Passed down: Quilman at 10 A. M., Era No. 2 at 12 M., River Hawk at 1 P. M.

Financial Matters in New York. NEW YORK, January 11. Money easy at 6 to 7 per cent for call loans; supply abundant.

Gold 138; government strong; large amounts bought on European account. Shipments of specie for the week nearly \$1,000,000.

The bank statement shows an increase in loans, \$3,429,428; in specie, \$6,498,242; in deposits, \$7,744,739; in legal tenders, \$1,641,915; decrease in circulation, \$40,257.

Domestic Markets. NEW YORK, January 11. Cotton falls a half cent, better; middling grades 18 1/2 to 19 1/2. Flour dull; common grades 5 to 10c lower. Mixed wheat buyers. Corn 1 to 2c lower. Wheat Western \$1.33 to \$1.35. Pork dull and heavy; mess, \$21.35 for old, and \$21.25 for new. Lard firmer at 12 1/2 to 13c. Naval stores firm. Freight very firm. Groceries quiet.

CINCINNATI, January 11. Flour firmer; family \$11 to 11 50; red wheat \$2 50 to 2 55. Corn steady at 82 1/2c. Oats 68c. Whisky nominal. Sugar unchanged. Beans 60c to \$20 to 21. Butter, shoulders 17c; sides 19c. Bacon, shoulders 9c; sides 10c. Clear rib 11c; clear sides 11 1/2c; sugar-cured hams 16 and 17c. Lard 12 1/2 to 13c. Butter and cheese unchanged.

LOUISVILLE, January 11. Sale of 160 bushels of wheat, at 85 to 86c for long; 15 to 16 for medium; 14 to 15 for short. Flour 75 to 77 1/2 for superfine and 75c for extra. Oats 65 to 70c. Bacon, shoulders 9c; clear sides 12c. Mess pork \$11. Cotton 14 to 14 1/2c.

St. Louis, January 11. Tobacco quiet. Flour unchanged. Red wheat \$2 50 to 2 70. Corn higher; 80 to 82c. Oats firmer; 74 to 75c. Provisions, lard, and whisky nominal. Weather clear and very cold.

Havana Markets. HAVANA, January 11. Sugar 74 to 75 for No. 10 to 12 Dutch standard; 73 to 74 for No. 15 to 20, and 64 for inferior to common. Coffee 67 to 68 for fair; 70 to 71 for No. 8 for groceries grades; fair to good molasses, 5 to 6 1/2; cut ports molasses, 5 to 6; honey, 4 to 4 1/2.

Sailed, steamship Cuba, for Baltimore, and steamship Eagle, for New York.

Business Depressed at St. Louis. St. Louis Correspondence Chicago Times. At no time during the present season has trade been so dull as at present. The clouds of panic that have been so long threatening the business prosperity of the city are every day growing more dark; while the auction-houses are the only places that are doing any business at all, and they are crowded with goods, but scant of buyers.

Merchants with long fortunes at the auction, and during the entire week, some of what has heretofore been considered the best paper in the city has been "hogging." Early in the week the banking house of Tesson & Co., perhaps, next to the private banking house of L. A. Beaud & Co., considered the most reliable of any in the city, went up for \$300,000. The house was an old French one, and had a branch concern in New Orleans, which made heavy advances on cotton. As a fact, most of the St. Louis banking houses and banking men have done so, and any southern influence at all. Among the creditors is Mr. Spalding, late of New Orleans, who, the week before, had \$50,000 on deposit, but fortuitously at the time of the crash had only \$5000. Mr. Spalding is well-known in your city as the circus man, and is the present owner and manager of the Olympic theatre in this city.

By the death of the late Mr. Tesson, nearly 30 per cent in sugar during the week, several of our wholesale grocery men were caught. These whose capital was credit, and whose notes were fast insuring, were especially susceptible.

Many of the merchants are taking advantage of the bankruptcy law, and the United States district court has never done so lively a business as during the past week.

In Philadelphia, New York, and Boston the postmasters have obtained permission from the postoffice department to sell postage stamps and stamped envelopes to drug-stores, stationers, and others in different parts of the city at a small discount.

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