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COME SIT BY MY SIDE.

Come sit by my side, little darling, and lay your brown head on my breast, with the angels of twilight around us, singing the flowers to rest.

When your arms are around me that life is an infinite calm, you kiss like the spell of a charmer, your kiss is sweeter than balm.

Smile low in the twilight some ballad as sweet as the smile on your face. That shall thrill me with melody's sweetness, and touch with its words tender grace.

OUR STORY TELLER.

CHRISTMAS AT MAPLEWOOD.

BY EMMA GARRISON JONES.

It was mid-winter at Maplewood Farm: the hills white with snow, and the branches of the giant elms, that stood guard round the old farm-house, brown and bare.

Squire Marvin and his boys were down in the hollow gathering up pumpkins; the old roan mare standing meditatively in the sunshine, while they heaped the wagon with the rich resinous wood.

"Bring me that spice in the left-hand corner of the blue chest, Lizzie," Mrs. Marvin was saying; "and a few more of the golden pipins; we must get about the mince-pies now—father wouldn't think it was Christmas if he had no mince-pies."

But just as Lizzie was going out to do her errand, she was stopped in the doorway by a visitor. Cousin Simoon, from Sleepy Hollow, a young giant standing erect in his boots. He had come to town with a sleigh full of skins and furs, and just dropped in to say that his father and mother wanted them all down at Sleepy Hollow on Christmas-day.

"You'll not fail to come now, the young man urged, at parting; 'father's set his heart on having you all together—' 'Will be the last time, he says; and the old lady's making wonderful preparations. I tell you. We shall have a gay time; and John's coming home, too. I forget to mention that John's coming home, Lizzie."

Lizzie overturned the spices she was pounding, and grew rosy red to the very roots of her pretty brown hair; then blushing and shaking down that same pretty hair with a coquettish toss of the head.

"Well, what if he is?" she responded. Cousin Simoon winked knowingly as he checked her cheek. "Nothing at all, little coz," he replied, "simply, 'only I thought you might like to know. If you don't, however, I think Susie Hastings will. I must drive and drop her the news. Good-by."

the lake to get her water-lilies in summer when he was a boy; and in riper years they attended the same singing-school, and sat in the same pew at church. Engaged, lookers-on pronounced them; but, for all their intimacy, no love-word had yet passed between them.

When John left home, to read law in a distant town, his last visit was to Maplewood, and he left a plain gold ring with Lizzie as a keepsake; and through the dreary months of his absence, she had never once removed it from her finger.

He was coming home now! The news had made her cheeks bloom with delight; but down in her hidden heart was a little thorn that spoiled all her pleasure. John had not written one line to her during his absence—she did not mind that so much; but he had written to Susie Hastings, that was what stung her, and to the very quick, too. Miss Pamela Perkins, the village gossip, was the bearer of this delectable information.

"Well, Lizzie," she said, one day, flouncing in, and taking out her roll of knitting-work, "when did you hear from John?" "They had a letter at Sleepy Hollow last week," Lizzie answered, quietly, "and he was doing well."

"He don't write to you, then? I thought you corresponded in course, being as you kept company so long."

Lizzie vouchsafed no answer. She went on.

"Susie Hastings had a letter on Thursday—'I was there when it came. He writes to her regular, I believe."

Lizzie asked no question relative to the matter, but the remembrance of it rankled in her heart like a thorn. But she made up her mind to go to Sleepy Hollow with the rest and in the excitement of getting up appropriate apparel she half forgot her vexation. Her dress was exquisite—an all wool merino of the richest and warmest crimson, trimmed with sparkling bugles and dainty lace, and a comb set with pearls to keep back her silken tresses. When the last stitch was set, she put them away in the great, oaken chest; and the silly child would creep a dozen times a day, and raise the heavy lid to feast her eyes on their beauty.

Christmas-eve came at last. The great, double-horse sleigh was drawn up before the door, ready to make a sharp start for Sleepy Hollow on the morrow. Just before the clear, wintry sunset, Miss Pamela dropped in.

"I've been running round all the afternoon," she began, seating herself in the best arm-chair, and putting out her heavy shoes before the fire, "wishing my neighbors a merry Christmas; and I couldn't think o' slighting you, Miss Marvin, though I shouldn't wonder if the tramp don't gie' me my death o' cold. The snow's as slick as butter, and the wind cuts like a knife. I'm jest from Miss Herkamps; but they're all heels over head a cooking and cleaning, and I might as well o' spared myself the trouble o' going, for all the comfort I had."

Mrs. Marvin smiled, and said, "Indeed!" and Miss Pamela went on.

"They never was much, them Herkamps; they're a tight-fisted, stingy set; and many be the mouthful they've eat in our house when my poor father was alive. Ah, me! Christmas was Christmas then. Why, Miss Marvin, if you'll believe me, my father had more for one night's handings round than some folks have for their whole Christmas; but I s'pose you'll have a grand time down at Sleepy Hollow? You're all going?"

(To be continued.)

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIRST SESSION OF THE SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA FIRST SESSION

Twenty-seventh Day's Proceedings. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Wednesday, February 1, 1871. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Speaker Carter in the chair. The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names: Messrs. Carter, Abell, Baker, Barker, Barrow, Belot, Bentley, Bickham, Blunt, Brewster, Broussard, Brown, Bryan, Buchanan, Buckingham, Burch, Butler, Carr, Chachere, Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Darinsburg, Davidson, Davis, Demas, Dewees, Durio, Ellis, Faulkner, Floyd, Fontebien, Gaddis, Gardner, Garstkamp, P. Harper,

W. Harper, Hempstead, Huston, Hyams, Johnson, Kearson, Kenner, Killen, Kinsella, La Saliniere, Laurent, Llamblas, H. Lott, J. B. Lott, Lynch, Mahoney, Marie, Marvin, Matthews, McCarty, McFarland, Meadows, Moncure, Moore, Morphy, Morris, Murray, Nelson, Ong, Oplatek, Otto, Overton, Pond, Quinn, Raby, Riley, Ringgold, Sartain, Stamp, Stevens, Stinson, Tatman, Thompson, Tournour, Tureaud, Ullman, Verrett, Wands, Washington, of Assumption, Washington, of Concordia, Wheyland, E. Williams, H. Williams, Wilson, Worrall, Yorke, Young—92.

A quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain. Mr. Davidson, of Livingston, moved to dispense with the reading of the journal of yesterday, and that the following correction be made:

When the motion of Mr. Thompson, of St. Tammany, to confirm certain members in their seats was adopted, Mr. Wands, of Tangipahoa, moved for a reconsideration of the vote taken thereon, and Mr. Kenner, of Orleans, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was carried.

The journal, as corrected, was approved. Mr. Matthews, of Texas, moved that the journal of Monday, the twenty-fifth day's session, be approved.

Mr. Dewees, of De Soto, rising to a question of privilege, stated that having read in one of the morning papers that the Committee on Contingent Expenses had disbursed the sum of \$250,000 of the appropriation made to defray the expenses of the General Assembly, he felt it incumbent upon him to deny the correctness of the statement, and requested that a special committee be appointed to investigate the accounts of said committee.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Woods, of Tangipahoa, offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed to investigate the books and records of the Committee on Contingent Expenses and of the warrant clerk for the session of 1870, and of the present session up to date, and that said committee are hereby empowered to send for persons, books, papers, and administer oaths; also to employ experts to make a thorough examination of the accounts, books, and papers of said committee and warrant clerk, and report to this House within ten (10) days.

Mr. Kenner, of Orleans, offered the following as a substitute: Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a special committee of five to investigate the transactions of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, to ascertain what disposition has been made of the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars appropriated to pay the mileage and per diem of the members and the employes, and the contingent expenses of the House, and to report promptly by resolution or otherwise.

Mr. Wands, of Tangipahoa, moved to lay the substitute on the table.

Upon which the yeas and nays were demanded by Messrs. Kenner and Ringgold, of Orleans, with the following result: Yeas: Abell, Antoine, Baker, Barker, Barrett, Barrow, Bentley, Bickham, Brewster, Broussard, Brown, Bryan, Buckingham, Butler, Chachere, Cochran, Darby, Darinsburg, Davidson, Durio, Faulkner, Floyd, Fontebien, Gardner, Garstkamp, W. Harper, Hempstead, Huston, Hyams, Johnson, Killen, Kinsella, La Saliniere, Llamblas, Lynch, Marvin, Matthews, McFarland, Meadows, Moore, Morris, Nelson, Oplatek, Otto, Overton, Pond, Quinn, Raby, Riley, Sartain, Souer, Stamps, Stevens, Stinson, Tatman, Ullman, Wands, Washington, of Concordia, H. Williams, Yorke, Young—61.

Nays: Carr, Adolphe, Blunt, Bowen, Buchanan, Burch, Crawford, Davis, Demas, Gaddis, P. Harper, Kearson, Kenner, Laurent, H. Lott, J. B. Lott, Mahoney, Marie, McCarty, Moncure, Morphy, Murray, Ringgold, Thompson, Tournour, Tureaud, Verrett, Washington, of Assumption, Wheyland, E. Williams, Wilson, Worrall—32.

So the substitute was laid on the table. Mr. Dewees, of De Soto, moved that the resolution be amended so that the committee be instructed to submit a report within ten days from its passage, which, being accepted, the resolution as amended was adopted.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Kenner, of Orleans, offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That the Chair shall appoint a committee of five members of the House to examine and inquire into what disposition was made of the moneys collected under the name of the City Park fund; and the committee shall have power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Oplatek, of Orleans, moved to lay the resolution on the table, upon which Messrs. Young and Washington, of Concordia, called for the yeas and nays, which resulted as follows: Yeas: Adolphe, Belot, Bentley, Broussard, Brown, Fontebien, Johnson, H. Lott, Marvin, Moore, Morris, Oplatek, Stamps, Tureaud, Washington of Concordia, Wilson, Young—17.

Nays: Carr, Abell, Antoine, Baker, Barker, Barrett, Barrow, Bickham, Blunt, Bowen, Brewster, Bryan, Buchanan, Buckingham, Burch, Butler, Chachere, Cochran, Crawford, Darby, Darinsburg, Davidson, Davis, Demas, Dewees, Durio, Ellis, Faulkner, Floyd, Fontebien, Gaddis, Gardner, Garstkamp, P. Harper,

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And the motion to table was lost. The resolution was then adopted. Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Yorke, of Carroll, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Be it resolved, That the Speaker be and hereby is instructed to remodel the committee of this House.

Under a suspension of the rules Mr. Harry Lott, of Rapides, offered the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That the gentlemen who contested the seats of those who have just been confirmed therein be entitled to their mileage and per diem up to date, and that the Warrant Clerk be directed to pay the same. Upon its adoption Messrs. Kenner, of Orleans, and Young, of Concordia, demanded the yeas and nays.

The roll was called with the following result:

Yeas: Adolphe, Antoine, Barrett, Belot, Bentley, Blunt, Brewster, Bryan, Buchanan, Burch, Crawford, Darinsburg, Davis, Demas, Dewees, Faulkner, Floyd, Gaddis, Gardner, Garstkamp, P. Harper, W. Harper, Huston, Johnson, Kearson, Kenner, Laurent, H. Lott, J. B. Lott, Mahoney, Marie, Marvin, McCarty, Moore, Morphy, Murray, Nelson, Ong, Overton, Pond, Quinn, Raby, Riley, Ringgold, Sartain, Stamps, Tournour, Tureaud, Ullman, Verrett, Wands, Washington, of Assumption, Washington, of Concordia, Wheyland, E. Williams, H. Williams, Wilson, Worrall, Yorke—59.

Nays: Abell, Barker, Barrow, Bickham, Bowen, Broussard, Bryan, Chachere, Cochran, Darby, Davidson, Durio, Ellis, Fontebien, Hyams, Killen, Kinsella, La Saliniere, Llamblas, Matthews, McFarland, Meadows, Moncure, Nelson, Oplatek, Otto, Schumacher, Souer, Stevens, Stinson, Tatman, Thompson—32.

And the resolution was adopted. Mr. Lott, of Rapides, moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken, and also moved to lay that motion on the table.

Carried. Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Bickham, of Washington, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, The commissioners appointed by act No. 104 of 1870, have failed to report to the Legislature, as required by law; and

Whereas, It is eminently proper and just that the veterans of 1814 and 1815 should receive the annual pension accorded to them by law; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions of this House are hereby authorized and empowered to act with the Senate Committee on Pensions and Gratuities, and take possession of the papers and claims now in the hands of the Secretary of State; and that they report to the House, as speedily as possible, the names of claimants entitled to pension, that an appropriation may be made for their relief.

Mr. Quinn, of Orleans, offered the following resolution, which was read under a suspension of the rules, and adopted:

Resolved, That for the purpose of enforcing by appropriate legislation the provisions of the constitution of the State of Louisiana prohibiting any person from holding more than one office there under, that the Speaker shall appoint a special committee of three members to investigate what number of State officials are violating the said provision of said constitution, and that said committee shall have power to take testimony, and send for persons and papers for the furtherance of said investigation, and shall report, by bill or otherwise, to the House during the present session of the Legislature.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Worrall, of Jefferson, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Health and Quarantine be authorized and instructed to inquire what bone boiling or other manufacturing establishments, prejudicial to health, exist in the city of New Orleans. Also, to inquire into the sanitary condition of the street railroads, and stables connected therewith; to inquire whether due care is taken to provide for the comfort of and the protection of the lives and limbs of passengers; and that said committee be empowered to send for persons and papers,

examine witnesses under oath, and to report by bill or otherwise.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Notices were given that at some future time the following entitled bills would be introduced:

By Mr. Ringgold: An act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the oyster fisheries on the bays and coasts of the State of Louisiana.

By Mr. Otto: An act to provide for building a levee for the protection of the city of New Orleans.

By Mr. Garstkamp: An act to establish the Louisiana Charitable Association, for the benefit of the public Schools of the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

By Mr. H. Lott, of Rapides: An act making appropriations for the rebuilding of the college buildings of the Louisiana State University, near Alexandria.

By Mr. Kenner: An act authorizing the assessment and collection of a special tax of \$15,000, to build a courthouse and jail for the parish of Grant.

By Mr. Dewees: An act to fix the number of police jurors for and in the several parishes of the State, and to provide for their election and their appointment until the next general election.

By Mr. Kenner: An act relative to the observation of the Sabbath in the city of New Orleans.

By Mr. Faulkner: An act to incorporate the Louisiana State Levee Company; to fix its capital stock; to define its powers and duties, and responsibilities; providing means for enforcing its obligations; providing a revenue for the company, as compensation for its services; or granting State aid to said company, by the issue of State bonds, and providing for the retirement of the same.

Mr. Ullman, of Orleans, gives notice that he will, at some future day, introduce an act relative to public education.

Mr. Faulkner, of Caldwell, gives notice that, at some future day, he intends to introduce a joint resolution, authorizing the appointment of a joint committee, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of selecting a suitable site for a State Capitol, Governor's Mansion and other State buildings.

By Mr. Cochran, of Lafayette: An act relative to Justices of the Peace in the parishes of Lafayette and St. Martin.

By Mr. Buchanan, of Orleans, right bank: A bill for the object and purpose of fixing the rates of city taxation in the Fifth District of the city of New Orleans.

By Mr. Lynch, of Iberville: An act entitled an act for the relief of widow Florentine Landry, of the parish of Iberville.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. The following bills were placed on their first reading, and under a suspension of the constitutional rule, were read a second time and referred to the following committees.

House bill No. 95, an act granting ward or district boards of public school directors to levy a tax of one mill upon the dollar upon all taxable property in their wards or school districts where no lots of land have been purchased or school-houses established for the benefit of public schools.

Referred to Committee on Education. House bill No. 96, an act entitled an act for the relief of the Metropolitan Police in the town of Carrollton.

Referred to the Special Committee on Metropolitan Police. House bill No. 98, an act for the relief of C. H. Morrison, of the parish of Ouachita.

Referred to the Committee on Claims. House bill No. 99, an act to amend an act entitled "an act incorporating the Southeastern Railroad," approved March 15, 1855.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Railroads. House bill No. 100, an act for the relief of Theodore Monette, of Natchitoches.

Referred to the Committee on Claims. House bill No. 103, an act authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to digest the laws and codes of civil and criminal practice of the State of

Louisiana. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. House bill No. 104, an act for the relief of James Murphy.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations. House bill No. 105, an act to provide for dredging out a channel through the Calcasieu river and its bars.

Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements. House bill No. 106, an act to authorize the people of the parish of Livingston to change the location of their courthouse, and to locate the same by a vote of the people thereupon.

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs. House bill No. 107, an act to incorporate the sons of Emmet Benevolent Association of the city of New Orleans, parish of Orleans, Louisiana.

Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Corporations. House bill No. 108, an act for the relief of William W. De Coin, late additional clerk in the Third Ward registration office, third election precinct of the parish of Orleans, city of New Orleans.

Referred to the Committee on Claims. House bill No. 109, an act to amend and re-enact section thirty-nine hundred and fifty-nine of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary. House bill No. 110, special bill for the relief of William Benall.

Referred to the Committee on Claims. House bill No. 111, an act to prohibit the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer and State Auditor from paying money, or issuing bonds or certificates of indebtedness to the New Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company until they comply with their charter.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads. House bill No. 112, an act to protect the citizens and property owners in the city of New Orleans, in their constitutional rights of equal taxation, to improve the sanitary condition of the city, and to authorize the issue of bonds of the city for that purpose.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Lands and Levees. House bill No. 113, an act supplementary to the several acts relating to the town of Franklin, fixing the salary of the Mayor and Councilmen, and granting to said Mayor and Council certain powers.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. House bill No. 114, an act to amend and re-enact section first of an act providing for the appointment of public administrators, and defining the duties of the same, approved March 5, 1870.

Referred to the Committee on Parochial Affairs. House bill No. 115, an act to amend an act for the emancipation of Denise Marie, the minor child of Henriette Bowers, of S. John Baptist.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. House bill No. 116, an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled "An act relative to auctioneers," approved March 12, 1855.

Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary. House bill No. 117, an act fixing the domicile of the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad.

Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary. House bill No. 118, an act establishing the Fifteenth Judicial District for the State of Louisiana, and providing for the appointment of officers for the same.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary. House bill No. 119, an act entitled an act granting an appropriation of money to remove the obstructions from the Amite river as high up as the Governor's Bluff, the Bayou Manchac to one mile above Hampton's Ferry, Tchefaw river to Lorin Chapman's, Blood river to Duncan's Bluff, and the Natalbany river to Springfield.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements. House bill No. 120, an act for the repeal of an act entitled "an act to amend section six of an act entitled an act relative to bills of exchange and promissory notes," approved March 9, 1855.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. House bill No. 121, an act for the relief of the widow of Joseph L'Official.

Referred to the Committee on Claims. House bill No. 122, an act entitled an act to incorporate the Morning Star Benevolent Association of the parish of Ascension.

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