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Pursuant to resolutions of the two committees, presided over respectively by Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, and Hon. S. B. Packard, met this day for the purpose of forming, by consolidation, a new State Central Executive Committee.

The officers of both committees having resigned their respective positions, the new committee proceeded to organize by the election of permanent officers. The Committee as now organized is as follows:

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On motion of Mr. Halstead, it was ordered that a Sub-Executive Committee shall be formed to consist of the First Vice President, who shall be the chairman, and ten members appointed by the President of the State Committee.

On motion of Mr. Ingraham, it was ordered that a Finance Committee shall be formed to consist of seven members, appointed in like manner as the sub-committee, together with the treasurer, who shall be a member ex officio.

On motion of Mr. Ingraham, the President of the Committee was made a member ex officio of the Sub-Executive and Finance Committees.

On motion of Mr. Herwig, the Second Vice President was made a member ex officio of the Sub-Executive Committee.

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BESSY LEE.

BY EDGAR SAWCETT.

You are grown a grand lady now, Bessy Lee,
And over wide spaces of shrubberied lands
The roofs of your home rise tall.
You carry your head with a queenly air;
You cannot remember—ah, no—
How you were once a barefooted girl,
Bessy Lee,
And your sweetheart was poor Benny Snow.

They tell me the grandee that gave, Bessy Lee,
His gold in such largeness to win
That other sweet gold of your wavy bright hair,
Is wrinkled and feeble and thin.
He bows to your will like a slave, I have heard,
This feeble old man. Does he know
How you were once a barefooted girl,
Bessy Lee,
And your sweetheart was poor Benny Snow?

I have trusted you well for five years, Bessy Lee,
In many a storm long and loud
I have heard your clear voice through the bleak ocean's boom
And the rattling of ice-loaded shroud.
But the stern years have only been proving to-day
A mocker of days long ago,
When you were a barefooted girl, Bessy Lee,
And your sweetheart was poor Benny Snow.

This morning you passed in your coach, Bessy Lee,
By the great knotted elm near the brook.
I stood there. I lifted a white face to yours;
You stabbed me with one languid look.
The elm is less cruel than you were, I find;
Two names on its brown bark yet show
How you once were a barefooted girl,
Bessy Lee,
And your sweetheart was poor Benny Snow.

The Colored Citizen,
Of Washington, D. C., edited by Prof. S. P. Sampson and Prof. Murray, we are glad to see, is to be enlarged, to render it more and more useful, and to meet the increasing demand for it in Washington, in Maryland, and in Virginia. It has been doing a noble work for our great cause, and deserves support.

Its editor, Prof. Murray is an able writer, and a most useful man; while the associate Editor, Prof. Sampson, has not only supplied the paper with spice and life, but he has been one of the efficient speakers in the present campaign. He has traveled through North Carolina, Virginia and other portions of the South, and through New York and Pennsylvania, and deserves recognition at the hands of the Republican Party and the Government.

We are pleased to see that the Citizen is being recognized by the President, Gov. Cooke, Prof. Langston and others, as a most useful helper, and that the stock of the Citizen Association is to be largely increased.

With all our heart, we wish the Citizen and its enterprising editors the success they richly deserve.

A French savant has demonstrated that a fly during its life costs somebody twenty cents. This demonstration was exhibited by confining three thousand flies and a loaf of sugar in a close room for four days. A teaspoonful of the sugar was all that was left. Some one will yet raise a monument to commemorate the economic virtue of the great Muscaphobist, the Emperor Domitian, inscribed with the motto, "A fly killed is twenty cents saved."

There are four parishes in Louisiana, with a population of about 43,000 of all ages, colors and sexes, in which 4000 barrels of whiskey are required to meet the yearly demand. It has been estimated, upon a basis of calculation, that the consumers in these four parishes pay half a million dollars yearly for liquor and strong drinks—about three times the amount of their State and parish taxes.

EX-AUDITOR WICKLIFFE,

HIS DISCOVERY AND FLIGHT—HE DISCOVERS TO STRAUSS.

[From the Selma Times.]

In the month of August, 1870, there came to this city a man of rather pleasing appearance, apparently an educated gentleman and a man of means. His stay in the city was limited to a few days, and leaving town, he went to our neighboring village of Summerfield, and in a little while settled himself in a very retired and secluded neighborhood, some five miles north of Summerfield. He appeared to have plenty of money, but was not by any means lavish in its expenditure, and in place of going into society, he, on the contrary, expressed a desire for retirement, and was averse to forming extended acquaintance with the people among whom he lived. He purchased a little place some distance from any public road, and in a locality rarely ever visited by strangers, and announced to the public that he was a physician, and gave his name as Dr. J. Polk Shelby, and by that name he was known here and at Summerfield.

Dr. Shelby's practice, however, was very limited, notwithstanding the fact that he kept his horse, which was by the way a very fine one, constantly saddled and ready for use. The doctor's practice would have doubtless been larger, but for his bad luck in bleeding a poor emaciated man, suffering from chills, and the man's dying in a few hours afterward. This occurred just on the threshold of his medical career, and caused his skill to be questioned to a degree that deterred many from calling his services into requisition. But practicing medicine was more a labor of love with the doctor than for the accumulation of filthy lucre, and it did not ruffle his temper or interrupt his course of life that his patients were few. What college Dr. Shelby was a graduate of, or in fact from whence he came, were of those things unknown to the people among whom he abided.

As before stated, the Doctor appeared to have plenty of money, and in this case appearances were in consonance with the truth, and thereby hangs the tale we propose to unfold. Having plenty of money the Doctor brought and sold divers and sundry things, and made numerous speculations, at the same time continuing the practice of medicine.

Time wore on, as the novelists write it, without the occurrence of an incident to interrupt or change the current of Dr. Polk Shelby's life, and he began to be regarded as a permanent citizen of the locality in which he had been tarrying since August, A. D. 1870. It is true that the Doctor had many little eccentric ways that his neighbors did not understand, but his general conduct was unexceptionable to them. And thus things continued until within a few weeks since, when a change came, and Dr. J. Polk Shelby was shown to be an impostor and a fugitive from justice, with Nemesis on his back.

Some two or three weeks since a Mr. Bummel, of New Orleans, was in Selma on business, and one day, coming in contact with Dr. J. Polk Shelby, recognized him as an old acquaintance from New Orleans, and *mirabile dictu* discovered in the aforesaid Dr. J. Polk Shelby ex-auditor George M. Wickliffe, of Louisiana, and so called him. His interview with Mr. Bummel was of short duration, and leaving him very abruptly, the ex-auditor, alias Dr. J. Polk Shelby, mounted his horse and went on time for his home near Summerfield. Now, let us see why Mr. Wickliffe so abruptly left town, and why he assumed the name of Dr. J. Polk Shelby. In 1868, 1869 and 1870 he was Auditor of the State of Louisiana, and for corruption and rascality in office he was expelled from the position. He was raised to official position by the Radical party. While in office he made the most corrupt use of the

position, robbed the taxpayers by fraudulent means of thousands upon thousands of dollars.

In the spring of 1870 he went to Mr. Jacob Strauss, a New Orleans broker, with Louisiana treasury warrants, apparently all right, aggregating \$130,000, upon which Mr. Strauss advanced him \$71,000 in greenbacks, and also a certified bank check for \$19,000. Shortly after getting this money Mr. Wickliffe shook the dust of New Orleans from his feet and left for parts unknown. In a short while afterward the warrants were presented for payment, and Mr. Strauss made the rather uncomfortable (for him) discovery that his warrants were bogus, and that he had simply been swindled by this scoundrel to the tune of \$90,000.

In spite of numerous efforts to discover the whereabouts of Wickliffe, it remained a mystery to Mr. Strauss and the people who wanted him, until the accidental meeting with Mr. Bummel alluded to above. This accounts for his abrupt departure on that occasion.

Mr. Bummel went to Vicksburg and telegraphed Mr. Strauss that he knew Wickliffe's whereabouts, whereupon Mr. Strauss set the machinery in motion to bring him up with a round turn. We should have stated that in the meantime a true bill had been found in New Orleans against Wickliffe for obtaining money from Mr. Strauss under false pretenses, and that Mr. Wickliffe was aware of it. His desire for seclusion and avoidance of society, and his hundred little eccentricities are now all explained and accounted for.

Mr. Howard, one of Mr. Strauss attorneys was sent to this city to make the effort to recover some of the stolen money from Wickliffe, and on his arrival here secured the counsel and assistance of that distinguished and eminent legal firm, Messrs. Morgan, Lapsley & Nelson. Mr. Lapsley took the matter in hand, and, ascertaining beyond question the identity of Dr. J. Polk Shelby and George M. Wickliffe, made his dispositions for interviewing the notorious individual. On last Monday accompanied by a friend as a blind, and armed with an authenticated copy of a judgment for \$71,000 against Wickliffe and in favor of Mr. Strauss, Mr. Lapsley went to Wickliffe's home, located as before stated, about five miles from Summerfield.

The doctor was on the *qui vive*, but assuming quite a nonchalant air. Mr. Lapsley's object being to secure as much of the stolen money as was possible, he had to skirmish and advance on Wickliffe's approaches in a cautious manner. This he did most effectually and induced Mr. Wickliffe to acknowledge the corn and disgorge about \$10,000. Mr. Wickliffe, on the first intimation that he had swindled Mr. Strauss, denied of course the soft impeachment, but finally made a clean breast of the transaction to Mr. Lapsley and said that he had no intention of swindling Mr. Strauss, and was only taking care of his money for him. He said the debt was just, and after giving Mr. Lapsley cotton receipts for ninety-six bales of cotton, stored in warehouses in this city, promised to come to town next morning and arrange the balance. In response to Lapsley's request that he had better go back to Selma with him, Wickliffe remarked that he would do so, but for the fact that he had a very sick patient that would require his attention that night. Finding that he could not secure anything more from Wickliffe, Mr. Lapsley returned to the city.

Mr. Wickliffe promised to come to Selma the next morning, but so soon as the shades of night lent their shielding darkness, he made dispositions for his departure, and at the hour when it is said that church yards yawn, mounted that noble steed and bled him northward. Our information is, that he made for the line of the Selma, Rome and

Dalton road, and boarded the first northward bound train. And the people of Summerfield and Dallas county will know him no more forever. But they weep not, neither do they sorrow; but some of them feel awfully sold.

On Tuesday Mr. Neugass, a nephew of Mr. Strauss, arrived here with a missive having Governor Warmoth's signature to it, calling on Mr. Wickliffe to come out of the wilderness, but Mr. Wickliffe came not. He has gone to parts unknown, and Mr. Neugass offers a reward of five hundred dollars for his apprehension.

Thus ends our story of the transactions of an unmitigated scamp and swindler. Exit Dr. J. Polk Shelby.

I Thank You

There is nothing that costs so little as politeness, and yet it is a commodity that few possess, or take pains to enrich themselves with. Rudeness and ill-manners are so prevalent that, when we come in contact with a polite person, we are apt to be astonished. With some persons, this polish is innate, also hereditary, for there is more good and evil inherited than is generally credited and in others it is developed by proper home-training and refined associations.

True politeness springs from goodness of heart; a person who is sympathetic, who looks upon his fellow-creatures from a personal standpoint, cannot fail to be polite for feeling prompts generosity, and what is politeness but generosity? The contrast visible between dress and mental caliber is curious to a student of human nature. The genuine jewel shines forth the brighter in proportion as the setting is dull; the patched coat or humble dress often fails to conceal the true nobility of character within.

To those desirous of impressing this subject upon their friends, we would refer to railway travel which from day to day affords opportunities of judging what is due to those with whom we come in contact. We have heard a poor person say "Thank you," when offered a seat and have seen elegantly dressed ladies, whose position in society is supposed to afford advantages for acquiring good manners, take a seat under similar circumstances, without a word of recognition, as if conferring a favor. Ah! the simple "Thank you," how it warms the heart, and how easy it is to say!

It is like an electric shock passing from heart to heart kindling pure emotions, strengthening one's faith in humanity, and carrying joy to secret places.

Those of us who possess the advantages which good society affords should surely be careful not to lower ourselves below the humble classes, whose surroundings all tend to rudeness and vulgarity. According to our action, so is our reward. If we grudge the simple, "thank you," the appreciative glance, we openly acknowledge our inferiority to men and women in whom the omission would be excusable.—Ex.

At the Virginia Springs a Western girl named Helen, was familiarly known among her admirers as little Hel. At a party given in her native city, a gentleman, somewhat the worse for his supper, approached a very dignified young lady and asked "Where's my little sweetheart? you know little Hel?" "Sir?" exclaimed the lady, "you certainly forgot yourself." "Go," said he, quickly, "you interrupted me, if you had let me go on I would have said little Helen." "I beg your pardon," answered the lady, "when you said little Hel, I thought you had reached your final destination."

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